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THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

Presented by the late Trevor Williams in 1934 (to replace the Beddow Cup won outright by Miss Steel in 1933). The competition originated in 1901, is by invitation to the best available players of the year. Present Holder: J. W. Solomon.

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CALENDAR FIXTURES

1965

- Sept. 6-11—Parkstone. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. McMordie, Yapton, Delhi Close, Parkstone, Dorset.
 „ 11-13—Cheltenham (American). (Non-official). *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
 „ 14-16—All England Handicap Area Finals. Roehampton. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
 „ 20-25—Roehampton. *Games Sec.*, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15.
 „ 27- Devonshire Park. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
 Oct. 9—Club, S.W.6.

LADIES FIELD CUP

The following ladies were invited to compete:-

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden
 Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey
 Miss D. A. Lintern
 Mrs. W. Longman
 Mrs. E. Rotherham
 Mrs. G. W. Solomon
 Miss E. J. Warwick

Miss Lintern was unable to accept, Mrs. N. J. Gazzard was invited, and she accepted. Mrs. Longman had to drop out: Lady Ursula Abbey and Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi were invited, but were unable to accept. Mrs. R. B. N. Smart was invited, and she accepted.
 Reserve: Mrs. P. D. Showan

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PRESIDENT'S CUP

The following 8 players were invited to compete in the President's Cup:-

J. P. R. Bolton
 E. P. C. Cotter
 H. O. Hicks
 B. Lloyd-Pratt
 Dr. W. P. Ormerod
 J. W. Solomon
 D. F. Strachan
 Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins

H. O. Hicks was unable to accept and R. F. Thorp was invited, and he accepted.
 Reserve: Mrs. E. Rotherham

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SURREY CUP

The following 8 players were invited to compete in the Surrey Cup:-

P. J. M. Fidler
 R. A. Godby
 R. O. Hicks
 G. P. Jackson
 Prof. B. G. Neal
 Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard
 Col. A. E. Saalfeld
 J. W. Simon

R. A. Godby was unable to accept and Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave was invited and he accepted.
 Reserve: Mrs. G. W. Solomon

CROQUET ASSOCIATION

NOTICES

DEVONSHIRE PARK

Special attention is drawn to this year's Tournament at Devonshire Park. While it is hoped competitors will stay for the whole fortnight, the programme is so arranged that it is possible to stay for one week only.

Special attention has been given to allowing people of ALL handicaps to get the same amount of play.

Instead of a match there is to be an afternoon of EXHIBITION MATCHES by leading players of all ages. This will take place on Sunday, 3rd October, at 2.30 p.m.

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Owing to Mrs. Reeve's illness there will be no "Questions and Answers" this issue. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

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Will all Councillors please note that the dates of two of the meetings have had to be changed. The three meetings now are—

November 13th 1965

January 22nd 1966

February 26th 1966

At Hurlingham at 11.45 a.m.

V. C. GASSON, *Secretary.*

HANDICAPS

COLCHESTER

NEW ASSOCIATES

R. W. Bray 4.
 Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes *9.
 K. H. Paterson *7.

BEFORE PLAY

Dr. H. M. Browning 12 to 10.
 G. F. Hallett 13 to *8.

AFTER PLAY

Mrs. E. E. Clarke 9 to 8.
 Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon 11 to 8.
 Miss M. E. Day 11 to 10.
 R. W. Bray 4 to 2.
 P. D. Hallett 2 to 1½.
 K. H. Paterson *7 to 7.
 G. F. Hallett *8 to 7½.
 Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes *9 to 7.

CHELTENHAM

Mrs. W. A. T. Synge 4½ to 4.
 E. Sidwell 3 to 2.
 Mrs. J. H. Whitehead 16 to 14 D12.
 Cmdr. G. Borrett 3½ to 3.
 Col. G. T. Wheeler 8 to 7.
 J. W. Simon 1 to ½.
 G. E. P. Jackson —1 to —1½.

HURLINGHAM

W. B. Franklin 3½ to 3.
 O. A. Kerensky 8 to 7.
 Maj. J. M. Rivington 4½ to 4.
 J. W. Simon ½ to 0.
 Mrs. A. W. Skempton 4½ to 4.
 Mrs. L. Riggall 8 to 7.
 S. G. Kent 6 to 5½.
 J. P. R. Bolton —1½ to —2½.
 Mrs. N. J. Gazzard 0 to —1.

NOTES by ROVER

Closed Shop?

Once again our congratulations go to John Solomon on winning the Open Championship. He is the fourth player to win the title three times in succession, the others being A. H. Spong (1880-2), Duff Mathews (1914, 1919-20) and Humphrey Hicks (four times in succession, 1947-50). Though he lost one or two games and some others were close he was never unduly extended. In fact one wonders, when watching him, whether he is playing against his opponent or against the lawn. If his peels fail then his opponent has a chance; otherwise the opponent as often as not sits back and hopes that the lawn or perhaps the hoops will come to his aid.

John Solomon is undoubtedly a first-class player, but how many others are there? Unfortunately, not many. There are those who solidly go round to 4-back and who sometimes try a triple if the position is laid. But this is barely sufficient. First-class play involves a different attitude, a determination to go all-out for anything feasible, despite the (inevitable) risk, to play exciting, imaginative croquet throughout. Of the two most urgent problems facing modern croquet—getting more players, and getting more first-class players—the latter is rarely mentioned. Yet until it is (at least partly) solved, the most valuable titles in our game will continue to be shared by a small minority. It is no disrespect to the "Big Three" to say that the first player to wrest the President's Cup from their 18 years monopoly will be doing the game a splendid service.

Arbitration Tribunal

It has been suggested that handicaps should be the subject of more frequent review, and in particular that some ought to be raised much more often than they are—this being rare at the moment, and only by special request. (One notable player who keeps getting away with such requests keeps on having his reduced again). From the practical point of view, however, it would scarcely be possible for all handicaps to be reviewed annually by the central body. Another objection we hear raised is that players simply wouldn't stand for arbitrary (? and humiliating) increases in their handicaps. How valid this is we cannot tell, for while it is true that when all handicaps were raised by 2 in 1955 there was only one resignation, one must remember that at that time everybody was treated equally, whereas the present suggestion would involve "picking on" some unfairly. Perhaps the solution really lies with the individual. If any player who would not object to an increase in his handicap, feels that his results justify a rise, his remedy even now is to ask his club handicapper to recommend one, and if this fails, there is a standing committee of council whose function is to consider any appeals concerning handicaps. If more were to take this course, there would be no question of any loss of face. But the problem may well be a small

one anyway. Do we not all wish we could meet more of these under-handicapped players?

Unofficial Strikes

A curious incident occurring at a tournament recently sent a posse of referees scurrying off for their little green books for a close scrutiny of Law 31. What had happened was this. A player with a hoop behind him took a long swing at a roquet, but his "intent to hit the ball" was checked not by any second thoughts about doing so, but by the cross-bar of the hoop in the background with which his mallet had become so seriously entangled that no forward motion of it was possible. In fact the legal experts, headed by our "Lord Chancellor" himself, found "the limits of the striking period" had taken place, since the player did not "deliberately check his mallet" but did so quite involuntarily. But various cases of what is popularly described as "inadvertence" (a word which, however, does not appear in our code) were cited as quite possibly raising difficult problems under this law. Perhaps the oddest of these was that of a player who habitually swung his mallet between his feet a number of times with an—ultimate—"intent to hit the ball", but on one occasion, while in the process of doing so, caught the ball on a back swing and sent it some distance in an opposite direction *behind* him. Had the "limits of the striking period" been reached in this retrogressive motion? Perhaps we need a further definition in this law of what is, and is not, an "unofficial strike".

No Blacklegs

The Hurlingham delegate at the 1963 Club Conference bemoaned the virtual non-existence of the white trouser except on state occasions, but his words do not seem to have had any considerable effect. Far too many players still appear at tournaments looking as though they are on their way to paint a boat. Why this should be so is a little mysterious—croquet after all is a game, not an extended afternoon tea-party, and it is normal to dress up for games, even those that are not energetic. Part of the trouble may be the weather: in the rain even the sleekest of players is apt to look like a coastguard on a motor-cycling holiday. But whites can of course be worn underneath, and the waterproofing discarded as soon as possible, despite the comment of a player at a tournament early this season that "he did not want to get his whites wet or dirty". When asked if he wanted to get the smart suit that he was wearing wet or dirty, he replied that he had never looked at the matter in that light before. . . .

Whites, like enterprising play, help to make croquet more attractive to the spectator. Rover feels that there may well be a connection between these two qualities. Indeed, if some statistician will make a survey of them, he undertakes to eat his very elegant hat if no appreciable correlation is discovered.

OBITUARY

THE REV. B. V. F. BRACKENBURY

News of the death of Basil Brackenbury, suddenly but without pain or stress, on July 26th will come as a grave shock to his many friends and admirers in the Association for which in so many ways he did so much. It was known that he had been in very poor health for a long time, but many of us hoped that we might see him again among us.

'Brack', as we all very soon came to know him, took up the game soon after the last War on his retirement from his life work as a schoolmaster, first at Marlborough for many years and latterly as headmaster of St. Lawrence School, Ramsgate. He improved rapidly, and in a short time became a very formidable opponent in B class events, and equally in Handicaps where he gained many successes. A marked characteristic of his game from the first was a pass-roll stroke, impeccably executed—an achievement which many players with lower handicaps than his had good reason to envy.

