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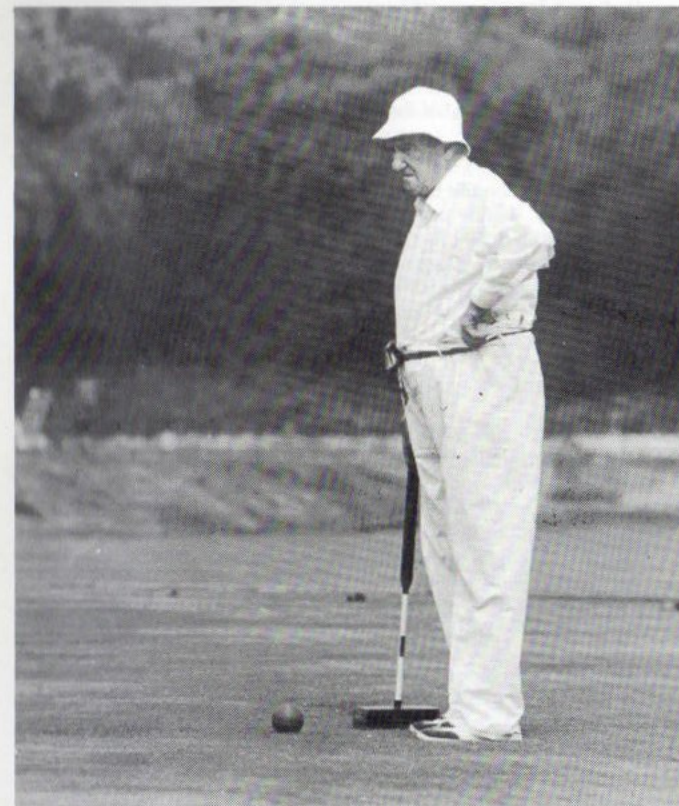
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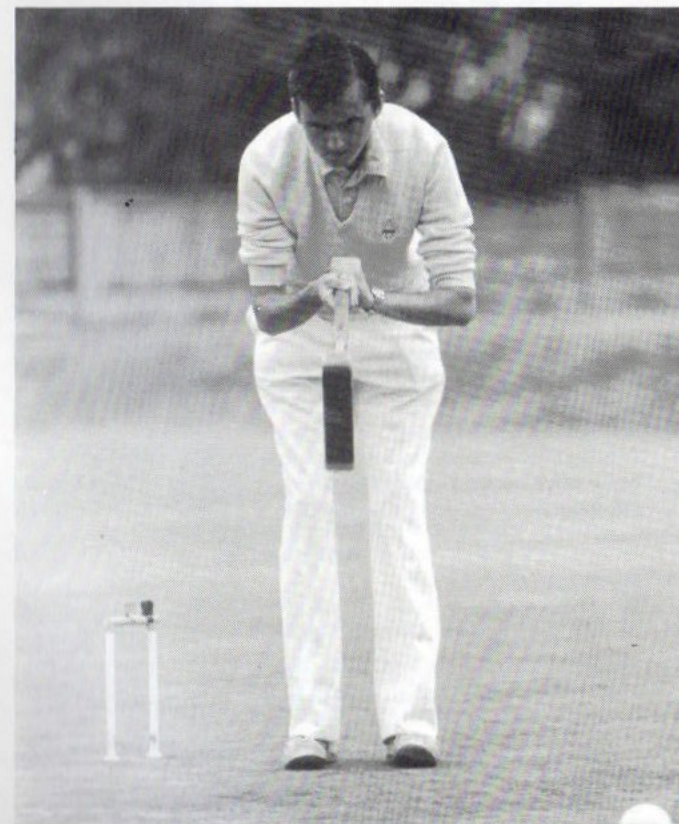
SPRING 1985



The veteran Humphrey Hicks, deep in thought on the lawns at Bowdon



The youngster Jerry Guest showing an alternative way of thinking. Jerry won the Du-pre Cup on his first appearance in the Mens & Womens



*A STUDY IN CONCENTRATION
Keith Aiton in play on the lawns at Bowdon*



Richard Hilditch kissing goodbye to an over enthusiastic take-off

Photographs by courtesy of P.L. Alvey

The Secretary, the Editor.

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Tournament Results & Reports to be sent direct, within 7 days of completion of the tournament to the Secretary of the C.A.

Other Contributions other than tournament results and reports should be sent to the Editor. They will be much welcomed and acknowledged.

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Copy for next Gazette to reach the Editor by May 28.

EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

held on 1 December 1984

1. MATTERS ARISING

5(b) The Golf Croquet Tournament will be held at Phyllis Court.

2. QUESTIONS

Mr. Mulliner reported that a video had been produced by the Bank of Scotland at its expense on both Golf Croquet and the Small Lawn Game and that both had been submitted to Channel 4 who were considering them. It will be intended to consult with Associates before the Council agrees to any television of Golf Croquet.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. & G.P. Payment of Managers expenses for C.A. tournaments was for 1985 only and would be reconsidered by the Committee for 1986. The tournament entry forms would continue in use.

Under 5.3 Mr. Hudson reported that although the appointment of a Development Officer was subject to the Sports Council making a grant which would not be known until January, it was important to advertise the post now to find out what response there was pending decision on Grant so that we could act quickly on an appointment should the Grant be forthcoming.

The following matters were approved:

- (i) Gazette Budget of £6,300 for 5 issues.
- (ii) P. & D. Budget to consist of all sponsorship income.
- (iii) Redraft of C.A. Rules except for 11 which was deleted following discussion. (The redrafted Rules will be submitted to the next A.G.M. for approval).

Mr Hudson reported that croquet would be included in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme for 1985 onwards, that the Students Federation would organise an University Championship and that the regional plans in our Forward Plan had been sent to the regions by the National Sports Council and that the feedback was encouraging. The National Council's Grant Panel would meet on the 15th January and reach a decision on our 'Forward Plan' then, including whether grants for Centres of Excellence would be paid nationally or regionally.

(NOTE: The Chairman of Council, Mr. Lionel Wharrad, and the Chairman of the Publicity and Development Committee, Mr Chris Hudson, will attend the meeting of the Sports Council Grants Committee on the 15th January in order to present the C.A.'s case).

MacRobertson Shield - Recommendations re the 1985 U.S.C.A. tour and for a farewell dinner on the 1st June 1985, now to be held at Roehampton, were approved.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

9 new Associates were elected. Mr. Macmillan reported that subscriptions for 1985 were already being received. It was confirmed by Council that the Fixture Book was only to be despatched to Associates when they had paid their subscription for 1985.

Dr David Trewby, the Hurlingham Secretary, would retire at the end of January 1985. Agreed unanimously to pay £50 to his retirement fund.

Council members due to retire in 1985 were reminded that they must inform Mr. Macmillan by 1st February whether they wish to seek re-election or not.

A lengthy discussion took place on the Motion by Mr. S. N. Mulloner, seconded by Mr. N. Aspinall, "That the ruling given on 23rd May 1966 concerning members' rights at General Meetings be rescinded", it being pointed out that although the ruling referred to one specific special meeting, it has in fact been accepted generally for the last 18 years. Mr. Caporn's proposal that the debate be adjourned to the next meeting was defeated by 12 votes to 9, and the Motion was then passed by 16 votes to 4 subject to the Chairman, Mr. Wharrad, drafting "Guidelines for conduct by Council Members" for discussion at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Rothwell asked Council whether or not there should be an appeal to Associates to help to finance the Test Series at home in 1986. Professor Neal replied that as the event was being sponsored and in view of finance in hand he hoped no appeal would be necessary.

Professor Neal reported that the problem over bounce of Eclipse balls was because Jaques painted and lacquered the balls: when he tested the balls at their factory before such painting etc. the balls complied with our standards. Jaques had agreed therefore not to paint and lacquer them in future. He asked Council to approve the Eclipse balls for the Internationals in 1985 and 1986 as a matter of urgency and this was unanimously approved.

Annual General Meeting

to be held at The Hurlingham Club, London, on Saturday 27th April 1985 at 11.30 a.m.

AGENDA

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th April 1984 published in Croquet No. 175 (June 1984) page 2.

2. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1984 will be available at the meeting. Copies will be sent to Associates resident in the United Kingdom on request to the Secretary when available.

5. ELECTION OF TREASURER

The retiring Treasurer, A.J. Oldham, offers himself for re-election.

6. ALTERATION TO RULES

The Council propose that the redrafted Rules, a print of which has been produced to this meeting and signed by the Chairman for the purpose of identification, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Rules of the Croquet Association in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Rules.

7. ELECTION OF COUNCIL

In accordance with Rule VI the closing date for receipt of nominations was 1st February 1985.

The following retire by rotation by Rule ii(a) and seek re-election:

R.A. Godby, B.A. Keen, Dr M. Murray, D.K. Openshaw, E. Strickland.

A.J. Girling and Dr T. Haste also retire by rotation but do not seek re-election.

Dr R. Bray had previously resigned and would also have had to seek re-election.

C. Hudson resigned on his appointment as Development Officer.

The following seek election under Rule VI (A) (11): Mrs J. Anderson, L. Butler, T. Greenwood, J. McCullough, Miss J.A. McLeod, R.A. Welch.

There are thus 11 Candidates for 10 vacancies.

8. MOTIONS

None received by 1st February 1985.

9. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

Messrs. Nicholass Ames & Co. offer themselves for re-election.

10. BENEFACTORS

The names of the Benefactors will be read.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

THE REVISION OF THE RULES OF THE CROQUET ASSOCIATION

The proposed changes are principally concerned with improving the layout of the rules by grouping together those rules which deals with similar matters; and where necessary, by improving the wording.

The first takes account of the existence of the Scottish Croquet Association whose constitution claims for it the right to control Croquet in Scotland.

It is thus inappropriate for the Croquet Association also to claim to control croquet there and rule 1 has been amended accordingly.

The second change merely deletes from the rules any mention of particular Council Committees.

At present rules 8 and 14 expressly refer to named committees which the council is not actually obliged to appoint.

This change resolves the potential inconsistency although the Chairman of the Laws Committee will almost invariably be the member of council appointed to decide questions relating to the interpreting of the laws and regulations. The final change is simply the deletion of the rule dealing with the privileges of Associates.

It is not really appropriate for the Croquet Association to guarantee admission to Devonshire Park or to particular clubs although there is no reason to suppose that current practice will change.

Similarly associates will continue to receive the Gazette.

Copies of the proposed rules and a cross reference table showing the new locations of various rules can be obtained from Mr. B. McMillan at the C.A. office.

S.N.M.

LAWS

The following amendments to the Laws were authorised by Council, at its meeting on 2nd March, as Temporary variations for the 1985 season.

It is intended that these amendments will become permanent changes, and to this end they have been forwarded to the A.C.C. and N.Z.C.C. for comment. If these two Councils agree, the amendments will become law if reaffirmed by 6 to 4 majority at the first available Council meeting following publication.

Associates who have copies of the Fourth Edition of the Laws may wish to take a photocopy of these amendments and attach it to the booklet.

1. Alter Law 9(a)(v) to

"before a croquet stroke when a roquet is deemed to have been made (see Law 16(c))."

2. Delete Laws 16(c) and (d) and replace by

"(c) WHEN A ROQUET IS DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN MADE. A roquet is deemed to have been made

- (i) at the start of a turn if the striker elects to play a ball that is in contact with another ball (but see Law 36 for advanced or semi-advanced play). If the striker elects to play a ball that also forms part of a 3-ball or 4-ball group (see (d) below), a roquet may be deemed to have been made on any ball in the group.

- (ii) during a turn that the striker is entitled to continue if, except when an actual roquet has been made, the striker's ball is lawfully in contact with the ball that may be roqueted. If the striker's ball also forms part of a 3-ball or 4-ball group, a roquet may be deemed to have been made on any ball in the group that may be roqueted.

If a roquet may be deemed to have been made on more than one ball, it is deemed only to have been made on the ball that the striker nominates as the roqueted ball by taking croquet from it.

(d) GROUPS OF BALLS. A 3-ball group is formed by three balls, each of which is in contact with at least one other ball and at least one of which is a yard-line ball. A 4-ball group is formed by one ball in contact with a 3-ball group."

3. Alter the first sentence of Law 19(b) to

"If the striker is entitled to take croquet from a ball which forms part of a 3-ball or 4-ball group (see Law 16(d)) at the start of a turn, or will do so when the striker's ball is placed in accordance with (a) above, all balls other than the roqueted ball, which may not be moved, become balls in hand immediately and are temporarily removed."

4. Alter second sentence of Law 27(b) to

"In that event, the first stroke in error and any subsequent strokes are deemed to be valid and the balls are not replaced but the only points scored are points scored in order by peeling an adversary's ball. (See Law 38(h)(i) for handicap play)."

5. Delete Law 28(b) and consequentially alter 28(c) "ALL OTHER CASES" to 28(b);

Law 26(b) line 3 alter "28(c)(ii)" to "28(b)(ii)"

Law 38(c) line 4 alter "references" to reference"

Law 38(c) line 5 delete "or the fifth turn of the game"

Law 38(f) line 2 alter "28(c)" to "28(b)"

Law 38(h)(ii) line 1 alter "28(c)" to "28(b)"

Law 40(d) line 1 alter "(c)(ii)(2)" to "(b)(ii)(2)"

Law 43(b) line 2 alter "28(c)" to "28(b)"

Law 49(b) line 2 delete "or (b)"

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p.61 Preamble, line 4 alter "28(c)(ii)" to "28(b)(ii)"

p.61 Delete "(b) PLAYING AN ADVERSARY BALL THAT IS NOT A BALL IN PLAY Before the first stroke of the fifth turn of the game".

p.61 Alter "(c) ALL OTHER CASES" to "(b) ALL OTHER CASES"

p.62 Penultimate line alter "28(c)" to "28(b)"

6. Alter second half of Law 32(a)(ix), commencing after semi-colon, to

"a second hit or maintenance of contact caused by making a roquet or pegging out the striker's ball or by interference by a ball pegged out in the stroke is not a fault under this sub-law;"

7. In Law 32(a)(xvi) delete the last three words

"or its equipment".

8. In Law 34(b)(i), delete

"other than weather".

In Law 34(b)(ii) alter the second sentence to

"Examples include animals, spectators, the players or equipment from another game, a ball off the court and other stray objects, but not weather"

9. In Law 39, alter the first sentence to

"The striker may not peg out the striker's ball until the partner ball has become a rover unless an adversary ball has already been pegged out".

Brief reasons for these amendments are as follows

1. The reason for this change was given in "Ball in hand: Ruling" published in the Gazette, Issue No. 175, p.9
2. This revised wording is clearer, and also distinguishes between the situation at the start of a turn ((c)(i)) and during a turn ((c)(ii)).

3. See Ruling in Gazette, Issue No. 175, p.9
4. This corrects the anomaly so amusingly pointed out by Dr. Parker in his letter "All this and heaven too", Gazette, Issue No. 176, p.22.
5. The special exemption from the otherwise severe wrong ball law given in 28(b) is difficult to justify, and the N.Z.C.C. has refused to accept the limit of claims in 28(b)(ii). We gladly adopt their suggestion that this law be abolished.
6. this is a consequence of the new Law 15(d); the words underlined have been added so that a single ball peg-out from short range can be made with a firm stroke without fear of a fault.
7. It is felt that referees could not reasonably be expected to judge whether damage to a ball, hoop or peg was due to a particular stroke or to defects in the item of equipment damaged.
8. Better definition of 'outside agency'.
9. Without the alteration, a strict interpretation of this Law is that when the partner ball has been pegged out correctly (and is therefore no longer a rover), the striker's ball cannot be pegged out, rendering it impossible to win the game!

HANDICAPPING PROCEDURES

Handicapping Procedures remain as published in Gazette No. 169 (Spring 1983) and Gazette No. 175 (June 1984).

In June last the Committee stated that it intended to make a close study of handicap results with a view to obtaining a more correct comparison between handicaps which we are continually striving to do.

Throughout 1984 we kept a record of players' handicap results in Calendar tournaments and from this we were able to judge whether handicap alterations were justified. In a number of cases we felt compelled to reject lower handicaps.

