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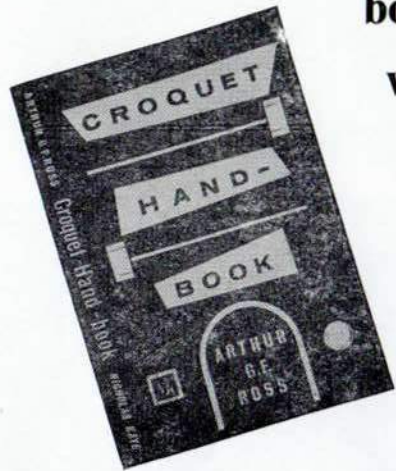
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 „ 18 Southwick. *Hon. Sec.*, F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick.
 „ 26 Inter-County Championships (Hurlingham). *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
- June 1 Men's and Women's Championships (Roehampton). *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
 „ 1 Ryde. *Hon. Sec.*, Miss L. Isaac, Flat 18, Osborne Court, Cowes, I.O.W.
 „ 8 Nottingham. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, 15 St. Jude's Avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham.
 „ 8 Woking. *Hon. Sec.*, Major J. W. Cobb, Farm Hotel, Woking.
 „ 15 Parkstone. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. V. C. Gasson, Newlyn, Blair Avenue, Parkstone, Dorset.
 „ 20 Championship of Ireland. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly, Ballynamote, Carrickmines, Co. Dublin.
 „ 22 Compton (Eastbourne). *Hon. Sec.*, H. C. S. Perry, Hockington House, Willingdon, Sussex.
 „ 29 Leamington Spa. *The Croquet Sec.*, Guys Cliffe Avenue, Leamington Spa.
- July 6 Budleigh Salterton. *Hon. Sec.*, L. G. Walters, 1 Braywick, Budleigh Salterton.
 „ 13 Open Championships (Hurlingham). *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
 „ 20 Cheltenham. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, L. C. Adye, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
 „ 27 Ladies' Field Cup (Hurlingham). *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
- Aug. 3 Hurlingham. *Games Sec.*, Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6.
 „ 11-13 All England Handicap. Area Finals (Roehampton). *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
 „ 12-22 Challenge and Gilbey Cups, Ascot and Delves Broughton Cups (Roehampton). *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
 „ 24 Southwick. *Hon. Sec.*, F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick, Sussex.
 „ 31 Hunstanton. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. J. A. Clarke, 49 Northgate, Hunstanton.
 „ 31 Parkstone. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. V. C. Gasson, Newlyn, Blair Avenue, Parkstone, Dorset.
- Sept. 7 President's Cup (Hurlingham), Surrey Cup (Roehampton). *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
 „ 21 Roehampton. *Games Sec.*, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, London, S.W.13.
 „ 28 Devonshire Park (Eastbourne). *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

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- Apr. 3-6 Hunstanton (American). *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. J. A. Clarke, 49 Northgate, Hunstanton.
- May 11 Budleigh Salterton. *Hon. Sec.*, L. G. Walters, 1 Braywick, Budleigh Salterton.
 „ 16-18 Cheltenham (American). *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Miss I. M. Roe, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- Aug. 8 Championship of Dublin. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly, Ballynamote, Carrickmines, Co. Dublin.
 „ 31 Southwick. *Hon. Sec.*, F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick, Sussex.
- Sept. 14 Cheltenham. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, L. C. Adye, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

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HANDICAP RESTRICTIONS IN LEVEL EVENTS

When handicaps were raised in 1958 the bisque limits in "B" level events were in many cases also put up to two bisques. This has had a discouraging effect on players who do not feel qualified to play in the "A" Open events. The Tournament Committee of the C.A. has decided that in their "B" level events the handicap qualification shall not start at more than 2½ bisques. They invite Club Committees to consider this when drawing up their programmes.

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The attention of Club Secretaries is drawn to the desirability of trying to obtain special terms for tournament visitors at local hotels. It is suggested that only such hotels as are willing to make concessions should receive special mention in the tournament advertisements.

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ELECTION OF ASSOCIATES

G. R. Mills

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ENTRY FORMS FOR TOURNAMENTS

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Pads of 25 price 2s., can be obtained from the Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

LORN C. APPS,

Secretary

NOTES by ROVER

The 1959 Season

By the time these words are being read the 1959 Season will be nearly under way with the Hunstanton American Tournament starting the balls rolling on April 3rd. May the players be spared the bitter winds which sometimes beset the Eastern counties in early Spring.

In contrast to last season, there are no major changes in tournament arrangements this year, either in dates or venues. The tournament list is in fact the same as in 1958 with the addition of a week-end American tournament at Cheltenham over Whitsun which is designed to attract "working" players. The number of competitors in the Ladies' Field Cup has been reduced from 8 to 7 this year. It is hoped that this will lead to some saving of time; by giving two byes to each player during the week it will also ease the pressure which is sometimes felt by players who are faced with three games each day.

Are we likely to see a new name added to the roll of Champions this year? It will need a major effort by any one outside the Cotter, Hicks, Solomon triumvirate to effect this. Only two English players have succeeded in breaking the sequence of their victories since 1947, G. L. Reckitt in 1951 and Dr. Wiggins in 1957, but if Major Stone and Mr. Kirk-Greene are able to come to Hurlingham in July one of these could certainly be regarded as a potential winner. It may be recalled that three years ago they combined to win the Doubles Championship from a strong entry which included the New Zealand Test Team. It is over twenty years since the Championship was last won by a lady but he would be a bold man who would predict this happening in 1959.

Triangular Tests

1963 seems far away in time as New Zealand is far off in space. But long-term projects need long term planning, and the Council has already begun to look at the possibilities of sending a team to defend the International Trophy on the hospitable soil of the two Islands bordering on the Tasman Sea. Challenges have already been received, not only from the New Zealand Croquet Council, but from the Council in Australia, our friends in that country being happy to join us for a series of Triangular Tests as guests of the N.Z.C.C. But when our Council began to make its preliminary explorations of the matter it became evident that some of those whom all of us would earnestly desire to represent England in an international team would almost certainly be prevented by professional and business ties from spending more than eight or ten weeks away from this country. This being so, the Council was emboldened to approach the N.Z.C.C. to inquire whether it would be feasible for them to arrange for the Tests to take place in the first two months of 1963, a proposal which, it was understood, would also be agreeable to Australia. It was clear that in suggesting this we were, in fact, asking a great deal, since so compressed a series would inevitably involve a considerable dislocation of that country's normal programme of fixtures. England has every reason to be most grateful to the N.Z.C.C. for generously assenting to our proposal and now we may hopefully look forward to making a bid to retain the Trophy—as no country has yet done—by gaining a victory on another's soil.

The Annual General Meeting

The notice of the annual general meeting appears elsewhere in this issue. The meeting is again being held at the Hurlingham Club at the beginning of Counties Week and this has proved a convenient time for many Associates. Last year the Monday of Counties week was Whit-Monday and the meeting was accordingly held on the Tuesday at the end of the day's play. The need for this does not arise this year and Monday has accordingly been chosen. Associates will be admitted to the Hurlingham Club on the afternoon of the meeting on production of the current membership card, and the fact that a match has been arranged for the same day should prove an added incentive to attend. Why not turn up soon after lunch, see some good croquet and have tea with old friends before the meeting?

The match, which also serves as a prelude to the Counties Championship, is between the Army and the Navy, both of whom are mustering strong teams. Perhaps this will be the beginning of a series of similar matches. What about Oxford versus Cambridge, Bench and Bar versus Pedagogues? Perhaps the chief difficulty about matches is not to think of such alignments but to fit such contests into the very full programme of tournaments and club fixtures which make up our season, without impinging upon the opportunities for normal club play. But matches do have the special advantage of introducing a social element into a rather preponderantly individual game.

Theme and Variations

If variety is the spice of life, Croquet today is surely offering its devotees a particularly well-flavoured diet. Though there has been no major change in its main theme since the introduction of the second lift in 1946, never have there been so many authorised variations. This season, tournament committees who feel the need or the desirability of providing a shortening of the contest in certain of their events, may choose between three versions of the 18 point game: that in which one of a player's clips is transferred at an early stage to 3-back; that in which all balls start from the fifth hoop; and that proposed last year by Mrs. Reckitt, in which the game begins for all balls at the first hoop but proceeds no further than 2-back, after which clips are transferred to the peg. All these variations have their advocates, and in addition there is, of course, the possibility of ordaining that the game shall start at the third hoop, an arrangement that is becoming rather the rule than the exception in Handicap Doubles now-a-days. But a particularly interesting variation is that proposed by Dr. Wiggins and authorised by the Council—the "Two Yard Game," the terms of which were set out on page three of our December issue. The purpose of this is, of course, to render the game easier, and therefore both more speedy and more attractive to relatively inexperienced players, and it is to be hoped that we shall see experiments made with this variation in events in which higher bisquers are concerned.

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Croquet Association will be held at the Hurlingham Club on Monday, May 25th, at 5 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Report and Balance Sheet.
3. Election of Hon. Treasurer. Mr. D. E. Buckland retires from office and offers himself for re-election.
4. Election of members of Council. The following retire by rotation and offers themselves for re-election:—
I. C. Baillieu
Miss D. A. Lintern
Brig. J. S. Omond
M. B. Reckitt
E. A. Roper
Mrs. I. H. Turketine
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins
R. C. V. de Wesselow does not offer himself for re-election. There is accordingly a vacancy to be filled.
5. Motion by Rev. G. F. H. Elvey. That the last two lines of Rule III be amended as follows:—“... shall be held annually on such a date and at such time and place as the Council may determine.”
6. Report on prospects of Triangular Test Matches in 1963.
7. Any other business.

Notes:—

Rule VI. Election of Council.

1.—Members elected by the votes of all Members of the Association.