But it is less as a competitor than as an administrator that Brack will be long and gratefully remembered. He joined the C.A. Council in 1951 and at once made his mark, so much so indeed that only five years later he was elected its Chairman. But even before this he had performed perhaps his greatest service in pioneering the transformation of the rather dowdy and typographically untidy old *Gazette* into the handsomely produced journal we now have. The whole work of preparation for this salutary innovation was his and involved him in a great deal of effort to rouse enthusiasm for it up and down the country. To the rank and file of associates, however, Brack was best known as a Manager, efficient and firm, with the iron hand evident, when necessary, within the velvet glove. He will perhaps be chiefly remembered in this role at Hurlingham and Devonshire Park, Eastbourne where he was in control of affairs almost throughout the fifties. The art of management is a complex one, demanding a nice balance between consideration for individuals and a clear understanding of what the general good requires. You always knew where you were with Brack; few indeed are the muddles that he made, but if he ever did make a mistake he was not afraid to admit the fact.

A further service to the game performed by Brack was his fostering of it at Oxford; without his generous encouragement there it is doubtful whether we should have a regular Varsity Match today.

He will be greatly missed by all associates who had the good fortune to know him, and they will wish now to extend their warmest sympathy to Mrs. Brackenbury who was most welcome on every occasion on which she came amongst us.

M.B.R.

The C.A. was represented at Mr. Brackenbury's funeral by the Chairman, Major J. M. Rivington, and the Secretary, Mrs. V. C. Gasson.

MR. R. H. NEWTON

The Edgbaston Croquet Club has suffered a great loss through the death on July 26th of its President, R. H. Newton. For many years he has held office and has generously contributed to the welfare of the Club, whose members have profited from his advice and encouragement. He is well known in croquet circles, as he played in as many tournaments as possible. His croquet tactics were particularly good, and it was fitting—and quite remarkable—that the day before he died, at the age of 84, he and his partner won their doubles in a Longman Cup Match. He was playing on a handicap of 4. It is pleasing for us to feel that he was able, right to the end, to play the game that he enjoyed so much.

F.R.M.

MRS. D. ATTFIELD

It is with regret that we learn of the death of Mrs. Attfield, who first played croquet at the now disbanded Surbiton Club, and later joined Rochampton.

Mrs. Attfield was an average player with a handicap of 8, and consequently a useful doubles partner; she was always proud of being a winner of the Ladies Field Candlesticks in 1954. Her cheerfulness and enthusiasm for the game were well known at the London clubs. With failing health she was obliged to give up her activities, but was always a keen reader of *Croquet*. To her son and daughter (Mrs. S. M. Lasry) we extend our sympathy in their sad loss.

Two

CORRESPONDENCE

DEAR SIR,

In a Handicap Doubles, Red pegs out Black and itself hits the peg. Blue roquets Yellow and lays up for its hoop. Having no shot at Blue, I am told that Yellow may claim a lift.

Since the Red and Yellow partnership has removed two balls from the court, it seems grossly unjust that it should be able to demand an open shot to be supplied by the opposing partnership's single ball, and I feel strongly that if this is the Law, it should be amended.

Had Blue left Yellow on a wire, in a hoop, or on the peg, a lift would be fair enough; but I cannot see why Blue should be compelled to leave itself open since it is not responsible for the fact that Yellow cannot hit Red or Black.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. AUSTIN

DEAR SIR,

If you will turn to page ten, column two, of your July issue, you will observe a startling error.

A visitor to the Cheltenham Whitsun weekend was kind enough to write about that enjoyable time and incidentally said something pleasant about me. This you publish: and beneath it—*my name*. When I first saw it the words seemed to be printed in red and yellow letters of fire!

I trust, Sir, you will avoid involving yourself in the other two colours by printing this.

Yours faithfully,

G. E. P. JACKSON

[*Mr. Jackson's name should have appeared on page three under the announcement of the proposed Old Boys Competition at Cheltenham. The Editor deeply regrets this lamentable howler and is grateful for this opportunity to apologise sincerely to Mr. Jackson for any embarrassment that he may have been caused.*]

DEAR SIR,

As a newcomer to croquet (I played in my first tournament this year) I hope it may not be out of place if I voice an opinion which I suspect I am not alone in holding.

The fascination of croquet, to my mind, is seriously marred by the length of time so often taken to complete a game. This is particularly so in the case of games between long-bisquers who by definition are often unable to make more than a hoop or two at a time.

No doubt the cure lies in the long-bisquer's own hands—he must improve his standard. The weariness of overlong games, however, definitely militates against this happening and I wonder whether our great game is thus in danger of discouraging some newcomers from continuing. I have specially in mind young people, whom we definitely must try to attract, and who apart from not having as much time on their hands as some of us who are older, are perhaps a little more impatient and prone to boredom.

With respect, I suggest to those who have the power to alter the Laws, the earnest consideration of an absolute maximum of three hours for all games.

Yours faithfully

LEONARD DALDRY

Notes from the Clubs

Edinburgh

The first-ever match between the Edinburgh and the Glasgow croquet clubs was played in Edinburgh on Saturday, 26th June. Edinburgh won the match by two games to one. Members of the two clubs had previously played with one another on various occasions in Edinburgh and in Glasgow, and had many discussions on the game as well as social meetings, but now inter-city matches have been established, and in a return match on Saturday, 14th August Edinburgh again won by two games to one. After each match the visiting team and supporters are entertained to a meal by the home club.

On Saturday, 3rd July the Edinburgh club was particularly glad to welcome a team from England—from Norton Hall Croquet Club, Stockton-on-Tees, whose team won their match by two games to nil. Edinburgh has been invited to send a team to Stockton-on-Tees next season. The Edinburgh Croquet Club is one of the nearest neighbours of the Norton Hall Club, although 140 miles away.

A considerable amount of publicity was obtained for these matches in the national press in Scotland, including photographs, feature items and reports.

Cheltenham

If this issue of *Croquet* comes out according to schedule there'll still be time for last minute entries for our OLD BOYS competition to be accepted, for the closing date is Friday, September 10th. The competition takes place from Friday, 17th to Sunday, 19th.

It is very pleasant to find our weekend tournaments so popular—we certainly enjoy the extra opportunities they give us to meet visitors both familiar and fresh—so we were delighted to receive a request from some friends to the west of us to organise yet another this year, after the dust of Eastbourne has settled.

Perhaps our autumns are milder than some—certainly the sun sets later here than at Rochampton—but we too feel that it's a pity to shut the season down as early as October 9th. So we have persuaded Colonel Wheeler and Jimmy to keep all the lawns open till October 18th and are holding a "St. Luke's Summer" American Tournament (Unofficial) from Friday, October 15th to Sunday, October 17th.

CLUB MATCHES

COLCHESTER v. THE HELEY CLUB

(Played at Colchester, 22nd May)

Leicester, London, Cambridge, Norwich and Sevenoaks were the somewhat scattered starting points from which the Heley Club team set forth on a fine Saturday morning to do battle with Colchester. And battle it was, for neither side was prepared to give an inch, and except for Arthur Reed's single which we won with the assurance and speed of a good player on form, the morning games were a dour struggle. Dashwood and Laurenson seemed to make it a point of honour not to score a hoop off their opponents' balls, which confined them to one hoop per break for three quarters of the game; and Thorp and Murray were never allowed to settle down properly against determined play by Duffield and Puxon.

An excellent luncheon seemed to improve everyone's play, and after the morning games had been completed there was some better play from Bolton and an exciting and enterprising game between Dashwood and Bray.

This was a most enjoyable match, and particularly so for the visitors, who were playing their inaugural match. The Heley Club would like to thank Colchester for their hospitality, and hope the match will become an annual fixture.

(Colchester names first)

SINGLES

W. B. Franklin lost to A. A. Reed —24.
R. W. Bray lost to C. J. E. Dashwood —3.
C. S. Ratcliffe lost to D. W. Miller —3.
F. E. M. Puxon v. M. Murray (unfinished)

DOUBLES

J. P. R. Bolton and R. W. Bray lost to C. J. E. Dashwood and J. T. Laurenson —13.
E. P. Duffield and F. E. M. Puxon bt R. F. Thorp and M. Murray +3.
E. P. Duffield and J. P. R. Bolton bt R. F. Thorp and J. T. Laurenson +14.
W. B. Franklin and C. S. Ratcliffe lost to A. A. Reed and D. W. Miller —13.

Result: The Heley Club bt Colchester by 5 games to 2 with one unfinished.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON v THE HELEY CLUB

17th-18th July

London no longer challenges Budleigh Salterton on her home ground, so so we were very pleased to welcome a match against the Heley Club, and a most exciting match it was.

On Saturday morning, Miss E. J. Warwick and J. G. Warwick, playing together, both made breaks before J. T. Laurenson and I. C. Banks got the touch of the lawns. A. J. Cooper got a much delayed revenge on a previous meeting with R. F. Thorp, and Mrs. E. Rotherham and Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave squeaked home against D. W. Miller and A. N. Mozley.

In the afternoon, the tables were turned. Laurenson stood no nonsense from Joan Warwick and routed her, playing beautiful croquet. Guy Warwick and Mrs. Rotherham failed against good play by Thorp and Mozley, and Cave with his partner Cooper pegged out by Miller, failed to hit three targets offered him and they lost by three.

Three games all and three to go.

On Sunday afternoon, before you could say 'Crikey' even, Thorp and Laurenson, playing perfectly, disposed of Cooper and Warwick, who had five shots between them, three into corners and two misses.

Mrs. Rotherham started badly; Banks got to 4-back but broke down at 1-back with his second ball: so that was four all.

