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R. F. Thorp \*9 to 9.

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V. C. GASSON,

Secretary

# Notes from the Clubs

# NOTES by ROVER

#### Our debt to history

"History," said Henry Ford, "is bunk." Others have taken a more exalted view of the subject. Napoleon, advising his son to reflect often on history, declared it to be the only true philosophy. Many have believed that it has valuable lessons for us. The history of games reveals how frequently the inspired efforts of an individual (as e.g. in Rugby Football) has had important results in rescuing them from relative oblivion. This has certainly been the case with croquet: if Walter Jones Whitmore had not experimented with the rudimentary implements at his disposal on his lawn at Chastleton in the 1860's the game might never have developed from the infantile pastime which it originally was. If Walter Peel had never determined to found a national Croquet Association, the revival of the middle nineties might well have petered out. If a young Irishman of weak health had not been advised by his doctor to take up a gentle sport, Cyril Corbally might never had transformed the game by the expertise which he brought to it. If a wealthy sweet manufacturer in Australia had not been inspired to present the "MacRobertson" trophy, it is unlikely that we should be preparing to send our Test Team across the world to-day, Far too few associates realise how much they owe to inspired individuals in the past. But individuals can fail the game as well as aid it. The greatest enemy of croquet is the man who says (or assumes) that "the game will last my time." This is 'worse than a crime; it is a blunder,' for were there to be enough such in the clubs or in the country in general, it soon wouldn't. We owe as much to our history as we inherit

#### The Ladies' Field Cup

Up to a few years ago the Ladies' Field Cup was becoming in effect a two-cornered affair between Miss Lintern and Mrs. Rotherham. The records show that in the nine years from 1948 to 1957 Miss Lintern won the Cup six times and Mrs. Rotherham three times. Then came Mrs. Longman's win in 1958, followed by three consecutive wins by Miss Warwick whose game had rapidly improved since she and her brother moved to the Devon stronghold of croquet at Budleigh Salterton. With Miss Lintern and Mrs. Longman unable to accept the Council's invitation to compete this year it seemed fairly obvious that the issue would resolve itself into which of the Devon pair, Miss Warwick and Mrs. Rotherham, could get her head in front. Those who scan the sporting columns of the Times and the Daily Telegraph would have noticed that on each morning up to Friday the games standing to the credit of Miss Warwick and Mrs. Rotherham were the same but what was not stated was whether each had played the same number of rounds. With only seven contestants compared with the former eight or ten, some players are always one round ahead of the others right up to the last stages. Miss Warwick was finally seen to be the winner in the Saturday prints by a margin of two games and so won for the fourth consecutive year.

#### More by luck than merit

Luck, croquet players will be disposed to agree, is what one's opponent has. Yet it would seem incontestable that if fortune frowns upon a player it must in some degree smile upon his adversary. How often do we remember when that smile has been turned upon ourselves? Not very frequently perhaps. But this Rover can recall two occasions of this kind so remarkable that he has never forgotten them, and believes that it may not be without interest to put them on record. The first was in the semi-final of the Hurlingham Opens shortly after the last war. He was playing against one of the very best players of that day and was a game down. He had done rather better in the following game, but eventually his opponent was laid to go out, having crosspegged him, the balls being more than a yard from the obstacle. Shooting from the south boundary his shot was such a bad one that it hit the peg, but bounded off it to hit the ball he was supposed to be aiming at. As a result of this shocking stroke he was able to win that game. He also won the next, and was later successful in his match in the final. The other occasion was in the President's Cup against the most formidable player in the event. As a result of an indifferent shot at the third hoop he found himself hoop-bound and unable to hit anything. There was nothing to do but join his partner's ball at the fourth hoop. His ball drifted down in an elaborate parabola and slid gently through the hoop. As a consequence he found himself with a perfect four ball break, and thus encouraged, won the game.

#### Fraternal Union

Last month's note on the infrequency of success of married couples in Mixed Doubles events has prompted a research into partnerships between brothers, and this brings at once to mind the Reckitt brothers. Having been instrumental in initiating the Open Doubles Championship in 1924 and donating the handsome silver Cups which go with the winning of the event, twenty-six years later they became holders of the Cups, beating the then holders, Hicks and Hamilton-Miller in the final. While no other fraternal pairs have succeeded, it would be freely admitted by those with long memories that had the Open Doubles been inaugurated earlier the Corbally brothers-Cyril and Herbert-would almost certainly have won it—and probably more than once. Another pair, the O'Callaghans, might also have succeeded, although R. G. was hardly in the same class as his more famous brother, C. L. The only pair of brothers who have been near the top in recent years are the Rothwells, but the last year they played together was in the Eastbourne match five years ago when they were in the team representing the Juniors against the Seniors. There are, of course, the three Hicks brothers, H. O., R. O. and N. O., but the records do not reveal any occasion of their combining, although H.O. pulled off the Men's Handicap Doubles at Hurlingham last year in the company of his cousin, A. M.

### Questions and Answers

Question: If a ball, going off the court, touches a corner peg, is it correct to treat this ball as a corner ball?

Answer: No, not in every case because if the ball were played from the same side of the court as the corner peg in question, it has most likely touched the boundary line one or two inches from the corner peg and this must be calculated most carefully in order to replace the ball correctly. There is no reference to this in the new Laws but it is purely commonsense.

Question: If a ball which has not been pegged out is removed from the court and play continues until this mistake has been observed, what is the correct procedure?

Answer: All play subsequent to the error is null and void; the balls shall be replaced; the score shall be adjusted accordingly and the person entitled to play shall play—

(See Law 29(d) and also its additional words).

#### LONGMAN CLUB CUP

OXFORD v. SOUTHWICK

Played at Hurlingham on 27th June, 1962. Oxford players named first

#### SINGLES

P. J. M. Fidler (5½) bt Miss E. Johnston (4½) by 14. Dr. C. A. Boucher (5) bt Miss M. Morgan (7) by 17. C. G. Miller (8) lost to E. C. Mogridge (7) by 4.

#### DOUBLES

Fidler and Boucher (10½) bt Miss M. D. Parker and Miss Johnston (8) by 22

(8) by 22. C. G. Miller and R. W. Farrington (20) lost to Miss M. Morgan and E. C. Mogridge (14) by 6.

#### RESULT

Oxford won by 3 matches to 2.

#### CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v. COMPTON

(Played at Compton)

(Compton players named first)

#### SINGLES

Mrs. G. W. Style (4) lost to A. A. Reed (3) by 6.

Miss E. F. Rose (5) lost to E. A. L. Sulley (6) by 15.

W. H. Austin (5½) bt C. J. E. Dashwood (2) by 17.

Cmdr, G. W. Style (6) lost to D. W. Miller (7) by 24.

#### DOUBLES

Cmdr. G. W. Style and Mrs. G. W. Style (10) lost to C. J. E. Dashwood and E. A. L. Sulley (8) by 16.

W. H. Austin and Miss E. F. Rose (10½) lost to A. A. Reed and D. W. Miller (10) by 15.

Cambridge won 5 games to 1.

#### CORRECTION OF HANDICAP

Dr. W. P. Ormerod  $-1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $-2\frac{1}{2}$ .

It is regretted that in the account of the Men's and Women's Championships last month the impression was given that Mrs. W. Longman was unable to play. We have been asked to state that she was in fact scratched.

# Notes from the Clubs

#### Hurlingham

The lack of rain for some four or five weeks had made for furrowed brows among the ground staff, what with the Open Championships and our big August Tournament following immediately one upon the other. Fortunately mid-July brought its benison of two or three downpours, and at the moment of writing the lawns look perfect. We are hoping for a good response for our dinner on August 9th, and can promise good speakers to wind up the occasion.

#### Southwick

Attention is directed elsewhere in this number to a few corrections to the Tournament conditions given in July. We hope entrants will not have been seriously misled. The Franc Cup will be played with Law 37 in operation, and not, as erroneously stated, suspended. Event 1 in the Unofficial Tournament is an Open Singles for those handicapped at 3 and under, and not as in past years Handicap Singles.

#### Cambridge University Croquet Club

While the Club's membership has not increased since last year, there has been a great improvement in the standard of the croquet. With five out of six of last year's team still available, and the redoubtable Mrs. Heley to lend us her lawn, as well as giving excellent advice and encouragement—and the most magnificent teas!—new members soon became both interested and experienced.

Four matches were played, and all were won, a very encouraging record, which included some excellent play by those on whom the club will depend next year. The matches were against Wrest Park and Hunstanton, who both entertained us royally and gave us some very good games; Oxford, at Hurlingham; and Abercrombie (Liverpool University) whom we played at home. Reed, the captain, Dashwood, Watson and secretary Sulley, together with—rara avis—an experienced freshman, Miller were this year's nucleus, and the 6th place against Oxford was won by Laurenson against stiff competition from last year's No. 6, Clive, and also Dugdale, Murray, Ogilvie and Brackenbury (great-nephew of Oxford's famous patron), all of whom will be available next year.

A silver ashtray was presented to Mrs. Heley as a small token of the club's gratitude for her help and support, a token richly deserved and much appreciated by Mrs. Heley.

#### PARKSTONE v. BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

Played at Parkstone, July 17th, 1962

(Parkstone players named first)

#### SINGLES

V. A. Nougerede lost to Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 14. Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish lost to A. J. Cooper by 6. Rev. Canon R. Creed-Meredith bt J. K. Brown by 2. Miss K. D. Hickson lost to Miss V. Mills by 4. Mrs. R. Creed-Meredith lost to Mrs. G. E. Cave by 15.

#### DOUBLES

V. A. de la Nougerede and Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish lost to Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and A. J. Cooper by 3.
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#### OBITUARY

Budleigh Salterton won by 5 games to 1, with 1 game drawn.

#### Captain R. G. H. BELCHER

Captain Belcher, a croquet enthusiast for many years, was a generous benefactor to the game in South Africa.