- (a) Candidates for election shall consist of:
 - (i) Members of the Council retiring under Rule II (a) and offering themselves for re-election.
 - (ii) Associates, duly proposed and seconded by two other Associates, of whose candidature notice in writing shall have been received by the Secretary at least 28 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) (i) If the number of candidates does not exceed the number of full-term vacancies such candidates shall be deemed to be elected to fill the full-term vacancies.
- (ii) If the number of candidates shall exceed the number of full-term vacancies there shall be an election, conducted as prescribed in (iii). On the poll being declared the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be deemed to be elected to fill the full-term vacancies. Those next in order of number of votes shall be deemed to be elected to part-time vacancies, if any.
- (iii) The election to fill vacancies on the Council shall be conducted as follows:

At least 10 days before the Annual General Meeting voting papers shall be issued to all Associates giving the list of the candidates and the names of the proposer and seconder of each.

In voting an Associate may not give more than one vote for any candidate and may not record more votes than there are vacancies.

The voting papers must be returned to the Secretary so as to arrive not later than the Saturday of the week preceding that in which the Annual General Meeting is held.

Two scrutineers, not being members of the Council, shall be appointed by the Council. They shall report the result of the poll at the Annual General Meeting.

Rule VII

(b) Any Associate desirous of proposing a candidate for the office of President or of moving a resolution at the Annual General Meeting, except on a question arising out of the Report and Balance Sheet, must give notice thereof to the Secretary, at least twenty-eight days before the date of Meeting, in order that the same may be published.

Associates will be admitted to the Club for the purpose of attending the Annual General Meeting on production of the current membership card.

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL 1958-59

The Council records with deep regret the deaths of a number of Associates, some of whom had done much to promote the well being of Croquet. Among them were Mr. P. Duff Mathews, four times Open Champion, Mr. Nevill Bright, who had advanced the cause of croquet in Nottingham for many years, Capt. H. C. Davey, Mr. McMordie, Mr. Nevill Oddie and Mrs. H. Franc, to whom the Southwick Club owed a great deal.

A number of exhibition matches were played in 1958 and the thanks of the Council go to Brigadier Stokes-Roberts who organised these in conjunction with the Central Council of Physical Recreation, and also to Messrs. Cotter, Solomon and Wiggins who took part in the matches. A match was played against Ireland at Carrickmines in June, 1958, and a team from Carrickmines is coming to Roehampton in July to play a return match.

Challenges have been received from Australia and New Zealand for the International Trophy, and for the series of Test Matches to be played in New Zealand in the early part of 1963. A sub-committee of the Council was appointed in the Autumn of 1958 to consider all aspects of the project.

A sub-committee has been appointed to review the present layout of the Laws. Close liaison is being maintained with the Councils in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa regarding any proposed alterations.

Plans are well advanced for moving the C.A. office from Southampton Row to the Hurlingham Club. It is anticipated that the move will take place during June.

The Council expresses its warmest appreciation of the services of Mr. Townsend for his editorial work and all contributors to *Croquet*, Managers, Referees, Honorary Club Secretaries, and all others who by their efforts have done so much for the welfare of croquet.

The Council would again wish to record their appreciation of the work done by Mrs. Apps, and also to Mrs. Thom who has done much valuable work during the year, and especially so during Mrs. Apps' illness.

1958-59 RETURN OF ATTENDANCES AT COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Laws	Tournament	Finance and General Purposes	Handicap Appeal	Publicity	Golf Croquet	Council	Total Attendances	Total Possible Attendances
Adams, Col. C. C.	7	7
Ashton, Mrs. L. H.	5	5
Baillieu, I. C.	6	6
Brackenbury, Rev. B. V. F.	5	6
Chittenden, Mrs. H. F.	6	7
Clarke, Col. J. G.	4	6
Dibley, Major J. H.	4	6
Duffield, E. P.	4	6
Evans, G. V.	3	4
Heley, Mrs. P. E.	2	4
Lintern, Miss D. A.	4	7
Omond, Brig. J. S.	3	4
Ormerod, Dr. G. L.	4	4
Reckitt, M. B.	4	6
Reeve, Mrs. E.	3	6
Roper, E. A.	2	3
Rotherham, Mrs. E.	4	6
Solomon, J. W.	3	5
Stokes-Roberts, Brig. A. E.	4	5
Style, Lt.-Comdr. G. W.	3	4
Townsend, S. S.	4	6
Turketine, Mrs. I. H.	3	4
Wiggins, Dr. W. R. D.	4	6
Buckland, D. E.	1	2
<i>Hon. Treasurer</i> Elvey, Rev. G. F. H.	1	1
<i>Vice-President</i> Longman, W., <i>Vice-President</i>	1	1

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PRACTICE WITH A PURPOSE

by HOPE ROTHERHAM

PRACTISING is something which comes easily to some people, but others do not quite know how to put the time spent in it to good advantage, so I am going to suggest a few ideas which I hope will be helpful to the latter.

It is wise to start with the shots you find most difficult, and to play them a number of times until an improvement is evident, but I do *not* advise going on until you are sick and tired of the whole thing.

If a fine take-off is what you need to master, an ideal test is to place two balls in a corner, and take-off on the inside of the lawn down the boundary, gradually increasing the distance until you can get as far as the next corner without sending the other ball off the boundary. You can then put a ball in corners one, two and three, take-off from each and return to the first corner again, which will give you practice in taking off from either side.

Another most important stroke is the approach to a hoop. You should be able to put the forward ball to the position that will be most helpful to you after the hoop is run, and to achieve this, it is necessary to be able to approach a hoop with every type of shot—stop shot for a forward rush afterwards, roll shot for a backward rush, and split shots to be able to send it either side of a hoop. Unless you can be fairly certain of doing this, you will find your break is difficult, and that balls have to be left behind. Place the forward ball so that after running the hoop you can rush that ball to a position where you have a straight shot to send it to the hoop after next, stopping at the centre ball yourself. This is easier to do accurately than it is with a split or roll shot with which you will find yourself faced unless you have thought of the position you need for the ball on the other side of the hoop when you are approaching it.

Rush strokes can make or mar a break and are difficult to play accurately, so it is as well to practice short ones before attempting long ones, and make certain that you see the place on the ground on which your ball has been resting, after the ball has left your mallet; this will make certain that you do not look up too soon. Never attempt to rush a ball to the hoop after next if you can place it there with a croquet shot. It is difficult to recover from the effects of a badly rushed ball, and it is far easier to be accurate with a croquet shot.

These shots are the foundation of breaks, and that is why it is important to master them. It may seem dull to practise single shots, but one should look upon it in the same way as practising scales on the piano. Unless your fingers are nimble and accurate in scales, you will not be able to play pieces, and unless your shots are accurate you will not be able to play breaks—so do your “scales” first, and then go on to the “pieces.” Place the balls in a good position before you begin your break—i.e., a short rush to the first hoop, a centre ball on the left of the stick, and a ball about a foot from the second hoop, slightly short and on the right hand side. Try and play so that you keep this positioning throughout—the forward ball always on the inside of the four outer hoops, and the centre ball you can rush from side to side of the stick. It is *most* important to be able to place the ball accurately at the hoop after next—“somewhere in the neighbourhood” is not good enough, and will eventually lead to a break down, as sooner or later a long approach to a hoop will fail.

A more advanced form of practice is the three ball break, and to achieve this successfully it is even more essential that you pay particular attention to the position of the ball with which you approach a hoop. You have no centre ball to help you on your way, and must therefore be certain the ball with which you make the hoop is placed in such a position, that you can rush it to a point which will make your next stroke a simple one. Always try and send it to a place where in the next stroke it will have a further distance to go than your own ball. By this means you avoid the need for making difficult roll and split shots.

I have often heard people say how easy croquet looks, when someone is making a good break, but if you watch carefully, you will see the reason is that every ball is accurately placed, and therefore no difficult stroke has to be made. When watching a good break, anticipate what the player will do next, and if he does not do what you expected, try and understand why he has played differently—you will find you learn a lot from watching with your mind, as well as your eye.

This article is one of a series contributed by leading players five years ago. With the passage of time, and having particular regard to the number of new Associates who have come into the game during the last five years it was thought worth while reproducing some of the articles during 1959.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1958

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
1957.	1958.	1957.	1958.
£	£	£	£
To Medals	21	By Subscriptions—	
" Printing and Postage	37	468 Ordinary Members at £1 10s. 0d.	702 0 0
" Roehampton	9	3 Ordinary Members at £1 0s. 0d.	3 0 0
" Hurlingham	34	9 Ordinary Members at 15s. 0d.	6 15 0
" Eastbourne	80	14 Ordinary Members at 10s. 0d.	7 0 0
" Expenses at Meetings—		3 Life Members at £21	63 0 0
Roehampton	15	Donations	781 15 0
Hurlingham	32	" Special per Buxton Club	4 12 6
Eastbourne	116	" Affiliation Fees, Overseas Associations	10 11 0
Roehampton Club Gate Fees	48	" Entry Fees	98 3 0
Engraving and Carriage of Trophies...	58	Roehampton	21 3 0
" Magazine—		Eastbourne	95 9 0
Printing and Postage	502	"	20 12 4
Reporter's Salary and Gift	60	"	59 11 2
"	562	"	3 9 1
Less Sales	22	"	25 12 4
Advertisements	147	"	13 7 11
"		"	9 2 6
Printing—		"	10 0 8
Hand Books	30	"	6 14 7
Laws	128	"	4 10 4
Secretary's Salary	100	"	70 0 11
" Office Rent, Rates, Cleaning, Light and Heat...	310	"	150 0 0
" Office Stationery	18	"	
" Telephone	17	"	
" Insurance, Trophies and Office Contents	8	"	
" Postage	20	"	
" Audit Fee	14	"	
" Travelling and Sundry Expenses	23	"	
" Corporation Duty	4	"	
" Grants—		"	
Compton Club	15	"	
Central Council for Physical Recreation	220	"	
National Playing Fields Association...	15	"	
" Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,680	"	

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1958

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
1957.	1958.	1957.	1958.
£	£	£	£
ACCUMULATED FUND—		OFFICE FURNITURE—	
As at 1st January, 1958	3,340	At cost per last Balance Sheet	107
Add Excess Income 1958	1,680	Trophies	107 10 6
	5,020	At valuation per last Balance Sheet	520 19 6
NEW ZEALAND TEST TEAM ENTERTAINMENT FUND—		SUNDRY DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS	99 2 5
Unexpended Balance	3,885	INVESTMENTS AT COST—	
DOMINION TOUR FUND	101 13 2	£585 0s. 0d. British Gas 4% Guaranteed Stock 1968-72	490 8 0
SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE	74 12 1	£493 8s. 0d. Winton County Consolidated 3½% 1958-68	430 10 0
SUNDRY CREDITORS—Expenses Outstanding	106 16 3	£483 0s. 0d. Winton County Consolidated 3½% 1958-68	502 15 0
	5,020	£10 0s. 0d. Oramin Investment Co. Ltd. Deferred Stock	10 0 0
		£10 0s. 0d. Roehampton County Club Ordinary Shares	1,933 13 9
		(Market Value 31/12/58, £2,192)	
		CASH AT BANK—	
		Current Account	723 0 0
		Deposit Account	300 0 0
		In Hand	2 14 3
			1,025 14 3
			£3,687 0 5

We have received all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept. We have examined the Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account which are in agreement with the books. In our opinion and to the best of information and the explanations given to us, the Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the Association's affairs at 31st December, 1958, and the Income and Expenditure Account gives a true and fair view of the excess of income for the year ended on that date.