The last match was full of interest. Cave got to 6 and Joan Warwick to penultimate. Miller then hit a glorious shot and went all out for a coup. Double-peeling Joan Warwick with a beautiful break, he just failed to leave a clear shot at the other two balls after making rover himself, and had to play Joan's ball first. As a result, Joan got contact, and after several attempts, pegged Miller out, with Mozley on the first hoop, Cave refused to allow his partner to peg out too, on the grounds that his hoop-making disability needed more than 6 hoops start. However, having got to rover, and a twelve hoop start, Joan was allowed to peg herself out, and Budleigh Salterton then won a game they came as near as a touch to losing, and with it the match by 5 games to 4.

(Budleigh names first)

A. J. Cooper bt. R. F. Thorp +11
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt. I. C. Banks +11
Miss E. J. Warwick lost to J. T. Laurenson —23
Miss Warwick and J. G. Warwick bt. Laurenson and Banks +24
Mrs. Rotherham and Lt. Col. G. E. Cave bt. D. W. Miller and A. N. Mozley +7
Cooper and Cave lost to Miller and Banks —3
Mrs. Rotherham and Warwick lost to Thorp and Mozley —11
Cooper and Warwick lost to Thorp and Laurenson —26
Miss Warwick and Cave bt. Miller and Mozley +13

Result: Budleigh Salterton beat the Heley Club by 5 games to 4.

Puzzle Corner

(a) Based on a question from NZ referees exam. This is the revision of a puzzle which appeared in June in the form in which it should originally have appeared.

Data:

1. Blue takes off from Black on the east border to Red on the west border. Yellow is in front of its own fifth hoop.

Blue makes a series of calamities. First it does not move Black; then it roquets Yellow through its fifth hoop and finally it goes off the lawn without roqueting Red.

2. The parties having related the facts in this way to a referee on appeal the referee ruled as follows:

Red and Yellow either condone the fault of not moving Black or not.

If condoned Blue takes croquet from Yellow and Yellow's hoop would count.

If not condoned Blue would go back to Black and Yellow would go back to where it was roqueted and its hoop would not count.

Question: Was the ruling correct?

Answer: No. The balls moved must go back and the peel does not count. The right of Red and Yellow to waive the fault arises only if the turn would have ended under law 19 (c). But this turn would not so have ended because by a *stroke of good fortune* (not a calamity) Blue had made a roquet on Yellow before going off the court.

(b) The report in this number of this year's Cheltenham Tournament relates a breach of law that seems to have gone unnoticed by both the players and the reporter.

Question: What was the breach, and what should have been done?

Answer: The "second incident" in which Colonel Prichard was involved is the point at issue. His ball was deflected by Blue—which had been pegged out—and he was left a roquet of a nasty length, which he missed. But Blue, once pegged out, was an outside agency and therefore should not have been allowed to have any further effect on the game. Thus the Colonel's ball should have been placed where it would have gone, had it not been hit by Blue at all. See laws 15 (c) and 34 (b) iii.

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CHELTENHAM

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LONGMAN CUP

EDGBASTON v. ELLESMERE
(Played at Edgbaston, July 25th)
(Edgbaston names first)

SINGLES

Prof. A. S. C. Ross (5) lost to Mrs. N. Tyldesley (8) —6.
Miss C. Templeton (9) lost to Mrs. Jackson (10) —15.
Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (10) lost to Mrs. Cocker (12) —20.

DOUBLES

R. H. Newton and Miss Templeton (9) bt Mrs. Cocker and Mrs. Christie (25) +4.
Prof. and Mrs. A. S. C. Ross bt Mrs. Tyldesley and Mrs. Jackson (18) +5.
Result: Ellesmere bt Edgbaston by 3 games to 2.

HURLINGHAM v. WORTON HALL
(Played at Hurlingham, July 18th)
(Hurlingham names first)

SINGLES

A. W. Skempton (3½) lost to V. J. Sexton (10) —24.
Mrs. A. W. Skempton (4½) bt A. H. Wilson (12) +15.
S. G. Kent (6) lost to E. J. Reeves (11) —5.

DOUBLES

Mrs. A. W. Skempton and Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith (10) bt V. J. Sexton and E. J. Reeves (21) +12.
Mrs. A. W. Skempton and S. G. Kent (10½) bt A. H. Wilson and R. M. Ward (10½) +15.
Result: Hurlingham bt Worton Hall by 3 games to 2.

SOUTHWICK v. COMPTON
(Played at Southwick)
(Southwick names first)

SINGLES

Maj. R. Driscoll (3) bt W. H. Austin (2) +7.
Mrs. E. M. Temple (4) bt Mrs. G. W. Style (4) +5.
Mrs. E. M. Kay (5) v. Miss M. Bryan (9) (game unfinished).

DOUBLES

Maj. R. Driscoll and Mrs. E. M. Kay (8) lost to Mrs. G. W. Style and Mrs. H. C. S. Perry (8½) —8.
Mrs. E. M. Temple and Mrs. E. Thompson (12) bt W. H. Austin and Miss M. Bryan (11) +3.
Result: Southwick bt Compton by 3 games to 1, with one unfinished.

ROEHAMPTON v. SOUTHWICK
(Played at Roehampton, August 15th)
(Roehampton players named first)

SINGLES

D. C. Caporn (2½) lost to Maj. R. Driscoll (3) —3.
A. G. Oldham (5½) v. Mrs. W. A. T. Synge (4) (game unfinished).
L. Riggall (7½) bt Capt. W. A. T. Synge (4½) +23.

DOUBLES

D. C. Caporn and L. Riggall (10) bt Capt. W. A. T. Synge and Mrs. W. A. T. Synge (8½) +18.
A. J. Oldham and Mrs. L. Riggall (12½) bt Maj. R. Driscoll and E. C. Mogridge (9) +8.
Result: Roehampton bt Southwick by 3 games to 1, with one unfinished

ROEHAMPTON v. HURLINGHAM
(Played at Roehampton, 25th July)
(Roehampton names first)

SINGLES

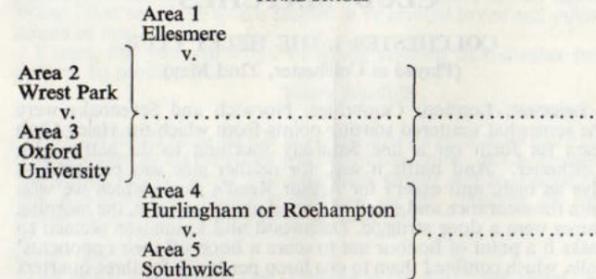
D. C. Caporn (2½) bt R. O. Havery (3½) +19.
A. J. Oldham (5½) v. Miss B. Duthie (4) game unfinished.
L. Riggall (7½) bt C. B. Sanford (8) +20.

DOUBLES

D. C. Caporn and L. Riggall (10) bt R. O. Havery and Mrs. M. L. Thom (8) +7.
A. J. Oldham and Mrs. L. Riggall (12) v. C. B. Sanford and Miss B. Duthie (12) game unfinished.
Result: Roehampton bt Hurlingham by 3 games to nil, with two unfinished.

LONGMAN CLUB TEAM CUP — 1965

FINAL STAGES



1st round to be played by 9th August.
2nd round to be played by 23rd August.
Final to be played by 13th September.

WREST PARK v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY
(Played at Wrest Park, 10th August)
(Wrest Park names first)

SINGLES

D. V. H. Rees (6) bt K. A. Ross (3) +2.
J. Clark (7) lost to M. Yates (10) —16. (on time)
W. T. B. Marchant (9) bt D. W. Bateson (10) +5. (on time)

DOUBLES

J. Clark and W. T. B. Marchant (16) lost to K. A. Ross and D. W. Bateson (13) —1.
D. V. H. Rees and Maj. E. J. Bromley-Fox (18) bt C. G. Miller and M. Yates (14½) +11.
Result: Wrest Park bt Oxford University by 3 games to 2.

LIST OF NEW ASSOCIATES

Mrs. Trevor Johnson	Acres Holt, Leigh Woods, Bristol 8.
Mrs. Janet Power	Beechams Research Laboratory, Brockham Park, Betchworth, Surrey.
Mrs. Janet Feaver	Beechams Research Laboratory, Brockham Park, Betchworth, Surrey.
C. W. Haworth	The Garth, Rothley, Leicestershire.
Mrs. H. M. G. Cane	Flat 19a, 36, Buckingham Gate, SW1
Mrs. D. L. Lackie	Inchboayock, Montrose, Angus.
Miss K. L. Lackie	Inchboayock, Montrose, Angus.
Mrs. J. H. Whitehead	Brynderi, near Abergavenny, Monmouthshire.
Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes, M.C.	Longsprings, Melton, near Woodbridge, Suffolk.
G. F. Hallett	15, Roddam Close, Colchester, Essex.
J. Barker	Ivy Cottage, Gay Bowers, Danebury, near Chelmsford, Essex.
K. H. Paterson	Great Claydons, East Hanningfield, Chelmsford, Essex.
Mrs. B. G. Neal	13, Marryat Road, SW19

THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

26th—31st July

At the Open Championships held at Roehampton in 1905 the average age of the players was 25. For many years now it has been considerably more than this; but with the present influx of young players, including young Varsity men, there are signs of a considerable reduction. It is evident that young men are realizing the excellence of our game, and that the distorted image of it that used to be in the public mind is disappearing.