The final analysis of the results has shown a number of handicaps which appear wrong by their achievements and we shall be taking action in these cases.

We intend to carry out a further analysis in 1985 and if it proves necessary handicaps will be altered by the Committee either during or at the end of the season, based on results of handicap games played in Calendar events.

We would like to thank Managers and Tournament Secretaries for their co-operation in setting out American and Swiss tournament results in a form from which each player's results against other players could be ascertained.

We wish to remind Handicappers of the importance of co-ordinating handicaps which is all this committee endeavours to do and recommend that before altering a handicap the Handicapper should request from the player his results in his most recent tournaments.

Players are reminded that they must see that the Managers have their correct handicaps which did not always appear to be the case on results sent to the C.A.

R.A. Godby
Chairman, Handicap Co-ordination Committee

Important Notice

COUNCIL ELECTION

Owing to there being 11 candidates for the 10 vacancies on the Council an election is being held. Included in this Gazette members should each receive a Voting Paper and biographical details of the candidates.

To ensure that you have the opportunity to vote members not receiving voting papers please contact the Administration Secretary immediately.

I must point out that only members who have paid their 1985 subscriptions will be allowed to vote.

B.C. Macmillan
Administration Secretary

Selection for the Invitation Events

The Selectors will choose the best available players based on the following criteria.

1. The Selectors will take a long-term view of established players form (i.e. 2-3 year period) unless there is definite evidence of a recent change in ability.
2. The Selectors will also take account of an improving players potential.
3. Performance in the major tournaments, Open Championships and the Caskets (including Plate events), the Invitation Events, the Home Internationals and other tournaments (dependent on strength and format) will carry more weight than performance in lesser events including consolation and handicap events.
4. Players who play rarely are not thereby automatically excluded from consideration. However, Selectors will take account of the likely effect of the amount of play on a players form.
5. Contrary to previous practice the current Open Champion and current holders of the Eights will **not** qualify automatically.
D.K. Openshaw
Chairman,
Selection Committee

Apologies

In the 176 issue it stated that D.R. Foulser had been reduced from Minus 1 to Minus 1½ also that A.B. Hope had been reduced from Minus 1½ to Minus 2, after consideration the Handicap Co-ordination Committee recommend that the respective handicaps remain as they were—Editor.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please note there are still a considerable number of members who have not yet paid their 1985 subscriptions which were due 1st January. The cost is £14.00 for Full Membership, £7.50 for Restricted and Junior under 21.

Unless paid you will be unable to vote in the forthcoming election.

CALENDAR 1985

- Notes: 1. C.A. events are shown in capital letters
2. * = level of advanced play only
3. W/E = Weekend Tournament

April	5- 8	Southwick*
	6- 8	Cheltenham W/E 1
	12-14	Ryde W/E
	19-21	Woking W/E
	25-28	Roehampton W/E 1
	27-28	Southport W/E 1*
May	3- 6	Southwick W/E 1
	4- 6	Hurlingham W/E 1*
	4- 6	Cheltenham 1*
	4- 6	Hunstanton W/E 1*
	9-12	Compton W/E 1
	11-12	Colchester W/E 1*

	11-12	GOLF CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS (Phyllis Court)
	13-18	Budleigh Salterton 1
	13-18	PEEL MEMORIALS (Cheltenham)
	17-19	Wrest Park W/E 1
	18-19	Bristol W/E 1*
	25-26	GREAT BRITAIN v USA (Nottingham)
	25-27	Cheltenham W/E 2
	25-27	Colchester W/E 2
	25-28	Southport W/E 2
	30-June 2	INTER-COUNTIES (Southwick)
	31-June 2	Hunstanton W/E 2*
	31-June 2	Nottingham W/E 1
	31-June 2	GREAT BRITAIN v USA (Hurlingham & Roehampton)
June	3- 8	Parkstone 1
	3- 8	Roehampton
	3-10	Carrickmines 1
	10-15	Compton
	10-15	CHALLENGE & GILBEY (Hunstanton)
	14-16	Bowdon W/E
	15-16	HOME INTERNATIONALS (Budleigh)
	17-22	Ryde
	17-22	MEN'S & WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS (Cheltenham)
	17-22	VETERAN'S (Southwick)
	21-23	Edgbaston W/E 1*
	28-30	Nottingham W/E 2*
	29-30	Bristol W/E 2*
	29-July 7	Woking
July	1- 6	Budleigh Salterton 2
	5- 7	Wrest Park W/E 2*
	8- 9	C.A. v IRELAND (Cheltenham)
	8-13	Colchester
	8-13	Southwick 1
	13-14	JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (Bowdon)
	13-14	East Riding W/E
	13-20	OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Hurlingham)
	19-21	Edgbaston W/E 2
	22-28	Cheltenham 2
	27-28	Compton W/E 2*
Aug.	2- 4	Ipswich W/E
	3- 4	C.A. v SCOTTISH C.A. (Wrest Park)
	3-10	Hurlingham
	5-10	Carrickmines 2
	9-11	Colchester W/E 3
	12-17	Nottingham
	17-18	Roehampton W/E 2*
	17-26	Northern Championships (Bowden)
	19-24	Edinburgh
	19-24	Southwick 2
	24-26	Cheltenham W/E 3
	24-26	Hurlingham W/E 2
	26-31	Hunstanton
Sept.	2- 6	CHAIRMAN'S SALVER (Compton)
	2- 6	SPENCER ELL CUP (Hunstanton)
	2- 7	Parkstone 2
	3- 7	PRESIDENT'S CUP (Hurlingham)
	5- 8	Cheltenham 3*
	6- 8	SELECTOR'S WEEKEND (Harrow Oak)
	7- 8	ALL-ENGLAND HANDICAP AREA FINALS
	13-15	Southwick W/E 2
	13-15	Nottingham W/E 3
	13-15	Ryde W/E
	14-15	Southport W/E 3*
	16-20	LADIES' FIELD CUP (Southwick)
	16-20	LADIES' SECOND EVENT (Southwick)
	18-22	Cheltenham 4
	20-22	Budleigh Salterton W/E
	20-22	Wrest Park W/E 3
	21-29	SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS (Compton)
	27-29	Cheltenham W/E 4*
	28-29	ALL-ENGLAND HANDICAP FINAL (Wrest Park)
Oct.	5	MARY ROSE - FINAL
	6	INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - FINAL
	6	LONGMAN CUP - FINAL
	11-13	Cheltenham W/E 5

LATE REPORTS

Roehampton September 10-15

When the scribe appointed disappointed, the Tournament organiser was, as another great scribe once remarked, "at a wonderful loss upon it". So, gentle reader of the Gazette, if you wish to read on, prepare yourself for the hazy (and hastily compiled) reflections of the Manager, one more given to prognostication than recollection. So then, what is to be remembered? Not a lot, and not, as they say, necessarily in this order:

- double banking from dawn to dusk (and with only 3 lawns available at Roehampton these days, talk of triple banking next year)
- delighted C class players enjoying a 26 point game instead of the traditional 18 point one
- Jerry Guest winning both the Open Singles and the big "X" and recording the only Triple Peel of the week
- Simon Williams practising and chattering from sunrise to sunset
- Peter Crawford winning the B class against Simon Williams after being 26'ed by him in the Draw final
- an anguished cry accompanying an accidental peg out and waking up the slumbering opponent
- a strange babel of accents around the Manager's table - Irish, Scottish, Welch(?), Kentish, Anglo-American, Anglo-Saxon . . .
- Winifred Browne losing consistently before going on to win 9 out of 10 matches in the Ladies second 6 the following week
- Jan MacLeod retiring, unpardonably, late on the Thursday evening in order to play in another tournament on the following day
- the Manager once again contriving to manage "by Guest and by Godby"
- winners receiving glassware prizes in place of brown envelopes, the contents of which might have endangered their amateur status.

Manager's postscript: The preparation of this account enables a correction to be made in Issue No. 178 of the Gazette. ?????????(?) beaten by M.G. Pearson +10 in the second round of the Trevelyan Cup was not a competitor playing under an assumed name registered under Regulation 20, but one A.V. Camroux - though doubtless the latter wished it had been!

SPENCER ELL CUP 1984

Firstly apologies for the lateness of this report which was only written after perusal of this year's fixture list! Hopefully this delay will not have too greatly coloured the memories of that week in September.

DAY 1 was mainly memorable for the vagaries of the autumnal weather as the players battled to stay upright in the morning gales, were endangered by sunstroke in the afternoon and gave the waterproofs a full trial in the evening. Very sensibly, we conspired to finish as quickly as possible with the 4 losers in the evening scraping together only 3 points between them!

The spectacle of the day however was the famed 'Jerry Guest thinking' pose, much in evidence at the conclusion of his game with Ian Vincent. After Ian stuck in rover finishing off, Jerry made penult with blue only after glueing black (for peg) to the peg. He then had to cannon this out in order to obtain a rush to rover, and after succeeding in this rushed back towards the peg only to find himself 'balled' from the peg by the red which was now in turn glued to the peg! Disappointingly for the crowd further chin scratching was followed by a successful combo peg-out.

DAY 2 saw Colin Irwin stay undefeated, including a win against Ian Vincent when Rigalled on 3-back vs. Ian's 2-back and peg. To nobody's surprise, especially Ian, Colin hit the lift and finished. However star-billing was taken by David Peterson, who completed 2 straight triples including 2 promotional cannons after penult in one of them. Modest as ever, David was merely heard to say 'I wish I could keep a break going long enough to have a proper one'.

DAY 3 began with David seeming about to complete another STP, but then joining the others in the 'Irwin victims' club as Colin hit the 1-fingered lift and finished from 5th and penult after David had only made 2 peels. With 5 players on 4 wins this left Colin in a commanding position at halfway. This he consolidated with a very well deserved first TP (after twice completing the peels previously) against Terry Wood the defending champion, who was off-form and as is often the case in these circumstances also found all the luck against him.

The evening saw the first chink in the armour as John 'trembling legs' Davis beat Colin who at last missed a couple of shots. Happily John Walters started the second series by showing something closer to his true form with his first wins against Jerry and then Nick Hyne after Nick had failed on an STP.

DAY 4 was the day of the TPOs with John Davis starting it off by pegging out Nick after hitting the first lift. He then sportingly pegged out his own when for 5th against Nick's 1st. After running an unlikely looking 3rd to the 4th corner with John at 3-back, Nick was then able to pick up a 2-ball break and caught up at 3-back. This led to a stand-off with a period of one-handed tapping and deeming which was repeated at penult. John emerged victorious from both these tactical battles and despite both players displaying the wide range of a chemical engineer's vocabulary when encountering penult's hill, John hit the peg after running rover to bring the fun to an end.

Unfortunately John Walters failed to catch the spirit, finishing with a 3-ball break shortly after his TPO against Terry. He continued this fine form by beating David +17TP in a 'perfect' game. In the meantime, Colin 'playing like a 14' according to an anonymous spokesperson for the Irwin family, had lost to Ian and only beat Jerry after a great fight-back from 1 and 2 vs. penult and peg.

DAY 5 dawned with only John Davis still able to catch Colin and he maintained the pressure by completing a 9th turn TP. Colin's plan of nobbling his opponents the previous night with the infamous 'Toby Trios' seemed to be working as he progressed to 3-back and peg by the 7th turn against Nick. However, Nick hit the lift and, when Colin missed his first lift, went to 4-back and peg, rigalling Colin and taking a wide join on the West boundary. Naturally Colin hit centre ball and after splitting to 4-back and position at 3-back from 1st corner (!), went as far as position at penult and finished next time by hitting Nick's join in 2nd corner. It was perhaps fitting that Colin should thus seal his victory which had been based upon spectacular hitting and very solid break play.

In the end then, Colin confirmed his original position as red-hot favourite and could no doubt be considered unlucky not to have been involved at Colchester. The substitutes John Davis, Jerry and Nick all had reason to be pleased with their efforts and Ian played steadily without ever reaching his best. David and John Walters both showed very good form at times but could not find any consistency, whilst Terry seemed to suffer the fate of returning champions after playing very little croquet during the summer.

The lawns played very well, although the rain had made them sluggish and possibly too easy as may be seen by an average game time of less than 1½ hours with none over 3 hours. Finally many thanks to the Nottingham club for their hospitality, especially Steve Thomas for his management (tournament and bar) and the caterers for maintaining Nottingham's excellent and well deserved reputation. NGH

C.J. Irwin: 12 wins (1); E.J. Davis: 9 wins (2); J.E. Guest: 8 wins (3=); I.G. Vincent: 8 wins (3=); N.G. Hyne: 7 wins (5); D. Peterson: 6 wins (6); J.O. Walters: 5 wins (7); T.I. Wood: 1 win (8).

S.A.C.A.

Results of the J&B National Tournament 1984

Open Singles: Charles Barlow
Runner-up: Reginald Bamford

Restricted Singles: Alan Ware
Runner-up: "Nan Coetzee"

Restricted Handicap Singles: Peter Meakin
Runner-up: Dulcie Chadderton

Open Doubles: Reginald Bamford/Charles Barlow
Runners-up: Tom Barlow/Clive Coulson

Veterans: Leslie Riggall
Runner-up: Pat Hooper

Handicap Doubles: Cheryl Coulson/Andy Knox
Runners-up: Harry Chadderton/Esme Risley

Open Handicap Singles:
'X': Tom Barlow (-½)
Runner-up: Reginald Bamford (-½)

'Y': David Cunningham (scr)
Runner-up: Jean Martin (8)

'Z': Charles Gainsford (3)
Runner-up: Carole Knox (2).

A Federation is born . . .

On 4th November delegates from 10 clubs met at Tracy Park Croquet Club, near Bristol, to form the South West Federation of Croquet Clubs.

The aim of the Federation will be to represent, promote and develop croquet within the region covering the counties of Worcestershire, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Avon, Somerset, Devon, Cornwall and Dorset.

Its most obvious initial manifestation will be the formation of senior and beginners' leagues, each split into Northern and Southern sections.

The 1985 senior league will be constituted as follows:

Northern Section	Southern Section
Bath	Bristol
Cheltenham	Budleigh Salterton
Nailsea	Parkstone
Worcester	Sidmouth

A September playoff will give the South West its first ever representative in the Secretary's Shield in 1986.

The Beginners' League is designed for players of club handicap 15 or over and will be based on half-lawn or half-game play. Bournemouth, Kington Langley and Tracy Park, in addition to the above clubs, will field teams in 1985.

Bristol Croquet Club has been chosen as Headquarters for the Federation and it will host next years All England Area Finals.

The Federation already has at its disposal 5 sets of croquet equipment kindly donated by the S.W. Sports Council. Unfortunately we were not consulted as to what should be bought and the mallets and balls are not much use. Still we must be grateful for any gifts and it is hoped we can persuade the Sports Council to at least help us replace the mallets with others, e.g. Neal mallets, of good standard. This equipment has already been used for a year by new clubs in the area and will be much in demand in future.

Besides the 11 clubs already mentioned 5 other clubs already operate in the region—Coal Research, Exeter, Lansdown (Bath), Stroud and Wells Palace.

At Plymouth there seems to be a real chance of forming a 3 lawn club on Water Board property whilst, at Paignton, Ernest Gardiner has high hopes of getting a 2 lawn club started. Bill Scarr is involved in trying to form a new club in Wells and also has his finger on the pulse of possible developments at Melksham in Wiltshire.

A large number of letters reached the C.A. from the Taunton Area in reply to a *Daily Telegraph* feature earlier this year and I am trying to organise a meeting of interested parties there in the spring.

All in all there's plenty of work for the 4 man executive committee of Martin Murray (Chairman), Ian Maugham (Secretary), Peter Dyke and myself.

At least we're already making our mark—the first Federation Press Release got croquet onto the back page of the *Bristol Evening Post* for the first time ever and has already led to one radio interview. Next stop . . . NEWS AT TEN!