He reformed the S.A. Croquet Association after World War II, presenting it with the magnificent Championship Trophy that bears his name.

He was one of a very small group who played extensively in England, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. He was a regular visitor to Hurlingham when he came to England and leaves many delightful memories.

E.L.W.P.

# How I Teach Croquet

This article by one of the leading instructors in the game, Major G. F. Stone, first appeared eight years ago.

It contains much that is valuable to would-be teachers.

When a potential croquet recruit comes to me I always start by telling him or her that if one does not get beyond the beginners' stage, Croquet is the worst game that was ever invented and that they had far better take to bowls. But I am also very careful to explain to any recruits, that once they are beyond the beginners' stage, Croquet offers them far more than Bowls ever will owing to the variety of strokes that are used, the skill they require to execute them correctly, and the thought that tactics demands. I add, too, that the better players they become the more interesting will be the game and, what is equally important, their game will be shorter and not the tedious long drawn out affair of the novice.

The recruit having been thus prepared for the worst but given a glimpse of better things, there comes the choice of mallet and the style he should adopt. With regard to the latter I leave it more or less entirely to him, as long as he appears to have a reasonable type of stroke. So we come to the lawn. I demonstrate each stroke in turn and ask the recruit to copy them. I then demonstrate a four ball break, explaining as each stroke is played, which stroke is being used and the reason for its use, i.e. to get the balls to the places where you want them to go. By this time I have explained two points, the first is that in practically every stroke one makes the aim is to be so accurate as to be able to get one's own ball on to a threepenny bit. In croquet strokes this is absolutely essential since though the other ball may be sent only roughly where one wants it, the striker's ball must be most accurately placed. The natural corollary of this is that a too ambitious croquet stroke must not be attempted. The second point is that stance plays a very important part in making each stroke. For some strokes one stands back as for a rush or a stop shot, whilst with a roll one's feet are well forward in order to bring the arms and wrists forward; this incidentally will eliminate the possibility of double tapping.

Now the time arrives for the recruit to play a break. Any faulty stroke is replayed up to a maximum of three attempts (more than three disheartens rather than helps). During the break any balls badly out of position should be moved into place to make the break less difficult.

The next few days should be spent by the recruit in practising the various strokes he has been taught with his asking for assistance where necessary. I generally find at this point that assistance is required in the roll stroke and I ask the recruit to try a three yard roll and then when that is mastered a seven yard roll and the length is then increased up to twenty yards. The longer rolls may not be achieved till later. Steady practice is essential if the pupil is to become reasonably confident that he can achieve a minimum of what is necessary for him to play a game at all.

My next stage is to play a game or two against the recruit. I give him all his bisques *and* allow him to have any bad stroke again, up to three, *and* tell him what to do. This is followed by playing a double with the recruit as my partner against a good player and another recruit.

The recruit should then be fit to enter for the club novices' competition. In this a half game is played, each novice being coached by an experienced player. A time limit of two hours is imposed. After that it may be said that the recruit can fend for himself, though a certain amount of "after care" is necessary, both for practical and psychological reasons. The recruit must learn to stand on his own feet, but equally he should be able to feel that his instructor still takes an interest in him and will always be ready to help him with the new problems he will inevitably meet as he begins to play in competitive games.

#### To Shoot or Not to Shoot

Another hint to those beyond the beginner stage who wish to improve their game.

An improving player is usually a good shot and happily goes for shots which, when missed, prove fatal to his chances of winning the game. As his handicap comes down, he must learn to think and be discreet. It is interesting to watch an "A" class game and see how often good players are forced to play away and wait their chance for a safe shot.

Better players soon learn that when the opponent, for example, has a rush to the first hoop and has put one adversary ball at the second and one near the third, that it is very unwise to shoot with the ball at the second at the ball near the third. If this shot is missed, a 4-ball break is easily picked up. Also when one ball is out in the court within, say, eight yards of the boundary, a shot at that ball, if missed, is asking for trouble against a good player. It is wiser to put the ball on another boundary or in a corner and join up later four to six yards away. This gives a safe shot through, leaving both the balls on boundaries and making it very difficult for the opponent to pick up a break.

A player must, however, attack whenever there is a chance. It is often safe to shoot at an opponent's laid up balls if there is already a good rush out. A decision must be made as to how useful the ball would be to the opponent if the shot is taken and missed. If the balls are laid up very close to the boundary, little harm can be done, but if one to three yards out, a stop shot may enable the opponent to start a break. If the balls are further out, it must be calculated whether the opponent will be courageous and hit back and thus make good use of the ball to get going again.

At the Peg-out, the opponent should shoot at and join up with his partner, on a boundary if possible. He should only shoot at the balls for the peg is he is likely to hit, or if the opponent is certain to go out next time. It should be remembered that the forward ball may be rushed on to the peg. Thus the turn stops, and it is most unfortunate if the balls are not then together.

A "safe" or "free" shot is often referred to. It means that one can shoot at a ball and go through to a spot on the boundary, where it is of no use to the opponent if the shot is missed.

While learning the necessary safety tactics, a player must not lose his enterprise and should look out for opportunities of shooting and be prepared to take reasonable risks when there is obviously a break to be made if the ball is hit.

E.J.W.

#### COMPTON

June 18th-23rd

As usual a very good entry was received for the Annual Tournament, as in addition to three or four players from what might be termed the "upper ten", there were no fewer than nine players with handicaps between 0 and 2, any of whom—on their day—could sneak a game from the experts. We missed Dudley Hamilton-Miller this year but is it understood that he had a date to win the "Championship of Ireland" during this week so, provided he was successful, we are prepared to let him off with a caution!

To offset this disappointment, we were glad to welcome Mrs. Longman, the Mills family and Dr. and Mrs. Smartt and hope

they will try their luck again.

Major Dibley was again in charge of the proceedings which ensured its smooth running from start to finish, a tricky business within the compass of only five lawns. A hearty vote of thanks too to Mike Perry who was always on the spot as the Tournament

It will be apparent to all visitors to Compton that the provision of lunches and teas could not be undertaken without the untiring efforts of Col. and Mrs. Irwin and their loyal helpers and we do thank them for their self-sacrificing work year after year.

The score-card below will show how the competitors fared but special mention should be made of—C. J. E. Dashwood who seemed always to be on the courts-he played particularly well against Mrs. Rotherham in the Open Event and he must bid a fond farewell to his present handicap of three.

Mrs. G. W. Style whose elegance on the court is well matched

by her elegant play.

Bobbie Wiggins who, apparently unperturbed by the 140 mile drive from London and back, was unbeaten in winning the

"Opens" for the fifth successive year, though only after a tense struggle in the final of the "Process" with Leslie Kirk-Greene.

The one game to be shortened by the manager was the final of the "Y" Handicap, and that was at the competitors' request. But this was achieved only by making full use of the hours of light on the longest day, some players being still on the lawns at 9.45 p.m.

On the Saturday too, play went on late and Godfrey Style and the referee alone saw the extremely interesting end of the "X" Handicap. Sigrid Style, whose other clip was on 3-back, pegged out Chris Dashwood, whose other ball was for the sixth hoop. Sigrid then made 3-back and left Chris with a long shot, which he hit and went out in that turn, running some heroic hoops. Thus he won the event for the second successive year, but this time off a handicap of three, whereas last year he was nine. He must again be a fancied contender for the Apps Trophy.

> OPEN SINGLES (CLASS A) DRAW

> > (13 Entries)

FIRST ROUND N. F. Blackwood bt C. J. E. Dashwood by 5. Mrs. W. Longman bt Miss A. E. Mills by 16. Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 26.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Miss V. E. Mills by 11. J. K. Brown bt R. V. N. Wiggins by 16.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt N. F. Blackwood by 19. Mrs. W. Longman bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 13. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt J. K. Brown by 14. L. Kirk-Greene bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 18.

SEMI-FINAL Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Mrs. W. Longman by 13. L. Kirk-Greene bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 3.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt L. Kirk-Greene by 24.

PROCESS (13 Entries)

FIRST ROUND Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 10. N. F. Blackwood bt J. K. Brown by 9.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 17.
L. Kirk-Greene bt Miss V. E. Mills by 19.
C. J. E. Dashwood w.o. R. V. N. Wiggins opponent retired.

SECOND ROUND N. F. Blackwood bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 11. Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Miss A. E. Mills by 26. L. Kirk-Greene bt Mrs. W. Longman by 18. C. J. E. Dashwood bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 10. SEMI-FINAL

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt N. F. Blackwood by 26. L. Kirk-Greene bt C. J. E. Dashwood by 10.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt L. Kirk-Greene by 6.

RESTRICTED HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS C)

(8 bisques and over)

(8 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

F. E. M. Puxon (8) bt Mrs. D. M. Owen (8) by 10. Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) bt Miss M. Bryan (11) by 16. H. A. Hall (10½) bt Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (12) by 7. Mrs. R. Whitham (8) w.o. Miss M. White opponent scratched.

SEMI-FINAL

F. E. M. Puxon (8) bt Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) by 10. H. A. Hall (101) bt Mrs. R. Whitham (8) by 17.

FINAL

F. E. M. Puxon (8) bt H. A. Hall (101) by 4.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "X")

(31 Entries)

C. J. E. Dashwood (3) bt F. E. M. Puxon (8) by 15. Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) by 11.

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (1½) bt Lt.-Cmdr. F. W. Style (6) by 23.

Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (3½) bt Miss M. Bryan (11) by 14.

Miss H. D. Parker (3) bt Mrs. D. M. Owen (8) by 9. G. R. Mills (5) bt N. F. Blackwood (2) by 3. Mrs. R. Whitham (8) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) by 4. Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (4½) bt Mrs. H. C. S. Perry (8) by 14. W. H. Austin (5½) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) by 17. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1) bt R. Whitham (7) by 16, Miss E. F. Rose (5) bt Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) by 13. Mrs. E. M. Temple  $(7\frac{1}{2})$  bt J. K. Brown (1) by 6. Mrs. G. W. Styles (6) bt Mrs. W. Longman (—1) by 13. R. V. N. Wiggins (2) bt Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (12) by 6. H. A. Hall (10½) bt Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (5½) by 6.