MONDAY. Among notable games and results are the following: In one game against Townsend, John Solomon did a wonderful straight triple, peeling the rover hoop from beyond the peg. Rupert Thorp had a triumph over William Ormerod, though his triple in the final game just failed. John Bolton scored a win against Hodges, one of the old brigade who is very hard to beat. Mrs Gazzard, an Australian player whom we are delighted to welcome, fought a hard battle with Mrs Rotherham, and took the first game from her. There were many prolonged matches of the "dog-fight" type.

TUESDAY. Many games of what our old friend Mr Crowther-Smith used to call "Boat-Race Croquet", i.e., "In! Out! In! Out!" A curious match was between Warwick and Williams. In the second game Williams should have won but lost by two points: in the third game the same thing happened in reverse.

In the afternoon however some players found that there were "tigers on the courts". Humphrey Hicks with his deadly accuracy and wonderful shooting easily defeated Mrs Rotherham. Solomon disposed of Williams, and Wiggins, playing brilliantly, won against Cotter. In the second game, it should be said that Cotter had a piece of bad luck in missing a short roquet, a thing he seldom does, when he appeared to have a triple peel in front of him.

WEDNESDAY. Not a very exciting day. In the Doubles, pairs strong on paper proved strong in fact and easily disposed of their opponents.

In the second game between Humphrey Hicks and Thorp the clips towards the end showed an affection for 1-back and 2-back, and the innings changed hands several times before Hicks won the game and the match. Hicks has a special genius for hitting the shot that matters.

In the third game between Miss Warwick and Strachan, the latter, at the end of a triple peel, was not able to rush his ball up to the peg to peg out in the ordinary way, but had to peg his partner ball with a long peg-out, and go to his opponent's balls at the same time. He did this successfully, but unfortunately on arrival found himself dead wired from the enemy. Miss Warwick then made a number of points, but unfortunately for her Strachan hit the next shot and went out.

THURSDAY. The show piece was the match between Solomon and Strachan. In the first game Solomon went out with a delayed triple, after an amusing error in trying to peel his opponent's ball through the penultimate. In the second game Solomon tried a six-hoop peel. He accomplished three of the peels but then ran over the boundary. After a while he regained the innings, but sat in the rover hoop, of which

Strachan took full advantage and won the game. The third game was a battle in which Solomon eventually proved the victor.

FRIDAY. Semi-finals day. There was a pitched battle between Solomon and Lloyd-Pratt. In the first game Lloyd-Pratt, who had been playing extremely well throughout the tournament, scored a splendid win with excellently played "all-rounders". But Solomon ran out in the second game with a good triple, and in the third game he also proved the victor.

It was unfortunate, Wiggins having played excellent croquet throughout the competition, that the other semi-final could not be played, Hicks having the walk-over.

In the Doubles semi-final the two tigers Solomon and Cotter continued the process of devouring their opponents, winning against Hicks and Ormerod by 24. In the other semi-final Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs Rotherham by excellent play defeated Godby and Miss Warwick by 17. One hoop was vitally important in this game. Mrs Rotherham's first hoop was such a nasty one that she consulted her partner before trying it. But she finally decided to have a go, and the go was so successful that she continued her all-rounder in top form.

SATURDAY. Finals Day. The most marvellous game of the day was the second game between Solomon and Hicks. Unexpectedly, Solomon did not get away for a time. Eventually, with Solomon's clips on 1 and 5, Hicks got in and played two Hicksian all-rounders to 4-back and the peg. Solomon missed the lift shot and Hicks made the three last hoops off his partner ball. He failed however to get a rush to the peg. A long peg-out did not succeed, so he pegged out the mallet-ball, leaving his partner close to the peg. Solomon hit and laid up between the first hoop and the south boundary. Hicks missed the peg and landed up on the east boundary. Solomon rushed his partner ball behind Hicks's ball, croqueted it to the second hoop and got a rush on Hicks's ball to the first hoop. Thereafter he made a perfect three-ball break to the peg. Hicks shot and missed. Solomon made 5, 6, and 1-back off his own ball. Then with a superb stroke he put his partner ball to 3-back, getting a rush on Hicks's ball, which was not many feet from the south boundary, towards 2-back. He then rushed it to 2-back and ran out on the three-ball break—a wonderful win, wonderfully played.

In the Doubles Final Solomon and Cotter once more overwhelmed their opponents.

In the Final of the Plate, Ormerod beat Mrs Gazzard by 13. We are well aware of Ormerod's good play. He is in fact one of our top players, and so we will pass on to congratulate our Australian friend Mrs Gazzard on her success in coming in second, and on her consistently excellent play throughout the meeting.

It should be noted that the games selected for comment are only a few of the interesting games played.

One of the features of the meeting was the splendid play of some of the newer players. Strachan has certainly substantiated a claim to be an absolutely first-rank player. Thorp and Bolton too play splendid croquet, and are very handy when there is a chance of doing a triple. Ross also played well and will go far.

At the prize-giving our chairman, Maj. J. Rivington gave high praise to the way Mrs Elvey had carried out her exacting duties as manager, to the satisfaction of all the players.

In giving the prizes, before handing the Cup to Mr Solomon, Mr Elvey remarked that no one had the slightest doubt that he—Mr Solomon—was the best player of our day, and probably the best player of all time. He also said that the number of young men now playing should create a new image of our game in the public mind.

We cannot conclude these notes without remarking that manager and players alike owe a debt of gratitude to Capt. Rump for his interest in our game, and his unflinching kindness to all concerned with it. We must also thank our old friend Mr Gray and the Hurlingham outdoor staff for having the lawns in such excellent condition for us.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (29 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt I. C. Baillieu +19 +18.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt R. A. Godby +23 +10.
E. P. C. Cotter bt R. G. Shewan +14 +16.
R. F. Thorp bt Dr. W. P. Ormerod +7 -16 +17.
Prof. B. G. Neal bt R. O. Hicks -11 +3 +24.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. N. J. Gazzard -6 +10 +6.
H. O. Hicks bt G. M. Fitzpatrick +26 +23.
J. W. Solomon bt S. S. Townsend +25 +25.
G. Williams bt J. G. Warwick +10 -2 +2.
D. F. Strachan bt Capt. H. G. Stoker +25 -16 +23.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt Col. A. E. Saalfeld +16 +12.
J. P. R. Bolton bt C. W. R. Hodges +16 +26.
K. A. Ross bt M. F. Buller -6 +14 +8.

SECOND ROUND

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +16 +4.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt E. P. C. Cotter +25 +15.
R. F. Thorp bt Prof. B. G. Neal +14 -3 +5.
H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +20 +22.
J. W. Solomon bt G. Williams +25 +25.
D. F. Strachan bt Miss E. J. Warwick -19 +21 +9.
J. P. R. Bolton bt K. A. Ross +19 +26.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson +24 +23.

THIRD ROUND

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller -12 +24 +26.
H. O. Hicks bt R. F. Thorp +26 +3.
J. W. Solomon bt D. F. Strachan +17 -1 +12.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt J. P. R. Bolton +8 +13.

SEMI-FINAL

H. O. Hicks w.o. Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (opponent scratched).
J. W. Solomon bt B. Lloyd-Pratt -2 +26 +26.

FINAL

J. W. Solomon bt H. O. Hicks +10 +1.

OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP (10 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and J. P. R. Bolton bt J. G. Warwick and Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +10.
Capt. H. G. Stoker and D. F. Strachan bt Col. A. E. Saalfeld and Mrs. J. N. Gazzard +20.

SECOND ROUND

H. O. Hicks and Dr. W. P. Ormerod bt I. C. Baillieu and Mrs. G. W. Solomon +26.
J. W. Solomon and E. P. C. Cotter bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and J. P. R. Bolton +13.
B. Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Capt. H. G. Stoker and D. F. Strachan +14.
R. A. Godby and Miss E. J. Warwick bt R. O. Hicks and R. F. Thorp +5.

SEMI-FINAL

J. W. Solomon and E. P. C. Cotter bt H. O. Hicks and Dr. W. P. Ormerod +24.
B. Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt R. A. Godby and Miss E. J. Warwick +17.

FINAL

J. W. Solomon and E. P. C. Cotter bt B. Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs. E. Rotherham +15.

ASSOCIATION PLATE OPEN LEVEL SINGLES (17 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Miss E. J. Warwick bt R. O. Hicks +10.

SECOND ROUND

J. G. Warwick bt Col. A. E. Saalfeld +11.
Dr. W. P. Ormerod bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +12.
R. A. Godby bt M. F. Buller +21.
K. A. Ross bt G. Williams +13.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +21.
I. C. Baillieu bt R. G. Shewan +7.
Mrs. N. J. Gazzard bt G. M. Fitzpatrick +23.
Capt. H. G. Stoker w.o. (opponent withdrawn).

THIRD ROUND

Dr. W. P. Ormerod bt J. G. Warwick +8.
K. A. Ross bt R. A. Godby +12.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt I. C. Baillieu +11.
Mrs. N. J. Gazzard bt Capt. H. G. Stoker +15.

SEMI-FINAL

Dr. W. P. Ormerod bt K. A. Ross +14.
Mrs. N. J. Gazzard bt Miss E. J. Warwick +21.

FINAL

Dr. W. P. Ormerod bt Mrs. N. J. Gazzard +13.

CHALLENGE AND GILBEY CUPS COMPETITIONS

9th—18th July

What a pity it is that the entry for these competitions is so small. One would have thought that, with the events grouped as they are into handicap classes, they would have been an attraction to the higher bisquers: as it turned out, there were only three entries for the Reckitt Cup, so this event was played as an American tournament.

In the A block of the Gilbey Cup the numbers were about average but the class was good, as all but two of the entrants were in the minus category. Hamilton-Miller was in very good form, beating Capt. Stoker and R. O. Hicks—to each of whom he had to concede one bisque—by 26 and 22 respectively. He went on to win this block.