John McCullough, Secretary

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THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

Bristol Croquet Club — Apps Heley Award Winners 1984

By the end of the '70s the Bristol Club was facing extinction. Membership had dropped below the 40 mark, few of those were under retirement age and, following a substantial deficit in 1980, the Club kitty was almost bare. In the Autumn of that year the Committee agreed to hold an Open Day in May 1981, to be preceded by an intense 2 week publicity campaign and to be followed by 3 parallel 6 week Coaching courses for 9 people each. The project was an entire success — over 50 people attended the Open Day, the courses were filled and membership rose to 49.

Since 1981 we have repeated the exercise each year, although we have not felt the need for any more Open days. During the last week in

April and the first week in May we contact the local Radio and Press and we have never failed to get good coverage. One year we got the S.W. Sports Council to fund an advert on the back page of the Evening Paper. We distribute 1000 leaflets to local homes not previously covered and posters are put up in local libraries, the City Information office etc. Very often we get people coming to us as a result of publicity from the previous year. Once organised, this campaign requires minimal effort and for us it has ensured that, for the last 3 years, we have always had more applicants for Coaching Course places than we could cope with — by the end of each season we already have a waiting list for the next. We charge £5 for the Coaching Courses, which start in the 2nd week in May and are run on ½ size lawns and that £5 is deductible from the Membership Fee if the beginner subsequently joins. We used to give a discount for 1st year members but discontinued that due to Market Forces! Today we have 73 members and are considering imposing a Membership limit of 75 and charging applicants £5 per year to retain their place on the waiting list for entry.

Once we had started to rectify our Membership problem we were able to plan long term projects, most importantly the building of a new Pavilion. As we rent our ground from the City Council and had no security of tenure, our first aim was to gain a long lease. By careful cultivation of local Councillors, the use of our "higher profile" gained from the publicity campaigns and persistent negotiation, we eventually secured a 30 year lease, albeit at a tripled rent. With that finally signed in March last year we could designate 1984 as fund raising year. An £11 increase in subs, representing a 50% rise, was agreed to and despite losing some members because of this, we still managed to increase our Membership, as we had attracted 36 beginners to fill 4 Coaching Courses. Two successful tournaments (2 day weekends), a wine and cheese party and donations helped us make a profit of over £2,000 for the year and a further £2,500 was raised by an interest free loan issue to members.

Our Clubhouse will be built in 2 stages. Stage 1 will cost approx. £10,000 and the plans were submitted in December and we hope to complete construction in June.

Success on the Lawns has kept pace with efforts off them. Club members Mark Suter and Frances Ransom were in strong contention for the Apps Trophy and Steele Bowl awards and in one 5 day period in August 6 members won 11 events between them at 3 different Tournaments.

In the Autumn members laid 6 tons of topsoil on our notorious Lawn 3 as the first phase of planned long term ground improvements.

The advances we have made, culminating in our nomination as HQ of the new SW Federation and the award of the Apps Heley Trophy, can all be traced back to the organisation, in 1981, of a planned method of attracting and inducting beginners. Why not get your Club to give it a try?

John McCullough

CHANGING CUSTOMS II

by S.S. Townsend

My article a year ago on changing customs evoked sufficient interest for me to delve again into my early recollections of the croquet, resulting in my memory coming up with two further aspects of the game in which significant changes have occurred over the past generation.

Time Limits

One of the earliest games which I can recall was in the early nineteen fifties, which was played on a glassy surface at Hurlingham in drought conditions before the watering system was installed. Mrs Fotiadi, happily still with us, beat me after 6 hours' play. A few years later in similar conditions Professor Skempton beat a well-known dental surgeon in the Longworth Cup after 6¾ hours play; later in the tournament the Professor was forced to scratch because of acute toothache but this was presumably coincidental.

I mention these two games because I cannot recall time limits being invoked by managers for many years after I took up the game, although I assume that powers then existed under the Regulations for Tournaments. I have skimmed through Gazettes of a generation or so ago, and the earliest reference to time limits on which I lighted was in the account of the Inter-County Championship in 1951 where it was remarked that the Event was played with a time limit of 3½ hours instead of 2½ hours in the preceding year, an extension which would certainly have caused pleasure to present-day players in the Counties

who would find themselves on short commons if games were limited to 2½ hours.

Then, in 1956 an experiment was tried in the Hurlingham August Tournament which was highlighted in the Gazette as interesting—the time limiting of all games to three hours, which was found to affect the outcome in 1 in 8 games. The experiment led to a wide response in the Gazette, all writers being in favour except Bryan Lloyd Pratt, then in his first year of competitive croquet and already showing evidence of an umbilical attachment to the past, who appealed for the abomination which was senseless and irritating to be abandoned forthwith. Be that as it may, if one scans the C.A. Fixtures books of recent years it will be found that up to half of the Tournaments now refer to time limits in the published Conditions, including indeed two of the jewels in our crown, the Opens and the Caskets. In addition, there are Tournaments where, although no mention is made of Time Limits, it is the practice to inform players on arrival that limits are being imposed in some if not all Events.

It may be useful to recapitulate the pros and cons, as there are some players who object strongly to any form of imposition of Time limits.

The advantages can be briefly expressed as:—

- (1) Players who are wanted for sessions after the first know that they will not have to hang about for long.
- (2) The Manager can plan a more definite schedule of play.
- (3) He is spared (particularly if he himself is playing in the Tournament) the trouble of imposing a closure on individual games.
- (4) Pegging down and the consequential resumption problems are largely if not entirely removed.
- (5) A larger entry can be accepted.

The disadvantages are:—

- (1) The irritation of being beaten on time.
- (2) The nervous tension of a close finish which is more acute when time is an added factor.
- (3) The use of tactics in the closing stages which while legitimate can appear repugnant to the spirit of the game.
- (4) The art of gamesmanship.

I will dwell only on the last objection. There are some players who are naturally slow and who operate at such an unvarying tempo that a speeding up would appear unnatural. This hardly qualifies as gamesmanship. There are on the other hand examples, happily fairly isolated, where the players appear deliberately to be slowing their game in the closing stages if they are a few points ahead. Sometimes however the slowness is not so much gamesmanship as a failure to appreciate the need to be as expeditious as possible. A year or two ago, in a game with only five minutes to run when I was a few points behind, my opponent still sat motionless for a few seconds after I quitted the lawn at the end of my turn, then levered himself slowly from his chair, spent some time making an adjustment to his person, and then walked laboriously some 30 yards to examine the position of a ball which even to the uninitiated he had no intention of playing. He then went to his other ball some 20 yards away and pondered before deciding to shoot into a neutral corner. About 1½ minutes could have been saved had he towards the end of my previous turn anticipated his next stroke and been ready at the side of the lawn to step on immediately I had made my last stroke. Sometimes the situation works in reverse; Eric Solomon and I were once playing in a Counties match when, with less than 5 minutes to go and a few points ahead of our opponents, they dithered for well over a minute on the lawn over who should play while Eric and I sat awaiting their next move.

The Use of Coins or Markers by Referees

I am open to correction by Noel Hicks but I have no recollection in my early years in croquet of the use of coins or markers by referees when called upon to adjudicate on the possibility of foul shots. I can only imagine that when a foul was awarded the balls were replaced in the positions considered to be correct by the referee. I find no reference in croquet literature on the subject and can only assume that the use of coins or markers sprung from the fertile minds of one of the eminences grises of referees, possibly the much lamented Ian Baillieu, David or Betty Prichard, or Bernard Neal.

An essential consequence of the use of coins or markers is of course

that they should be in positions which ensure a precise re-placing of balls if a foul is then committed. I have however seen instances where the coins appear to have been put down somewhat haphazardly. The matter is one which is doubtless dwelt upon during referees' courses and examinations, although I cannot recall such when I became a referee 8 years ago.

To finish on a light note, a few years ago I was called to determine whether a ball in a hoop would be hit by the striker's ball, which was some yards away from the hoop. I had taken up my stance for some time awaiting the stroke to be made when the player asked why I had not put coins down.

EDINBURGH CROQUET CLUB

It was as a result of a letter written to *The Scotsman* by Mr. Moray McLaren, the author, that the Edinburgh Croquet Club was founded. Mr. McLaren asked the question: "Are there any croquet players in Edinburgh today?" The response to this led him to call a meeting on May 19th, 1950, and another on June 1st. At this second meeting the Club was founded, and thirty-five people became members, with Mr McLaren elected first President, an office he held until his death in 1971. Of the thirty-five who joined in 1950, three are still full members, Mr. J.C. McCullouch, Mrs. D.M. Lackie, and Miss A.M. Murray.

Through the help of the then Lord Provost of Edinburgh, Sir Andrew Murray, ground at Lauriston Castle was made available for play. Three years later the Club received much encouragement from the visit of four members of English Clubs, Mr. Humphrey Hicks, Dr. W.R.D. Wiggins, Captain Reid-Walker, and Mrs. Rotherham. Demonstration games were played and a lot of useful advice given. Only one lawn was in use at the time, but by 1956 two more had been added, and three remains the number at present.

It was in 1967 that Edinburgh members ventured for the first time to take part in a Croquet Association event, namely the All England Handicap. This was the Centenary year, and the event was finally won at Hurlingham by an Edinburgh member, Lt-Commander R.D. Sinclair. This success gave further encouragement to the Club, and two years later the first six-day Official Tournament was held, ground being acquired elsewhere for the additional necessary lawns.

From 1972 onwards a similar tournament has taken place, and on these occasions and at other times the Club has welcomed visitors from numerous other Clubs and from overseas. With so much to see in Edinburgh when not actually on the lawns, many of these visitors have spoken appreciatively of their stay in the capital of Scotland.

The croquet season extends from mid-April to mid-October and various Club events are played during these months, as well as matches with other Clubs. With a membership now over fifty, there is plenty of activity all summer. It is admitted that the lawns are not of top quality, but good croquet can still be played, and what other Club has the wonderful everchanging view across the Firth of Forth which makes the setting at Lauriston Castle so unique?

Any reader contemplating visiting Edinburgh this summer for the Festival and Tattoo should bring their mallets as the Tournament and Festival dates coincide — 19th–25th August. The Manager will be happy to arrange matches to fit in with your Festival commitments. Accommodation can be difficult at this time so early booking is advisable but should you have any problems the Tournament Secretary will do his best to assist.

PHYLLIS COURT CLUB

The Croquet Section of Phyllis Court Club, Henley-on-Thames, held their Annual General Meeting on Sunday, November 25th. This was followed by the Annual Supper in the Ballroom for nearly 80 members and friends. Mr. Michael Pearson gave an excellent after dinner speech and Admiral Roy Foster-Brown expressed the appreciation felt by everyone present. In introducing Mr Pearson the Chairman of the Club welcomed the guests who included many old friends, amongst whom were three members of the Council of the Croquet Association — Bernard Neal (also a Council member of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club), Pat Sine and Smokey Eades, who is Treasurer of Phyllis Court Croquet Section.

This annual event could well be an opportunity for many croquet players to gather together for an off-season social event in very pleasant surroundings. The Ballroom can hold up to 200 diners comfortably and members of all croquet Clubs and their guests would be very welcome. The date for the 1985 Supper is Sunday, November 24th.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL WITH SINGING ASPIRATIONS!



Left to right: Derek Caporn, Hon Sec of the C.A., Lionel Wharrad, Chairman of the C.A., Dr D.W. Marshall of Budleigh Salterton.

Prize List 1984

This list includes calendar fixtures reported in the Croquet Gazette apart from team events. Figures in brackets indicate handicaps at the beginning and end of the season. This list and these handicaps are not authoritative.

M, W, Mx, R — Men's, Women's, Mixed, Restricted; O, H, L — Open, Handicap, Level; S, D — Singles, Doubles; B, C, D — Class; X, Y, Ex — X, Y, Extra; WE, BW — Weekend, Block Winner.

Aiton, K.M.H. (—½, —1) Southport WE1 OS1; Bowdon RHD; President's Cup = 3
 Aldridge, W.O. (1) Bowdon WE HS BW
 Anderson, G. (7½, 6½) Edinburgh RLSBX
 Anderson, T.W. (3, 2) Cheltenham WE5 HS BW
 Anderson, Mrs. T.W. (5½, 4½) Ladies' Second Event 2
 Andrew, R. (4) Eastbourne 2 RLSB
 Armstrong, A.C.F. (13, 12) Veterans RHSCY
 Aspinall, G.N. (—2) Open Championship OS1, OD; President's Cup 1
 Audsley, E. (1½) Wrest Park WE3 HS BW
 Avery, M.N. (—½) Colchester WE1 OS; Ipswich WE OS; Chairman's Salver = 2
 Bailey, R.F. (3, 2½) Parkstone 1 RHD; Parkstone 2 HSX
 Bamford, R. (—½) Bristol WE2 HS1; Budleigh Salterton 2 OS
 Bazley, Lady (4) Peels WHS 1; Ladies' Field 4
 Beatty, D. (11, 9) Carrickmines 1 HD
 Bell, E. (—½) Chairman's Salver = 7
 Bellm, H.G. (7) Hurlingham RHSD
 Bennet, A. (1½) Nottingham HSY; Bowdon Golf Croquet 1
 Berkeley, R. (6½, 5½) Peels MHS 1
 Bishop, Miss P.R. (16) Cheltenham 4 RHD
 Bond, I.D. (—½) Doubles Championship MxOD; Chairman's Salver = 4
 Borrett, Cdr G. (2) Eastbourne 1 MOS2; Compton RHD
 Bressey, Mrs E.E. (5) Colchester RLSB1
 Brown, Lt-Col D.F.T. (5) Compton WE1 HS BW
 Browne, T.N. (14, 6) Carrickmines 1 HS 1
 Browne, Mrs W.J. (6, 5) Hurlingham RLSC1, WHD; Ladies' Second Event 1
 Brownsdon, H.B. (10, 8) Ryde RHSC
 Burnell, R.E. (5, 3½) Cheltenham WE2 HS BW
 Cairns, Dr D. (1½, 2) Cheltenham WE2 HS BW
 Campbell, Prof. K. (7, 4½) Hurlingham RLSC2; Hunstanton HS2, RHD
 Carlisle, Mrs H.B.H. (1) Women's Championship WOS1; Doubles Championship MxOD
 Carter, K.J. (8, 6) Eastbourne 1 RHS; Cheltenham WE5 HS BW

Chamberlain, Mrs C. (10, 12) Nottingham WE2 LS BW
 Coles, W.T. (5, 3) Hurlingham RLSB1
 Collin, A.J. (2, 1½) Southport WE2 HS1
 Collin, Mrs A.J. (4, 2) Wrest Park WE1 HS BW; Hull WE HS BW; Wrest Park WE3 HS BW
 Coombs, Mrs L.A. (5) Ladies' Second Event 4
 Cordingley, P. (—½) Men's Championship Du Pre Cup OS; Bowdon OS Plate; Chairman's Salver = 2
 Cotterell, Mrs K. (4½, 4) Nottingham RLSB2
 Cowan, M.R.L. (11, 8) Nottingham RHSC1
 Crane, R.F.A. (4) Parkstone 1 RLSB2; Veterans RLSB2
 Crane, Mrs R.F.A. (12, 11) Parkstone 1 RHSC1
 Crawford, P.J.R. Roehampton RLSB1
 Croker, D.J. (—½) Roehampton WE1 HS; Bowdon OD; Chairman's Salver 6
 Croker, Mrs D.J. (7½, 5½) Budleigh Salterton 1 HS BW; Budleigh Salterton WE HS BW
 Daintree, D. (10) Eastbourne 2 RHSD
 Davis, E.J. (1, ½) Nottingham WE1 HS; Nottingham WE2 OS; Spencer-Ell 2
 Davis, M. McF. (14, 12) Budleigh Salterton 1 HS BW
 Duckworth, C. (3½) Cheltenham 4 LS BW
 Derryhouse, P.A. (7½, 6½) Peels HS2
 Dyke, P. (14, 10) Bowdon RHSD1
 Elder, M. (10, 7) Edinburgh HSX; Brighton WE3 HS2
 Exell, F.J. (7, 6) Veterans HSX
 Finn, M.J. (10, 6) Cheltenham 2 RHSC1
 Foulser, D.R. (—1) Cheltenham 2 OS1; Chairman's Salver 1
 French, M. (5, 3) Woking WE HS BW; Brighton 2 RLSB2
 Gaunt, D.L. (3, 2) Carrickmines 2 HS1; Brighton WE3 HS1; Cheltenham WE5 HS BW
 Goacher, D. (7, 5) Bristol WE1 LS BW; Wrest Park WE3 HS BW
 Gordon, A.G. (4½, 4) Cheltenham 2 RLSB2
 Gosden, Mrs R.A. (7½, 7) Challenge & Gilbey RLSC; Hunstanton RHSC
 Goulding, D. (2½) Woking RHD
 Granger-Brown, M. (2½) Budleigh Salterton WE HS BW
 Gregg, P. Budleigh Salterton 2 RHSC
 Griethuysen, Miss C. van (9) Edinburgh RHD
 Grout, Mrs M.M. (6½) Compton HSEX
 Guest, J.E. (1) Colchester HD; Parkstone 2 OS1; Roehampton OS1, HS1; Spencer-Ell = 3
 Gunasekera, D.L. (—½) Nottingham OS; Budleigh Salterton 2 RHD; Chairman's Salver = 7