SECOND ROUND

C. J. E. Dashwood (3) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1\frac{1}{2}) by 12. Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (3\frac{1}{2}) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (1\frac{1}{2}) by 4. G. R. Mills (5) bt Miss H. D. Parker (3) by 11. Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (4½) bt Mrs. R. Whitham (8) by 19. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1) bt W. H. Austin (5½) by 6. Miss E. F. Rose (5) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (7½) by 14. Mrs. G. W. Style (6) bt R. V. N. Wiggins (2) by 25. Miss V. E. Mills (1½) bt H. A. Hall (10½) by 10.

THIRD ROUND

C. J. E. Dashwood (3) bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (3½) by 18. G. R. Mills (5) w.o. Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (4½) opponent Miss E. F. Rose (5) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1) by 21. Mrs. G. W. Style (6) bt Miss V. E. Mills (1\frac{1}{2}) by 15.

C. J. E. Dashwood (3) bt G. R. Mills (5) by 6. Mrs. G. W. Style (6) bt Miss E. F. Rose (5) by 16.

C. J. E. Dashwood (3) bt Mrs. G. W. Style (6) by 6.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.") (Losers of first round in "X")

(CLASS Y)

(15 Entries) FIRST ROUND

F. E. M. Puxon (8) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) by 12. Miss M. Bryan (11) w.o. Lt.-Cmdr. G. W. Style opponent scratched N. F. Blackwood (2) bt Mrs. D. M. Owen (8) by 3. Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt Mrs. H. C. S. Perry (8) by 17. Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) bt R. Whitham (7) by 15. J. K. Brown (1) bt Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) by 10. Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (12) bt Mrs. W. Longman (-1) by 21.

SECOND ROUND

Miss M. Bryan (11) bt F. E. M. Puxon (8) by 4 on time. N. F. Blackwood (2) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) by 14. J. K. Brown (1) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) by 14. Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (5½) bt Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (12) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL

N. F. Blackwood (2) bt Miss M. Bryan (11) by 4 on time. Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (5½) bt J. K. Brown (1) by 12.

FINAL

N. F. Blackwood (2) bt Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (51/2) by 4.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS B) (3 to  $7\frac{1}{2}$  bisques) (11 Entries) FIRST ROUND

Miss E. F. Rose bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury by 6. Dr. R. B. N. Smartt bt Mrs. E. M. Temple by 22, Mrs. G. W. Style bt Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt by 24. SECOND ROUND
Miss H. D. Parker bt Lt.-Cmdr. G. W. Style by 19. Dr. R. B. N. Smartt bt Miss E. F. Rose by 12. Mrs. G. W. Style bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley by 4. G. R. Mills bt W. H. Austin by 10.

Dr. R. B. N. Smartt bt Miss H. D. Parker by 17. Mrs. G. W. Style bt G. R. Mills by 3.

Mrs. G. W. Style bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt by 3.

MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP (For combined handicap of not less than four bisques) (10 Pairs)

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss H. D. Parker (4) bt J. K. Brown and Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (4½) by 10. C. J. E. Dashwood and Mrs. R. Whitham (11) bt F. E. M. Puxon and Mrs. E. Rotherham (5) by 10.

W. H. Austin and Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (17½) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Miss M. Bryan (11) by 18.
C. J. E. Dashwood and Mrs. R. Whitham (11) bt Mrs. H. F.

Chittenden and Miss H. D. Parker (4) by 4. R. Whitham and Mrs. E. M. Temple (141) bt Miss A. E. Mills

and Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (7) by 11. G. R. Mills and Miss V. E. Mills (61) bt Lt.-Cmdr. and Mrs. G. W. Style (12) by 10.

SEMI-FINAL C. J. E. Dashwood and Mrs. R. Whitham (11) bt W. H. Austin and Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon  $(17\frac{1}{2})$  by 17. R. Whitham and Mrs. E. M. Temple (141) bt G. R. Mills and Miss V. E. Mills (6½) by 17.

R. Whitham and Mrs. E. M. Temple (14½) bt C. J. E. Dashwood and Mrs. R. Whitham by 1 on time.

#### INTER-CLUB MATCH

ROEHAMPTON v. SOUTHWICK

Played at Roehampton on June 26th, 1962. Roehampton players named first.

Col. C. C. Adams lost to Mrs. W. Longman by 9. J. B. Gilbert lost to Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 8. Mrs. G. W. Solomon bt E. A. Roper by 9. D. C. Caporn (61) lost to H. A. Green (21) by 4.

DOUBLES

J. B. Gilbert and Mrs G. W. Solomon bt Mrs. W. Longman and H. A. Green by 12. Col. C. C. Adams and D. C. Caporn lost to E. A. Roper and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 6. Southwick beat Roehampton by 4 games to 2.

#### INTER-CLUB GOLF CROOUET MATCH

ROEHAMPTON v. HEATHFIELD

Played at Roehampton on July 3rd, 1962. Roehampton players named first.

AMERICAN DOUBLES

Miss E. Fisher and Mrs. M. Carrington bt Mrs. Francis and Miss Bartlett by 12-1. Mrs. Widdicombe and Mrs. Hoare by 8-5. Miss Francis and Miss Stow by 9-4.

Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Staub bt Mrs. Francis and Miss Barltett by 9-4. Mrs. Widdicombe and Mrs. Hoare by 9-4. Miss Francis and Miss Stow by 8-5.

Mrs. Pavia and Mrs. Hawes bt Mrs. Francis and Miss Barltett by 8-5. Mrs. Widdicombe and Mrs. Hoare by 9-4. Miss Francis and Miss Stow by 8-5, Roehampton beat Heathfield by 9 games to 0.

#### THE LADIES' FIELD CUP

For the second year this competition was held at Southwick by courtesy of the Sussex County Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club. The lawns were in first class condition, though one or two players found them a little heavy; the lunches and teas were excellent and, apart from the last afternoon when the rain came, the weather was nice and not too hot. Mrs. Roper was responsible for the catering, Adams the lawns and Mr. Corke for the management. All the competitors seemed delighted with the way everything was done. Mrs. Longman, Miss Lintern and Mrs. Elvey were again unable to compete so the result rather naturally lay between Miss Warwick and Mrs. Rotherham—the former winning the cup for the fourth year in succession. Miss Roe, who came third, Mrs. Chittenden and Miss A. Mills were in the team last year and the number was made up by Mrs. Daniels and Mrs. Solomon, both playing for the first time. Some games were inordinately long though Miss Warwick beat Miss Roe in 45 minutes; there were a few pegged-out games (a couple accidentally so!). No one won by 26 but there were some narrow victories—Miss Roe beating Mrs. Chittenden by 2, being beaten herself by Mrs. Solomon by 3, and Mrs. Rotherham got the better of Miss Warwick by the same figure in the only game which the latter player lost. Miss Warwick won seven of her games by over 20 points, the only player to win a game by such a margin being Mrs. Rotherham who beat Miss Mills by 21.

With a few exceptions the standard of play was not very inspir-ing. Miss Warwick generally played steadily and accurately, Mrs. Rotherham gave some lovely exhibitions of tactics and skill when she got the ball, but her shooting was not always accurate. Miss Roe at times showed us how well she could play but she was not consistent; Mrs. Chittenden and Miss Mills both played quite well apart from some strange lapses. Mrs. Daniels was quite off her shooting, which can be so good, but played surprisingly well against Mrs. Rotherham in the first series to be beaten by only 6 points and Mrs. Solomon sometimes shot as well as, if not better than, the others, but she did not always complete the follow-on, though she did well to win her three victories.

There were some surprising lapsus memoriae e.g. making wrong hoops, putting a ball in baulk before a lift, hitting one ball and taking croquet from another, forgetting the lift and even playing with the wrong ball! But excuses can be found for these oddities as the players were obviously pent-up and any little thing can so easily disturb one's mental balance.

At half time Miss Warwick and Mrs. Rotherham were equal and they kept this position till the end of the 12th round. Then, on Friday morning, came the crucial game which Miss Warwick won by 6 when it looked as if Mrs. Rotherham were certain of victory. Congratulations to the Cup winner and sympathy for the

Notes on a few of the games may be of interest.

In the 1st round Miss Warwick was a long way ahead of Mrs. Rotherham, but when her clips were on peg and rover (Mrs. Rotherham being at 6- and 4-back) she took off short and missed a shortish shot at a ball on the boundary. This was fatal. Mrs. Rotherham recovered well, gave her opponent no chances and eventually won by 3 points.

There was an exciting game between Miss Roe and Mrs. Chittenden in the 1st round. Mrs. Chittenden was well ahead but Miss Roe, playing well, caught her up and pegged out one of Mrs. Chittenden's balls, the other one being for Penultimate and Miss Roe's other ball for 4-back. The position eventually was Mrs. Chittenden on rover and Miss Roe on peg. She missed the peg out because she hit very hard at it with her second ball at a distance of one yeard-and missed it! but she finally won-a trifle luckilyby 2 points.

In the 2nd round Mrs. Rotherham playing against Miss Roe accidentally pegged herself out, her other ball being for 4-back and Miss Roe only at the 2nd and 3rd hoops. Miss Roe got round to rover and 4-tack, Mrs. Rotherham being unable to hit in, but she rather carelessly left a double at 4-back (Mrs. Rotherham's hoop). The latter hit in giving Miss Roe the hoop and went on to win by 5. Had Miss Roe disdained to use the enemy ball and been content to wire cleverly at the end of each turn she would undoubtedly have won this game.

The crucial game in the 13th round between Miss Warwick and Mrs. Rotherham was tense. Both "tigresses" were ready to pounce at the first opportunity. The game was rather drawn-out, Miss Warwick seemingly a little nervous and not playing with her usual confidence. She appeared to be on the defensive for a long time, but, when Mrs. Rotherham stuck in the penultimate (exactly as she had done in the previous year in the same game on the same lawn) her confidence returned and in the last 20 minutes she played beautifully to win the game-and the Cup-by 6 points.