Block B was won by W. B. Franklin and Block C by Allan Oldham after a battle against L. Riggall in the final which lasted five hours or more. After this, Oldham was beaten by J. L. Sanders in the play-off between the winners of blocks C and D.

Sanders is a much improved player and in view of the fact that he only took to Croquet seriously when he joined Roehampton Club at the end of last season, his progress is quite remarkable. This will be agreed by anyone who watched the game between him and Hamilton-Miller in the final play-off for the Gilbey Cup.

Being in receipt of 11½ bisques, Sanders proceeded round the course with his first ball to the rover hoop, at the cost of 9½ bisques. Hamilton-Miller then hit in and went to 3-back with his first ball. Sanders then got in again and in several turns and with the help of his two remaining bisques arrived at 2-back, during which time Hamilton-Miller had gone to the peg with his second ball. Getting in again with his first ball he was hoop-bound after making 4-back, so shot at—but missed—his opponent, laid up in the 3rd corner. Sanders then proceeded to go from 2-back to the peg, and at the second attempt he pegged out his opponent. It must be quite an experience for a 9-bisquer to have the temerity and opportunity to peg out a minus 2½ player. However, Sanders's excellent play was to no avail as Hamilton-Miller hit in and went out in his next turn. If Sanders had gone off a boundary instead of laying up near his other ball, which was close to the penultimate hoop (Hamilton-Miller's), the result might have been different.

In the Challenge Cups the outstanding performer was again Hamilton-Miller who went through both Draw and Process without loss, though in one game he was threatened by R. O. Hicks. Hamilton-Miller's beautifully controlled play throughout the nine days of this tournament was a joy to watch.

The Handicap Doubles provided some exciting and interesting games. One of these was between Mr and Mrs Riggall and R. O. Hicks and Mrs Wills. The latter pair won by the narrow margin of 2 after Hicks had peeled Riggall through the rover and pegged him out. The semi-final between Col. Saalfeld and Mrs Omond and Capt. Buller and Mrs Trull was very close indeed, each side in turn having opportunities of going out, due to, what appeared to the onlookers, unwise tactics by the other side. Capt. Buller and Mrs Trull seemed to "stay the course" rather better, and in the final were too steady for Hicks and Mrs Wills. It must be said for the losers that Hicks had one of his rare "off" days.

The weather for this meeting was anything but ideal, being cold and, at times, disconcertingly windy. On the Monday it was only possible to complete two games, as all the courts were flooded after a night of continuous rain.

The tournament was efficiently brought to its conclusion, as is only to be expected when in the capable hands of Miss Daisy Lintern.

We were fortunate in having Maj. J. M. Rivington to present the numerous Cups and Prizes. Not only were the successful women competitors in receipt of these, but they also had bestowed upon them a Presidential kiss.

THE ROEHAMPTON CHALLENGE CUP

(11 Entries)

DRAW

FIRST ROUND

R. O. Hicks bt G. Williams +8.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt J. B. Gilbert +17.
Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld w.o. Prof. B. G. Neal (opponent scratched)

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. G. W. Solomon bt Mrs. P. D. Showan +15.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt R. O. Hicks +7.
Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld bt M. F. Buller +25.
Capt. H. G. Stoker bt Mrs. S. M. Adler +26.

SEMI-FINAL

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon +14.
Capt. H. G. Stoker bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld +8.

FINAL

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Capt. H. G. Stoker +20.

PROCESS

FIRST ROUND

R. O. Hicks bt Mrs. S. M. Adler +16.
Mrs. P. D. Showan bt M. F. Buller +8.
Capt. H. G. Stoker bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon +6.

SECOND ROUND

R. O. Hicks w.o. Prof. B. G. Neal (opponent scratched).
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Mrs. P. D. Showan +23.
Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld bt G. Williams +23.
Capt. H. G. Stoker bt J. B. Gilbert +6.

SEMI-FINAL

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt R. O. Hicks +5.
Capt. H. G. Stoker bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld +10.

FINAL

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Capt. H. G. Stoker +14.

THE COUNCIL CUP

(2½ to 5½ bisques)

(8 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

D. C. Caporn bt Mrs. J. Speer +1.
Cmdr. G. Borrett bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson +4.
W. B. Franklin bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson +11.
Miss B. Duthie bt M. Spencer Ell +25.

SEMI-FINAL

D. C. Caporn bt Cmdr. G. Borrett +3.
Miss B. Duthie bt W. B. Franklin +5.

FINAL

Miss B. Duthie bt D. C. Caporn +9.

OPEN LEVEL SINGLES

THE RECKITT CUP

(6 to 8½ bisques)

(3 Entries)

Played as American Tournament

Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith won 2/2 games.
bt Brig. J. S. Omond +16,
Mrs. G. Trull +15.
Mrs. G. Trull won 1/2 games,
bt Brig. J. S. Omond +3.

LEVEL SINGLES

THE STEVENSON CUP

(9 bisques and over)

(7 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. L. Riggall bt Mrs. H. Wills +18.
J. L. Sanders bt H. Denny +10.
Mrs. J. S. Omond bt Mrs. H. Denny +9.

SEMI-FINAL

J. L. Sanders bt Mrs. L. Riggall +5.
Mrs. J. S. Omond bt Mrs. D. F. Caporn +5 (on time).

FINAL

J. L. Sanders bt Mrs. J. S. Omond +6.

HANDICAP DOUBLES (Combined Handicap to be 4 bisques or over) (9 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

Capt. M. F. Buller and Mrs. G. Trull (8) bt R. G. Shewan and Mrs. H. Denny (11) +7.

SECOND ROUND

Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld and Mrs. J. S. Omond (8½) bt Cmdr. G. Borrett and H. Denny (13½) +11.
Capt. M. Buller and Mrs. G. Trull (8) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Miss B. Duthie (7½) +8.
R. O. Hicks and Mrs. H. Wills (7½) bt L. Riggall and Mrs. L. Riggall (17) +2.
Mrs. P. D. Showan and Mrs. J. Speer (7) bt J. L. Sanders and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (10) +20.

SEMI-FINAL

Capt. M. Buller and Mrs. G. Trull (8) bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld and Mrs. J. S. Omond (8½) +2.
R. O. Hicks and Mrs. H. Wills (7½) bt Mrs. P. D. Showan and Mrs. J. Speer (7) +8.

FINAL

Capt. M. Buller and Mrs. G. Trull (8) bt R. O. Hicks and Mrs. H. Wills (7½) +13.

THE GILBEY CUPS HANDICAP SINGLES

BLOCK A

FIRST ROUND

R. G. Shewan (1) w.o. Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld (0) (opponent scratched).
J. B. Gilbert (-1) bt G. Williams (-1) +12.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-2½) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (-1½) +26.

SEMI-FINAL

J. B. Gilbert (-1) bt R. G. Shewan (1) +13.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-2½) bt R. O. Hicks (-1½) +22.

FINAL

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-2½) bt J. B. Gilbert (-1) +15.

BLOCK B

(6 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2½) bt Mrs. S. M. Adler (2) +15.
W. B. Franklin (4) bt Miss B. Duthie (5) +21.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2½) bt D. C. Caporn (2½) +6.
W. B. Franklin (4) bt Mrs. P. D. Showan (2) +14.

FINAL

W. B. Franklin (4) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2½) +18.

BLOCKS A AND B

PLAY-OFF

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-2½) bt W. B. Franklin (4) +17.

(BLOCK C

(5 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

L. Riggall (8) bt Mrs. H. Wills (9) +13.

SEMI-FINAL

L. Riggall (8) bt Mrs. G. Trull (7) +16.
A. J. Oldham (5½) bt Mrs. L. Riggall (9) +6.

FINAL

A. J. Oldham (5½) bt L. Riggall (8) +8.

BLOCK D

(5 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

J. L. Sanders (9) bt H. Denny (12) +13.

SEMI-FINAL

J. L. Sanders (9) bt Miss G. W. Bartlett (9) +16.
Mrs. D. F. Caporn (10) bt Mrs. H. Denny (12) +15.

FINAL

J. L. Sanders (9) bt Mrs. D. F. Caporn (10) +10.

BLOCKS C AND D

PLAY-OFF

J. L. Sanders (9) bt A. J. Oldham (5½) +17.

FINAL

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-2½) bt J. L. Sanders (9) +3.

EXTRA EVENT

(AMERICAN)

BLOCK A

Miss B. Duthie (5) won 4/5 games.
bt D. C. Caporn (2½) +15,
Mrs. S. M. Adler (2) +7,
Mrs. P. D. Showan (2) +1,
R. G. Shewan (1) +16,
lost to Cmdr. G. Borrett (3½) -5.

BLOCK B

Mrs. L. Riggall (9) won 5/5 games.
 bt Mrs. H. Wills (9) +15,
 Mrs. G. Trull (7) +1,
 H. Denny (12) +13,
 Mrs. H. Denny (12) +15,
 J. L. Sanders (9) +2.

**HANDICAP SINGLES (GOLF CROQUET)
 THE ASCOT CHALLENGE CUP**
 (14 Entries)

FIRST ROUND
 Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (1) bt Miss M. Young (2) +1.
 Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1) bt Mrs. L. E. Frenken (1) +3.
 Mrs. G. W. Solomon (0) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (2) +3.
 Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith (1) bt Miss E. M. Hammer (1) +1.
 Mrs. Pickard (2) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (1) +5.
 Miss E. M. King (1) bt Mrs. G. Trull (1) +1.