Haggerston, M.J. (14, 10) Roehampton RHSC1
 Hague, Mrs W. (4) Ladies' Field 3
 Hallam, B.G. (4½, 3½) Nottingham HSX, RHD
 Hallam, Miss G.F. (9, 8) Nottingham RHD
 Hampson, Miss P. (8) Challenge & Gilbey RHD
 Hampson, Miss S.G. (4, 3½) Hunstanton WE1 OS BW; Challenge & Gilbey RLSB, RHD; Colchester RLSB2; Hurlingham HSX
 Hands, P.W. (-1) Cheltenham 4 OS BW
 Harding, Miss D.V. (14) Eastbourne 1 RHD
 Harris, D.A. (1½) Eastbourne 1 OD1
 Harrison, T.D. (5½, 2½) Eastbourne 2 RHD; Hunstanton RLSB, HS1; Wrest Park WE3 HS BW
 Haste, Dr T.J. (0) Southport WE2 HS BW; Budleigh Salterton WE HS BW
 Healey, G.P.N. (1, 0) Carrickmines 1 OS1
 Heap, M.E.W. (-1½) Colchester OS1; President's Cup 5
 Hetherington, P.J.C. (4, 3) Colchester HS2, HD
 Higgs, Dr D.G. (6, 7) Brighton 2 RHSC2
 Hilditch, J.R. (0, -½) Men's Championship MOS2; Compton WE2 OS; Chairman's Salver =4
 Hissett, R. (7) Edinburgh RLSB1
 Hope, A.B. (-1½) Cheltenham 1 OS1
 Hyne, N.G. (1½, 1) Hunstanton RHD; Spencer-Ell 5
 Irwin, C.J. (-½) Hunstanton WE2 HS1; Bowdon OS2, Golf Croquet 2, OS1; Spencer-Ell 1
 Iveson, P.F. (10, 9) Hull WE HS BW
 Jenkins, R.S. (12, 9) Cheltenham WE3 HS BW
 Johnson, P.M. (0) Cheltenham WE4 HS BW
 Jones, Dr R.C. (4, 3) Nottingham Robin Hood HS2, RLSB1
 Kellaway, A.J. (11, 10) Compton RHSC1
 Kelly, D.J. (3½, 2½) Bowdon WE HS BW; Bowdon HS2
 King, Dr J.W. (4, 3½) Cheltenham 2 RLSB1; Nottingham WE3 HS BW
 Lamb, C. (4½, 3) Woking HS BW
 Laney, Dr D.R. (3½, 3) Budleigh Salterton 1 HS BW; Budleigh Salterton WE HS BW
 Langley, Mrs M.E. (10, 8) Budleigh Salterton 1 HS BW; Cheltenham 2 RHSD2
 Latham, L.V. (½) Ryde OS; Cheltenham 2 OS2
 Latham, Mrs L.V. (10, 8) Cheltenham 2 RHSD1; Cheltenham 4 HS BW
 Leach, P.F. (8, 7½) Cheltenham WE2 HS BW
 Lenfestey, D.de Q. (9) Cheltenham 4 HS BW
 Leonard, Mrs R.J. (5½, 6) Carrickmines 1 HD
 Lewis, S.E. (½, 0) Bowdon WE HS BW
 Lovey, Dr D. (3½) Cheltenham WE5 HS BW
 Lyons, Miss M.C. (16, 14) Carrickmines 2 RHD
 McAuley, J. (13, 11) Carrickmines 1 RLSB1
 McCormack, A. (5½, 5) Woking RHD, HS BW
 McCullough, J.R. (-½, -1) Cheltenham 1 OS2; Brighton WE2 OS1; Edgbaston WE1 OS; Bowdon OS1; President's Cup 8
 MacDonald, Mrs I.P.M. (6½, 5½) Hurlingham WHD; Ladies' Second Event 5
 Macleod, Miss J. (6, 3) Hurlingham RLSB2; Ladies' Field 2
 Managh, Mrs E. Veterans OS2
 Mann, F. (11, 10) Edinburgh RHSCX
 Mann, J.R. (8, 4) Cheltenham WE2 HS BW; Bowdon HSX2; Cheltenham WE4 HS BW
 Marshall, Mrs C.W. (10) Parkstone 1 RHD
 Maugham, F.I. (4, 2) Cheltenham WE2 HS BW; Bowdon WE HS BW; Bowdon OD, RLSB1
 Meads, J.D. (1) Nottingham Robin Hood HS1
 Moorcraft, D.H. (½) Peels MHS2; Cheltenham 2 RHD; Brighton WE3 HS BW
 Moorcraft, Mrs D.H. (10) Cheltenham 2 RHD
 Moore, W.E. (1, 2) Brighton WE3 HS BW
 Morshead, R.M. (11, 9) Veterans RHSCX
 Mrozinski, A.J. (3½, 2) Woking OS, OS, HS BW
 Mulliner, S.N. (-2) Men's Championship MOS1; Open Championship OS2, OD; Roehampton WE2 OS2; President's Cup 2
 Murray, Dr M. (-2, -1½) Brighton WE2 OS2
 Neal, Prof. B.G. (-½) Cheltenham WE4 HS BW
 Newman, F.H. (3) Ryde HSX
 Newman, Mrs F.H. (4) Ladies' Field =5
 Openshaw, D.K. (-2) President's Cup 7
 Ottley, R.F. (15) Edinburgh RHSCY
 Owen, T.F. (½) Veterans HD
 Paddon, M.T. (2½, 2) Cheltenham 2 HSX2
 Palmer, A.J. (1½, 1) Southport WE1 OS2
 Palmer, D.G. (12, 4½) Colchester RHSC; Brighton 2 RHSC1
 Parker, Miss P.E. (5, 4) Parkstone 1 HSY; Parkstone 2 RLSB; Ladies' Second Event 3

Pearson, M.G. (3½, 3) Roehampton OS2
 Perry, B.G. (1) Budleigh Salterton 1 RHD
 Perry, Mrs. B.G. (11) Budleigh Salterton 1 RHD
 Peterson, D. (1, ½) Open Championship Plate OS2; Bowdon OS2, HS1; Hunstanton OS2; Spencer-Ell 6
 Phelps, M.F. (0) Brighton 1 HS; Brighton 2 OS, MHSX2
 Philp, W.E. (9) Compton WE1 HS BW
 Plummer, I.R. (6½, 4½) Hurlingham WE1 HS
 Pountney, C.G. (4½) Veterans RLSB1
 Prichard, R.D.C. (1) Bristol WE1 OS BW; Nottingham WE3 HS BW
 Race, R. (5, 3½) Cheltenham WE4 HS BW
 Ransom, R.W. (8, 6) Brighton 2 MHSX1, MxRHD; Cheltenham 4 LS BW
 Ransom, Mrs R.W. (13, 7) Brighton 2 RHSD1, WHSX1, MxRHD
 Raymond, B. (12) Ipswich WE HS
 Read, T.O. (-½) Carrickmines 2 OS, HS2
 Rogerson, F. (3, 2) Carrickmines 1 OS2, HS2
 Rolfe, Mrs A.N. (2½) Challenge & Gilbey OS; Ladies' Field =5
 Rothwell, G.F. (3) Veterans HSY
 Rowlands, F.A. (6, 5) Budleigh Salterton 1 HS BW; Ryde HSX; Cheltenham WE5 HS BW
 Salmon, E.J. (12) Compton RHSC2
 Schmieder, C.M. von (1½, 2) Carrickmines 2 HS
 Shaw, D.W. (6, 4½) Eastbourne 1 HS1; Eastbourne 2 RLSC2; Compton WE1 HS BW
 Shine, Miss P. (7) Veterans HD; Brighton 1 RHD
 Short, J.A. (8, 7) Eastbourne 2 RLSC1, RHD; Budleigh Salterton 2 RHD; Ryde WE HS
 Smith, M.P.W. (6½) Edinburgh HSY
 Smith, P.L. (1) Cheltenham 4 RHD
 Smith, R.J. (4, 3) Woking WE HS BW; Woking RLSB, RLSB
 Solomon, Dr E.W. (-1½) Golf Croquet S; Open Championship Plate OS1; Roehampton WE2 OS1; President's Cup =3
 Southern, C. (½) Woking OD
 Stoker, P. (3) Southport WE2 HS BW; Carrickmines 2 RHD
 Storey, B.J. (4, 2½) Southport WE2 HS BW; Bristol WE2 HS2; Hull WE HS BW; Bowdon RLSB2
 Strachan, M.D.A. (5, 3) Cheltenham WE2 HS BW; Cheltenham WE4 HS BW
 Straw, J.C. (4) Nottingham WE2 LS BW
 Sutcliffe, A.F. (3½, 2½) Cheltenham 3 OS
 Suter, M.N. (9, 5½) Bowdon RLSC1, HSX1, RHD
 Sutherland, Dr R.R. (10, 6) Colchester WE2 HS BW; Wrest Park WE3 HS BW
 Sweeney, A.C. (10, 7) Edgbaston WE2 HS
 Taylor-Webb, E. Bowden RLSC2
 Thornton, P. (10, 8) Carrickmines 1 RLSB2; Carrickmines 2 RLSB2
 Tompkinson, M.G. (2½) Hunstanton WE1 OS BW; Ryde RHD
 Tompkinson, Mrs M.G. (7½, 6½) Hunstanton WE1 LS BW; Ryde RLSB, RHD
 Torrington, P.G. (3½) All England HS
 Townsend, K.F.W. (10) Roehampton RHD
 Townsend, Mrs K.F.W. (12) Roehampton RHSC2
 Townsend, S.S. (1½) Veterans OS1; Roehampton RHD
 Townshend, Rev. C.H. (3½, 3) Brighton 2 RLSB1
 Toye, J.S. (½) Cheltenham 2 HSX1
 Tucker, Mrs R.E.J. (6½) Ladies' Second Event 6
 Tyrwhitt Drake, E.C. (2) Eastbourne 1 HS1, OD
 Vale, T. (4½, 4) Brighton WE1 HS
 Vale, Mrs T. (11, 8) Eastbourne 1 RHD; Parkstone 1 RHSC2; Brighton 2 RHSD2
 Vincent, Dr I.G. (-½) Spencer-Ell =3
 Walters, J.O. (1½, ½) Hunstanton WE1 OS BW; Colchester OS2, HS1; Budleigh Salterton 2 HSX; Colchester WE3 HS; Hunstanton OS1; Spencer-Ell 7
 Warren, Mrs A. (7½) Peels RHD; Cheltenham 2 RHSC2
 Watson, Dr P.A. (10, 7½) Colchester WE2 HS BW
 Weitz, Dr B.G.F. (½) Compton WE1 HS BW; Peels HS1; Cheltenham WE3 HS BW; Cheltenham WE4 HS BW
 Weitz, Mrs B.G.F. (3½) Peels RHD; Brighton 1 RHD; Brighton 2 WHSX2
 Welch, R.A. (5, 4) Roehampton HS2
 Wharrad, L. (2, 1) Eastbourne 1 MOS1; Hurlingham MHD
 Whillock, G.O.H. (2) Eastbourne 2 OS2
 Whitehouse, B. (3½, 4) Woking OD; Hurlingham MHD
 Whittaker, Dr F.L. (14, 11) Nottingham RHSC2; Nottingham WE3 HS BW
 Wiggins, D.C.D. (12, 10) Parkstone 2 RHSC, RHD
 Wiggins, Dr W.R.D. (1, ½) Eastbourne 2 HSX; Compton WE1 HS1; Hurlingham MxOD, HSY; Parkstone 2 HSY

Wiggins, Mrs W.R.D. (0) Eastbourne 2 OS1, HSY; Budleigh Salterton 1 HS BW; Parkstone 1 OS2; Women's Championship WOS2; Hurlingham OS, MxOD; Parkstone 2 OS2, RHD; Compton HS2; Ladies' Field 1
 Wild, C. (14) Bowdon RHSD2
 Wilkins, M.J. (6, 4) Parkstone 1 RLSB1; Hull WE HS BW; Budleigh Salterton 2 RLSB
 Williams, P.G. (7, 4½) Compton HS1, RHD
 Williams, R.A.W. (1½) Edinburgh OS1, RHD
 Williams, S. (8, 5) Carrickmines 2 RLSB1; Roehampton RLSB2
 Wolfe, J. (5, 4) Wrest Park WE1 HS BW
 Wood, D.E. (8) Woking HS BW
 Wood, J.McB. (13, 11) Budleigh Salterton WE HS BW
 Wood, J.W. (2) Hunstanton WE2 HS2; Challenge & Gilbey HS
 Wood, T.I. (0) Parkstone 1 OS1, HSX; Spencer-Ell 8
 Wright, I.H. (2) Edinburgh OS2
 Wylie, K.F. (-2) Bristol WE1 OS BW; President's Cup 6
 Yeoman, Mrs K. (4) Peels WHS2.

INTER CLUB COMPETITIONS 1984

The various inter club competitions have all been successfully completed on schedule. Two, the inter club Championship and the Mary Rose trophy, were retained by the holders, Roehampton and Bowdon respectively, whilst the Longman Cup and the Secretary's Shield were won for the first time by Bretby and Harwell.

INTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

From a reduce entry of 12 (probably due to the introduction of the Mary Rose) the finalists played off at Colchester on 7th October when Roehampton beat Harrow Oak in a closely fought contest by 4 games to 3. To reach the final Roehampton beat Cheltenham, Aldermaston and Wrest Park; and Harrow Oak beat Colworth, Nottingham and Colchester.

The competition has had an interesting history. A magnificent silver salver was purchased from subscriptions by Associates in 1906. It was played for annually until 1914 when there was a four year break for the First World War. It was played for annually from 1919 to 1939 (except in 1923) but not again until 1971. The break from 1940 to 1946 is understandable due to the Second World War, but that from 1947 to 1971 is not so easy to fathom. In 1970, when chairman of the Tournament Committee your reporter came across the trophy hidden away in the C.A. office in time to get the competition re-started for 1971. Alas, the magnificent trophy was stolen recently from the showcase at the Roehampton Club together with several of their club trophies. Sadly it has not been recovered.

With their win this year Roehampton have won the trophy eight times, equalling the number of wins by their close rivals Hurlingham. Bedford (unhappily now defunct) won it six times as have Woking (between 1924 and 1937). Cheltenham have recorded three wins, their first in 1976, and of existing clubs Compton (1928), Southwick (1936) and Wrest Park (1974) have each won it twice.

MARY ROSE TROPHY

Introduced in 1983 as a "half-way house" between the Inter Club and the Longman Cup this competition has caught on fast. Only in its second year it attracted 25 entries. Last year's winners Bowdon successfully defended by beating Roehampton in the final 7-0 at Cheltenham on 6th October. To reach the final they had beaten Wolverhampton, Stourbridge, Budleigh and Cheltenham 2, whilst Roehampton had beaten Southwick, Woking, Ipswich and Harwell.