The Analysis of Play will appear in the September issue.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP OF IRELAND

Carrickmines, June 16th-23rd

Playing in their first ever tournament at Carrickmines were D. F. Strachan and S. R. Duff who took up Association Croquet less than a year ago. No two beginners could have shown more promise of being potential world beaters in the making if the fates will so permit. They are young, studious of tactics, assiduous in practice, and gained some startling victories.

In the Championship Strachan was only narrowly defeated

by Mrs. Leonard; in the handicap event Duff allowed an experienced opponent only one stroke (into a corner) after the balls were

Another, though less young, comparative beginner, D. Figgis, skilled all-rounder at other games, only needs a little more experience to reach the very top class. And T. Read, undergraduate at Trinity, only needs to find three companions of equal skill for Dublin University to have the beating of Oxford or Cambridge

Mrs. Leonard, in the first game of the Championship final, played perfect croquet after hitting in, but in succeeding games the run of the balls went against her while Stoker, as he afterwards said, played above his normal form. Watching the newcomers added exciting interest to the tournament, though it would have been nice to see more of Lady FitzGerald, out of practice but

still hitting the ball as if she hated it.

The delightful setting of the Club, the charm, gaiety, and hospitality of its members and its President, T. V. Murphy, require more praise and superlatives than this report can contain. The raised terrace on which spectators group keeps them (and camera men) clear of distracting influence on players. Club lounge and bar are above courts 1 and 2; everyone in them watches games with keen and critical interest, and it is very charming to see, at a peg out, tea cups and glasses put down while hands are clapped although the pleasing applause can hardly reach the victor's ears. No croquet player who could possibly get there should ever miss this tournament. But be warned! The spirit of Duff Matthews still pervades, and a new band of "Irish Terrors" is in the making!

#### CHAMPIONSHIP OF IRELAND

Salver presented by the late P. Duff Matthews (11 Entries)

A. Robinson bt G. M. Fitz Patrick +12 +19. D. Figgis bt D. Campbell +10 +11. R. J. Leonard bt Mrs. Tottenham +3 +14.

D. F. Strachan bt R. E. Steen +26 +24. Mrs. R. J. Leonard bt A. Robinson —14 +10 +14. D. Figgis bt R. J. Leonard —11 +25 +4. Capt. H. G. D. Stoker bt Lady FitzGerald +11 +7.

Mrs. R. J. Leonard bt R. F. Strachan +26 +24. Capt. H. G. D. Stoker bt D. Figgis +6 +19.

Capt. H. G. D. Stoker bt Mrs. R. J. Leonard -3 +26 +14.

LEVEL SINGLES GREEN CUP

(For 5½ Bisques and over. No lifts) (13 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. Read bt Mrs. L. O'Reilly +3. Miss J. Haire bt Capt. J. H. Wilson +9. S. R. Duff bt Miss G. Hopkins +24. T. Read bt Miss E. Haire +22 H. M. Read bt Mrs. D. Figgis +19.

SECOND ROUND

G. Gilpin bt Mrs. Gatenby +17 Mrs. Read bt Miss I. Haire +13. T. Read bt S. R. Duff +7. H. M. Read bt Miss Joly +1.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. Read bt G. Gilpin T. Read bt H. M. Read +3.

FINAL

T. Read bt Mrs. Read +6.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES FOUNDERS CUP (22 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Capt. J. H. Wilson (9) bt Mrs. H. M. Read (7) +2. T. Read (6) bt Miss E. Haire (8) +13. S. R. Duff (8) bt Lady FitzGerald (1) +14.
R. J. Lennard (1) bt Miss G. Hopkins (7) +15.
A. Robinson (2) bt T. V. Murphy (3) +8.

SECOND ROUND

Miss Joly (7) bt Mrs L. O'Reilly (6) +10. Capt. H. G. D. Stoker  $(-\frac{1}{2})$  bt H. M. Read (7) +6. C. Meredith  $(4\frac{1}{2})$  bt Capt. J. H. Wilson (9) +2. S. R. Duff (8) bt T. Read (6) +2. D. Figgis (2) bt R. J. Leonard (1) +7. Mrs. Tottenham (5) bt A. Robinson (2) +2. Mrs. R. J. Leonard (3) bt D. F. Strachan (6) +5. Miss I. Haire (9) bt G. Gilpin (10) +3.

THIRD ROUND

Capt. H. G. D. Stoker ( $-\frac{1}{2}$ ) bt Miss Joly (7) +4. S. R. Duff (8) bt C. Meredith ( $4\frac{1}{2}$ ) +10. D. Figgis (2) bt Mrs. Tottenham (5) +6. Mrs. R. I. Leonard (3) bt Miss I. Haire (9) +18.

S. R. Duff (8) bt Capt. H. G. D. Stoker (-1) +26. Mrs. R. J. Leonard (3) bt D. Figgis (2) +10.

FINAL

S. R. Duff (8) bt Mrs. R. J. Leonard (3) +26.

#### HANDICAP DOUBLES STONEBROOK CUP

(8 Entries)

FIRST ROUND Capt. J. H. Wilson and A. Robinson (10) bt Miss I. Haire and D. Campbell (14) +10. Mrs. Tottenham and Miss Joly (12) bt R. J. Leonard and Mrs.

R. J. Leonard (4) +21. D. F. Strachan and S. R. Duff (14) bt D. Figgis and Mrs. D.

H. M. Read and Mrs. H. M. Read (14) bt Capt. H. G. D. Stoker and T. V. Murphy  $(2\frac{1}{2}) + 10$ .

SEMI-FINAL

Capt. H. J. Wilson and A. Robinson (10) bt Mrs. Tottenham and Miss Joly (12) + 3.
D. F. Strachan and S. R. Duff (14) bt H. M. Read and Mrs. H. M. Read (14) +6.

D. F. Strachan and S. R. Duff (14) bt Capt. J. H. Wilson and A. Robinson (10) +14.

#### NOTTINGHAM

June 18th-23rd

Nottingham is as a rule blessed with good weather for its Annual Tournament, but this year it wasn't exactly "flaming June" all week. At times it was decidedly cool, with showers, and a strong wind persisted most of the week, which made long roquets difficult. As a result, low handicap players found it hard to shoot in and gain control when playing high "bisquers".

The enthusiasm, energy and efficiency of Mr. Gerald Birch—

the Tournament Secretary-went a long way to assure the success of the week.

One can't think of Nottingham without coupling with it Miss D. D. Steel, who by now is almost an institution here. Thanks to her wonderful powers of organisation, the tournament ran very smoothly and efficiently.

Nottingham's value for money would be hard to beat, for you can lose every event you enter for, and still be certain of playing five, if not six, games of Croquet-and to play on the bowls lawns alone is an experience which is worth travelling many miles for, so perfect is the grass and level the surface, and this year so easy

were the hoops.

Space forbids the description of the many exciting and interest-

ing games which were fought out.

The Open event was indeed open until the stick had been reached in the final, when Commander Beamish who had played an unruffled and delightful game all week, beat Miss Roe. The latter's game steadily improved during a week in which she showed us some brisk and forward play.

Even when he is out of form, D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller is always worth watching-not only for his tactics, but for the style

and wrist work with which he hits the ball.

Mr. Thomas Colls and Miss Roe won the final of the Doubles against Dr. H. J. Penny and G. J. Bucknell. The two Cambridge players, A. A. Reed and E. A. Sulley, were at one time hot favourites for this event.

E. A. Sulley who won the "X" has a very nice free style, and

overcame his tendency to miss the short roquet which was his undoing earlier in the week, while Reed is a most formidable player, and one with a future, but the run of the game seemed to be against him in the semi-final of the Robin Hood, when G.

Birch, playing up to form, had an exciting win. This event finally succumbed to the skill of Sir Miles Graham, Dr. Mary Browning, and her staff deserve a medal for under-

taking the catering and doing it so very well. The writer is indeed sorry it is all over, but he doesn't want to see another Croquet ball for . . . well at least a week.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES

ROBIN HOOD (21 Entries)

FIRST ROUND G. N. B. Huskinson (2) bt E. A. Sulley (8) by 12.

Miss L. H. Smith (6½) bt W. T. Bell (5) by 7.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—1½) bt Miss M. Brumpton (9) by 16.

Mrs. Neville Rolfe (8) bt Miss I. M. Roe (2) by 21. H. O. Hodgson (2) bt Cmdr. G. V. Beamish (1) by 8.

Sir Miles Graham (7½) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (9½) by 13.

C. W. R. Hodges (—½) bt T. G. W. Colls (1½) by 2.

Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) bt G. N. B. Huskinson (2) by 9.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—1½) bt Miss L. H. Smith (6½) by 15.

H. O. Hodgson (2) bt Mrs. Neville Rolfe (8) by 5. A. A. Reed (3) bt Major Hill Bernhard (5) by 19. G. Birch (1) bt Sir Henry Prior (7) by 22. Dr. H. J. Penny (3) bt Miss E. C. Brumpton (6) by 18 THIRD ROUND

Sir Miles Graham (7½) w.o. C. W. R. Hodges (—½) D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—1½) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) by 7. A. A. Reed (3) bt H. O. Hodgson (2) by 19. G. Birch (1) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3) by 23.

SEMI-FINAL Sir Miles Graham (7½) bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—1½) by 7. G. Birch (1) bt A. A. Reed (3) by 3.

Sir Miles Graham (71) bt G. Birch (1) by 25.

OPEN SINGLES

THE DRAW (12 Entries)

FIRST ROUND D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt A. J. Bucknell by 16. G. N. B. Huskinson bt Miss I. M. Roe by 14. Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt C. W. R. Hodges by 8. H. O. Hodgson bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 17.