SECOND ROUND
 Mrs. S. Phillips (2) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (1) +1.
 Mrs. G. W. Solomon (0) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1) +1.
 Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith (1) bt Mrs. Pickard (2) +5.
 Capt. H. G. Stoker (-1) bt Miss E. M. King (1) +3.

SEMI-FINAL
 Mrs. G. W. Solomon (0) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (2) +1.
 Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith (1) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (-1) +3.

FINAL
 Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith (1) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (0) +3.

**HANDICAP DOUBLES (GOLF CROQUET)
 THE DELVES BROUGHTON CHALLENGE CUPS**
 (Combined handicap of 4 bisques or over)

FIRST ROUND
 Mrs. G. W. Solomon and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (1) bt Miss E. M. King and Miss M. Young (3) +3.

SEMI-FINAL
 Mrs. G. W. Solomon and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (1) bt Brig. J. S. Omond and Mrs. J. S. Omond (3) +5.
 Mrs. L. E. Frenken and Miss E. M. Hammer (2) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker and Mrs. G. Trull (0) +1.

FINAL
 Mrs. G. W. Solomon and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (1) bt Mrs. L. E. Frenken and Miss E. M. Hammer (2) +5.

CHELTENHAM

18th—24th July

Apart from Hurlingham there can be few croquet clubs which can challenge the natural beauty of the setting of the Cheltenham Club: moreover, the expanse of lawns with such admirable pavilions near to hand for all players including those "out in the country" makes the club one of the most delightful to play at. Indeed, these pavilions proved a real boon during a week when at least one spell of drifting, thundery rain was experienced on five out of six tournament days. The resilience of the courts, however, was truly remarkable, for at no time did any pools of water form on the surface and play could be resumed under perfectly normal conditions as soon as the rain passed over. In fact, during an especially heavy deluge, lasting more than half an hour, Dr. Penny and his opponent E. Sidwell played on, with no visible ill-effects either to man or court!

Among the games played, there were two with unusual "incidents", in both of which Colonel Prichard was involved. His opponent in the first round of the handicap Singles, Wing-Commander E. M. Smith, found himself still in receipt of four-and-a-half bisques with the game at a level stage, each player having a clip on the rover and the first hoop. He then proceeded to establish a break and with the aid of three bisques went round from number one, successfully negotiating the single peel but ran on to his partner ball as he made the rover. A stop-shot now brought his partner ball to rest between the second and sixth hoops, after which he scattered his opponent's Blue ball to the first hoop and Black to the third, and laid himself a rush to the peg. At this point he walked off the court, oblivious of the fact that he had one and a half bisques still at his disposal! And, surely enough Nemesis followed. Prichard hit in across the court with Black, went round and with a single peel finished the match!

The second "incident" proved not so lucky for Colonel Prichard. In a close finish to the semi-final of the Draw against D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller, he pegged out his opponent's Blue ball, aiming in the same stroke to join his partner ball at the rover. But the Blue, rebounding from the peg, deflected his ball some five yards wide of

the mark. Taking a gentle shot, he missed and finished a foot outside A baulk, thereby enabling his opponent to make the penultimate and rover and go out. In the final of the open singles, Edgar Jackson—who also reached the semi-finals of the handicap singles—took the first game by some fine and fluent croquet against Hamilton-Miller, who made a disastrous error in the process of giving "contact". The loser then reversed this decision in a close second game, where three clips were on the peg, and went on to take the final by some accurate play which left his opponent no chance of getting started.

The final of the B levels was contested by Commander Borrett and Mrs. Syngé, both of whom were much in evidence on the courts during the week, and resulted in a quick win for the former, who got off to a rapid start and never looked like being caught. The same player, partnered by Mrs. E. Rotherham, who came to play only in this event, was successful in the Handicap Doubles. This partnership—a happy and a strong one—proved too much in the final for Colonel Wheeler and Miss I. M. Roe, fancied by many at the outset to win the event. Let Mrs. Rotherham never again say that she cannot play on slow courts! As a measure of compensation, Colonel Wheeler won the "C" class Handicap, hitting the last shot of the game against Dr. Betenson who was laid up by the rover hoop, ready to finish. This player looks likely to come down quickly in his handicap, as also do J. W. Simon and E. Sidwell, who contested the final of the Big Handicap, Sidwell winning a close game by accurate and resolute play, after his young opponent had established a long lead. An "extra" event was provided, in which at tea-time on Saturday afternoon Miss Sessions and Wing-Commander Smith, Miss Taylor and Miss Hawkins were still disputing the semi-finals.

Under the charming and assured management of Mrs. Chittenden, all went smoothly to a well timed finish on Saturday afternoon. In conclusion one must add a note of universal rejoicing to see the President of the Club, Mrs. Daniels, once again restored to health and able to play "friendly" games, and finally a real tribute of thanks must be paid to Miss Armstrong for providing those delicious lunches and to Mrs. Armstrong for the equally delicious teas. All in all, a delightful tournament, to be repeated—I hope—next year.

OPEN LEVEL SINGLES

(13 Entries)

DRAW**FIRST ROUND**

G. E. P. Jackson bt E. Sidwell +3.
 W. H. Thorp bt Dr. T. E. Ryves +15.
 J. W. Simon bt Miss K. M. O. Sessions +4.
 D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford +21.
 Dr. H. J. Penny bt Rev. J. Andrews +14.

SECOND ROUND

G. E. P. Jackson bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld +12.
 J. W. Simon w.o. W. H. Thorp (opponent scratched).
 D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Dr. H. J. Penny +26.
 Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Miss I. M. Roe +26.

SEMI-FINAL

G. E. P. Jackson bt J. W. Simon +18.
 D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +3.

FINAL

G. E. P. Jackson bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller +14.

PROCESS**FIRST ROUND**

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Miss K. M. O. Sessions +14.
 E. Sidwell bt Dr. H. J. Penny +9.
 D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld +17.
 Miss I. M. Roe bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford +7.
 G. E. P. Jackson bt Rev. J. Andrews +18.

SECOND ROUND

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt E. Sidwell +8.
 D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Dr. T. E. Ryves +24.
 W. H. Thorp bt Miss I. M. Roe +16.
 G. E. P. Jackson bt J. W. Simon +11.

SEMI-FINAL

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +5.
 G. E. P. Jackson bt W. H. Thorp +26.

FINAL

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt G. E. P. Jackson +5.

PLA-YOFF

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt G. E. P. Jackson +25.

B LEVELS

(15 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Cmdr. G. Borrett bt Capt. W. A. T. Syngé +8.
 W. Green bt G. R. Mills +5.
 Rev. F. J. Denbow bt Miss M. A. Posford +21.
 W. P. H. Roe bt Miss R. M. Allen +7.
 Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé bt Mrs. B. de C. Mathews +7.
 Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard bt W/Commander E. M. Smith +21.
 Miss K. Hickson bt E. G. Bantock +14.

SECOND ROUND

Cmdr. G. Borrett bt W. Green +7.
 Rev. F. J. Denbow bt W. P. H. Roe +6.
 Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard +24.
 Miss K. Ault bt Miss K. Hickson +24.

SEMI-FINAL

Cmdr. G. Borrett bt Rev. F. J. Denbow +7.
 Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé bt Miss K. Ault +12.

FINAL

Cmdr. G. Borrett bt Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé +23.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS C)

(6½ bisques and over)

(10 Entries)**FIRST ROUND**

Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt Mrs. J. H. Whitehead (16) +7.
 W. J. Sturdy (10) bt Miss I. M. Hawkins (12) +7.

SECOND ROUND

Col. G. T. Wheeler (8) bt Miss E. K. Hawkins (10) +10.
 Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (8) +3.
 Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (8) bt W. J. Sturdy (10) +4.
 Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (7) bt L. A. I. Rust (12) +12.

SEMI-FINAL

Col. G. T. Wheeler (8) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (7) +26.
 Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (8) bt Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (7) +16.

FINAL

Col. G. T. Wheeler (8) bt Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (8) +5.

OPEN HANDICAP SINGLES

(35 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Miss E. P. Carmouche (8) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (4) +14.
 Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (4½) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (4) +12.
 Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2½) bt W/Commander E. M. Smith (6) +2.

SECOND ROUND

Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (4½) bt Miss R. M. Allen (4) +16.
 Cmdr. G. Borrett (3½) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (4½) +4.
 Miss K. Hickson (3) bt W. H. Thorp (-1) +3.
 E. Sidwell (3) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (7) +2.
 Miss M. A. Posford (6) bt W. P. H. Roe (5½) +16.

W. Green (6) bt Miss K. Ault (3) +9.
 Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld (-½) bt Miss K. M. O. Sessions (2) +2.
 Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (4½) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (8) +13.

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (1) +3.
 G. E. P. Jackson (-1) bt Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (8) +3.
 Col. G. T. Wheeler (8) bt Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (7) +25.

Mrs. J. H. Whitehead (16) bt L. A. I. Rust (12) +6.
 Miss I. M. Roe (3½) bt G. R. Mills (4½) +25.

J. W. Simon (1) bt F. H. Pugh (6) +19.
 Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (3½) bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford (3) +4.
 E. G. Bantock (4) bt Miss I. M. Hawkins (12) +6.

THIRD ROUND

Cmdr. G. Borrett (3½) bt Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (4½) +11.
 E. Sidwell (3) bt Miss K. Hickson (3) +8.
 W. Green (6) bt Miss M. A. Posford (6) +14.
 Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (4½) bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld (-½) +11.