LONGMAN CLUB TEAM CUP

From a record entry of 44 the winners for the first time were Bretby (National Coal Board, Derby) when they defeated Wolverhampton (runners-up in 1983) at Nottingham on 7th October in another close contest by 3-2½. To reach the final Bretby beat Wrest Park, Thomas Cook Ltd. (Peterborough), Colworth (last year's winners), then Hurlingham. Wolverhampton reached the final with victories over Walsall, Chester, Stourbridge, East Riding and Oxford University.

This cup was presented by the late William Longman in 1928 to encourage particularly long bisquers to play competitive croquet outside their own clubs. In the intervening years the most successful clubs have been Warwickshire (Leamington) and Hurlingham each

with seven wins, Edgbaston, Roehampton and Woking each have three wins.

Up to 1967 the names of each of the winning team's players was engraved on the cup, but to save space since 1968 only the winning club's name has been recorded on the cup. On looking through names on the cup it is interesting to record that our Vice President Jim Townsend played off 10 for Hurlingham in 1950 and playing for Cambridge University in 1962 international Martin Murray played off 5 and David Miller and Peter Hallett both played off 8.

SECRETARY'S SHIELD

Introduced in 1979 as a knock-out competition between the winners of the previous year's various leagues was won by Harwell (Home Counties B) who beat Edgbaston (West Midlands Federation) at Nottingham on 29th August. In the preliminary round Harwell beat Woking (Home Counties A) and Edgbaston beat East Riding (Northern Federation). In 1984 Home Counties only had one league and the Essex/Suffolk league entered the field, the 1985 competition will therefore be between the winners of Home Counties/Essex Suffolk v West Midlands and Northern Federations. At the time of writing the names of the clubs winning the various leagues played in 1984 are not yet known.

Richard Rothwell

OBITUARY

D. J. V. Hamilton Miller

On the eve of the Open Championship, the game lost one of its devoted adherents. Dudley loved the game as much as anyone ever has done. His charm and colourful character will be much missed at the centres he visited - Roehampton, Hurlingham, Compton and Southwick. I first met him just before the war when he had won the Open Championship. His duty to his school at Sunbiron kept him out of croquet for some years, but on relinquishing the headmastership he was back. We played together in doubles on many occasions and a more serene companion could not be improved upon. He admired the play of his opponents and kept in his mind how they were improving. He was a master of the spoken and written word. It was a delight to hear his after-dinner speech at Hurlingham, witty, interesting and given with such eloquence that few can match, the demands upon his time made it impossible for him to join the council until late in life. He would have made an outstanding chairman. On behalf of you all I gave the address at the Memorial Service.

W.R.D.W.

REGINALD VICTOR COOK

Reginald Victor Cook, the Wolverhampton Croquet Club founder and President passed away at the end of January.

In 1970 Reg Cook organised a demonstration by the C.A. of Association Croquet on a cricket pitch in Wolverhampton, and the 28 interested people formed the Wolverhampton Club, Reg Cook as Chairman of the local Sports Advisory Council spearheaded the request for lawns on which to play, resulting in two lawns being laid.

Croquet was not his only interest, he initiated indoor bowls for Senior Citizens which spread to other clubs and an indoor bowls league was formed.

He was Vice-Chairman of the Black Country Olympics in which competition the 'Black Country' Boroughs of the Midlands annually participate in more than thirty sports.

His encouragement, and financial support for many sports will be sadly missed.

K.F.T.

MISS MARJORIE TOWERS

Miss Marjorie Towers died at home, Paddock Cottage, Hurstpierpoint on the 21st January 1985. She had lived at Hurstpierpoint for many years with her friend and companion Grizel Pirie. Between them they had converted the Stable Block and Cottage in the grounds of E.A. Roper's Ladymead into a charming dwelling with immaculate garden and croquet lawn, overlooking the South Downs.

They gave many croquet parties, in fact, Ladymead, with its own lawn became a hive of croquet activities. My wife and I have greatly treasured memories of the times spent there.

Marjorie was a staunch supporter of the Sussex County Croquet Club, where she and Grizel were always willing helpers. For many years Marjorie was Chairman of the Club, a position which she carried out with great charm and ability. She had not played croquet recently but continued to give the Club her full support.

We who were privileged to know her have the highest regard and affection for her and will always appreciate all that she did for the Club.

We extend our deepest sympathy to her nephew.

N.W. Talbot Cox

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

ONE WAY OF FIXING HOOPS

At the Club Conference in November favourable comment was made on the accuracy and stability of the hoops at last year's Home Internationals held at Budleigh Salterton. A request was made for an explanation to be given in the Gazette. In writing this it is realised that some grandmothers will find themselves being taught how to suck eggs!!! So be it.

Hoop requirements will be found in Laws 2(b)(1), 50(d) and Appendix 1. The hoops must be fixed vertically and firmly into the ground. The inner surfaces of the uprights must be parallel and (for present purposes) 3¼ inches (95 mm) apart plus or minus 1/32 inch (0.8 mm).

To ensure that the hoops are the correct width after being driven into the ground, in Budleigh Salterton a dummy hoop made to accurate gauge is used. This tool was made by a local ironworks using a broken hoop and a ¼ inch iron. A plate 3 inches by exactly 3¼ inches was welded between two hoops sides immediately above the carrots.

For convenience one side was cut flush to the cross-plate, while the other was kept as long as possible. The longer side can be used as a handle and to help inserting the tool into the ground vertically.

It is essential that the carrots are placed in the same position as a whole hoop. It will help the welder to be provided with a good hoop as a specimen. The tool should look something like figure 'A'.

Plate 3¼" 'A' 'B'

The Tool ('A') can be driven into the ground with a heavy hammer over a piece of 2 x 3 inch wood. It is recommended that it is driven until about ½ inch of carrot is showing above the ground.

It may save the wood splitting if another plate is made to sit astride the first one. See figure 'B'.

The hoops to be set can then be dropped into the holes and driven the final ½ inch, ensuring a firm set. It is a help if a heavy hoop gauge (say ¼ inch strip of iron) is held in the jaws of the hoop while driving the final ½ inch.

If hoops need fine adjustment recent lawn mowings can be used as packing material. After mowing, a few mowings in the bottom of the holes will ensure stability.

If driving the hoop raises the ground around the carrots it can be levelled by tamping with the hammer over the 2 x 3 inch timber.

If the ground is hard then the tool must be hit into the ground about 1-1½ inches at a time and removed for water to be poured into the holes until the tool can be driven in another inch or so.

In Budleigh Salterton there are three standards of checking width and stability. For Home Internationals twice a day. For tournaments once a day. For club use as necessary.

It is certain that other clubs have their own methods which may well be superior to the system described above. Doubtless the Editor would be happy to receive further and better particulars.

Budleigh Salterton

Peter Danks

Dear Sir,

Ian Bond is a splendid manager, and would pay no heed to "players asking the manager to play their games on the cricket pitch". (see Championship Report). How shocking that such requests should have been made.

Dares Farm,
Colyford
Devon.

Yours sincerely,
H. O. Hicks

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME

Dear Sir,

I recall that when I was Editor of the Gazette 25 or more years ago it was rare to find any mention of players' christian names in the accounts of tournaments. In the account of the 1958 Open Championships for example surnames were used throughout with not a single reference to a christian name. This of course did no more than conform to the custom of the times; *autres temps, autres moeurs*.

Today the pendulum seems to have swung to the other extreme in some tournament accounts, last year the liberal use of christian names unsupported by surnames must have left many readers baffled as to who were the contestants concerned. Thus, in which was in fact a more than usually lively account of the Ladies Invitation Sixes, the uninitiated reader must have found references to Carmen and Hyacinth as more reminiscent of the opera house and the potting shed than of the rigours of the croquet lawn.

May I plead for a more judicious blending of christian and surnames?

54 Lowther Road
Barnes
London
SW13 9NU

Yours truly,
S. S. Townsend

Dear Sir,

I should be grateful if you would allow me to announce, through your correspondence columns, that I am in the course of preparing a book whose title will probably be "Expert Croquet Tactics". It would be an exaggeration to say that in undertaking this I have yielded to public demand. Seldom can a book have been less demanded, and the question of publication is still in doubt. I aim for publication next spring.

The subjects which I propose to cover are the triple peel, what to do with the first break, how to set up (and thwart) a break and the opening. I should be interested to receive suggestions on these or any other likely subjects.

17 Carlton Crescent
Southampton
SO9 5AL

Yours sincerely,
Keith Wylie

Sir,

I am disappointed to see no report in Gazette no. 177 to accompany the results of the East Riding weekend. Perhaps a most appreciative visitor to that tournament may be allowed some space to remedy this.

This was East Riding's first venture into the C.A. calendar. Two bowling greens were available alongside the usual croquet lawns. All these were fast and fairly true, favouring players with a delicate touch. We saw a triple peel from John Meads and three peels of a quadruple from the manager, Barry Keen, before he failed at 1-back, a victim of Alan Gordon's hoop-setting.

Many club members were in their first tournament, and some were improving noticeably from game to game as they learned from the experience.

Coffees, lunches, teas and, particularly appreciated in the hot weather, a constant supply of cold drinks were provided in tents which, like everything else, had to be taken down at night and put up very early in the morning. This cannot have been easy on the Sunday morning, following the previous evening's excellent barbecue laid on by Alan and Mary Gordon, but Alan hammered the hoops into place loudly and enthusiastically.

An additional attraction of this event is the organisation of accommodation in the College of Further Education. In short, the well-coordinated efforts of so many East Riding members produced a most enjoyable weekend, likely to be oversubscribed in 1985 if the word gets around about easy motorway access and excellent accommodation, and I do recommend this tournament to players everywhere.

53 Granville Road,
Blackburn,
Lancashire
BB2 6JS

Yours sincerely,
Andrew Bennet



Lionel Adams launching himself into the attack with one of his deadly long roquets during the Hurlingham Tournament

Photographs by courtesy of P. L. Alvey

The Hat, Martin Kolbusewski on the lawns at Bowdon



STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1984

	1983	1984
FIXED ASSETS		
Office Furniture and Equipment at Written Down Value	385	890
Trophies, estimated to realise	10,000	10,000
Investments, as per attached schedule	31,366	19,024
	<u>41,751</u>	<u>29,914</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stocks of Literature and Equipment	2,300	2,800
Sundry Debtors and Prepayments	1,623	1,430
Cash in Hand and at Bank	2,729	3,240
	<u>6,652</u>	<u>7,470</u>
	<u>48,403</u>	<u>37,384</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Subscriptions Received in Advance	1,874	459
Accrued Expenses	8,883	3,279
Taxation	350	913
	<u>11,107</u>	<u>4,651</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>£37,296</u>	<u>£32,733</u>
Representing:-		
Accumulated General Funds as at 1st January 1984	17,541	16,557
Add: Surplus	3,709	984
	<u>21,250</u>	<u>17,541</u>
Life Membership Fund	1,745	1,850
Apps Heley Memorial Fund	216	216
Test Tour Fund	1,985	1,709
Benefactors Fund	9,570	9,014
Tournaments and Trophies Fund	2,530	2,403
	<u>£37,296</u>	<u>£32,733</u>

INVESTMENTS HELD AT 31ST DECEMBER 1984

Nominal Value		Market Value
£	QUOTED INVESTMENTS	
400.00	New Throgmorton Trust (1983) PLC Income Shares of 25p each	479
		608
6.97	Brown Shipley Sterling Bond Fund Participating Redeemable Preferences Shares of 1p each	7,462
		<u>7,109</u>
		<u>7,941</u>
		<u>£7,717</u>
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10.00	UNQUOTED INVESTMENTS	
	Roehampton Country Club	10
	Abbey National Building Society	14,000
	Britannia Building Society	7,104
	Woolwich Building Society	2,311
		<u>£31,366</u>
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WOULD ALL REPORTERS PLEASE NOTE:-

Full Club Tournaments and C.A. Tournaments of similar stature, reporters please limit reports to 750 words, weekend tournaments - 400 words; main C.A. events, i.e. Open Championships, maximum of one page - 2000 words. Any deviation from these quantities may mean an abridged version of your report—Editor.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1984

	1983	1984
INCOME		
Subscriptions	7,934	7,428
Registration Fees and Overseas Membership	961	820
Levy	2,010	2,010
Tribute	60	32
Sale of Books, Laws, etc. (net)	1,955	1,703
Investment Income on General Funds (net of tax)	1,106	766
Surplus on Tournaments	410	(1,011)
	<u>14,436</u>	<u>11,748</u>
EXPENSES		
Magazine, less Income from Advertisements	4,950	5,201
	<u>9,486</u>	<u>6,547</u>
GENERAL OVERHEADS		
Office Rent, Lighting, Heating and Cleaning	1,125	895
Staff Salaries	9,041	9,808
Council and Committee Travelling Expenses	630	691
Postage and Telephone	1,196	1,460
Printing and Stationery	2,319	1,631
Insurance	298	298
Sundry Expenses	433	424
Audit and Accountancy Charges	375	350
Maintenance of Office, Furniture and Equipment	603	625
	<u>16,020</u>	<u>16,182</u>
Less Sports Council Grant	8,453	8,376
	<u>7,567</u>	<u>7,806</u>
Publicity and Development	1,782	1,287
	<u>9,349</u>	<u>9,093</u>
SURPLUS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	137	(2,546)
EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS		
Sponsorship (net)	3,330	1,389
Surplus on Sale of Investments (net of tax)	242	2,141
	<u>3,572</u>	<u>3,530</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	<u>£3,709</u>	<u>£984</u>
L. Wharrad, Chairman of the Council		
A.J. Oldham, Hon. Treasurer		

We have examined the books, vouchers and other records maintained by The Croquet Association for the year ended 31st December 1984 and obtained such further information as considered necessary. To the best of our knowledge and belief the Accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association at 31st December 1984 and of the Surplus for the year ended on that date.

Alhambra House,
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7th February 1985

NICHOLASS, AMES & CO.,
Chartered Accountants

THE TREASURER'S COMMENTARY ON THE 1984 ACCOUNTS

Subscription income reflects the increase in membership during the year and following the increase in rates effective from 1st January will show a further significant increase in the 1985 Accounts. The response of Associates to the financial incentive to pay promptly has been very good and at the time of writing 766 have paid their 1985 subscriptions, considerably more than at the corresponding date in 1984.

The improvement in Investment Income is partly the result of an active investment policy and partly due to a reduction in the taxation charge. The British Telecom offer for sale provided us with the opportunity to make a small capital gain.

Tournaments produced a small surplus—on a turnover of £3,000— as a result of increased entry fees and through sponsorship.

The increased cost of producing the Directory and Fixtures Book, extensive use of the photocopier to facilitate general office administration and correspondence, particularly in responding to

enquiries from the general public, have again increased our General Overheads expenditure on Printing and Stationery.

It will be noticed that the Association's ordinary activities have resulted in a small surplus during the year: this is a very satisfactory position.

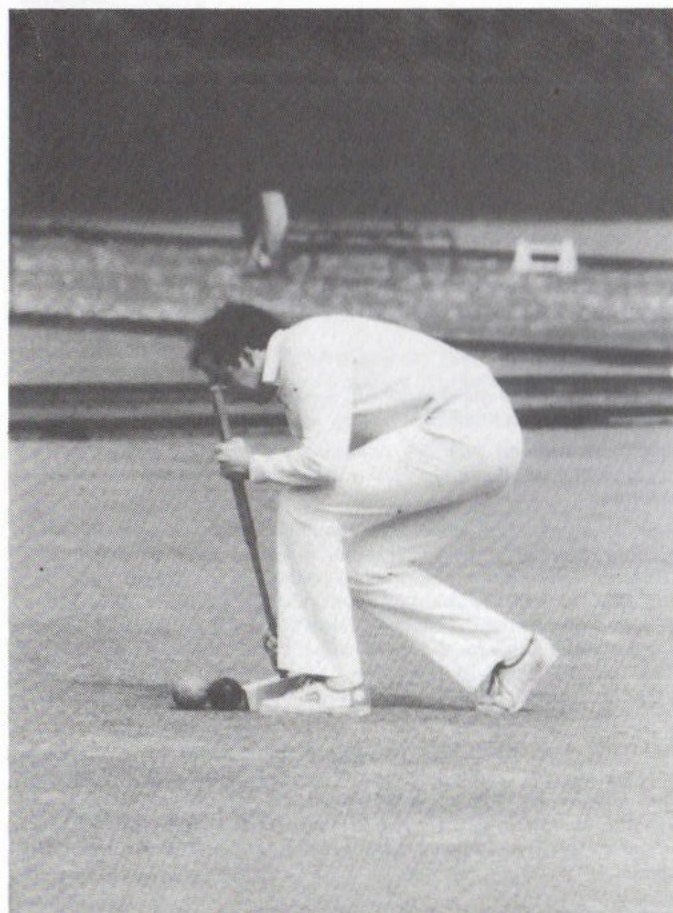
Highly successful efforts by the Sponsorship Committee (ie Steven Mulliner) have resulted in our receiving new sponsorship of £4,000 in 1984, with firm commitments to £10,000 in both 1985 and 1986, and £6,000 in 1987. These sums together with a new greatly enlarged grant from the Sports Council for 1985-7 have provided a firm financial basis for the development and implementation of the Association's Forward Plan. This plan which was introduced to Associates at the Club Conference in November 1984 is the subject of articles elsewhere.