SECOND ROUND
Major Hill Bernhard w.o. Sir Miles Graham.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt G. N. B. Huskinson by 16. Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt H. O. Hodgson by 17. T. G. W. Colls bt G. Birch by 6.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Major Hill Bernhard by 16. Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt T. G. W. Colls by 6.

Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller by 16.

PROCESS (12 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

G. Birch bt A. J. Bucknell by 14. Sir Miles Graham bt H. O. Hodgson by 3. T. G. W. Colls w.o. C. W. R. Hodges (opponent retired). Major Hill-Bernhard bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 12. SECOND ROUND

Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt G. Birch by 14. G. N. B. Huskinson bt Sir Miles Graham by 9. D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt T. G. W. Colls by 6. Miss I. M. Roe bt Major Hill-Bernhard by 10.

Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt G. N. B. Huskinson by 7. Miss I. M. Roe bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller by 17. FINAL

Miss I. M. Roe bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 3. Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Miss I. M. Roe by 10. HANDICAP SINGLES (5 bisques and over)

(14 Entries)

FIRST ROUND Mrs. L. Abdy (8) bt F. B. Stephens (9) by 8. W. T. Bell (5) bt Dr. M. Browning (13) by 6. F. A. Sulley (8) bt Miss E. C. Brumpton (6) by 15. Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) bt A. J. Bucknell (6) by 8. Mrs. M. D. Cork (9½) bt Miss L. H. Smith (6½) by 12. Sir Henry Prior (7½) bt Major Hill-Bernhard (5) by 11.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. Neville Rolfe (8) bt Mrs. L. Abdy (8) by 6. E. A. Sulley (8) bt W. T. Bell (5) by 23. Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) bt A. J. Bucknell (6) by 8. Sir Henry Prior (7½) bt Mrs. A. Collinson (8) by 6.

SEMI-FINAL

E. A. Sulley (8) bt Mrs. Neville Rolfe (8) by 6. Sir Henry Prior (71) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) by 6.

E. A. Sulley (8) bt Sir Henry Prior (71) by 9.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "X") (26 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) bt Mrs. A. Collinson (8) by 8. E. A. Sulley (8) bt Miss L. H. Smith (6½) by 5. Dr. H. J. Penny (3) bt Mrs. M. Dobson (10½) by 10. Mrs. M. D. Cork (9½) bt Miss E. C. Brumpton (6) by 11. Mrs. L. Abdy (8) bt Major Hill-Bernhard (5) by 23.
H. O. Hodgson (2) bt Miss I. M. Roe (2) by 14.
Mrs. Cherry (12) w.o. W. T. Bell (5)
Miss M. Brumpton (9) bt Mrs. Neville Rolfe (8) by 6. Dr. M. Browning (13) bt F. B. Stephens (9) by 2

SECOND ROUND

Sir Henry Prior (7½) bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (½) by 6. Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) bt A. J. Bucknell (6) by 8. E. A. Sulley (8) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3) by 3.
A. A. Reed (3) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (9½) by 13.
Mrs. L. Abdy (8) w.o. H. O. Hodgson (2) (opponent retired).
Miss M. Brumpton (9) bt Mrs. Cherry (12) by 18. T. G. W. Colls (11/2) bt Dr. M. Browning (13) by 23. Miss Garratt (10) w.o. C. W. R. Hodges (-1).

Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) bt Sir Henry Prior (71/2) by 17. E. A. Sulley (8) bt A. A. Reed (3) by 26. Mrs. L. Abdy (8) bt Miss M. Brumpton (9) by 13. T. G. W. Colls (1½) bt Miss Garratt (10) by 8.

E. A. Sulley (8) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) by 9. T. G. W. Colls (11) bt Mrs. L. Abdy (8) by 2.

E. A. Sulley (8) bt T. G. W. Colls (11/2) by 26.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "Y") (13 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Miss L. H. Smith (61) bt Mrs. M. Dobson (101) by 6. Miss L. H. Smith (62) by the street of the s

SECOND ROUND

Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (\frac{1}{2}) bt A. J. Bucknell (6) by 10. G. Birch (1) bt Miss L. H. Smith (6\frac{1}{2}) by 15. Miss I. M. Roe (2) bt Mrs. Neville Rolfe (8) by 7. Mrs. A. Collinson (8) bt Miss Garratt (10) by 7.

SEMI-FINAL

Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1) bt G. Birch (1) by 7 Miss I. M. Roe (2) bt Mrs. A. Collinson (8) by 18.

Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1/2) and Miss I. M. Roe (2) (divided).

#### HANDICAP DOUBLES (11 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND G. T. W. Colls and Miss I. M. Roe  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  bt F. B. Stephens and Mrs. A. Collinson (17) by 5.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Miss Garratt (81) bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Rev. F. J. Denbow (7½) by 7.

Major Hill-Bernhard and Mrs. L. Abdy (13) bt Miss L. H. Smith and Mrs. Cherry (18½) by 15.

SECOND ROUND

A. A. Reed and E. A. Sulley (11) bt G. N. B. Huskinson and Sir Miles Graham (9) by 23.

G. T. W. Colls and Miss I. M. Roe (31) bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Miss Garratt (8½) by 7. Major Hill-Bernhard and Mrs. L. Abdy (13) bt H. O. Hodgson

and Miss C. Brumpton (8) by 13.
Dr. H. J. Penny and A. J. Bucknell (9) bt G. Birch and Dr. M. Browning (14) by 1.

SEMI-FINAL

G. T. W. Colls and Miss I. M. Roe (3½) bt A. A. Reed and E. A. Sulley (11) by 5.

Dr. H. J. Penny and A. J. Bucknell (9) bt Major Hill-Bernhard and Mrs. L. Abdy (13) by 5.

G. T. W. Colls and Miss I. M. Roe (31) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and A. J. Bucknell (9) by 9.

#### PARKSTONE

June 25th-30th

This popular club held its first tournament of this year during the last week of June, and it was as usual well supported by members

Among the visitors were three undergraduates from Cambridge, including the future Captain and Hon. Sec. of the Club at Cambridge

It is refreshing to see with what skill and spirit of "nothing venture, nothing have" with which they play the game. Would that more players make the game as attractive.

The Club Tournament owes a great deal to the genial and hard working Manager, Mr. de la Nougerede, who has excellent support from Mrs. McMordie, and a number of members.

The high winds and lack of rain had given the groundsman

a most difficult task, and he had worked hard to get the lawns as good as possible.

Congratulations to the winners of events. It was very nice to see the final of the "X" event contested by two of the "youths"—
J. T. Laurenson and R. F. Thorp—both played well, and the former
well deserved his victory. He will not have quite so many bisques in future. Cmdr. Beamish played very consistently throughout to win the Open Singles.

The weather was very good and everybody enjoyed themselves.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X") (Unrestricted)

(26 Entries) FIRST ROUND

Miss G. L. Weston (11) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton (4) by 15. Maj. F. Hill Bernhard (5) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3) by 12. Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (4) bt T. A. Chignell (4) by 9. Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (6) by 2. Miss K. D. Hickson (4) bt N. A. C. McMillan (11) by 7. Mrs. E. McMillan (7) bt Mrs. R. Creed-Meredith (16) by 15. Miss H. F. Woolley (7) w.o. W. Trevor Johnson (13) opponent

Rev. Canon R. Creed-Meredith (0) bt Mrs. C. Devitt (12) by 8. Michael Vlasto (11) bt Mrs. M. McMordie (5) by 2. J. T. Laurenson (12) bt Miss M. M. Fickling (15) by 11. SECOND ROUND

Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) bt D. W. Miller (7) by 14. Mis. F. Mr. Parves (12) bt B. W. Miller (7) by 14.

R. F. Thorp (\*9) bt Miss G. L. Weston (11) by 15.

Maj. F. Hill Bernhard (5) bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (½) by 11.

Miss K. D. Hickson (4) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (7) by 11.

Mrs. E. McMillan (7) bt Miss H. F. Woolley (7) by 14.

Michael Vlasto (11) bt Rev. Canon R. Creed-Meredith (0) by 7. J. T. Laurenson (12) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (24) by 22. Mrs. K. M. Lowein (13) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 11. THIRD ROUND

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R. F. Thorp (\*9) bt Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) by 14.

Miss K. D. Hickson (4) bt Maj. F. Hill Bernhard (5) by 2.

Mrs. E. McMillan (7) bt Michael Vlasto (11) by 6.

J. T. Laurenson (12) bt Mrs. K. M. Lowein (13) by 23.

FINAT

R. F. Thorp (\*9) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (4) by 21. J. T. Laurenson (12) bt Mrs. E. McMillan (7) by 21.

J. T. Laurenson (12) bt R. F. Thorp (\*9) by 18.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "Y")

(Unrestricted)

(11 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

N. A. C. McMillan (11) w.o. Mrs. M. McMordie (5) opponent retired. T. A. Chignell (4) bt D. W. Miller (7) by 12.

Miss M. M. Fickling (15) w.o. Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND

Dr. H. J. Penny (3) bt Mrs. C. Devitt (12) by 11. N. A. C. McMillan (11) bt T. A. Chignell (4) by 14. Miss M. M. Fickling (15) bt Mrs. R. Creed-Meredith (16) by 16. Mrs. E. M. Kay (6) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton (4) by 8 (on time)

SEMI-FINAL

N. A. C. McMillan (11) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3) by 8 (on time). Mrs. E. M. Kay (6) bt Miss M. M. Fickling (15) by 11.

N. A. C. McMillan (11) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (6) by 10.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "A") AMERICAN

(5 Entries)

Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish 4 wins. Rev. Canon R. Creed-Meredith 3 wins. V. A. de la Nougerede 2 wins. Dr. H. J. Penny 1 win. Lady Ursula Abbey 0 win.

#### HANDICAP DOUBLES

(Combined bisques not to be less than 2).

(9 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Mrs. G. Fitter (81) bt Miss M. M. Taylor and Mrs. K. M. Lowein (20) by 11.