BEGBIE, ROBINSON & CO., Chartered Accountants.

16th January, 1959.

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Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 4 Southampton Row on Thursday, November 20th, 1958.

Present: Chairman Miss D. A. Lintern, Mrs. L. H. Ashton, I. C. Baillieu, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, Col. J. G. Clarke, Major J. H. Dibley, E. P. Duffield, Mrs. P. E. Heley, Brig. J. S. Omond, Dr. G. L. Ormerod, M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. E. Roberts, J. W. Solomon, Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style, S. S. Townsend, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, Mrs. L. C. Apps (Secretary).

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Col. Adams, Mr. Buckland, Mr. Elvey, Mr. Evans, Mr. Longman, Mrs. Reeve, Mr. Roper and Mrs. Turketine.

Minutes
Mr. Reckitt drew attention to an error whereby a question attributed to him had in fact been asked by Dr. Ormerod. Mr. Solomon drew attention to a typing error in his initials among the names of those present at the last meeting.

With these corrections the Minutes as circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the Minutes, Dr. Wiggins and the Secretary read letters from Mr. Kirk-Greene in which he concurred with the suggestion made to him with regard to handicap events.

Brig. Stokes-Roberts reported that he had been in touch with the B.B.C. and had asked that before any future talks on croquet were arranged the C.A. should be consulted as to a suitable speaker. Brig. Stokes-Roberts had also made enquiries about the annual article on Croquet which usually appeared in *The Times*, and was informed that with one exception it had been a regular feature and that a request for the 1959 article had been sent to Mr. Crowther-Smith.

Correspondence
A letter was read from the Manager of Devonshire Park expressing regret for the inconvenience caused during the tournament and assuring the Council that efforts would be made to avoid a recurrence in the future.

Questions
Major Dibley asked if Council meetings could begin at 2 p.m. instead of 2.30 p.m. as country members sometimes had to leave before the end of the meeting. This was agreed.

Mr. Solomon asked if international matches could be arranged against Ireland and perhaps also against Scotland and Wales. It was pointed out that in the latter two countries there was no chance of raising a team of international standard. It was agreed that a challenge be sent to Ireland for a match in 1959, the suggested date being August 1st.

Dr. Wiggins asked if demonstration games were contemplated for 1959. After discussion Mr. Townsend was asked to put a notice in the December number of *Croquet* asking clubs wishing for one to apply to the C.C.P.R. as early as possible. Mr. Solomon hoped that in advertising such events more stress would be laid on the suitability of the game for younger people.

Lt.-Comdr. Style asked if inter-services matches could be staged, and it was agreed that Captain Stoker be asked if he would organise a Navy versus Army match for 1959.

Motion by Mr. Longman
"That the Tournament Committee be asked to revise the conditions of the Ladies' Field Cup so that under normal weather conditions play shall not extend beyond 7.30 p.m." This motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion by Mr. Reckitt
"That it is the policy of the Croquet Association to secure, so far as possible, that the handicap of every player competing at tournaments held under its auspices shall represent the standard of play he has attained. This being so neither club nor tournament authorities should permit any competitor at a Calendar Fixture, whether or not he be a new player, to enjoy a privileged position in this respect at the expense of his fellow competitors at such a tournament." This was seconded by Mr. Brackenbury. Mr. Reckitt explained his reasons for tabling the motion. Divergent views on handicapping policy were expressed but there was general agreement with the terms of the motion which was put to the vote and carried.

Report of the Editorial Panel
This was presented by Mr. Reckitt who gave comparative costing figures for 1957 and 1958. These were: 1957 cost of production, £495, less receipts from advertising £167, net cost of journal, £328. 1958 cost of production £478, less advertisements £124, net cost £354. Although the cost of production was less by £18 in 1958 receipts from advertisements were down by £43. It was unfortunately not possible to expect any increase in income from this source. It had been decided that the work hitherto done by the Official Reporter should in future be done by voluntary

assistance. All the work for 1959 had been allocated. It was agreed that the Chairman should inform Mr. Crowther-Smith of this change. After discussion it was agreed that a gift of £60 should be made to Mr. Crowther-Smith in recognition of his past services to the C.A.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

We considered the question of making a contribution from the funds of the C.A. towards the expenses of a Dominion Test Team proceeding overseas and were of the opinion, quite apart from the consideration of cost, that the team must be representative of the best English croquet. We are, therefore, not opposed at the present moment that the C.A. should contribute up to 20% of the cost of the tour. This we estimate at about £400. This figure was arrived at on information provided by the Chairman of the Dominion Test Tour Committee, Mr. Reckitt. The estimate can only be approximate, being dependent on the number going and the duration of the tour. We were not unanimous as to the best approach for raising funds.

We examined the Balance Sheet and Accounts and recommend their adoption. The Secretary outlined her reasons for not taking her salary. On representation of a member of the Committee that she had incurred a good deal of extra travelling expenses last year, the Committee requested her to accept a grant of £10 towards them.

We considered the application from the Compton Club for a subsidy and do not recommend any action.

We considered the question of the appointment of Trustees to hold the securities of the C.A. and have no recommendation to make as regards rules. The securities at present held in the names of Col. C. C. Adams, G. V. Evans and W. E. C. Cotton shall continue to be in their names. Securities held in the names of Col. Adams and Mr. Evans are to be treated in like manner. We thought it desirable that in future younger persons should be appointed and are pleased to report that Commander Style has expressed his willingness to serve as and when required.

LAWS AND REGULATIONS FOR 1959

Observant readers of this journal will have noticed that the Council has decided to embark on an ambitious re-draft of the Laws, not with any idea of making substantial alterations in their purport but rather with the main purpose of a clarification which, after many years of piece-meal amendments, is now felt to be desirable. It is further proposed to re-order the whole code with the double aim of (a) making its sequence more logical and the matters to which the Laws relate more rapidly discoverable, and (b) to assist those taking up the game to arrive at an understanding of its essential features more easily than they can do at present.

A sub-committee of seven, under the chairmanship of Mr. I. C. Baillieu, the pioneer of this project, is now at work on this considerable enterprise, and first drafts of its deliberations, so far as they have gone, have already been despatched to the Councils in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa for their consideration even before they have been laid before the Council of the C.A., since it is earnestly hoped that by such consultation it may be possible to secure the acceptance by all four bodies of the code which may ultimately emerge.

Since this cannot be determined before the opening of the 1960 season at the earliest, it was clearly desirable to keep any amendment to the Laws to a minimum in the meantime, and no new copy of the Laws will be printed until the major task is concluded. Readers of *Croquet* will, however, have noticed on page three of the December issue a small number of amendments which will come into force this season. Most of these are purely verbal and only intended to clarify what is already current practice. The only exception to this is a very considerable amplification of Law 43 (e). If associates will study this carefully they will, it can be assumed, see for themselves the wisdom of what is proposed and I do not propose to enlarge on this here.

Two minor amendments were omitted from the December issue of *Croquet*. In Law 25, line 2, after "turn," add "with the same ball," and in Law 45, add at end "In shortened games a player may not peel his partner's ball through more than three hoops."

The alterations to Regulation 13 are intended to specify more exactly the powers and opportunities of Managers in the inevitably complex situations arising in respect of time limited games. That relating to 13 (a) makes it clear that Managers will in future enjoy wider limits of discretion than some of them have believed themselves to possess in the past. In regard to 13 (c) it is now laid down that the claim to an extra half hour in the circumstances specified can be made by the player or players who may be entitled to it whether the Manager has called their attention to this privilege or not, the obligation to do so being no longer laid upon him.

MAURICE B. RECKITT, Chairman, C.A. Laws Committee

Questions and Answers

Question: A, who is entitled to a lift under Law 44, lifts blue and then replaces it; he then lifts black. What is the position according to the Laws if:—

(a) He proceeds to play with black, or

(b) he again changes his mind, replaces black, lifts blue and plays with blue?

Answer: (a) A has played with a wrong ball, as Law 11 (b) second paragraph says, "a turn begins with a particular ball of a side when the striker has lifted that ball under Law 30 (c) or 44."

(b) As the turn under Law 11 (b) has begun with blue in any case. A has not done anything contrary to the Laws by lifting black. This was merely inadvertence.

Question: A, a 3-bisquer, is playing B, another 3-bisquer, in a handicap event. After B has made a break from the 1st hoop to the penultimate when his partner ball is still for the 1st hoop, A claims a contact under Law 44, arguing that as they are playing level, it is level play. Is this correct?

Answer: Law 1 states "when sides are playing under handicap whether there is in fact any difference between the handicaps of the two sides or not, such play is handicap play and not level play."