The Test Tour Fund and the Benefactors' Fund have increased through interest credited to them from their respective investments. This investment income is additional to that shown in the main Income Account. Since the end of the year the Benefactors' Fund has received the benefit of a legacy from the late D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller.

A.J. Oldham
4 March 1985



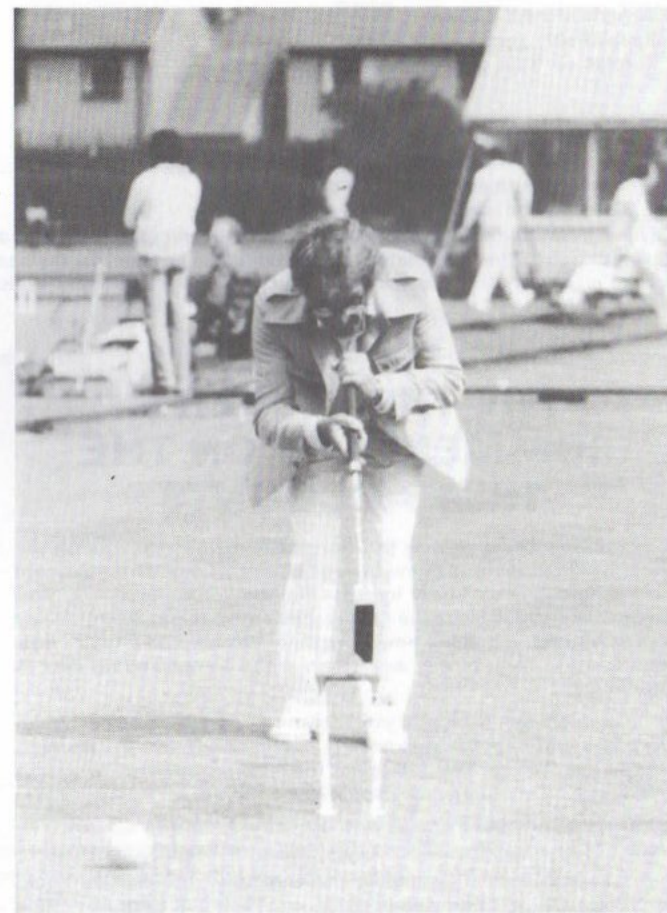
Laurence Latham ex Cheltenham Club member enjoying a return to his old haunts during the 1984 "Coles"



Ken Jones on the lawns at Cheltenham 1984 in the "Coles"



Paul Smith local member on home ground at Cheltenham in the "Coles" 1984



Phil Johnson in play during the "Coles" at Cheltenham in 1984

Letters to the Editor (contd.)

Dear Sir,

In 1984, my second season of serious croquet, I found myself with a handicap of 7 and severe difficulty in holding my own against low bisquers—discovered, to my chagrin, as I travelled to several otherwise hugely enjoyable tournaments.

I thought it might prove interesting to other middle-bisquers to hear how I overcame my problem.

Conventional wisdom, as documented in several popular books (usually written by top-class players who, perhaps, could barely recall facing the situation personally) dictates that a 7 handicap in receipt of, say, 5 bisques uses them to establish a four-ball break and keep it going—twice.

Fine—except I couldn't. Invariably I ran out of bisques well before I should. Then my four ball break broke and my opponent picked it up to give me a faultless demonstration of an all round break—twice.

Now, it is a well known fact that the present handicap system discriminates against the higher bisque holder. This is hardly surprising if one considers that one's propensity for scoring hoops increases exponentially with ability while that ability is measured by a handicap system which advances arithmetically. For empirical confirmation look in this Gazette at any sample of results from mixed ability handicap events. You will find that middle-bisquers beat low bisquers somewhat less often than in 50% of matches. My challenge was to increase my success ratio from a miserable 10% to 30%+.

By accident I discovered that I wasn't at all bad at three-ball breaks. Yes, I made even more mistakes than with four ball breaks but they were rarely a guaranteed passport to the peg for my opponent. In fact, with a little care, it was not difficult to take most of the risks only with my partner ball near, meaning my opponent invariably needed to make a long hit-in to recapture the innings.

So, I gave up four-ball breaks! My strategy now is to leave one of my opponent's balls, preferably the one with most work to do, in a remote corner and continue with a three-ball break.

My bisques I rarely used for establishing breaks, only for repairing them at critical times.

I am now winning many more matches and I am receiving no end of advice from my vanquished 1, 2 and 3 bisquer opponents that I should be using my bisques 'more aggressively'.

I am not suggesting that such tactics would suit all middle bisquers but many, especially those that can play a wide variety of shots and enjoy bold play, might find this could be an interesting experiment.

PS—After winning my block at the October Cheltenham weekend, I now find myself a 6!

'The Ramblers'
Turners Hill Road
Crawley Down
West Sussex

Yours sincerely,
Kevin Carter

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your recent acknowledgement of my item.

Most croquet historians seem to think the game was first played in Australia at or just prior to the turn of the century but obviously some 30 or 40 years earlier there were brave souls dressing up and having a hit around (in Perth). Goodness knows exactly what they were doing—golf croquet (of a fashion) most probably.

Kind regards to all.
29/20 Hungerford Ave.,
Mandurah 6210
West Australia

Sincerely,
George Maslen

Dear Sir,

HORACE WINDER WHICHELO

At pages 26–7 of Volume I of P.V. Furbank's *Life of E.M. Forster* (Seeker and Warburg 1977) there is a reference to H.W. Whichelo (1860–1942) who was a maternal uncle of the well-known writer. According to Furbank Whichelo worked in Coul's bank and was "a man's man, a great rifle-shooter, conscientious and rather dominating . . . later he became a 'heavy' father and was well known in croquet circles giving his name to the 'Whichelo Wired-Ball Tester'."

There seems little doubt that he was also the inventor of the "Whichelo Variation" referred to at page 129 of D.M.C. Prichard's *History of Croquet*, comprising two lifts and a contact, which was first authorised by the Council of the Croquet Association in 1949 and which still, despite the spirited rear-guard action described in note 45 at page 204 of Prichard's book, forms the basis of "Advanced Play".

My purpose in writing this letter for publication in the Gazette is to ask if anyone has come across the "Wired-Ball Tester" or can give an explanation of how it worked. I have consulted both Colonel Prichard and John Solomon but neither is able to throw any light on the matter.

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Yours sincerely,
Brian Bliss

Dear Sir,

The photograph on the front of the August Gazette reminded me that our youthful looking President is one of the comparatively few members of the Association who will remember not only my present wife and myself but also my first wife Edith with whom I entered my first croquet tournament approximately 30 years ago. In fact it was John's mother who partnered me in the handicap doubles in that tournament and gave Edith a lot of encouragement in her first efforts. Although we both feel we are now too slow to enable any opponent to play us without irritation we still keep in touch with things as life members both of the Association and the Colchester Club. (I am now nearly 84 and my wife is 75).

For several years we have been spending at least two holidays a year in Warminster and have a wide circle of friends there. On September 19th we are removing to the following address: Mr & Mrs. E. Whitehead, Henford House, Lower Marsh Road, Warminster, Wilts., BA12 4QJ.

I can best describe our new residence as a combination of a nursing home, a retirement home and a five star hotel with the advantages of all three and none of the disadvantages.

We shall have a delightful large self-contained flat with ample facilities for entertaining our friends and nothing would please us more than to be visited by some of our croquet friends. Thanking everyone for 30 years of pleasure (and of course frustration!!)

Yours sincerely,
Ewart Whitehead

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Essex, CM3 4HY

Dear Sir,

Others may like to know how Managers are treated at Cheltenham.

In our July week a calamity befell. The bar ran out of beer!

John Excell and Edith Tucker came to my rescue. On my table the next morning was a stack of beer with these affecting words—

"A little present for Edgar dear
For we know he's out of beer.
Without his beer he not survive,
Now he has it, he'll come alive.

John & Edith

No wonder people queue up to manage at Cheltenham. We are most grateful for the thoughtful attentions.

Park House
Thirstaine Road
Cheltenham

Yours sincerely,
Edgar Jackson

THE TAKE-OFF

The letter from Mr Leech in Issue No. 176 refers to instances in which a fine take-off is played without the striker noticing that the balls have parted, and the croqueted ball fails to move on strike. Mr Leech suggests that the striker's ball should then be replaced where it was, i.e. not in contact with the croqueted ball.

A careful reading of Law 32(c) shows that this is not correct. The balls must be replaced "in their lawful positions", and will therefore be in contact. If for example a bisque was then taken, the striker would immediately take croquet.

B.G. Neil, Chairman, Laws Committee

Dear Sir,

Mr Leech ends his letter about the take-off where the balls move apart before the stroke (C.G. no. 176, p.19) with the question, Is there any contrary view? My answer is, Yes, and the contrary view is the correct one.

Taking croquet when the striker's ball is not in contact with the croqueted ball is a case of playing when a ball is misplaced (Law 29(e)). Law 29 says, 'If a misplaced ball is not affected by the stroke, it must be properly placed before the next stroke.' When the balls are replaced after the fault they must therefore be placed as they should have been. This must apply, whatever the nature of the misplacement, otherwise the Laws would be sanctioning the misplacing of balls in all kinds of situations.

The question, by the way, is not new: it was given in *Croquet* no. 11 (June 1955), p.8. This of course was before the Laws were radically rewritten in 1961, but the answer given there is still correct, though for different reasons.

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Yours faithfully,
J.H. Bowman

Dear Sir,

WIDER HOOPS

I was dismayed to read the letter from Mr. Cox suggesting that wider hoops be permitted in tournament play. I disagree with both the premise that wide hoops would improve break-play and the statement that "countless numbers of potential croquet players have been put off by the difficulty of running hoops of 3¼ inches."

Being involved in the coaching of new players at our local club and an Adult Centre, I have never found anyone to be put off the game by the difficulty of running the hoops — if they do not pursue the game, it is because they do not become attracted to its 'intriguing tactical possibilities' or they find something else they like better!

As for wider hoops improving constructive break-play, I think they can do the reverse. At a recent tournament, where many of the hoops were far wider than that permitted and were at times as roomy as Mr. Cox suggests, it was all too common to see home-players make several hoops in a turn by using long roll-ups to get adequate position, for the wide hoops which could be run easily from several feet away. It is tight hoops that encourage constructive break-play, as they require the full use of all the balls to get the pioneer close to the hoop, in order to permit a short hoop-shot.

Finally, if wider hoops were to succeed in preventing high - and middle - bisquers from sticking in hoops, would this not make their games too one-sided, with +26 scores for whoever could maintain the innings. This could lead to the introduction of lifts and contacts at all levels of play! Most middle - and high - bisquers rely on their oppo sticking in the occasional hoop to regain the innings.

Can I suggest instead that a determined effort be made to actually tighten existing hoops at all tournaments down to the lawful width? In our experience, the best way to encourage break-play from high-bisquers is full-bisque play (see Appendix 3 of the new Laws) — perhaps C — class blocks at tournaments could profitably be run under this system in future.

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Yours faithful,
Martin French

Dear Sir,

SHORT ROBIN

I refer to Alastair Hunter's letter in Issue No. 174, Spring 1984, suggesting alternatives of the Short Robin Competition. We in Cassiobury Croquet Club had been looking for alternatives to our annual Knock-out Competition as our membership is very varied in capacity.

Inspired by Alastair's letter we have just completed a programme in which all members wanting to take part played four games with the following rules:

1. Four rounds of eight games to be played
2. Each game to be for 14 points with a 1½ hour time limit
3. Players use their handicaps
4. Games to be played in any order
5. All games must be completed before the end of August
6. Winners are responsible for recording results unless a player wishes to withdraw, in which case the player will enter his or her opponent's number in the Winner Column
7. Players who win four games play off in numerical order in 26 point games with a 3 hour time limit
8. If more than two players win four games the Captain will decide on further action.

Frame 1	Winner	Frame 2	Winner
1 v 16	16	15 v 16	15/16 (½)
2 v 15	2	1 v 14	14
3 v 14	14	2 v 13	2
4 v 13	13	3 v 12	3
5 v 12	5	4 v 11	11
6 v 11	11	5 v 10	5
7 v 9	9	6 v 9	6
8 v 10	8	7 v 8	8

Frame 3	Winner	Frame 4	Winner
14 v 16	14	12 v 16	16
15 v 13	15	13 v 5	5
1 v 12	1	14 v 6	14
2 v 11	11	15 v 8	15
3 v 10	3	1 v 7	1/7 (½)
4 v 9	4	2 v 9	2
5 v 8	5	3 v 11	11
6 v 7	6	4 v 10	4

In the event three players, 5, 11 and 14 won four games and the Captain ruled that they should all play against each other and the winner should be the one gaining the highest number of points.

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Yours faithfully,
A. W. Purvis
Hon. Secretary
Cassiobury Croquet Club

Sir,

Unlike many Associates, I was not surprised to see the list you printed of Championship Referees, as I was aware that this new category was to be established.

Perhaps the Laws Committee could use your pages to explain to players what a Championship Referee is (and indeed to remind them what an ordinary Referee is for).

Just as importantly, ordinary Referees need to be informed which are the events at which we are no longer empowered to officiate and what is the procedure for qualifying as a Championship Referee.

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Yours faithfully
Andrew Bennett

A LATE BEGINNER

My childhood memories of croquet consist of tears in the bushes searching for my ball hurled there by one of my two elder brothers. My mother, on discovering the cause of my tear-stained face, told me that I must learn to take defeat gracefully. I vowed never to play croquet again.

Sixty years later, sitting at a Bridge Table and exasperated by my partner's bad play, I asked one of my opponents how I could learn to play croquet. It was on the spur of the moment — like most things in

my life. That evening I enrolled with the Croquet section of my club and a few days later began a new hobby — more than a hobby — a new life.

I found the players more than willing to teach me. I have never had so much coaching and advice on any subject since I left school. The language was completely new, but as I am able to learn from books I soon picked it up — even the intricacies of Association Croquet, when the last thing to be achieved seems to be the 'getting through the hoops' — did not appear to be beyond my comprehension; but the actual achievement of the various shots, the placing of the ball on an exact spot, did at first seem beyond my powers.

Having fairly recently had a hip-replacement, I was slightly nervous of swiping at the ball, or balls, hard enough and from a fairly difficult body-position, but soon the pleasure of the mental ascendancy it gave me, produced the physical power. I practise alone nearly every day for an hour and about three times a week for three hours with other players. I have not reached competition standard yet, but I will. One of the coaches admonished a fellow beginner who was getting depressed, with, "You wouldn't expect to enter a golf competition after six lessons!" In a month I have learnt to roquet, to rush, to croquet, to split, to take-off, to peel, to miss and to take a bisque and start all over again.

It appears to me to be one of the few games where no luck is required, and thanks to the system of handicapping, it is possible to play against good or bad players with equal enjoyment. I regret that I have wasted three score years since my vow.