SECOND ROUND Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (7) bt Maj. F. Hill Bern-

hard and J. T. Laurenson (15) by 1 (on time). Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Mrs. G. Fitter (8½) bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. E. McMillan (6) by 11.
T. A. Chignell and M. Vlasto (15) bt Rev. Canon Creed-Meredith

and Mrs. C. Devitt (11) by 1 (on time). Mrs. M. McMordie and Mrs. R. A. Hill (11) bt D. W. Miller and R. Thorp (16) by 2 (on time).

SEMI-FINAL

Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (7) bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Mrs. G. Fitter (8½) by 10. Mrs. M. McMordie and Mrs. R. A. Hill (11) bt T. A. Chignell and M. Vlasto (15) by 8.

Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (7) bt Mrs. M. McMordie and Mrs. R. A. Hill (11) by 10.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C")

(6½ Bisques and over)

(15 Entries) FIRST ROUND

N. A. C. McMillan (11) bt M. Vlasto (11) by 11. Miss M. M. Fickling (15) w.o. W. Trevor Johnson (13) opponent scratched.

R. F. Thorp (\*9) bt Miss H. F. Woolley (7) by 3 Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) bt Miss G. L. Weston (11) by 8. D. W. Miller (7) bt Mrs. R. Creed-Meredith (16) by 16. J. T. Laurenson (12) bt Mrs. E. McMillan (7) by 13. Mrs. C. Devitt (12) by Mrs. K. M. Lowein (13) by 12.

SECOND ROUND

Miss M. M. Fickling (15) w.o. N. A. C. McMillan (11) opponent scratched. R. F. Thorp (\*9) bt Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) by 16. J. T. Laurenson (12) bt D. W. Miller (7) by 15. Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt Mrs. C. Devitt (11) by 2.

SEMI-FINAL

R. F. Thorp (\*9) bt Miss M. M. Fickling (15) by 14. J. T. Laurenson (12) bt Miss M. Taylor (7) by 24.

J. T. Laurenson (12) bt R. F. Thorp (\*9) by 21.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B")

 $(2\frac{1}{2} \text{ to 6 Bisques})$ (7 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. M. McMordie bt T. A. Chignell by 10. Maj. F. Hill Bernhard bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 23. Miss K. D. Hickson bt Mrs. E. M. Kay by 7.

Mrs. M. McMordie bt Maj. F. Hill Bernhard by 6. Miss K. D. Hickson bt Mrs. R. A. Hill by 25.

Miss K. D. Hickson bt Mrs. M. McMordie by 18.

#### BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

(UNOFFICIAL TOURNAMENT)

July, 1962

The July American Tournament, the curtain-raiser for the Official one, drew contestants from a wide variety of Clubs in a

This four day event is one that appeals to those who cannot spare a whole week, and the guaranteed five games pleases everybody.

The fine setting of the Club, the warm welcome, Miss Joan Warwick as Manager and Mrs. Vincent as Secretary, were all that was necessary for it to be a complete success. The results are given below. The Block Winners are to be congratulated on their good play in spite of the very fast lawns. There were ties in some of the sections and the winners were decided by the number of points scored in all matches.

Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty, a much improved player, survived the play-off early rounds after Miss Joan Cooper and Mrs. W. Longman appeared to have won their games. He then made no mistake in his final with Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish who found 6 bisques too much to give to a man who shoots as straight at croquet balls as he used to do at tigers! A. J. Cooper played very well to beat R. A. Godby who had shown good form in his block, but Cooper went out to Beamish in a thrilling photo-finish semi-final.

#### BLOCK PLAY-OFF

FIRST ROUND

Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty (6) bt Miss J. Cooper (6) by 1. Mrs. W. Longman (—1) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) by 22. A. J. Cooper (½) bt R. A. Godby (6) by 11.

SECOND ROUND

Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (0) bt A. J. Cooper (\(\frac{1}{2}\)) by 3. Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty (6) bt Mrs. W. Longman (-1) by 3.

Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty (6) bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (0) by 12.

BLOCK "A"

Names	Handicaps	Miss S. C. Gough	F. R. Meacham	Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury	J. K. Brown	Mrs. G. E. Cave	Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish
Miss S. C. Gough	13		8	15	11	22	13
F. R. Meacham	8	26	-	16	24	26	12
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury	41/2	26	26		12	13	6
J. K. Brown	1	26	26	26	10 A	26	6
Mrs. G. E. Cave	16	26	11	14	16	-	12
Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish	1/2	26	26	26	26	26	_

Block Winner: Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish.

BLOCK "B"

Names.	Handicaps	J. G. Warwick	Mrs. R. C. Hawkins	Mrs. W. Longman	Lady Ursula Abbey	Mrs. R. G. Michelmore	Mrs. I. M. Purves
J. G. Warwick	 -1	-	26	26	26	17	26
Mrs. R. C. Hawkins	12	24	=	14	19	13	11
Mrs. W. Longman	-1	23	26	14_3	26	26	26
Lady Ursula Abbey	 21/2	7	26	22	-	4	16
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore	 4	26	26	18	26	7-4	18
Mrs. I. M. Purves	 12	21	26	21	26	26	Ш
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Block 'Winner: Mrs. W. Longman.

BLOCK "C'

Names		Handicaps	Mrs. T. F. Laverty	Miss M. Lacey	Mrs. F. R. Briggs	Miss J. Cooper	Maj. R. St. G. Atchley	Mrs. G. W. Saunders
Mrs. T. F. Laverty	*.*	9	-	26	26	15	26	26
Miss M. Lacey		13	12	_	19	7	26	26
Mrs. F. R. Briggs		2½	10	26	1	26	26	26
Miss J. Cooper		6	26	26	21	_	26	26
Maj. R. St. G. Atchley		12	23	17	23	24	-	26
Mrs. G. W. Saunders	1.1	16	16	17	14	15	13	_
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Block Winner: Miss J. Cooper.

BLOCK "D" 1 1 1 2 1

Names		Handicaps	Dr. G. L. Ormerod	Miss A. E. Mills	Mrs. R. St. G. Atchle	Mrs. E. Rotherham	Mrs. S. S. Cruden	Miss M. D. Horton
Dr. G. L. Ormerod		2	=	26	26	16	26	16
Miss A. E. Mills		$1\frac{1}{2}$	19	_	26	26	26	23
Mrs. R. St. G. Atchley	**	14	24	24	-	7	15	17
Mrs. E. Rotherham	14	-3	26	16	26	_	26	26
Mrs. S. S. Cruden	43.	16	17	16	26	24	_	21
Miss M. D. Horton		12	26	26	22	8	26	-0

Block Winner: Mrs. E. Rotherham

Names	Handicaps	Miss K. Ault	A.V.M. F. H. M. Maynard	LtCol. T. F. Laverty	LtCol. G. E. Cave	Miss V. E. Mills	W. Trevor Johnson
Miss K. Ault	41/2	_	26	25	9	26	26
A.V.M. F. H. M. Maynard	8	10	-	10	20	8	14
LtCol. T. F. Laverty	6	26	26	-	21	26	26
LtCol. G. E. Cave	0	26	26	26	1	26	24
Miss V. E. Mills	11/2	19	26	8	20	-	26
W. Trevor Johnson	13	20	22	16	26	17	-

Block Winner: Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty

#### BLOCK "F"

Names		Handicaps	Mrs. J. Povey	Mrs. N. Kitchin	A. J. Cooper	G. R. Mills	Rev. H. L. Ormerod	Maj. G. B. Horridge
Mrs. J. Povey	4.9	12		26	9	12	13	9
Mrs. N. Kitchin		14	9	-	8	9	12	6
A. J. Cooper		$-\frac{1}{2}$	26	26	_	26	14	26
G. R. Mills		5	26	26	16	-	26	20
Rev. H. L. Ormerod		5	26	26	26	17		18
Maj. G. B. Horridge	* *	7	26	26	13	26	26	_

Block Winner: A. J. Cooper

#### BLOCK "G"

Names	Handicaps	Mrs. G. L. Ormerod	Miss C. Templeton	Mrs. D. Newnham-Davis	Mrs. P. Solomon	Miss W. Goddard	R. A. Godby
Mrs. G. L. Ormerod	12	_	23	18	16	26	9
Miss C. Templeton	91	26	_	26	14	26	12
Mrs. D. Newnham-Davis	11	26	10	-	18	26	5
Mrs. P. Solomon	2	26	26	26		26	1
Miss W. Goddard	16	15	15	14	21	a.e.	21
R. A. Godby	6	26	26	26	26	25	الم

Block Winner: R. A. Godby

#### BUDLEIGH SALTERTON July 9th-14th

OPEN SINGLES (CLASS "A") DRAW

(25 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt M. B. Reckitt by 7. Miss E. J. Warwick bt A. J. Cooper by 18, Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 14. Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Miss A. E. Mills by 8. A. A. Reed bt Miss V. E. Mills by 11.
J. G. Warwick bt Mrs. W. Longman by 8.
Major E. C. Heathcote bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 10.
Col. D. W. Beamish bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Pritchard by 8. Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt D. Figgis by 7.

#### SECOND ROUND

N. F. Blackwood bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 8. R. F. Rothwell bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 16 Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 12. A. A. Reed bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by I.
J. G. Warwick bt Major E. C. Heathcote by 3.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Col. D. W. Beamish by I. Major J. R. Abbey bt Mrs. P. Solomon by 2. Miss I. M. Roe bt J. K. Brown by 2.

N. F. Blackwood bt R. F. Rothwell by 5. A. A. Reed bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 16. Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt J. G. Warwick by 18. Miss I. M. Roe bt Major J. R. Abbey by 13.

#### SEMI-FINAL

A. A. Reed bt N. F. Blackwood by 19. Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Miss I. M. Roe by 17.

#### FINAL

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt A. A. Reed by 15.