Question: In handicap doubles A, playing with blue, starts his turn by trying for a difficult hoop and makes a foul. After blue has been replaced his partner B, the player of black, claims that he can play a bisque as the previous turn in which the foul occurred was null and void. Is he correct?

Answer: It is not the turn but the stroke that is null and void and therefore A is still the striker, and only he can play the bisque. Law 27 and 46 (h). M.M.R.

Croquet in Australia

By ANGLO-AUSTRALIAN

Australia has issued a challenge to England as holder of the MacRobertson International Shield.

In view of the fact that New Zealand has also challenged England, it is hoped that a Triangular Contest can be arranged in the Dominion of New Zealand in 1963.

A point of interest is that an Australian Team has never visited New Zealand, and some information about the game in Australia, together with mention of prominent players in the Commonwealth, is given in what follows.

Croquet is thriving in every State of the vast Commonwealth of Australia where it has been played for nearly a century. In this age of Sputniks, it is scarcely necessary to revert back to the days prior to the 1914 War, when Joe Tuckett, Australia, and Keith Izard, New Zealand, were regarded as equal to the "Best Ten" in England, and in fact did take part in that event.

It is, however, worthy of mention that after the second World War few men continued to play competitive Croquet in Australia, but the top ones of today could well be considered for International Selection.

Private lawns, which hitherto were very numerous, scarcely any long exist, and the game is now almost universally played at Clubs, which average in membership about 50.

Each State Association is made up of Metropolitan and Country Clubs—the latter being scattered over wide areas. In warmer climates the game is played in many places under electric light.

Instituted only 10 years ago, the Australian Croquet Council is a very dominant force in the administration and advancement of the game. Each year in the Summer a Carnival arranged by the Council is held in a different State when Interstate Team Matches are played (the perpetual trophy being the Eire Cup, which in 1937 the Australian Team comprising C. J. Miller, J. C. Windsor, Miss A. B. Morrison and E. M. Hunt won at Carrickmines, Dublin).

Following the Annual Interstate Matches, the Australian Singles and Doubles Championships are contested. On two occasions the Singles Event has attracted 100 entries comprising top players from each State, thus demonstrating the popularity of the event. The Australian Championship has been won by three Victorians—Miss A. B. Morrison, Mrs. F. Baner and Tom Howat; two South Australians—Mrs. F. Bartle and Mrs. C. Tucker; and one Queenslander—Hedley Gunton. Representing New South Wales, Robert Tingey also won the event, but has since given up the game in Australia.

Tom Howat and Hedley Gunton, both in early middle age, together with Edward Hunt, a former International, could be considered for Australian representation in the Test Series. Lt.-Col. Saalfeld, N.S.W., is another worthy of note as a sound match player. Of the women players Miss A. B. Morrison, with International experience is a sound tactician, and attractive stroke maker,

Mrs. F. Baner has a free style, and is an accurate break maker, Mrs. F. Bartle is a fine stroke-maker with wide experience, Mrs. C. Tucker a solid match player, and excellent long shot, Mrs. Cathcart (Queensland) a fine long shot and good all-round player; these must be classed as top ranking Australian players worthy of consideration. Some twenty or more other good players, also in the minus class, could be gathered from all the six States of the Commonwealth to come up for selection to make up a formidable touring team.

Now for a word about courts in Australia. In the Eastern and Southern States courts are sown mainly with English grasses of fine texture, while in the North and West where the climate is warmer, fine couch grass forms the basis of very fast and true courts, ideally situated, and in many cases adjoining Bowling Clubs, Tennis Courts, or public parks. The latter in some cases are maintained for private clubs by the Municipal Authorities.

An invitation from Australia has been sent for the English Team to visit the Commonwealth, where a warm welcome awaits all who can accept this invitation. All will be assured of keen competition in the game so near to the hearts of those fortunate enough to play it in the British Commonwealth.

The annual Interstate Carnival organised by the Australian Croquet Council was held at Hobart, Tasmania, in November, 1958, when the results were:—

The Interstate Cup

Winners—Victoria: Mrs. F. Baner (captain); Mrs. T. Dall; Mrs. Harrison and Miss D. Pakes.

Runners-up—South Australia: Mrs. F. A. Bartle (captain), Mrs. C. G. Tucker, Mrs. H. Day and Mrs. W. P. Lewis.

Final Results—	Points	Games	Matches
Victoria, 1st	758	25	5
South Australia, 2nd	723	23	4
Queensland, 3rd	583	16	3
New South Wales, 4th	572	10	2
West Australia, 5th	472	11	1
Tasmania, 6th	383	5	0

British Silver Medal—Mr. H. Gunton, Queensland.

British Bronze Medal—Mrs. W. Hinckfuss, Tasmania.

Championship Single (The Wall Cup)—Winner: Mrs. T. Dall (Victoria); Runner-up: Mrs. C. Cathcart (Queensland).

Championship Doubles (The Gibson Trophies)—Winners: Mrs. Harrison and Miss K. Hanly (Victoria); Runners-up Mrs. H. Day and Mrs. W. P. Lewis (South Australia).

The Brady Trophy—Won by Mr. J. Allen (South Australia).

Budleigh Salterton Fare

Mrs. Thom, Mrs. Thom, Devon's come here today,
All Along, Out Along, Down Along Lea,
In the County Contest we are going to play:
Hope Rotherham, Humphrey Hicks, Aggie Mills, Freddie Stone,
Joan Warwick, Gerald Cave, Old Uncle Guy Warwick and All,
Old Uncle Guy Warwick and All.

I'm afraid we're not dressed in appropriate smock,
All Along, Out Along, Down Along Lea.
We've come up to give our opponents a shock,
With Hope Rotherham, etc.

We are seven Devon yokels, yes, that's what us be,
All Along, Out Along, Down Along Lea.
We're just plain village Hicks, that's quite clear for to see,
With Hope Rotherham, etc.

Our tactics are awful, I fear I've to say,
All Along, Out Along, Down Along Lea,
Our Master Tactician D. Beamish can't play
With Hope Rotherham, etc.

And all the long day we've heard mutterings and groans,
All Along, Out Along, Down Along Lea.
Maurice Reckitt's being beaten by one of our Joans,
Says Hope Rotherham, etc.

When the wind bloweth cold on the moor of a night,
All Along, Out Along, Down Along Lea,
To our foemen we hope we'll appear ghastly white,
With Hope Rotherham, etc.

Now, this baint the end of this shocking affair,
All Along, Out Along, Down Along Lea,
We'll have Ormerod and Beamish our battles to share,
With Hope Rotherham, etc.

G.F.J.P.

Sung by the Lot.

Notes from the Clubs

Bristol

The end of last season looked like being the end of the club too. First we were refused a renewal permit for our pavilion on account of its rather dilapidated state and then we were threatened with a £40 p.a. increase in the rent of the ground.

However, all is well now and after doing up the pavilion at a cost less than at first expected—thanks to the ability and co-operation of our groundsman, Tom Rees—and after some correspondence with the owners (the City Corporation) of the ground we have now got another three years' permit for the pavilion and another three years' lease of the ground at an increase of £15 p.a.

Our appearance on Television last September seemed to give interest—and surprise—to many viewers; a film of some shots taken on our ground was shown first and then came a live interview with one of our members. We hope it will cause some new recruits to the game in the west country. We have lost two or three members since last season but have three or four potential new ones.

Our A.G.M. is in mid-April and we hope to start playing soon after that.

Compton (Eastbourne)

We continued to play croquet until the end of the first week in December and we hope to start again at Easter, which is early this year. The lawns, perhaps, will not have had the rest they deserve, but they look to be in really good heart. Lawn 5, of which we have long been ashamed, seems likely to be as good as the others, now that the saplings and undergrowth, which had been allowed to approach too near the boundaries, have been grubbed out.

A good deal of publicity was given in our local press to a legacy left to the Compton Club. We have heard nothing of this, apart from what we have read in the papers. The results for us so far have been: (1) Our groundsman has asked for an increase of wages of 15s. a week; (2) Our landlords are putting up our rent by £25 p.a.; (3) The Croquet Association has refused us the Official Tournament subsidy for which we qualified. It seems reasonable to suppose that our would-be benefactress intended us to profit from her generosity rather than our groundsman, our landlords or even the Croquet Association. One trusts that this will not discourage others, who have had pleasure out of Croquet, from trying to help their Clubs by leaving them legacies. Personally, I still have every intention of making some small bequest. I hope I won't put it off too long and I hope you won't either.

Increasing membership is very encouraging, but difficult to cater for with only five lawns. Our 6th lawn was given up during the War and we can't get it back. Under these circumstances we hope more players will speed up their games by using the "full bisque" system. Under this system a 10-bisquer and a 12-bisquer playing against each other will have 10 and 12 bisques, respectively, at their disposal. Using the present system the 10-bisquer has to play off scratch and the 12-bisquer has only 2 bisques; under which conditions the games, of course, take a long time. But with a row of 10 bisques to encourage him, the 10-bisquer can play a more dashing game and should be able quickly to get one ball round with the help of, say, six of them. The experience thus gained of the way to use bisques, soon makes a player a much more formidable opponent in ordinary handicap games as well. The Croquet Association has given us permission to hold an event under this system of handicapping in the Compton (June) Tournament and we shall watch the experiment with great interest.

In connection with our tournament, I am sorry to say that we have not been able to get the use of any lawns at Devonshire Park, so we have had to cut down a little the number of events and the number of entries we can accept. The Compton Plate is one event which has been cut out—not because of pressure on the lawns, but because the Croquet Association has forbidden us to hold it again!

Roehampton

Our season will be opening on Saturday, April 11th, with five lawns ready for play. We already have an intake of five new members which is very gratifying. An occasion early in the season which we are looking forward to is "Golfers' afternoon" on April 19th. Members of the golf section of the club who are interested in croquet are coming to play and receive instruction and we hope to stimulate further interest in this way. We are pleased to learn that plans are afoot for holding a challenge match on our lawns against Carrickmines in July.