Patricia Dersztay

Sir,

I must express my dismay at the standard of typing in the 1985 Calendar. There is confusion in the setting out of some pages and an unacceptable number of misprints, including many missing page numbers in the list of contents.

One error which will cause confusion concerns our Southport and Birkdale handicap tournament in May. The information should read "Event 2 will *begin* during the weekend and continue on Tuesday 28 May", and we would appreciate a correction in your next issue.

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Yours faithfully,
Andrew Bennett

Dear Sir,

During the 1984 season I was pleased to receive the Calthrop Cup, the reward for winning the "D" class event in the July Week Tournament at Cheltenham. I was at the time twenty-four years and two months of age.

As all will realize, there has been a notable and extremely regrettable dearth of young lady players in the post-war years. It therefore occurs to me to wonder when the last occasion was that a lady player of that age, or younger, won a cup for a singles event in any club open tournament. Indeed, it would be interesting to know exactly how many times this has happened since the war.

Now, this is obviously a question of some delicacy, since, while men have ages, ladies only have birthdays, and some do not always care to specify which one it is! Nevertheless, if anyone can bring themselves to disclose the awful(?) truth, I should be extremely interested to know the time span between by own modest achievement and the last such occasion. I should therefore be very pleased to hear from anyone who is in a position to throw light on the matter. (And let me hasten to assure you, ladies, that I shall reveal no secrets without express permission!)

So, may I call to the feminine section of the croquet world, "Time, ladies, please . . .?"

Taunton,
Somerset

Yours faithfully
Deborah E. Latham (Mrs)

Dear Sir

RIGGALL'S HYPOTHESIS

As my original article aroused so much interest I would like to clarify a few points which have, or may, become obscured.

First I would like to suggest that "Riggalls Law" is not an appropriate name, although I admit it sounds better. It is a hypothesis or principle, and the word "law" cannot be applied correctly to games of croquet, which are unpredictable even up to the last shot.

This hypothesis does not apply to all games. If the backward ball of both players is for the first hoop, there is a clear advantage in pegging out the opponent's forward ball if it is a rover. The general misconception which I tried to counter, is that one should peg out the opponent whenever possible in almost any circumstances. Whereas in reality, in games where the "Riggallee" (I am indebted to David Peterson for inventing this useful word), has three hoops or less to make, and the "Riggaller" has 12 hoops to make, the former derives an advantage from being pegged out, because the Riggaller needs the fourth ball more than he does. It is not merely a question of numbers, there is also the fact that the last three hoops are the easiest sequence to achieve, and can be made even without a third ball.

An interesting example was the doubles match at Nottingham between the Hallams and Dayal Gunasekera/Joan Haworth. With Gillian Hallam on penultimate, her partner was triple-peeled out. This is reported to have delighted the crowd, but it was a suicidal manoeuvre by a player whose partner, a C player, had not started, and thus was very unlikely to finish now that there were only three balls.

This brings me to the interesting question of the TPO, which normally only occurs in A class matches. I am sure this is a tactical error, although proof of this would be difficult to obtain, because a successful TPO does not ensure victory, and the percentage of failed TPOs is not known. But it is fair to assume that a failed TPO is often disastrous, because the peeler is working with an enemy ball all through the peeling break.

However if one looks at the question logically, how can it be right to embark on a risky venture in order to score four points for the adversary, and lose the advantage of having lifts, with no certainty of winning if the attempt succeeds?

It is true that the opponent may hit in if one goes only to 4-back with the first ball, but he can do this also after the TPO. And if he does, an A player is capable of the three-ball break which will give him victory.

It must surely be more potentially profitable to attempt the triple peel of one's own ball in the next turn, with absolute certainty of victory if it is completed. And if the triple is not completed, at least one has scored points for one's own forward ball in the attempt, rather than scoring points for the opponent.

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Yours sincerely,
Leslie Riggall

APPS-HELEY AWARD: 1984

Congratulations to Bristol who have won the Apps-Heley Award for 1984. Their achievements are described elsewhere in this Gazette.

Three other nominations were received (Littleton, Tyneside, and Woking) and these are also of an extremely high standard.

To receive four nominations of such quality in one year is most encouraging, and it reflects the effort being put into developing the game at Club level.

C. Hudson
Chairman: P&D Committee

HOME INTERNATIONALS
1984

ENGLAND		WALES	
1. D. Openshaw	lost	D. Croker	-26 STP +3 +16
2. E. Solomon	bt	D. Prichard	+20 +13
3. P. Cordingley	bt	V. Rees	+6 +7
4. D. Foulser	bt	R. Prichard	-15 +22 +4
5. E. Bell	lost	D. Peterson	+7 -13 -8T

ENGLAND WON 3-2

SCOTLAND

1.	A. Hope	bt	J. McCullough	+17 +2
2.	M. Murray	bt	J. Rose	+5 +25
3.	S. Wright	drew	C. Irwin	+16 -10
4.	K. Aiton	bt	I. Vincent	-24TP +4 +26TP
5.	W. Spalding	lost	B. Sykes	-13 +12 -8

SCOTLAND WON 3½-1½

FINAL

ENGLAND

1.	D. Openshaw	bt	A. Hope	+4 -3 +16
2.	E. Solomon	bt	M. Murray	+15 +24
3.	P. Cordingley	bt	S. Wright	+20 +18
4.	D. Foulser	lost	K. Aiton	-14 +6 +12
5.	E. Bell	lost	W. Spalding	+6 +7

ENGLAND WON 3-2

THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF

IRELAND

1.	J. McCullough	bt	C. Prichard	+10 +16
2.	J. Rose	lost	D. Croker	-5 +25 +14
3.	C. Irwin	lost	R. Hilditch	+4 +9
4.	I. Vincent	bt	R. Prichard	+11 +4
5.	B. Sykes	lost	D. Peterson	+2 +1

WALES WON 3-2

ATTENDANCES AT COUNCIL MEETINGS
1984/5

L. Wharrad, Chairman* C5, F2, T1, P3, Sp1, L0	Total 12/14
A.B. Hope, Vice Chairman* C4, F3, T0, P3, L1	Total 11/13
A.J. Oldham, Treasurer* C5, F3, T1, P3, L0	Total 12/13
G.N. Aspinall C4, T1, S2, L1	Total 8/9
Dr R.W. Bray C1,	Total 1/1
L.S. Butler C3,	Total 3/3
D.C. Caporn C5, F3, P3,	Total 11/11
R.S. Eades C5, F3, P3	Total 11/11
A.J. Girling C4, P2	Total 6/8
R.A. Godby C5, P1, Hcp2,	Total 8/10
Mrs W. Hague C4, P1	Total 5/8
Miss S. G. Hampson C3, T1, Hcp2	Total 6/8
Dr T.J. Haste C4, T1	Total 5/6
C. Hudson C5, F3, P3	Total 11/11
B.A. Keen C4, T1, Hcp2, S2	Total 9/10
S.N.N. Mulliner C5, F3, P1, Sp1, L1	Total 11/11
Dr M. Murray C3, F1, S2, L1	Total 7/9
Prof. B.G. Neal C4, S2, L1	Total 7/8
D.K. Openshaw C2, T1, Hcp2, S2	Total 7/10
C.B. Sanford C5, F2, Sp1	Total 8/9
Miss P. Shine C5, T1, P1	Total 7/7
R.S. Stevens C2, T1	Total 3/6
P. Stoker C3, F2, P1	Total 6/11
E. Strickland C1, T1	Total 2/9

Attendances at ad hoc Committees are not included.

*Denotes ex-officio all Committees except Handicap Coordination, Sponsorship and Selection Committees.

KEY: C Denotes Council, F Finance and General Purposes

T Tournaments, P Publicity and Development

Sp Sponsorship, Hcp Handicap Coordination

S Selection, L Laws

United States Croquet
Association Tour

The United States Croquet Association is sending a team of 6 to the British Isles in May. This will be the first time a USCA team has crossed the Atlantic, although the Westhampton Mallet Club visited Hurlingham as long ago as 1968. The matches which have been arranged are listed below. Most of the games will be Association Croquet, but Scotland, who recently visited Palm Beach and played half of their games to USCA rules, will return the compliment by arranging their fixture similarly. John Solomon's team will also play their match on this basis. At the time of writing it is not known what the arrangements will be for the match against Ireland.

The visitors will be welcomed at a Reception to be held at Hurlingham on Friday May 17 and there will be a Farewell Dinner at Roehampton on Saturday June 1. Associates are warmly invited to attend these functions.

MATCHES

Sat. May 18	v Roehampton Club
Mon. May 20	v Parkstone Club
Wed. May 22	v West Midlands at Edgbaston
Fri. May 24	v Nottingham Club
Sat. & Sun	v Great Britain at Nottingham
May 25 and 26	
Tues. & Wed.	v Scotland at Glasgow
May 28 and 29	
Fri. May 31	v Wales at Hurlingham
Sat. June 1	v England Select at Roehampton
Sun. June 2	v John Solomon's Team at Hurlingham
Mon. & Tues.	
June 3 and 4.	v Ireland at Carrickmines

Great Britain
v
U.S.A.

Great Britain will play the USA on May 25 and 26 at Nottingham. The GB team (in alphabetical order) is,

K. H. Aiton
G. N. Aspinall
S. N. Mulliner
D. K. Openshaw (captain)
E. W. Solomon
K. F. Wylie

WINNERS 1984 AWARDS

Winner of Steel Bowl - Miss Jan McCleod

Winner of Apps Award - D. Palmer

Winners of the Apps-Heley Award - Bristol Croquet Club

To all Trophy Holders

It is the responsibility of all trophy holders to ensure that they are returned either to the C.A. Secretary or to the Secretary of the Club holding the Tournament in plenty of time before the event.

Basic Laws

The new Basic Laws are now in stock 50p plus 17p postage to Associates £1.00 plus 17p postage to Non Associates.

1984 GRADE ORDER

Pos	Name	Grade	Pos	Name	Grade
1	Aspinall G.N.	181	= 51	Johnson P.M.	102
2	Mulliner S.N.	169	= 51	Jones K.E.	102
3	Wylie K.F.	159	= 51	Keen B.A.	102
4	Solomon E.W.	157	= 51	Smith P.L.	102
5	Hope A.B.	151	= 55	Mrozinski A.J.	101
6	Heap M.E.W.	149	= 55	Toye J.S.	101
7	McCullough J.	147	57	Berry A.	100
8	Openshaw D.K.	145	58	Roy G.C.	99
= 9	Avery M.	144	= 59	Allim R.M.	97
= 9	Irwin C.J.	144	= 59	Death P.J.	97
11	Murray M.	141	= 59	Taylor G.K.	97
12	Foulser D.R.	139	62	Collin A.J.	96
13	Aiton K.M.H.	136	= 63	Audsley E.	95
14	Griffith T.	135	= 63	Bottomley H.J.	95
15	Gunasekera D.	134	= 63	Carlisle V.	95
= 16	Bond I.D.	131	= 63	Southern C.	95
= 16	Hands P.W.	131	= 67	Parker C.A.	94
18	Bamford R.M.	130	= 67	Tompkinson M.	94
19	Hilditch J.R.	128	= 69	Bennet A.	93
= 20	Lewis S.E.	127	= 69	Camroux A.V.	93
= 20	Ormerod W.P.	127	= 69	Meads J.D.	93
= 20	Vincent I.G.	127	= 69	Wiggins W.R.D.	93
23	Neal B.G.	126	= 73	French M.	91
= 24	Cordingley P.	125	= 73	Gamble C.A.	91
= 24	Croker D.J.	125	= 75	Moorcraft D.	90
= 24	Healy G.P.N.	125	= 75	Weitz B.G.F.	90
= 27	Davis E.J.	124	= 75	Wharrad L.	90
= 27	Prichard C.H.L.	124	= 78	Butler L.S.	89
= 27	Rose J.	124	= 78	Gaunt D.L.	89
30	Wiggins S.	122	= 78	Girling A.J.	89
= 31	Bell E.	121	= 78	Townsend S.S.	89
= 31	Stevens M.J.	121	82	Rogerson F.	88
= 31	Wright S.J.H.	121	83	Hopewell C.G.	84
= 34	Aldridge W.O.	120	84	Cotterell K.	83
= 34	Haste T.J.	120	= 85	Borrett G.	81
36	Read T.O.	119	= 85	Hobbs R.M.	81
37	Walters J.O.	118	= 87	Jones R.C.	80
38	Guest J.E.	117	= 87	Rolle J.N.	80
39	Noble G.W.	115	= 89	Bailey R.F.	79
= 40	Latham L.V.	114	= 89	Collin M.P.	79
= 40	Ormerod M.	114	= 89	Holford M.A.	79
= 40	Palmer A.J.	114	= 89	Sutcliffe A.F.	79
43	Peterson D.	113	93	Pearson M.G.	77
44	Jones K. (US)	111	94	MacDonald I.P.	76
= 45	Hyne N.G.	109	95	Hague P.	74
= 45	Wood T.I.	109	= 96	Sandler M.H.	71
= 47	Prichard R.D.C.	108	= 96	Stoker P.	71
= 47	Tribe R.	108	= 96	Wilkins M.J.	71
= 49	Jackson G.E.P.	106	= 99	Hetherington P.	70
= 49	Sykes B.C.	106	= 99	Macleod J.	70

D. J. V. HAMILTON-MILLER

Dudley died suddenly of a heart attack on 15th July last, and the first intimation to many of this sad event was their seeing the CA flag flying at halfmast at the Open Championships at Hurlingham where he had undertaken to write his customary report for the Gazette. He had recently celebrated his eightieth birthday, two weeks earlier he had been playing in the Veterans tournament in defence of the Open Singles which he had won in 1982 and 1983, and only three days before his death had been playing at his club Roehampton in his usual good form.

He began his distinguished career in 1922 at the age of 18 when he qualified for a CA Silver Medal as runner-up in the open singles at Compton in his first season. For some years he had little opportunity for playing croquet (there was no organised croquet when he was up at Cambridge), but he reached the top by winning the Open Championship in 1938, and he played in each of the four President Cup competitions prior to the war, coming second at his first attempt in 1935.

He continued at the top on the resumption of competitive play in 1946, when he won both the Open singles again and the President's Cup. He maintained this standard for another two decades but without such great success. By 1970 he had not only won the Open championship twice, he had played in the President's Cup on ten occasions (winning it once and coming second twice), won the Open Doubles Championship four times (in 1948, 1949 and 1950 with H.O. Hicks and in 1967 with P.D. Hallett), Du Pre Cup in 1966 and 1970, the Association Plate in 1950 and 1959, the Challenge Cup three times. He captained Great Britain in New Zealand in 1950-51 and toured there again in 1967 as Manager.

As age caught up he accepted that his handicap should rise (it was «1 at the time of his death). He won the Surrey Cup in 1970, and was runner up after a tie in 1971. He was runner up in the Spencer E11 Cup in 1973.

He played for Surrey in the Inter-Counties on many occasions (several times on the winning side). He supported the Devonshire Park tournaments regularly winning the South of England Open Championship 6 times, the Men's Championship twice and the doubles three times (with Mrs Rotheram) between 1959 and 1977.

He was also a formidable opponent in handicap singles and doubles. He won the Peel Memorial cup in 1964 (off »2), and the Gilbey cup in 1965 (off »2½) and in 1967 (off »3). He won many singles (both open and handicap) and doubles in club tournaments.

His swing was a classic one to be copied - smooth and rhythmic, although his roll stroke some thought had a suspicion of shepherding. He appeared unpeturbable when in play. He seldom showed any emotion except perhaps a few taps of the left foot when the ball did not land exactly on the intended spot, or perhaps an almost imperceptible pursing of the lip. He was always most patient and helpful with high bisque partners in doubles, a most tolerant and helpful instructor and a very good club man. He was match secretary and committee member at Roehampton for many years, in all a character one could not but admire and like.

Unlike most top class players he would never become an official Referee - he did not like his concentration being interrupted during a match. His commitment at his Surbiton School prevented him from being on the Council until 1977. After giving the Council the benefit of his experience and wisdom for six years he retired gracefully. In his Will he bequeathed the CA the sum of £250, and so his name has been recorded in the Benefactors Book. An old friend of his, Mrs Weir, has donated a fine silver cup in his memory, which it is intended will be used as a challenge trophy for the proposed inter-university competition.