G. E. P. Jackson (-1) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2½) +24.
 Col. G. T. Wheeler (8) bt Mrs. J. H. Whitehead (16) +5.
 J. W. Simon (1) bt Miss I. M. Roe (3½) +14.

E. G. Bantock (4) bt Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (3½) +5.

FOURTH ROUND

E. Sidwell (3) bt Cmdr. G. Borrett (3½) +5.
 Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (4½) bt W. Green (6) +15.
 G. E. P. Jackson (-1) bt Col. G. T. Wheeler (8) +2.
 J. W. Simon (1) bt E. G. Bantock (4) +11.

SEMI-FINAL

E. Sidwell (3) bt Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (4½) +5.
 J. W. Simon (1) bt G. E. P. Jackson (-1) +13.

FINAL

E. Sidwell (3) bt J. W. Simon (1) +6.

MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP

(17 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

G. E. P. Jackson and Mrs. Jackson (5) bt J. W. Simon and Miss K. Ault (4) +4.

SECOND ROUND

E. Sidwell and F. H. Pugh (9) bt Dr. W. Betenson and Miss M. Taylor (15) +4.
 Cmdr. Borrett and Mrs. Rotherham (½) bt Dr. Sandiford and W/Commander Smith (9) +10.
 Lt.-Col. Saalfeld and Dr. Ryves (3½) bt Dr. Penny and Miss Hickson (4) +7.

W. Green and Miss Sessions (8) bt G. E. P. Jackson and Mrs. Jackson (5) +14.

Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Prichard (2) bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. Syngé (2) +14.

W. H. Thorp and Mrs. Chittenden (-1½) bt W. J. Sturdy and Miss Carmouche (18) +7.

E. G. Bantock and G. R. Mills (8½) bt Capt. Syngé and Mrs. Mathews (8) +2.

Col. Wheeler and Miss Roe (11½) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow and Miss E. K. Hawkins (14) +7.

THIRD ROUND

Cmdr. Borrett and Mrs. Rotherham (½) bt E. Sidwell and F. H. Pugh (9) +3.

Lt.-Col. Saalfeld and Dr. Ryves (3½) bt W. Green and Miss Sessions (8) +14.

W. H. Thorp and Mrs. Chittenden (-1½) bt Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Prichard (2) +7.

Col. Wheeler and Miss Roe (11½) bt E. G. Bantock and G. R. Mills (8½) +25.

SEMI-FINAL

Cmdr. Borrett and Mrs. Rotherham (½) bt Lt.-Col. Saalfeld and Dr. Ryves (3½) +10.

Col. Wheeler and Miss Roe (11½) bt W. H. Thorp and Mrs. Chittenden (-1½) +16.

FINAL

Cmdr. Borrett and Mrs. Rotherham (½) bt Col. Wheeler and Miss Roe (11½) +5.

EXTRA HANDICAP SINGLES

(18 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

W/Commander E. M. Smith (6) bt W. J. Sturdy (10) +6.

Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt Miss K. Ault (3) +15.

SECOND ROUND

Dr. H. J. Penny (1) bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford (3) +19.
 Miss K. M. O. Sessions (2) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (8) +9.

Miss I. M. Hawkins (12) bt Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (8) +3.
 W/Commander E. M. Smith (6) bt Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (7) +2.

Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (4) +10.
 Miss R. M. Allen (4) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (4½) +8.

G. R. Mills (4½) bt W. P. H. Roe (5½) +13.
 Miss E. K. Hawkins (10) bt F. H. Pugh (6) +22.

THIRD ROUND

Miss K. M. O. Sessions (2) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (1) +4.
 W/Commander E. M. Smith (6) bt Miss I. M. Hawkins (12) +15.

Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt Miss R. M. Allen (4) +16.
 Miss E. K. Hawkins (10) bt G. R. Mills (4½) +9.

SEMI-FINAL

Unfinished—Prizes Divided

COLCHESTER

19th-24th July

This is a small club with only four courts, but one could hardly find better courts anywhere. The boundaries play as true as the other areas and the closely cut turf makes for effortless croquet to the utmost enjoyment of high and low bisquers alike. Add to this the delights of the fabulous food, abounding friendliness and a full programme of events, duly brought to completion, and it will be easily understood that the players should freely express their appreciation of an entirely enjoyable week. Thursday afternoon and intervals during Friday, when a succession of torrential downpours took place, were perhaps the only low spots of the tournament. But the way in which the courts absorbed the rainfall and soon regained their normal pace was quite remarkable.

As might have been expected it was Bryan Lloyd-Pratt who in the Open Singles provided the most polished play, but Peter Hallett succeeded in beating him in the Process and almost did so again in the Play-off. Of the newcomers to tournament play Roger Bray proved himself fully ready to compete in the best circles. He won the X event in convincing fashion, and the Handicap Doubles in partnership with Gerald Hallett, father of Peter. The Doubles final was a remarkable game with Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs. Puxon appeared to have won, having laid up for the peg, when Bray, using a bisque, went from the sixth hoop to peg out Lloyd-Pratt's ball. Hallett meanwhile was for 2-back. Mrs. Puxon used each subsequent turn to roll up to the peg, but Hallett's ball negotiated all the remaining hoops without sticking and, with suitable aid from Bray, he eventually went out. Another newcomer, Brigadier Forbes, could only stay two days, but left unbeaten after three games in X. Altogether, a very happy tournament.

OPEN SINGLES

(8 Entries)

DRAW**FIRST ROUND**

P. D. Hallett bt E. P. Duffield +2.

R. W. Bray bt E. Whitehead +12.

W. B. Franklin bt K. H. Paterson +17.

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt C. S. Ratcliffe +22.

SEMI-FINAL
R. W. Bray bt P. D. Hallett +1.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt W. B. Franklin +17.

FINAL
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt R. W. Bray +14.

PROCESS
FIRST ROUND
E. P. Duffield bt K. H. Paterson +22.
E. Whitehead bt C. S. Ratcliffe +11.
P. D. Hallett bt W. B. Franklin +9.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt R. W. Bray +8.

SEMI-FINAL
E. P. Duffield bt E. Whitehead +20.
P. D. Hallett bt B. Lloyd-Pratt +10.

FINAL
P. D. Hallett bt E. P. Duffield +8.

PLAY OFF
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt P. D. Hallett +4.

HANDICAP DOUBLES (9 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND
W. B. Franklin and C. S. Ratcliffe (8) bt Mrs. E. E. Clark and Miss M. E. Johnson (21) +3.

SECOND ROUND
R. W. Bray and G. F. Hallett (12) bt P. D. Hallett and Mrs. P. E. Heley (6) +7.
Mrs. C. L. Robertson and Dr. H. M. Browning (19) bt W. B. Franklin and C. S. Ratcliffe (8) +17.
F. E. M. Puxon and B. P. Braund (17) bt E. Whitehead and Mrs. E. Whitehead (15) +1.
B. Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (9) bt K. H. Paterson and C. L. Robertson (16) +9.

SEMI-FINAL
R. W. Bray and G. F. Hallett (12) bt Mrs. C. L. Robertson and Dr. H. M. Browning (19) +14.
B. Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (9) bt F. E. M. Puxon and B. P. Braund (17) +1.

FINAL
R. W. Bray and G. F. Hallett (12) bt B. Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (9) +1.

HANDICAP SINGLES (21 Entries)

X
FIRST ROUND
C. L. Robertson (9) bt Miss M. E. Day (11) +2.
Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) bt Dr. H. M. Browning (10) +10.
E. P. Duffield (1) bt F. E. M. Puxon (8) +9.
E. Whitehead (2) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) +2.
Brig. the Rev. A. F. G. Forbes (*9) bt B. Lloyd-Pratt (-2) +8.

SECOND ROUND
Mrs. E. E. Clark (9) bt Mrs. C. L. Robertson (9) +11.
Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (11) bt K. H. Paterson (*7) +4.
G. F. Hallett (*8) bt C. L. Robertson (9) +6.
E. P. Duffield (1) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) +16.
Brig. the Rev. A. F. G. Forbes (*9) bt E. Whitehead (2) +8.
R. W. Bray (4) bt W. B. Franklin (3½) +2.
Mrs. E. Whitehead (13) bt B. P. Braund (9) +15.
P. D. Hallett (2) bt C. S. Ratcliffe (4½) +13.

THIRD ROUND
Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (11) bt Mrs. E. E. Clark (9) +9.
G. F. Hallett (*8) bt E. P. Duffield (1) +4.
R. W. Bray (4) w.o. Brig. the Rev. A. F. G. Forbes (*9) (retired on peg).
P. D. Hallett (2) bt Mrs. E. Whitehead (13) +13.

SEMI-FINAL
Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (11) bt G. F. Hallett (*8) +6.
R. W. Bray (4) bt P. D. Hallett (2) +26.

FINAL
R. W. Bray (4) bt Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (11) +9.

HANDICAP SINGLES Y (10 Entries)

FIRST ROUND
Miss M. E. Day (11) bt F. E. M. Puxon (8) +9.
Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) w.o. B. Lloyd-Pratt (-2) (retired on peg).

SECOND ROUND
K. H. Paterson (*7) bt Mrs. C. L. Robertson (9) +15.
Miss M. E. Day (11) bt Dr. H. M. Browning (10) +14.
W. B. Franklin (3½) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) +17.
C. S. Ratcliffe (4½) bt B. P. Braund (9) +17.

SEMI-FINAL
Miss M. E. Day (11) bt K. H. Paterson (*7) +2.
W. B. Franklin (3½) bt C. S. Ratcliffe (4½) +11.

FINAL
W. B. Franklin (3½) bt Miss M. E. Day (11) +9.