Budleigh Salterton

The 1958 season ended in Budleigh on January 15th, 1959! A nucleus of very keen players continued to play on every possible opportunity, and actually contested the inevitable closing down by all means short of physical violence! Now, we are hoping to be able to open up again for Easter, if the weather is favourable.

Much work has been done on the lawns during the short "off-season". No. 2 lawn has had one end entirely lifted and re-levelled. No. 9 (out in the country) has received particular attention, weeding, feeding and deworming, etc., and should now be found in very much better condition than ever before. No. 8 lawn (tennis court) one of our too well known "Alpine courses" amongst other things, has been completely re-levelled and relaid. It will be reserved for croquet until after the July tournament, and should definitely now be classified as "good". The remaining "Alpine course" No. 7 (tennis court) has had to be left in all its previous glory, but will only need to be used for the July doubles. From this it will be noted that much of the "sporting element" has now been removed from Budleigh tournaments!

An interesting innovation is being tried out in the May (unofficial) tournament. The C and D handicap blocks of the American Singles, and all the Handicap Doubles, will play with a two-yard boundary, and the block winners of the Singles will be drawn for the semi-finals. It is hoped that these innovations will prove to be both useful and popular.

Budleigh is now definitely aspiring to be considered as a "Week-end Croquet Resort". And why not? Players from less favoured and less charming localities are noting that the terms for both country and temporary membership are definitely attractive, and that a welcome is always assured at Budleigh. Moreover, lawns can be reserved by post.

We are pleased to chronicle the fact that for the first time since the war, Devon is once more entering strongly for the County Championships, under the Captaincy of Mrs. E. Rotherham (Chairman of the Croquet Committee of the Budleigh Club), ably supported by top-ranking players of the same, as we understand is being lyrically reported in some detail, elsewhere in this edition.

Finally, it is with very deep regret we report the recent passing away of W. J. Dixon, who will also be mourned by his many old friends from Bedford and elsewhere.

Hurlingham

A number of important decisions were taken regarding the August Tournament at the croquet sub-committee meeting in January. In the first place it was decided, in view of the lukewarm reception given to last year's Draw and Process experiment in the Hurlingham Cup, to revert to the "Best of Three" principle this year. The long bisquers who entered for the Longworth Cup in 1958 and felt deprived of their full rights because of the Fifth Hoop variation are now largely answered by being allotted the Third Hoop beginning. The Men's Handicap Doubles reverts to the full game. A slight modification has been made to the Turner Cup conditions whereby holders of 1 bisque or over may enter, compared with last year's requirement of 2 bisques or over. Finally, we are very pleased to record the fact that the Handicap Singles event will now carry with it the handsome Pinckney Simpson Cup, formerly known as the Silver Jubilee Cup.

We are pleased to be staging the Navy v. Army match on May 25th. This is obviously a timely date, for with the next European crisis due on May 27th, croquet players may desire a measure of comfort in the thought that their naval and military representatives will be already gathered at Hurlingham, so conveniently at hand to answer promptly any call to stern duty from Whitehall.

Reigate Priory

In accordance with the decision taken at the last Annual General Meeting, the Committee have given an order to convert the present shelter, with the provision of windows, two doors, a brick damp course, a concrete floor, together with a concrete path connecting it with the present pavilion.

This work will cost £64, towards which we have some £20 in hand. To provide the balance, we are borrowing £44 free of interest, to be repaid as and when our Club is able to do so, by instalments.

If all members, both playing and non-playing, will continue to support as in the past, we shall soon be able to clear the debt. The Cricket Club has agreed to make an allowance of £5 per annum off the rent for the three years 1959, 1960 and 1961.

The new pavilion will be opened on Saturday, the 2nd May, 1959, at the start of the Season, when we hope all members will be present.

Cheltenham

There is little to write about except the abominable weather. Everything went according to plan until the 15th November, but it is possible, only now, to get on to the lawns again. They are looking good. An experiment is being tried this year to hold an American Tournament during the Whitsun Weekend which is, of course, very early this season. After two such wet seasons we are all entitled to hope for a good one this year.

NAVY v. ARMY

Hurlingham, May 25th

NAVY: G. V. G. Beamish, H. O. Hicks, K. B. Millar, H. G. Stoker, Reserve G. W. Style.

ARMY: G. E. Cave, J. W. Cobb, J. H. Dibley, G. F. Stone.

BRIDGE

by E. P. C. Cotter, *British International*

RESULT OF CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

Problem 1

North, your partner, bids One Spade. You hold S-9, 5, 4, 3; H-K, J, 3; D-K, Q, 6; C-K, J, 10. What do you bid?

Answer: Two No Trumps.

With this shape the holding of four Spades is deceptive as there is no ruffing value in the hand, and 2NT is a better bid than 3S. I gave slight credit, however, to the suggested answer of Three Spades, but Three No Trumps I regard as a very poor bid.

Problem 2

West bids One Diamond, North One Spade, East Two Hearts. You hold S-J, 10, 8, 2; H-J, 2; D-10, 7; C-A, K, Q, 6, 4. What do you bid?

Answer: Three Spades.

This is surely the right answer. While I don't entirely condemn 4S, why go down unnecessarily? Partner will bid 4S if he has the right cards or shape, e.g. if he has a high Diamond honour but not a Heart one, or if he has a singleton in one of the red suits besides decent Spades. If partner cannot bid 4S you won't make it.

Problem 3

North bids One Club—you reply One Diamond. North bids Two Spades—you reply Three Spades. North bids Five Diamonds.

You hold S-10, 9, 6, 3; H-9, 7, 2; D-A, 9, 8, 6, 2; C-Q. What do you bid? Why?

Answer: Six Diamonds.

Clearly! Your partner is asking you to bid six if you have any excuse. You have it. There is no wastage in Hearts—partner has at most a singleton—and the Queen of Clubs may well be the key card. He might well hold some such hand as S-A, 8, 5; H-10; D-K, Q, 7, 5; C-A, K, J, 9, 4.

Problem 4

West bids One Heart, North Double, East One Spade. You hold S-A, J, 8, 5; H-6, 5; D-K, 9, 8, 7, 5; C-4, 3. What do you bid?

Answer: Double.

This is obligatory, to smoke out the possible psychic. When partner doubles Hearts he promises support for Spades. To bid Diamonds would not give a picture of your hand. No other bid gets any credit.

Problem 5

You are playing a contract of Four Hearts with the following:

S-A, 6.
H-10, 8, 7, 6.
D-9, 8, 7.
C-A, J, 10, 9.
N
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S
S-5, 4, 3.
H-A, K, 4, 3.
D-A, 6, 3.
C-K, Q, 4.

West leads the King of Diamonds, which you allow to win, and continues with the Queen which you win with the Ace, East playing the Two and Four. You now play Ace and King of trumps, West dropping Five and Queen, East Two and Nine.

What is your best method of play to make your contract? Why?

Answer: Lead King of Clubs and then small to the Ace and lead Knave from the table giving the impression of finessing through East. The whole object is to fool East, who has (presumably) the long trump, into passing this trick if he has only Two Clubs. If he does not trump you are home. Of course if the Clubs split 3-3 there is no problem. Slight credit was given to those suggesting that Clubs should be played out.

Problem 6

You are playing a contract of Four Spades with the following:

S-K, 10, 7, 6.
H-6, 4.
D-Q, 8, 5.
C-A, Q, 8, 4.
N
W E
S
S-A, 9, 8, 5, 2.
H-8, 7, 2.
D-A, K.
C-K, 7, 2.

West leads King and Ace of Hearts and then leads the Knave of Clubs which you win with the King.

What should be your next play? Explain clearly the point at issue.

Answer: Lead Two of Spades and cover any card played by West.

The only problem is a possible 4-0 trump split. The Ace or King of trumps must not be played unless the hand under it is found to be void.

The prize is awarded to C. H. O'D. Alexander; R. V. N. Wiggins and Major-Gen. Davidson were equal second. Problem 5 proved the most difficult and only Mr. Alexander really saw the point, but he didn't suggest the right solution! [Copyright

CORRESPONDENCE

Shortened Games

Dear Sir,

The question of how, effectively, to shorten the game of croquet does not seem yet to be so definitely agreed, that yet another possible solution may not be acceptable. My suggestion needs no alteration of hoops nor peg. It is, that, hoops 5 and 6 be omitted on the outward round, and called into play as "Penult" and "Rover". The points will thus be reduced by 4, i.e. 22 instead of 26.

Yours faithfully,

N. E. O. THACKWELL

Dear Sir,

Mrs. Reckitt has described, with great modesty, her solution for an "alternative 18 point game" as a second best. But from experience already gained she has produced a "winner" which I am glad has been accepted for further experiment by the C.A.

Might I, however, suggest a further improvement to it, after a number of trial games, viz. after making 2-back, add the Rover hoop (run the normal way) before making the peg. This adds a nice "finishing touch" and accords with the final sequence of a full game. Any objection that this means 19 points and thus complicates handicaps is surely not valid. All that is needed is a simple tale of equivalents, eg.

Full handicap difference	19 point handicap
1 bisque	1/2 bisque
2 bisques	1 1/2 bisques
3 bisques	2 bisques
4 bisques	3 bisques
5 bisques	3 1/2 bisques
6 bisques	4 1/2 bisques
7 bisques	5 bisques
8 bisques	6 bisques
9 bisques	6 1/2 bisques
10 bisques	7 bisques
	etc.

The big factor, I submit, is that this makes a considerably better and more natural game and ending.

Yours faithfully,

F. H. N. DAVIDSON

A Suggestion for Clubs

Dear Sir,

Surely the worst headache for officials organising Club Championships, of the type which are played off over a period of weeks, is to get the matches played by the required dates.

Scratching people in a Club Tournament is very unpleasant and in any case most players prefer to win by beating their opponents rather than by having them scratched.