#### OPEN SINGLES (CLASS "A") **PROCESS** (25 Entries)

#### FIRST ROUND

Mrs. W. Longman bt J. K. Brown by 6. Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. P. Solomon by 2. Col. D. W. Beamish bt R. F. Rothwell by 21. Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 18. V. A. de la Nougerede bt Major E. C. Heathcote by 7. Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt Miss I. M. Roe by 4. M. B. Reckitt bt D. Figgis by 15.
A. J. Cooper bt Major J. R. Abbey by 19.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Pritchard bt N. F. Blackwood by 15.

#### SECOND ROUND

Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. W. Longman by 5.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 2.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Miss V. E. Mills by 17.
Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 7.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 18.
A. A. Reed bt M. B. Reckitt by 10.
A. J. Cooper bt J. G. Warwick by 17.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Pritchard bt Miss A. E. Mills by 3.

#### THIRD ROUND

Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 3. Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 9. A. A. Reed bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 17. A. J. Cooper bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Pritchard by 23.

#### SEMI-FINAL

Miss E. J. Warwick bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 21. A. A. Reed bt A. J. Cooper by 16.

#### FINAL

Miss E. J. Warwick bt A. A. Reed by 3.

#### PLAY-OFF

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Miss E. J. Warwick divided.

#### LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B")

(2½ to 6 Bisques)

(16 Entries)

#### FIRST ROUND

G. R. Mills bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs by 16. Dr. H. J. Penny bt Capt. M. F. Buller by 2. Lady Ursula Abbey bt Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty by 5. R. A. Godby bt Mrs. M. H. Vincent by 7. Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt bt Miss K. D. Hickson by 7. E. Sidwell bt Miss J. Cooper by 2.
Dr. R. B. N. Smartt bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley by 16.
Miss K. Ault bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore by 9.

SECOND ROUND Dr. H. J. Penny bt G. R. Mills by 3. R. A. Godby bt Lady Ursula Abbey by 21. E. Sidwell bt Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt by 8. Dr. R. B. N. Smartt bt Miss K. Ault by 4.

SEMI-FINAL R. A. Godby bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 7, E. Sidwell bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt by 7.

FINAL R. A. Godby bt E. Sidwell by 15.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C")

(6½ Bisques and over)

(9 Entries)

#### FIRST ROUND

Sir Henry C. Prior (71) bt Mrs. T. F. Laverty (9) by 12.

#### SECOND ROUND

Mrs. D. M. C. Pritchard (9) bt Mrs. D. Figgis (9) by 16. Sir Henry C. Prior (7½) bt Major G. B. Horridge (6½) by 4, G. A. Black (7) bt Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) by 5. Miss S. C. Gough (13) bt Mrs. H. Cruden (15) by 4.

#### SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. D. M. C. Pritchard (9) bt Sir Henry C. Prior (71) by 3. Miss S. C. Gough (13) bt G. A. Black (7) by 7

Miss S. C. Gough (13) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Pritchard (9) by 4.

#### HANDICAP DOUBLES

(No two players of handicap 1½ or lower may play together)
(23 Pairs)

#### FIRST ROUND

Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Mrs. P. Solomon 11 bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart and N. F. Blackwood (31) by 9. Miss I. M. Roe and Maj. G. B. Horridge (8) bt D. Figgis and Mrs. D. Figgis (10½) by 3 on time.
Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (7) bt Mrs E. Rotherham and Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty (2) by 5.
R. F. Rothwell and E. Sidwell (4½) bt J. G. Warwick and Miss J. Cooper (4½) by 14. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and A. A. Reed (4) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Pritchard and Mrs. D. M. C. Pritchard (8½) by 2.

A. J. Cooper and Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (2½) bt M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (2½) by 2 on time.

Miss A. E. Mills and R. A. Godby (6½) bt Mrs. L. G. Walters

#### SECOND ROUND

and C. A. Black (13) by 6.

Miss V. E. Mills and Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (7) bt Maj. E. C. Heathcote and Mrs. S. S. Cruden (15½) by 2. Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. T. F. Laverty (7) bt Mr. W. Longman and Miss K. Ault (3½) by 5. Miss I. M. Roe and Maj. G. B. Horridge (8) bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Mrs. P. Solomon (1½) by 5. R. F. Rothwell and E. Sidwell (4½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (7) by 11. K. D. Hickson (7) by 11. A. J. Cooper and Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (2½) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and A. A. Reed (4) by 6.

Miss A. E. Mills and R. A. Godby (6½) bt Lady Ursula Abbey and Capt. M. F. Buller (5½) by 2 on time.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and G. R. Mills (5) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Sir Henry C. Prior (7½) by 5. V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (9) bt Col. D. W. Beamish and Mrs. F. R. Briggs (1½) by 10.

#### THIRD ROUND

Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. T. F. Laverty (7) bt Miss V. E. Mills and Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (7) by 10.
R. F. Rothwell and E. Sidwell (4½) bt Miss I. M. Roe and Maj.

G. B. Horridge (8) by 5.

Miss A. E. Mills and R. A. Godby (6½) bt A. J. Cooper and Dr.

R. B. N. Smartt (2½) by 13. Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and G. R. Mills (5) bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (9) by 2.

#### SEMI-FINAL

R. F. Rothwell and E. Sidwell (41) bt Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. T. F. Laverty (7) by 7. Miss A. E. Mills and R. A. Godby (6½) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and G. R. Mills (5) by 15.

#### FINAL

Miss A. E. Mills and R. A. Godby (61) bt R. F. Rothwell and E. Sidwell (41) by 15.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES

(50 Entries)

D. Figgis (2) bt V. A. de la Nougerede (-1) by 20. Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty (5) bt G. A. Black (7) by 7. H. J. Cooper (-1) bt Capt. M. F. Buller (3) by 19. M. B. Reckitt (-1) bt Major G. B. Horridge (61) by 10. Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (0) bt Sir Henry C. Prior (71) by 15. Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (3½) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (4) by 7.

Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) by 5.

Mrs. T. F. Laverty (9) bt Mrs. H. Cruden (15) by 14.

Mrs. P. Solomon (2) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) by 7.

Major E. C. Heathcote (1½) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (4) by 14. Major J. R. Abbey (1⅓) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Pritchard (—⅓) by 3. A. A. Reed (3) bt G. R. Mills (5) by 16. A. A. Reed (3) bt G. R. Mills (5) by 16.

R. F. Rothwell (0) w.o. W. Longman (1) opponent retired.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1) bt J. K. Brown (1) by 6.

Col. D. W. Beamish (—1) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (1½) by 16.

Miss V. E. Mills (1½) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) by 16.

Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (5½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3) by 9.

E. Sidwell (4½) bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2½) by 22.

N. F. Blackwood (2) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Pritchard (9) by 7. Mrs. M. H. Vincent (3\frac{1}{2}) bt Miss I. M. Roe (1\frac{1}{2}) by 9. R. A. Godby (5) bt Miss E. J. Warwick (-2) by 1. D. Figgis (2) bt Miss K. Ault (4\frac{1}{2}) by 3. A. J. Cooper (-1) bt Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty (5) by 20. Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (0) bt M. B. Reckitt (-1) by 5. Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (3½) bt Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) by 8. Mrs. P. Solomon (2) w.o. Mrs. T. F. Laverty (9) opponent retired. Major E. C. Heathcote (1½) bt Major J. R. Abbey (1½) by 21.

A. A. Reed (3) bt R. F. Rothwell (0) by 12.

Col. D. W. Beamish (—1) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1) by 6.

Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (5½) bt Miss V. E. Mills (1½) by 1.

E. Sidwell (4½) w.o. Mrs. L. G. Walters (6) opponent scratched. Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (—) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (2½) by 4. Mrs. W. Longman (—1) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) by 14. Miss J. Cooper (5½) bt J. G. Warwick (—1) by 8.

#### THIRD ROUND

Mrs. M. H. Vincent (3½) bt N. F. Blackwood (2) by 7. D. Figgis (2) w.o. R. A. Godby (5) opponent scratched. A. J. Cooper (—1) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (0) by 3. Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (3½) bt Mrs. P. Solomon (2) by 18. A. A. Reed (3) bt Major E. C. Heathcote (11) by 24. Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (5½) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (—1) by 8. Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (—½) w.o. E. Sidwell (4½) opponent scratched. Mrs. W. Longman (-1) bt Miss J. Cooper (5½) by 3.

FOURTH ROUND Mrs. M. H. Vincent  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  bt D. Figgis (2) by 20.

A. J. Cooper (—1) bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (3½) by 10. Mrs. R. B. N. Smart (5½) bt A. A. Reed (3) by 11. Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (—½) bt Mrs. W. Longman (—1) by 9.

#### SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. M. H. Vincent  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  bt A. J. Cooper (-1) by 22. Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  w.o. Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish  $(-\frac{1}{2})$ opponent scratched.

#### FINAL

Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. M. H. Vincent  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  by 5.

#### HUNSTANTON

THE SIXTY-FOURTH HUNSTANTON OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT will be held in the Club Grounds on Monday, September 3rd and Five Following Days (Under C.A. Laws and Regulations)

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Club.

Manager and Handicapper.-Mrs. E. Reeve. Referee.-J. G. Warwick.

Hon. Secretary.-Mrs. J. A. Clarke, 49 Northgate, Hunstanton.

#### **EVENTS**

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES, (Draw and Process). The Norfolk Challenge Cup. Holder H. O. Hicks. Entrance fee 12s. 6d.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Law 36 suspended. Hunstanton Challenge Bowl 2½ to 6 bisques inclusive. Holder H. J. Tovey. Entrance fee 10s. 6d.
- HANDICAP SINGLES. 6½ bisques and over. Silver Rose Bowl. Holder Miss E. M. Brumpton. Entrance fee 10s. 6d.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES "X.Y" Unrestricted. Ingleby Challenge Cup. Holder Miss E. J. Warwick. Entrance fee
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicap to be not less than 5. Holders Miss I. M. Roe and G. B. Horridge. Entrance fee 10s. each.

Entry fees include C.A. Levy Charges.

#### CONDITIONS

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

No player may enter for more than one of events 1, 2 and 3. Flat-soled shoes must be worn.

#### THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

Presented to the C.A. in 1934 by the late Trevor Williams, Esq. Holder-H. O. Hicks

For the eight best available players of the preceding twelve months in the C.A. invited by the Council of the C.A.

No Entrance Fee

Will be played for at the HURLINGHAM CLUB on Monday, September 10th and following days

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.-L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts.

Assistant Referees will be appointed under Reg. 3. Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., Hurlingham Club, London,

Referees.-Miss D. A. Lintern and M. B. Reckitt.

#### CONDITIONS

Hoops 3 11/16in, wide and Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used. The Council of the C.A. reserve the right to substitute hoops 33in. wide at their discretion.

Each Competitor meets each of the other Competitors twice in each Competition.

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

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

In the event of tie between more than three Competitors, the names of the winners will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild System and single games will be played in each round.

All competitors must furnish the Secretary with the address at which messages will reach them during the Tournament.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

PRIZES

The Winner holds the Trophy for one year or until the next Competition whichever is the shorter period and will receive a

PLAY

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily, unless otherwise notified. Competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival and no leave can be given in any circumstances.

#### THE SURREY CUP

Presented to the C.A. in 1955 by the Officers of the former Surrey County Union Holder-Lt,-Col. D. M. C. Pritchard

To be played for at the CHELTENHAM CLUB on Monday, September 10th and following days

Manager.-Mrs. A. M. Daniels.

Referee.-Miss W. Adye.

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

For eight players invited by the Council to compete.

Conditions as for the President's Cup except that 34in. hoops will be used

#### ROEHAMPTON CLUB

A CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held on

MONDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER, 1962

and five following days

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association)

Committee.-Mr. J. B. Gilbert (Chairman), Miss D. A. Lintern (Captain), Col. C. C. Adams, M.C., Mrs. H. J. Collins, Mrs. Haigh Smith, Mr. J. A. Hollweg.

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

Referee.-Col. C. C. Adams, M.C.

Handicapper.—The Croquet Handicapping Committee of the Roehampton Club.

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

**EVENTS** 

1.—OPEN SINGLES. Draw and Process. The winner to hold the Ranelagh Gold Cup for one year. Entrance fee, 11s. 6d. 2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Single games. Open to Competitors with a handicap of 3½ or more. Entrance fee, 10s. Winner

to hold the Brooke Challenge Cup for one year. 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Open to Competitors with a handicap of 9 bisques or more. The Full Bisque system will be in

operation. Entrance fee, 10s. N.B.—No Competitor may enter for more than one of the above

4.-X AND Y HANDICAP SINGLES. In this event there will be a time limit of 3 hours in accordance with Reg. 8. Entrance fee, 10s. The winners of X and Y hold the Creyke Cups for a year.
5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicap not less than

scratch. Entrance fee, 6s. 6d. each. Games start at the 5th Hoop.

N.B.—The above Entrance Fees include the C.A.'s levy.

Non-associates pay a tribute of 35s. to the C.A. when playing in an official tournament, or 17s. 6d. if they compete in one event only (except in Tournaments 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 subscription.

CONDITIONS

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 must reach the Games Secretary, accompanied by the Entrance Fee, by the first post, Wednesday, September 19th, 1962. Entries for Event 5 close at mid-day on Tuesday, September 25th, 1962. The draw for Events 1 to 4 will take place at the Club at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 19th,

Play will commence at 10 a.m. daily. Six courts will be provided and Eclipse Balls used. Standard 34 in. Hoops.

Competitors will be made Honorary Members of the Club for the duration of the Tournament.

All Competitors must wear such flat-heeled boots or shoes as cannot damage the ground.

There are facilities for playing Bridge at the Croquet Pavilion. If the entries demand, some games may be played at Hurlingham, in which case transport will be provided.

#### DEVONSHIRE PARK, EASTBOURNE

#### SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Fifty-fifth Annual Open Tournament will start on Monday, October 1st, and continue during the following two weeks (Held under the Laws and Regulations of the C.A.)

Committee.—The Entertainment Committee of the County Borough of Eastbourne, the Tournament Committee of the Council

Manager and Handicapper-Major J. H. Dibley, M.C. Referee.-Mrs. E. Reeve.

Assistant Referees will be appointed under Reg. 3 (a).

Secretary.—The Secretary, Croquet Association, Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6 (to whom all entries with fees should be sent).

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 15s. 0d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by the late Mrs. A. C. Ionides:
- 2.—MEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all men competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Gold Challenge Cup presented by the late Capt, C. L. O'Callighan: D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller.
- 3.-WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE WOMEN'S CHAM-PIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all women competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by the late Mrs. H. Franc: Mrs. E. Reeve.
- 4.—DEVONSHIRE PARK SALVER. LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 1½ to 4 bisques inclusive (see conditions below. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual challenge Silver Challenge Salver presented by the Devonshire Park Company: Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart.
- 5.-LUARD CUP. LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 4½ to 7½ bisques inclusive (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the Challenge Trophy presented by the late E. S. Luard, Esq.: C. J. E.
- 6.—TREVOR WILLIAMS CUP. LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 8 to 10½ bisques (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Cup presented by the late Trevor Williams, Esq.: Mrs. G. Fitter.
- 7.—FELIX CUP. Level play. Open to competitors handicapped at 11 bisques and over (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Miss M. Bryan.
- 8.—UNRESTRICTED LEVEL DOUBLES (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each competitor. Holders M. B. Reckitt and Miss E. J. Warwick.
- 9.—RESTRICTED HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 2 bisques (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each competitor. Holders, M. B. Reckitt and C. J. E. Dashwood.
- 10.—HANDICAP SINGLES. To be drawn in one block. The Sussex Perpetual Challenge Cup (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder Mrs. H. C. S. Perry.
- 11.—LIMITED HANDICAP SINGLES. THE SUSSEX UNION CHALLENGE CUP. Limited to competitors handicapped at 3½ bisques or more. Competitors in this event may not enter for Events 1, 2, 3 or 7. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder: C. J. E. Dashwood

#### CONDITIONS

- 1.—In Event 1, matches best of three games will be played throughout. Time limit 7½ hours. In all other events matches of single games will be played.
- 2.—Competitors may not enter for more than two of Events 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7
- 3.—Events 1, 2, 3 and 8 to be played under Laws of Advanced Play. Event 4 will be played under Laws of Semi-Advanced Play. Events 5, 6 and 7 under Laws of Ordinary Level Play. Events 9, 10 and 11 will be played under Laws of Handicap Play,
- 4.—Play in Events 1 and 4 will begin on Monday, October 1st, in Events 5 and 10 on Tuesday, October 2nd; in Events 8 and 11 on Wednesday, October 3rd; in Events 6 and 7 on Thursday, October 4th; in Events 2 and 3 not before Friday, October 5th; in Event 9 on Monday, October 8th.

#### INFORMATION

ENTRIES.—Entries accompanied by Entrance Fees for all Events except 8 and 9 must reach the Secretary, The Croquet Association, Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6, by Thursday, September 20th. (Do not send Entries to Devonshire Park.) Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to the Croquet

Non-Associates must also pay a tribute of 35s. to the C.A. as this is an official tournament, or 17s. 6d. if they enter in only one event; but on their becoming Associates any tribute paid by them during the current year will be refunded or credited against their subscription.

ADDRESSES.-Competitors are particularly requested to send with their entries the addresses and telephone numbers which will find them during the Tournament.

DRAW.—The Draw for all Events except Events 8 and 9 will take place at the C.A. office, Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6, at 11.30 a.m. on Friday, September 21st. The Draw for Event 8 will take place at Devonshire Park at noon on Tuesday, October 2nd, and for Event 9 at Devonshire Park at noon on Saturday, October

#### A number of shelter tents will be provided.

COURTS AND EQUIPMENT.—Ten courts will be provided at Devonshire Park. It may, however, be necessary, should the Manager decide, to make use of the Compton Lawns in which case Mr. H. C. S. Perry will be in charge. Intending competitors should make due note of this before sending in their entries.

Jaques "Eclipse" balls and hoops 31 in. wide will be used.

PLAY.-Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily, or earlier if necessary, and will continue until daylight fails. Competitors in Events 1 and 4 will be notified, and must be prepared to play if they are required at 10 a.m. or some later time on Monday, October 1st.

All competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival at the ground each day.

It is particularly asked that, in the interests of the Tournament, competitors who are timed for the first games each morning will be punctual and that they will be on the court and begin to play at the time stated.

Before leaving the ground for the day, competitors should not fail to consult the order of play announced on the board for the following day. A competitor who is not present or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so will be liable to be scratched under Regulation 12 (a) (i).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Granting of any leave must depend on the needs of the tournament.

HEELS.-Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

PRIZES.—In addition to the Challenge Trophies mentioned, two prizes will be given in each Event with 8 entries, and the number of other prizes will be in accordance with the number of entries.

The Challenge Trophies may be held by the winner for one year

or until the next Tournament whichever is the shorter period.

ADMISSION.-Associates will be admitted free on production of their Membership cards. Otherwise admission is 1s.

N.B.: The Match this year will be the British Test Team v. The Rest. It will take place on the first Saturday, October 6th, to enable those members of the team leaving early to complete their final preparations. Next year we hope to revert to holding the match on the second Saturday of the Tournament,

#### PRACTICE AND FRIENDLY GAMES

Throughout the Tournament courts will be available for practice and friendly games at the Compton Club. These may be booked at Devonshire Park and green fees should be paid to the Tournament Manager when the booking is made.

#### **BRIGHTON TOURNAMENTS**

Competitors are asked to note the following corrections to the conditions shown in the July issue of Croquet.

EVEN 2.-LEVEL SINGLES (Class B). Law 37 will operate and will not, as stated in July, be suspended.

#### UNOFFICIAL

Mr. F. E. Corke's address should have been shown as 60 Southwick Street, Southwick,

EVENT 1. This is an Open Singles for those handicapped at 3 and under, and not as in previous years a Handicap Singles.