R.F.R.

NEWS FROM ABROAD

Extracts by courtesy of the S.A. Croquet Gazette

TOP RANKED U.K. AND U.S.A. PLAYERS

Latest available national U.K. and U.S.A. rankings according to the C.A. "Grade Order" and U.S.C.A. "Grand Prix System" are:-

U.K.	U.S.A.
1. G. N. Aspinall	T. Prentis
2. S.N. Mulliner	R. Pearman
3. K.F. Wylie	R.B. Arnett
4. D.K. Openshaw	A. Burchfield
5. A.B. Hope	R. Bell

In future we hope also to report Australian and New Zealand rankings.

THE CROQUET MACHINE . . .

Cromac, we call her, for short. She was conceived in 1980 (see Gazette Nos. 155 page 5 and 156 page 16) and had a long period of gestation. Growth began during the 1982-83 winter when a sheet of marine plywood and several feet of inch-square ramin were cut into about 50 pieces and pinned and screwed together with waterproof glue. Then she was provided with a nice white coat, of paint. After all, she had to operate in the rain like any croquet player.

Her left leg is bent back at the knee to give more scope for croquet shots on that side, and she stands on a flat foot 14 inches wide with a deep V cleft enabling her to hit a ball with the mallet 9 in. back from the vertical. With this setting she can do a roll shot. Since she weighs only 9 lb. (plus mallet and 0.3 kg. of operating weights) the pressure on the lawn is very small, around 0.1 lb per sq. in. This is far less than that of a ball which would exert 5 lb. per sq. in. if supported by an area ½ inch dia., and 1.3 lb. over a 1 inch dia. circle. Allowance had to be made for the ball's resting at a lower level than the machine.

The intention was to be able to hit a ball in a desired direction, with a known part of the mallet face at a known angle to the vertical, and with known power; all these factors to be repeatable or variable at will. For croquet shots a piece of perspex was scribed every 5°, and hinged so that it could lie on the balls for setting and be lifted away for the stroke. This protractor is on a slide so that balls can be set forward or backward of the zero (mallet vertical) position.

The mallet is swung from a clamp on a steel rod in PTFE bearings 95 cm above the ball centre. This bearing was provided by my colleague Dr. David Higgs, and was so good that, released from 30°, the mallet would swing for 2 minutes before coming to rest. Since it is almost a 1 second pendulum this implied an average loss of only ¼° on each half-swing. Sadly, by the end of the 1983 season, when we had begun to learn what we really needed to measure, friction had developed to the extent of 1½° loss per swing.

Power is transmitted to the mallet from a falling pan containing lead weights, via a rocker-arm and bell-crank with nylon cords. To enable the weights to fall vertically, a radius was added to the rocker-arm after painting, and this shows up dark in the photograph, the fall of the weight can be arrested at the point of impact (or at any desired position before or after) by means of packing on the table below the pan. The angle from which the mallet is released is shown by a pointer on the right hand side, and this pointer is free, but gently restrained, so that it records the angle to which the mallet swings after hitting the ball; this should give the mallet velocity after impact.

In operation, the mallet is drawn back to the desired angle and the cord looped over the release-catch. The striker's ball is placed under the zero hole in the protractor. For a croquet shot a second ball is placed under the protractor at the desired angle. The protractor is hooked back. The catch is released, and Cromac strikes. The Shot No. (we had reached 500 before the lawn was scarified), setting, and forward swing of the mallet is recorded; and the mallet drawn back for the next shot. The protractor is replaced in the set position, and a nail, to which a cord knotted every metre is attached, is dropped down the zero hole. To the other end of this cord is attached a skewer which is stuck in the lawn so that the cord goes over the ball. The angle shown on the protractor is noted, and the distance measured to the nearest knot. We started recording in yards and inches, but soon changed to centimetres.

The lengths of the levers in the system are fortunately irrelevant to the power developed, which is given quite simply by the height through which the centre of gravity of the mallet falls plus the mgh of the pan and weights if used. Of this total energy at the moment of striking, some is in the kinetic energy of the mallet head, some is in the kinetic energy of the falling weight, and very small proportions are in the mallet handle and holder and in the rotational motion of the rocker-arm and bell crank.

The heavier the weight, the greater is the proportion of total energy left in the weight itself. Larger weights are therefore less efficient and the heaviest we used in 1983 was 3 kg. This was capable of sending a ball about 8 yards on the Barbrona lawn, which was fairly slow, with a speed of about 9 seconds. On the courts at Bowdon in August 1984, judged to be about 14 seconds, this power would have been sufficient to reach the peg from baulk.

This method of characterising the speed of a lawn was introduced to us by Steve Mulliner. A ball is rolled by hand from the south end at such a speed as just to reach the north boundary, and timed in

seconds. The faster the lawn, the slower one has to roll it, and the longer it takes. One does not have to do it umpteen times to get it exactly right, because a correction can quite easily be made for a ball that goes a yard or two short or over.

Naturally, Cromac was taken out onto the court as soon as she could hit a ball, and before the power mechanism was finished. Could she hit to a useful distance, and could she hit straight? The mallet was drawn back to 46°, and the ball travelled 3 yds. and 23in., dead true on the protractor. The ball position was marked with a coin. Now to test Bernard Neal's prediction that repeat shots would give considerable scatter. The second ball went over the coin a further 7 inches, and then veered one inch to the right. A coin was placed where it should have stopped. The third ball went over both coins to a distance 13 inches beyond the second, and then veered 2 inches right. Obviously the smoothed track offered less resistance. This had been foreseen; but the effect was large enough to be a complication, the first of many.

However, the track-smoothing effect would not complicate croquet shots, so Cromac was tried out on these. My son Keith foretold that it would be impossible to place the balls under the protractor with sufficient accuracy, and he was right. It is comparatively easy, if one chooses a perfect piece of grass, to get the small milled circles of the balls exactly under the zero hole and under a chosen scribed angle; it is much more difficult to ensure that the balls are "upright", that is, that their centres are in the desired line. So the nominal or intended angles are ignored as probably inaccurate, and the diagram gives the facts of where the balls went to. The striker's ball is identified by X and the croqueted ball by +. The ghost ball shows where one obviously misplaced ball would have been if the protractor had been misread by 5°.

For those who believe in "divide the line" as the aiming point for a croquet the mid-points of the lines joining the ball positions have been marked. Too much should not be deduced from these first experiments. Considering that the patch of lawn was not especially selected, and that it was hardly possible to watch both balls and check whether either of them veered an inch or two before coming to rest, the chief lesson is the kind of accuracy which can be expected in subsequent work.

Diagrams to be published later



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Harrow Oak: *New Secretary:* R. Hilditch, 164 Morton Way, Southgate, London N14 7AL Tel. 01-882 1453.

Shrewsbury: *New Secretary:* J.W. Hayward, 21 Drawell Street, Bellvue, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. Tel. 0743-246326.

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U.S.A. Croquet Association: *New Address:* 502 Park Avenue, New York NY 10022 U.S.A., President Jack Osborn.

New Handicapper: F.I. Maugham.

Handicap Alterations

Cheltenham 6-8 July

Mrs M.T. Paddon	9	8
Mrs W.R. Bawden	9	8
R.S. Jenkins	11	9
Mrs F.E. Ransom	12	10
P.A. Darby	10	9
M.J. Finn	8	6½

Colchester 9-14 July

D.G. Palmer	9	7
P.J.C. Hetherington	4	3
J. Williams	12	10

Southwick 9-14 July

J.J. Death	12	11
D. Goatcher	6½	6
Mrs G. Day	8	10
Dr E.P. Davey	12	10
J.J. Death	11	9
Mrs S. French	14	13
Dr D.G. Higgs	6	7
Mrs B.K. Pearman	13	13/11
R.A.G. Rogers	7	6
Mrs T. Vale	10	9

Woking 30 June-8 July

G.J. Grist	11	9
A.J. Mrozinski	3	2½
C. Lamb	4	3½
I. McDiarmid	8	7
A. McCormack	5½	5
C. Lamb	3½	2½
R.J. Smith	3½	3
J. Wankling	7½	7

Hurlingham Opens 14-21 July

S. Lewis	½	0
R. Hilditch	0	-½
J. Walters	1	½
D. Peterson	1	½
G. Roy	1½	1
S. Wright	-½	0
K. Jones (USA) (New H'cap)	1	

Edgbaston Club July

A. Sweeney	10	9
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M. Suter	8	7½
J. de M. Jefferey	11	10
Lady Porter	13	15

East Riding 14-15 July

W. Lamb	9	8
Mrs. H. Potter	8	10
Mrs M. Collins	2½	2
B. Storey	3½	3
F.I. Maugham	3	2½
P. Iveson	10	9
W. Toyne	11	9

Hurlingham 4-11 August

Mrs P. Macdonald	6	5½
L. Wharrad	2	1
Prof. K. Campbell	5	4½
P.J. Mansfield	13	12/10
W.T. Coles	5	3½
Miss J. Macleod	4	3½
Lt Col C.M. Fox	9	8
H.G. Bell	8	7
R.A. Godby	1	2
Mrs L.A. Cheyne	10	9
Miss S. Hampson	4	3½
Mrs W.J. Browne	6	5
G.C. Roy	1	½
Dr W.R.D. Wiggins	1	½

Colchester 10-12 August

C.M. McKenzie	12	10
M. French	4½	4
D.G. Palmer	7	6
Dr R.R. Sutherland	8	7
P. Williams	8	7

Chester Club August

A.C. Mason	10	11
R. Croston	12	11
Dr M. Elder	12	10

Cheltenham 9-12 & 18-19 August

Mrs E. Paish	15 (D13)	(Confirm)
W.Cdr. R.N. Smith	16 (D14)	
Mrs E. Turtle	16 (D14)	
Mrs J. Cima	15/13	14/12
P. Darby	9	8
Mrs G. Harris	6½	6
J. Wurmlli	2	1½
M. Jackson	10/8	8/7

Cheltenham 25-27 August

J. de M. Jefferey	9	7½
R. Race	4½	4
M. Strachan	3½	3

Carrickmines 6-11 August

D. Gaunt	3	2½
E. McWeeney	13 (D11)	
S. Williams	10	5
R. Welch	4½	4
F. Rogerson	2½	2
T. Browne	9	6
N. Browne	8	6½
D. Beatty	10	9
Miss M. Lyons	15	14/12

Nottingham 13-18 August

Dr F.L. Whittaker	14	
M. Cowan	11	10
G. Henshaw	4	5
B. Hallam	4½	3½
Dr R.C. Jones	4	3½
D. de Q. Lenfestey	9	11
Dr F.L. Whittaker	14	13/11

Hurlingham 25-27 August

Dr R.J. Clayton	8	7
D.C. Cross	5	4½
G.W.R. Goodwin	6½	6
Mrs P.V. Healey	8	7½
P. Torrington	4½	3½
C. Morpeth	9	8

Compton 20-25 August

R.E. Jones	3½	3
P.E. Williams	7	4½
A.J. Kellaway	11	10
D. Wood	16	15/14

Edinburgh 20-25 August

Geo. Anderson	7	6½
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Southwick 20-25 August

Mrs S. Peatfield	12*	12/10
P.R. Hardcastle	4	(Confirmed)
Mrs S. Frence	13	11
M. French	4	3
P. Mansfield	12	10/9
Mrs E. Mapletoft	7	5½
D. Palmer	6	5½
Miss K. Pitt	15/14	13/11
R. Ransome	8	6
Mrs R. Ransome	10	7
R.A.G. Rogers	6	5½
Mrs A. Smith	13/11	11/9
Rev C.H. Townsend	3½	3
T. Vale	4½	4
Mrs T. Vale	9	8

Bowden 18-27 August

M.N. Suter	7½	5½
J. Mann	5	4
P. Dyke	12/10	10
D. Kelly	3	2½
B.J. Storey	3	2½

Hurlingham (All England Area Final) 8-9 September

C.D. Morpeth	8	7
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Roehampton Club Sept

M.J.B. Haggerston	12/10	11/10
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Cheltenham 3-6 September

R.E. Burnell	4	3½
R. Race	4	3½
A.G. Sutcliffe	3½	3
P.A. Darby	8	7

Southport 15-16 September

T.D. Harrison	3½	3
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Ryde 14-16 September

J. Short	8	7
P. Watson	8	7½
H.B. Brownsdon	9	8

Southwick Ladies Field Cup 17-21 September

J. Macleod	3½	3
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Nottingham 14-16 September

Mrs A.J. Bucknell	10	12
Mrs C. Chamberlain	10	12
M.R.L. Cowan	10	8
R.H. Fletcher	9	11
S.J. Hare	2	1½
Dr J.W. King	4	3½
Dr F.L. Whittaker	13	11

Roehampton 18-19 August

A.J. Mrozinski	2½	2
A.J. Palmer	1½	1

Wrest Park 21-23 September

D. Goucher	5½	5
T.D. Harrison	3	2½
K. Jackson	6½	6
Dr R.E. Sutherland	7	6

Budleigh Salterton 21-23 September

W.C. Broad Thomas	6	5
Dr R.W. Bucknall	5½	6½
Mrs D.J. Croker	6	5½
H.J. Crozier	8	7
Mrs B.E. Dennant	6½	7½
P.K.L. Danks	6	5½
E.G. Kitchener	13	12
A.W. Harding	13	12
J. McB. Wood	13	11

Parkstone Club 6 October

Mrs B.R. Saunders	9	8
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Spencer E11, Nottingham 3-7 September

N.G. Hyne	1½	1
E.J. Davis	1	½

Cheltenham B Levels 3-6 September

B.F. Sutcliffe	3½	2½
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Southwick 20-25 August

D.G. Palmer	5½	4½
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Bretby Longman Cup Final 7 October

R. Jack	11	10
B. Purcell	11	10
J. Hoddy	11	10
R. Davies	11	10

Southwick Club October

G.T. Coates	5	7
Mrs M. Peatfield	12	13

Sidmouth Club October

E.G. Kitchener	12	11
F.T. Moores	7½	7
R.A. Pearce	5	6

Cheltenham 12-14 October

K.L. Carter	7	6
D.L. Gaunt	2½	2
Dr D.L. Laney	3½	3
E.A. Rowlands	5½	5
G.Capt R.S. Ryan	7½	7

Southport Club, October

D. Williamson	8	6
J. Powell	13/11	12/11
Mrs A. Rimmer	16/14	15/14

Colchester Club Oct

Lt Col A. Nicholls	5	5½
R. Alford	5	5½
D. Purdon	6	5
Mrs R. Stanley-Smith	6	5½
Mrs P. Hetherington	7	6
Mrs I. Chadwick	7½	7

Referees

I.F. Maughan

Hurlingham Club November

W.T. Coles	3½	3
G.E.S. Doughty	2½	3½
C. Morpeth	7	6½
M.G. Pearson	3½	3
C.B. Sanford	5½	5
G.D.P. Solomon	7	6½

Phyllis Court Club November

R.M. Morshead	11 (D9)	9
Dr H. Pim	6½	9
Mrs J. Barnes	9	8
J.G. Young	9	8
K. Whiteley	9	8
Mrs E. O'Dair	16	14
Mrs S. Cave	16	15
R.S. Foster Brown	16	14
Mrs D. Tighe	14	13
Mrs E. Gown	14	13
Dr C. Howlett	16	13
D. Godwin	16	15
K. Plater	16	14

Edgbaston, January

D. Daintree	9	7
Miss P. Embleton	10	8
Miss D. Harding	14	12
J. Kelleway	10	9
J. Moody	8	6
Mrs D. Moody	16	14 (D12)
Mrs B. Salmon	16	14
D. Shaw	6	4½
Mrs G. Kellaway	16	14

P. E. Jones (New)	12	
A. Gregory	7	6½

Southport, January

Miss E.K. Hawkins	10	11
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Miss J.A. Skinner — Durham University

Deaths

Miss E.K. Hawkins

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2.	Edgbaston	6	3	3	10	8	6
3.	Stourbridge	6	3	3	9	9	6
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