I am, therefore, surprised that Clubs do not encourage the laggards to play by the correct dates, by judicious application of local rules about handicaps. Under the usual rules, there is no incentive to play the rounds by the due dates, because, if there are any rapidly improving players in the club, to delay playing them until they have had a handicap reduction is an advantage. A player is bound to suffer a temporary period of nervousness and have to make re-adjustments to their normal plan of campaign after a handicap reduction.

On the other hand if a club made a local rule that—"A player whose handicap is reduced, may play matches which should have been played off before the date of the reduction, at his old handicap." It would encourage players to get on with their matches, since delay might mean meeting an improved player enjoying his old handicap.

Such a rule of course is not necessary in an open tournament, where the players are under the discipline of a referee, but in Club tournaments I feel sure it would have a beneficial effect as well as being more fair to the rapidly improving player who is not usually the one who holds up a tournament.

Yours faithfully,

B. DUTHIE

Prolonged Handicap Games

Dear Sir,

I hoped someone else would defend us high bisquers, who were attacked by "Della" in his letter on the above subject in the September, 1958, number of *Croquet*.

He uses as his example a case where a 3-man is playing an 11-man. After 2 1/2 hours the 11-man has "used only 3 of his 8 bisques." The 3-man, in spite of this helpful attitude by his opponent, has made such little progress that there is apparently no chance of his finishing the game in a further 1 1/2 hours' play. What has the 3-man been doing? I am afraid the answer is that he has been lurking in corners and joining up wide instead of making any attempt "to get on with it."

However, my object is not to apportion blame, but to suggest a remedy. When my wife and I took up Croquet a few years ago, we never finished a match in an afternoon and we were on the point of abandoning the game, when I suggested we should each

take our 14 bisques. We found we finished a match in about a couple of hours and very much enjoyed it. Why not use this method in handicap games?

Similarly C and D levels are likely to be prolonged. Most of us haven't the skill to collect up a break and go round quickly. But how different it would be if in C class level events each player had 7 bisques and in D class 11. The truth of "Bisque dat, qui cito dat" would soon be realised and "Della" would be pleased.

Yours faithfully,

H. C. S. PERRY

OBITUARY

H. C. DAVEY

By the death of H. C. Davey the croquet world has lost one of its oldest and best known members.

He joined the C.A. in 1903, winning the Ranelagh Cup in 1905 and his Silver Medal in 1923. He was no mean opponent to be drawn against, although he will be more widely remembered as a teacher and manager than as a player, at any rate by the present generation of players who so often benefited from his extensive knowledge of laws and rules of management.

In 1919 he went to live at Epsom, where there was at that time a croquet club. He became its Secretary and it was there he managed his first tournament.

In 1924 Mr. Davey moved to Lewes and in 1927 became the Secretary of that Club until 1930 when he went to Brighton. His work at the Southwick Club will long be remembered, both as a Vice-President and as a playing member whose help to beginners was invaluable. He managed many Brighton tournaments—always with tact and consideration and good humour.

Everyone will miss him, and at Southwick, with so many memories of his kindness since his return there after the war, his loss will be much felt. Latterly he did not play often, but was always ready to help others.

MISS E. L. WADDILOVE

We regret to report the death of Miss E. L. Waddilove. Two or three years ago she was run down by a car and received serious injuries. She went into a Nursing Home where she remained until her death, in her 91st year. We understand that she was a very long-standing member of the Parkstone Club—and up to the time of her accident played an occasional game there.

MRS. GEORGE RATSEY

The Ryde Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club has suffered a great loss in the death of Mrs. Ratsey. She was a most sporting and excellent member of the Croquet section, always ready to join in all the tournaments and club matches, and full of enthusiasm for, and interest in, her club. She will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends.

J. A. McMORDIE

It is with sorrow that Parkstone Croquet Club records the death of Mr. J. A. McMordie. This player, who died on March 3rd, was among the very best of his time, but since the War ill-health had prevented him returning to the game at which he had won so much distinction, as indicated by the fact that when he retired he had a handicap of minus four. This in the hey-day of croquet meant more than it does today. That McMordie does not appear often in the list of winners of C.A. events is due to the fact that he had a strong dislike of playing in London and hardly ever did so, though he won innumerable prizes at provincial tournaments. On the only occasion that he ever played in the "Best Ten" he finished second in it, and in 1937, having won the Men's Championship from a particularly strong field, he appeared in the English team v. Australia and won his match.

McMordie played with a long mallet, and on heavy courts would use one weighing as much as 4 lbs. He was particularly at home on such surfaces, being a hard hitter, but was at all times a particularly fine shot.

All those who remember them both will wish to express warm sympathy with Mrs. McMordie, herself a good player and now a member of the Parkstone club, where her husband was in recent years sometimes present as a spectator.

ALL-ENGLAND HANDICAP

1958 Winner—G. E. W. Hitchcock (3½)

Committee and Secretary as for the Club Team Cup.

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Miss D. A. Lintern.

Competitors must be members of the C.A. or members of a Registered Croquet Club. A member of the C.A. not being a member of a Registered Club must arrange to play at a Registered Club. A Competitor may not play in more than one Registered Club's Competition.

Preliminary Stage.—Club competitions to be finished by 15th July. Clubs entering 16 to 31 competitors will be entitled to have two representatives in the Final Stages.

Final Stages.—The Club representatives will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild System and will meet in London during the period extending over August 11th to 13th.

Qualification to hold a competition.—No Club with an entry of less than four competitors is eligible to be represented. In any match of the Final Stages a competitor shall play on the C.A. handicap that he would have been playing at in an Official Tournament.

Entry Fees.—Entry Fee for each competitor 3s., to be paid to the Club Secretary. 1s. of the Entry Fee will be retained by the Competitor's Club, and 2s. will be sent to the Secretary, C.A., by the Club Secretary.

The results of Club Competitions must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., to reach her not later than July 20th.

Matches of single games throughout.

Prizes.—Winner and Runner-up: The Tingey Trophies; others in last eight, Bronze Medals. Winner's Club holds the New Zealand Plaque. Holder: Southwick.

THE CLUB TEAM CUP

(Handicap)

Presented by William Longman, Esq.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—Mrs. L. C. Apps.

Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

Holders—Compton Club

Competitors must be members of the C.A. and of the Club for which they play. No individual may play for more than one Club during the Competition.

The teams shall normally consist of 4 players who will play 2 Doubles and 3 Singles. By mutual consent, however, the teams in any match may consist of 6 players. In this case the match will include as a minimum 3 Doubles which must be completed and 2 Singles.

Handicaps. This Competition is to be played under C.A. handicap. The gross handicap of any team of four players must be at least 16 bisques or 24 bisques for a team of 6 players. The gross handicap of any pair in a team must be at least 8 bisques. Every competitor must have a C.A. handicap of at least 1½ bisques.

To be played under the same general arrangements and conditions as held for the All-England Handicap in so far as they apply.

Competing Clubs will play on mutually agreed grounds.

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

There are no entry fees.

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

Twelve

THE PEEL MEMORIALS

will be played for at the

ROEHAMPTON CLUB on MONDAY, MAY 11th, and five following days

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager and Handicapper.—V. A. de la Nougerede.

Referee.—Miss D. A. Lintern.

Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

EVENTS

Open to Associates only

1.—PEEL MEMORIAL SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL. Handicap Singles for Men. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. This Event will be played under the "Two Life" System. Holder: G. N. B. Huskinson (7½).

2.—PEEL MEMORIAL SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL. Handicap Singles for Women. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. This Event will be played under the "Two Life" System. Holder: Mrs. F. Pavia (6½).

3.—HANDICAP DOUBLES (combined handicaps two or over). The Lady Murray Memorial Silver Challenge Cups. Entries must be made in pairs. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. for each person. Holders: Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. F. Stanley-Smith (11).

CONDITIONS

Hoops 3¼in. wide. Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used. At least five courts will be provided.

The winners hold the respective Challenge Trophies for one year or until the next competition, whichever is the shorter period. Other prizes according to number of entries.

The Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason and to decide any question that may arise.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

ENTRIES

The Entries accompanied by the Entrance Fee for Events 1 and 2 must reach the Secretary, C.A., not later than the first post on Wednesday, May 6th, and for Event 3 by noon on Tuesday, May 12th. Entries will be limited.

PLAY

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily unless otherwise notified. Competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival. Any Competitor who is not present, or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so, will be liable to be scratched.

DRAW

The Draw for Events Nos. 1 and 2, will take place at 4 Southampton Row on Wednesday, May 6th, at 11 a.m.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club

A CROQUET TOURNAMENT

(Unofficial)

will be held in

THE CLUB GROUNDS on MONDAY, 11th MAY, 1959, and following days

(The Laws and Regulations of the C.A. will apply)

Manager and Handicapper.—Miss A. E. Mills.

Referee of the Tournament.—J. G. Warwick.

Tournament Committee.—Mrs. E. Rotherham (Chairman), Col. D. W. Beamish, Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave, A. J. Cooper, Major G. F. Stone and J. Weston Martyn.

Tournament Secretary.—L. G. Walters, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton (Tel. 548).

EVENTS

1.—AN AMERICAN TOURNAMENT (Handicap Singles). Competitors will be arranged in blocks according to handicap and the numbers of Entries received. It is hoped to arrange four blocks and guarantee each Player a minimum of five games. Winners of blocks will play off semi-final and final. The Winner to hold the Godfrey Turner Challenge Cup, and the Winner of the longest Handicap block to hold the L. G. Walters Long Handicap Challenge Trophy.

Note.—The C. & D. Handicap Blocks will play with a 2-yard Boundary, and D Block will start at the 3rd Hoop. Block Winners will be drawn for Semi-Finals. Full game will be played for Semi-Final and Final. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.

2.—HANDICAP DOUBLES (Knock-out). Combined Handicaps not to be less than 8 bisques. **Note.**—All Games start at the 3rd Hoop, and play with a 2 yard boundary. Entrance Fee, 5s. each player.

An Extra Event will be arranged if time and Entries permit.

ENTRIES (On Official Entry Forms Please)

Entries for Event 1 must reach the Secretary not later than first post Wednesday, May 6th.

Entries for Event 2 must reach the Secretary by 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 12th, and the Draw will take place at 2 p.m. that day.

At lunch time, Coffee and Sandwiches, but not lunches will be available at the Club House.

Teas, a Licensed Bar, and Bridge Rooms will be available as usual. Normal conditions of play. Eight Courts will be available.

The usual Official Tournament will be held on Monday, July 6th, 1959, and days following. (See June Croquet).

BRIGHTON

ANNUAL SUMMER CROQUET TOURNAMENT

VICTORIA ROAD, SOUTHWICK

MONDAY, MAY 18th, and five following days

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Club.

Manager and Handicapper.—Major J. H. Dibley.

Referee.—E. A. Roper.

Tournament Secretary.—F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick, Sussex.

EVENTS

1.—OPEN SINGLES. "THE ABBEY" CHALLENGE CUP. Presented by W. H. Abbey, Esq. Entrance Fee, 10s. Draw and Process. Law 44.

2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Entrance Fee, 8s.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. "X.Y." Entrance Fee, 8s.

4.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Entrance Fee, 8s. each player. Combined handicap not less than 2.

All games to start at No. 3 hoop in Event No. 4.

Competitors may enter for 3 out of 4 Events.

Event "Y" will start at No. 5 hoop.

Extra Event time permitting.

ENTRIES

Entries with Fees for Events 1, 2 and 3 must reach the Hon. Secretary by the first post on Thursday, May 14th, those for Event 4 may be made on the ground up to 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 19th.

Non-Associates (except members of the S.C.C. and L.T. Club) pay a tribute of 15s. to the C.A. (7s. 6d. if they enter in only one Event); but on becoming an Associate any tribute paid in the current year is credited against the subscription.

The Committee reserves the right of refusing any Entry without assigning a reason.

THE DRAW

The Draw for Events 1, 2 and 3 will take place at Southwick on Thursday, May 14th, at 2.30 p.m. Event 4 on Tuesday, May 19th, 2.30 p.m.

PLAY

Play will commence at 10 a.m.

Players coming from a distance requiring leave should notify it on their Entry Form. No leave will be granted later than 12 noon Monday, unless the exigencies of the Draw permit.

PRIZES

According to Entries.

Standard Setting and Jaques' "Eclipse" Balls will be used.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

Competitors will be made Hon. Members of the Club during the Tournament.

Ten Courts will be available.

Light Luncheons and Teas will be obtainable.

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

Free parking for Cars on the Ground.

The Secretary will be pleased to recommend accommodation if desired.

THE INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

will be played for at the

HURLINGHAM CLUB on TUESDAY, MAY 26th, and during the week

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—Mrs. M. L. Thom.

Referee.—Mrs. E. Reeve.

Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

Holders—Middlesex

CONDITIONS

1. The team for each County consists of three pairs, and the qualifications to represent a County are:—

(a) Birth in the County, or

(b) Present residence in the County of two years standing, or

(c) A previous residence in the County for an uninterrupted period of five years, other than as a pupil in a school or college.

(d) No one is qualified to represent a County who has represented a different County in the year immediately preceding the competition unless he has previously represented that County, or except in the case of a County which has not competed during the past five years, or unless the County he has represented in the previous year is not competing.

(e) An ordinary member of a registered Croquet Club, of not less than two years standing, not being invited to play for a County for which he is eligible, or being eligible for a County which does not enter a team may play for the County in which his Club is situated.

2. A player living in a house other than as an owner or occupier shall only be eligible on satisfying the Council that he or she is bona fide a resident in the County.

3. All qualifications must be accurately defined when the names of the teams are submitted.

4. Each County shall appoint a duly qualified Captain.

5. The collector of a team shall send to the Secretary, C.A., before May 1st, a list of the names of not more than eight players, from which the playing team of three pairs for any match must be selected, and the name of the Captain. In a match the players may be combined to form pairs in any manner that the Captain thinks fit, but the pairs must be arranged in the order of the joint number of bisques, the lowest amount corresponding to the "A" pair, the highest to the "C" pair. The constitution of the team must be given to the Manager before any match. If in any match only two pairs from a team should be available for play, these pairs must be matched against the "A" and "B" pairs of the opposing team.

6. If the number of Counties entering is too large to permit each County to play all the others, they will be so drawn as to allow any County to play as many other Counties as time permits.

7. The winning County shall be that which wins the greatest percentage of matches played. In the event of a tie between two or more Counties the County which has won the greatest number of games shall be the winner. Provided that in the event of all Counties not being drawn to play the same number of matches the Manager shall have power, in the later stages of the competition, to withdraw matches unplayed which have no material influence in the result and substitute others if thereby an equal number of matches are ensured to the leading Counties. If there still be a tie, the Challenge Cup shall be held jointly.

8. Flat-soled footwear must be worn. Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily.

9. Entries must reach the Secretary, C.A., by May 1st, 1959.

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

11. Law 44 partially suspended.

No Entrance Fee.

Hoops 3¼in. wide and Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used.

Nine courts will be provided.

Thirteen

THE MEN'S and WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS MEETING

Will be played at the
ROEHAMPTON CLUB on MONDAY, JUNE 1st to JUNE 6th

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—E. A. Roper.

Referee.—W. Longman.

Handicapper.—B. V. F. Brackenbury.

Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

EVENTS

Open to Associates only

- 1.—THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Matches best of three games. Prizes: The winner holds for the year the Gold Challenge Casket presented by the late Viscount Doneraile, and a Challenge Trophy presented by the late Sir Francis Colchester-Wemyss, K.B.E., and the late Col. C. E. Wilson, and will receive a medal. Holder: J. W. Solomon.
- 2.—THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Matches best of three games. Prizes: The winner holds for the year the Gold Challenge Casket presented by the late Viscount Doneraile, a Silver Challenge Bowl presented by the "Ladies' Field", the Gold Challenge Badge and Gold Locket, and will receive a medal. Holder: Miss D. A. Lintern.
- 3.—THE MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each person. Matches of single games. Prizes: A Pair of Silver Challenge Cups presented by the All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. Holders: M. B. Reckitt and Miss D. A. Lintern.
- 4.—THE "DU PRE" CUP. Open to competitors in Events 1 and 2 who have not qualified for the third round. Matches of singles games throughout. Entrance Fee, 6s. Level play. Prize: A Challenge Cup presented by the late Lt.-Col. W. B. Du Pre. Holder: Mrs. W. Longman.
- 5.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Entrance Fee, 6s. Open to competitors in Events 1 and 2 at the discretion of the Manager. Matches of single games.

CONDITIONS

Hoops 3½ in. wide. Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used. Five courts will be provided.

No leave can be granted till after the Draw.

The winners hold the respective Challenge Trophies for one year or until the next competition whichever is the shorter period. Other prizes according to number of entries.

The Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

ENTRIES

The Entries, accompanied by the Entrance Fees for Events 1 and 2 must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, so as to reach her not later than the first post on Wednesday, May 27th, and for Event 3 by noon on Tuesday, June 2nd. Entries for Events 4 and 5 can be received only on the ground.

Competitors must give with their Entries the address at which messages will reach them during the Tournament.

DRAW

The Draw for Events 1 and 2 will take place at 4 Southampton Row at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 27th, and for Events 3, 4 and 5 as will be announced on the ground.

PLAY

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily unless otherwise notified. Any competitor who is not present, or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so, will be liable to be scratched.

The semi-finals and finals will be so arranged that play in them will extend over the afternoons of Friday and Saturday.

Fourteen

RYDE

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held on

MONDAY, JUNE 1st, 1959, and following days
at the Club Ground, Play Street, Ryde, Lo.W.

Committee.—Croquet Committee of the Club.
Manager and Handicapper.—Major J. H. Dibley, M.C.
Referee.—Canon R. Creed Meredith.
Hon. Secretary.—Miss L. Isaac, Flat 18, Osborne Court, Cowes, Lo.W. (Phone Cowes 870).

EVENTS

- 1.—ISLE OF WIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OPEN SINGLES. The Challenge Trophy. Present holder: Canon R. Creed Meredith. Draw and Process. Law 44 partially suspended. No lift after 4-back. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d.
 - 2.—LEVEL SINGLES (Class B). The Chapman Cup. Open to players of 5 bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Final best of 3 games (time permitting). Present holder: Miss G. Forbes Cowan.
 - 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (Class D). The Hutton Cup. Open to players of 12 bisques or more. Shortened game, commencing at No. 5 hoop. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d. Present holder: Miss M. M. Taylor.
- No player may enter for more than one of the above Events.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. The Benet Cup. Open to all players. Shortened game, commencing at No. 1 hoop to 2-back thence to peg. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d. Present holder: Miss G. Forbes Cowan.
 - 5.—HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y."). The Dibley Cup. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Present holder: Mrs. G. D. Perowne.
 - 6.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. The Birch Cups. Restricted to combined handicaps of 2 or over. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d. each player. Shortened game, commencing at No. 5 hoop. Should time permit there will be an Extra Event.

PRIZES

Two for each Event if sufficient entries.

ENTRIES

For Events 1 to 5, together with Fees and C.A. Tribute of 15s. where payable, must reach the Hon. Secretary by first post on Thursday, 28th May, 1959.

Entries for Doubles (Event 6) close on the ground at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, 2nd June.

DRAW

The Draw for Events 1 to 5 will take place at the Club Pavilion at 3 p.m. on Thursday, 28th May. For the Doubles at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 2nd June.

PLAY

Will commence at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 1st June, and at 10 a.m. on following days. Players not present when called on to play will be liable to be scratched.

GENERAL

Six Lawns provided. Standard setting. Luncheon and Teas provided in Pavilion.

A Motor Bus from the Pier sets down close to the Ground.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

Hotels.—Spencer's Inn; Yelf's Hotel (both in Union Street); Osborne Hotel, The Esplanade. Guest House (specially recommended).—Mrs. Taylor, 78 Pelhurst Road, Ryde, Lo.W. (Phone Ryde 3481), 300 yards from Club.

NOTTINGHAM

will be held at the Club Grounds (eight lawns)

HIGHFIELDS, NOTTINGHAM

On MONDAY, JUNE 8th, 1959, and the five following days

(by kind permission of the City of Nottingham Parks Committee)
(Under the Laws and Regulations of the C.A.)

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Miss D. D. Steel.
Hon. Secretary.—G. N. Bright, 15 St. Jude's Avenue, Nottingham. Tel. 61965.

Hon. Treasurer.—H. O. Peake, 49 Victoria Embankment, Nottingham. Tel. 85551.

EVENTS

- 1.—ROBIN HOOD GOLD CUP. Handicap Singles. Open to members and associates of the C.A. only. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d.
 - 2.—OPEN SINGLES. Two Life System. Final best of three games if time permits. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.
 - 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Open to players of 5 bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 9s.
 - 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES (Unrestricted). Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d.
 - 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES (Unrestricted). Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d. per player.
- An extra Event will be played, time permitting.

CONDITIONS

First and Second prizes will be awarded for each event in addition to the respective trophies. Non-Associates to pay a tribute of 10s. to the C.A. or 5s. for one event only.

Lunches, Teas and Morning Coffee will be provided in the Club House at reasonable charges.

ACCOMMODATION

A list of hotels and boarding houses will be sent on application to the Hon. Secretary.

PLAY

Play will commence at 10 a.m. each day unless otherwise stated.

ENTRIES

Entry forms accompanied by the Entrance Fees should reach the Hon. Secretary on or before Saturday, 6th June (except Event 5).

DRAW

The Draw for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 will take place on Sunday, 7th June, and for Event 5 on Tuesday, the 9th June.

WOKING

Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club

THE 39th ANNUAL CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held on

THE CLUB GROUND, PINE RD., HOOK HEATH, WOKING

On MONDAY, JUNE 8th, 1959, and following days
(Under the Laws and Regulations of the C.A.)

Committee.—Mrs. B. C. Apps, Major J. W. Cobb, A. McClure Williams and T. F. Dalton.

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Mrs. E. Reeve.

Assistant Referees will be appointed under Reg. 15 (a).

Hon. Secretary.—Major J. W. Cobb, Farm Hotel, Woking.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. Best of three games. The winner will be entitled to hold for one year or until the next Tournament, whichever is the shorter period, the Club Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 10s.
 - 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Class B. Open to competitors handicapped at 2½ or over. Winner entitled to hold for one year or until the next Tournament whichever is the shorter period the Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. H. T. Farris. Entrance Fee, 8s. "Law 44 partially suspended."
 - 3.—LEVEL SINGLES. Class C. Open to competitors handicapped at 7 bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 8s. "Law 44 suspended."
- N.B.—No competitor may enter for more than one of the above Events.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Entrance Fee, 8s. Unrestricted. The winner will be entitled to hold for one year or until the next Tournament, whichever is the shorter period, the Challenge Bowl presented by the late Mrs. J. M. Miles.
 - 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicaps 2 or over. Entrance Fee, 8s. each competitor. The winners will be entitled to hold for one year or until the next Tournament whichever is the shorter period, the Challenge Cups presented by Mrs. E. E. Turner.

Players will be expected to play until 7 p.m. or after if required.

CONDITIONS

Non-Associates pay a tribute of 10s. to the C.A. when playing in an Official Tournament, or 5s. if they compete in one event only (except in a Tournament promoted by their own Club), when they pay such C.A. Tribute, if any, as the Local Committee may determine, but on becoming an Associate any tribute paid during the current year is refunded or credited against the subscription.

First and Second Prizes will be given for each Event; and semi-final prizes if sufficient entries.

3½ in. hoops and Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used.

Six Courts will be provided on the Ground.

Every Competitor shall wear such flat-soled boots or shoes as cannot damage the Court.

Lunch and Tea can be obtained on the Ground.

The Club Ground is 1½ miles from Woking Station.

Taxis can be obtained. Bus Service.

Accommodation.—Hotels: Albion, Wheatsheaf, Farm, Cotteridge and Heathside.

ENTRIES

Entries for all Events except No. 5 must reach the Hon. Secretary by first post on Friday, June 5th. Entries for No. 5 close on Tuesday June 9th, at the Club at 2 p.m.

THE DRAW

The Draw for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 will take place in the Pavilion on the Club Ground at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 5th.

The Draw for No. 5 at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9th.

PLAY

Play will begin at 10.30 a.m. unless otherwise notified.

Players required on Monday will be notified. Competitors in Events 1 and 2 must be prepared to play on Monday. Any competitor who leaves the Ground without the permission of the Manager, or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so will be liable to be scratched.



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PARKSTONE (East Dorset)

CROQUET TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, JUNE 15th-20th, 1959

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

Committee.—Croquet Committee of the Parkstone Club.

Manager and Handicapper.—V. A. de la Nougerede.

Referee.—Canon R. Creed Meredith.

Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. V. C. Gasson, L.T. and Croquet Club, Salterns Road, Parkstone, Dorset.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. "Two Lives." Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Dorset Salver.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Law 44 suspended. For players of 3½-7 bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Dethon Cup.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players of 7½ bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Cope Cup.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y."). Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Bishop Cup and Evans Rose Bowl.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined Handicap not to be less than 2. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each player.

Extra Events will be arranged, time permitting.

CONDITIONS

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4, must reach the Hon. Secretary before midday **Thursday, June 11th**. Entries for Event 5 close midday on **Tuesday, June 16th**. The Draw will take place at the Club on **Thursday, June 11th**, at 3 p.m.

Competitors must be prepared to play until 7 p.m.

COMPTON, EASTBOURNE

ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, JUNE 22nd, to SATURDAY, JUNE 27th

The 5 Compton lawns of the Compton Club at the Saffrons will be used. Entrance Compton Place Road.

Manager.—Major J. H. Dibley, M.C.

Referee and Handicapper.—Mr. R. V. N. Wiggins.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Compton Croquet Club.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES (Draw and Process). Challenge Cup. Holder: Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.
- 2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. X.Y. Open to all. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder: Mrs. G. W. Style.
- 3.—LIMITED HANDICAP SINGLES. Open to all who have not entered for Event 1. It will be played on the "Full Bisques" system. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 4.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 4 bisques. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. per player.
- 5.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Challenge Cup. Holder: Mrs. E. Rotherham. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d.

An Extra Event will be arranged if possible.

CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION

Hoops 3½in. wide. Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used. Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

Two prizes will be given in each event. Entrance Fees include C.A. levy.

Lunch and Tea will be available at the Club and there will be a Licensed Bar.

Entries to be sent to H. C. S. Perry, Hockington House, Willington, Eastbourne. Tel Hampden Park 656. Those for Events 1 to 3 will not be accepted after first post on **Wednesday, June 17th**. Entries for Event 4 will be received up to noon on **Tuesday, June 23rd**.

The Committee reserve the right to refuse an entry without assigning a reason.

The Draw for Events 1 to 3 will take place at Compton Croquet Club at 10.30 a.m. on **Wednesday, June 17th**.

Play will commence each day at 10 a.m. (or earlier if so arranged by the Manager).

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CARRICKMINES

Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club

CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING OF IRELAND

SATURDAY, 20th JUNE, to SATURDAY, 27th JUNE, 1959

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Club.

Manager.—Lady Fitzgerald.

Referee.—To be appointed.

Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly, Ballynamote, Carrickmines, Co. Dublin.

EVENTS

- 1.—CHAMPIONSHIP OF IRELAND. Silver Salver (Perpetual). Presented by the late P. D. Mathews, Esq. Rule 44. Entrance Fee, 12s. Holder: Mrs. W. Longman.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Challenge Cup (Perpetual). Presented by the late J. W. Green, Esq. 5 bisques and over. Single games, no lifts. Entrance Fee, 8s. Holder: R. J. Leonard.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Founders Cup (Perpetual). Entrance Fee, 8s. Holder: R. J. Leonard.
- 4.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Stonebrook Cups (Perpetual). Presented by the late Col. Cook. Single games. Entrance Fee, 8s. each player. Holders: Lady Fitzgerald and Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly.

Entries for all Events will close on **Tuesday, June 16th**, at 6 p.m., and the Draw will then take place.

Play will commence at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday, June 20th.

Competitors residing over 25 miles distance from Dublin will not be required for play until 10 a.m. on Monday, June 22nd.

Standard setting and Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used.

Flat-soled shoes must be worn.

The committee reserve the right of refusing any entry without assigning a reason.

LEAMINGTON SPA

AN OPEN TOURNAMENT

will be held on the

CLUB GROUND on **MONDAY, JUNE 29th, 1959**, and the five following days

Manager and Handicapper.—Miss A. E. Mills.

Referee.—R. H. Newton, Esq.

Hon. Secretary.—E. Sidwell, Croquet Secretary, Warwickshire Croquet Club, Guy's Cliffe Avenue, Leamington Spa.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. "Two Life" System. The Midland Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 10s. (If less than six entries, this will be played as an American.)
- 2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 3½ bisques and over. Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 8s. Players may only enter for one of the above.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (X.Y.). Open to all. Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 10s.
- 4.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Unrestricted. Challenge Silver Salvers. Entrance Fee, 8s. per player.

Two prizes will be given for each event.

All Challenge Trophies to be held by the winner for one year.

CONDITIONS

Entries, with Entrance Fees, must reach the Hon. Secretary, by the first post on **Thursday, June 25th**. Entries for Event 4 may be made on the ground, up to 2.30 p.m., on **Tuesday, June 30th**.

Draws for Events 1, 2 and 3 will take place in the Club House at 2.30 p.m. on **Thursday, June 25th**.

Five courts provided. Equipment by Jaques.

Competitors required at 10 a.m. on Monday, will be notified.

All other competitors should be on the ground by 11.30 a.m.

Play will begin at 10 a.m. unless otherwise ordered.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

Bridge. Licensed bar. Lunches and Teas at the Club.

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