HANDICAP SINGLES

Z
(10 Entries)

FIRST ROUND
C. L. Robertson (9) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) +16.
B. P. Braund (9) bt E. Whitehead (2) +1.

SECOND ROUND
Mrs. E. Whitehead (13) bt Mrs. C. L. Robertson (9) +15.
Mrs. E. E. Clark (9) bt C. L. Robertson (9) +1.
B. P. Braund (9) w.o. (opponent scratched).
Dr. H. M. Browning (10) w.o. (opponent scratched).

SEMI-FINAL
Mrs. E. E. Clark (9) bt Mrs. E. Whitehead (13) +5.
B. P. Braund (9) bt Dr. H. M. Browning (10) +9.

FINAL
Mrs. E. E. Clark (9) bt B. P. Braund (9) +11.

HURLINGHAM

2nd-11th August

The number of entries bore a marked similarity to that of last year in all eight events save one, the Younger Cup, for which there were only 7 contestants compared with 14 in 1964. With the Longworth Cup entry again cutting up severely, it seems that the tournament is proving less and less attractive to the high and medium bisquers than to their more exalted brethren. It may be, of course, that there are fewer high bisquers resident in or near London and that the present-day expense of visiting and staying in London for a week and a half acts as a deterrent to players from the provinces. Be that as it may, the Hurlingham Croquet Committee would do well next year to examine the entry conditions for high bisquers.

Tom Grey had the lawns in nigh perfect condition, with the two cricket field lawns which were in constant use measuring up well to the standard of the best lawns used in other tournaments. The games in general were finished more expeditiously this year and the quality of the lawns may have contributed in no small measure to this.

Tony Roper is now so versed in the manager's art that one is inclined to overlook, when looking back at the smooth running of the tournament, the amount of intricacy of planning that contributes to this happy state. Managing the Hurlingham tournament is never without its unusual problems but, as with the iceberg analogy, the bulk remains unseen by most competitors. The manager's job was not assisted this year by the number of applications for periods of leave at odd times throughout the tournament. His tolerance in doing all he could to meet these is much to be commended but, while some justifications for absences are undoubtedly very strong, one would hope for an easing of the manager's burdens by these pleas being kept to an absolute minimum. Nancy Skempton was a great help to the manager throughout the tournament, hastening hither and thither to summon competitors, sometimes by telephone, and we are grateful to her for combining these labours with her actual participation on the lawns.

The Hurlingham Cup

Two regular contenders and past holders, H. O. Hicks and Dr. Wiggins, were not in the lists this year although the former was noticed as appearing in the Big Handicap. The younger generation was represented in the persons of Bolton and Simon, the latter making his first appearance and surviving a tight first round tussle with Miss Lintern by 1 point, and having a good win later in the week against Prichard before being defeated by the narrowest of margins against Bryan Lloyd-Pratt. A feature of the early rounds was a pegged out game in which Cotter narrowly defeated Hope Rotherham who regained the innings twice after having one ball pegged out, but just failed to catch her opponent; Bryan Lloyd-Pratt carried out a pretty triple peel against Godby and reached the Final of the draw. John Bolton played accurate croquet throughout the tournament and arrived in the Final of both halves after being successful in seven games, the average margin of victory of over 15 points testifying to his prowess. On the morning of the final day Bolton first overcame Cotter and then all but beat Lloyd-Pratt in the other half, but failing to turn to advantage one or two offerings, lost by 2 points. A play-off was accordingly necessary. In this the innings passed to and fro a number of times with Lloyd-Pratt set to go round on three occasions. On one of these a flurry of flying

ants may have contributed to his missing a roquet from an awkward semi hoop-bound position. Bolton profited by the breakdowns to make two straight-forward breaks and became what must surely be the youngest winner of this event.

Turner Cup

Mrs. Showan, the holder, was defeated by Miss Hickson after an interesting game but the latter then succumbed to Franklin. The less well known of the Ormerod brothers was playing in this event for the first time and had unfortunately in the second round, to oppose his fellow club player, Miss Ault, whom he despatched fairly decisively. In the Semi-final, however, Franklin, a much improved player this year, prevailed. In the other half, Pat Solomon, a former winner, met Buller in the Semi-final and after a prolonged tussle just failed, the Captain's tactics towards the end being however not a little strange. Pat had had the galling experience of still being in four events on the penultimate day of the tournament and, having perforce to scratch from the big handicap, being then defeated before nightfall in each of the other three events. In the Final, Buller did not show the form of which we know him to be capable and allowed Franklin chances of which he took full advantage.

Younger Cup

A local product, S. G. Kent, who has advanced considerably in the last year, reached the Final with two notable wins against Mrs. Davidson and Jack Rivington. Here he met Nancy Skempton who had come near to winning this event two years ago against Jessel. Her greater experience gained her the spoils on this occasion and we shall probably be seeing her in higher company in the near future.

The Longworth Cup

The original entry of 4 was further depleted by the scratching of the back marker, Riggall, who had been advanced in class since entering. This left a bye for Mrs. Croal into the Final to meet the winner of Kerensky, a former holder, and Mrs. Riggall. The latter who brings an enthusiastic approach to the game won with something in hand, and in the Final had the full measure of her Parsons Green opponent.

The Mixed Doubles

This event has become increasingly attractive in recent years, with many less fancied pairs taking the opportunity of having a crack at the top-notchers. Last year's holders, the Warwicks, were defeated at an early stage by Godby and Mrs. Chittenden, who blended very well. Youth and experience in the persons of Bolton and Hope Rotherham provided a fancied pair, but they found Cotter and Mrs. Solomon in sparkling form and had to concede victory. In the Final Hicks and Mrs. Gazzard were fancied on the form book to beat Godby and Mrs. Chittenden and so it proved. Fortunately this game, though it proved rather one-sided, was more interesting to watch than last year's Final which occupied the lawn for four hours.

The Candlesticks

The 3 pairs of former winners, Lintern/Thorp, Warwick/Skempton and Gasson/Duthie, were all somewhat surprisingly disposed of before the Semi-finals. At an early stage the Elvey/Riggall combination seemed likely winners and they duly reached the Final, where they met Mesdames Solomon and Smart and won comfortably, Mrs. Riggall giving her experienced partner very strong support. This event has the reputation of very protracted games, but this year proved an exception and the ladies in general married good tactics to efficient execution.

The Men's Handicap Doubles

This popular event attracted sixteen pairs with some interesting combinations. Humphery Hicks enjoys the company of a different partner each year, and has in recent years been paired with his cousin, Major Hicks, Dr. Wiggins and J. T. Laurenson, to name but three. This year he and John Bolton made a formidable couple and they reached the Final, although not without some alarms in their game against Lloyd-Pratt and Bray, the latter a welcome visitor for the first time. Prichard and Franklin overcame the professorial duo of Skempton and Neal with something in hand but met their match in the Final against Hicks and Bolton.

The Handicap Singles

There was the customary early decimation of high bisquers and by the time the quarter finals were reached only Riggall, General Davidson and Jack Rivington were left to represent those with plus handicaps. The latter who with his numerous commitments finds little time for play and has hardly wielded a mallet this year had been narrowly despatched by Colonel Beamish in the semi-final. Mrs. Gazzard, who plays at minus 2 in Australia, seemed to be very liberally treated to be playing at scratch, a sentiment shared no doubt by those whom she beat on the way to the Final. Somewhat unorthodox in her break making and often oblivious of the fundamental canons of the four-ball break, she nevertheless hits the ball

so truly that any expectations by the opponent that she is about to break down are seldom realised. In the Final she met Colonel Beamish, who had pursued a somewhat eventful course with a number of close wins after an early decisive victory against Simon. The issue here was very close but the bisque entitlement helped out the Australian lady sufficiently and she is to be congratulated on her success.

HURLINGHAM CUP

OPEN SINGLES

(25 Entries)

DRAW

FIRST ROUND

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt V. A. de la Nougerede +25.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Capt. H. G. Stoker +6.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt R. O. Hicks +12.
J. W. Simon bt Miss D. A. Lintern +1.
Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld bt G. Williams +8.
E. P. C. Cotter bt A. D. Karmel +22.
Col. D. W. Beamish w.o. J. B. Gilbert (retired).
Miss E. J. Warwick bt C. H. R. Penny +22.
J. G. Warwick w.o. Mrs. W. Longman (opponent scratched).

SECOND ROUND

R. A. Godby bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +12.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt I. C. Baillieu +26.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +17.
J. W. Simon bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld +10.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Col. D. W. Beamish +17.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt J. G. Warwick +25.
Mrs. N. J. Gazzard bt M. B. Reckitt +15.
J. P. R. Bolton bt Prof. B. G. Neal +17.

THIRD ROUND

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt R. A. Godby +26.
J. W. Simon bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +14.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt E. P. C. Cotter +2.
J. P. R. Bolton bt Mrs. N. J. Gazzard +18.

SEMI-FINAL

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt J. W. Simon +1.
J. P. R. Bolton bt Miss E. J. Warwick +15.

FINAL

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt J. P. R. Bolton +2.

PROCESS

FIRST ROUND

J. P. R. Bolton bt A. D. Karmel +25.
Mrs. N. J. Gazzard bt Capt. H. G. Stoker +1.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt I. C. Baillieu +20.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt J. G. Warwick +15.
J. B. Gilbert bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +5.
Prof. B. G. Neal bt Col. D. W. Beamish +26.
Mrs. W. Longman bt V. A. de la Nougerede +7.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt M. B. Reckitt +25.
R. A. Godby bt C. H. R. Penny +2.

SECOND ROUND

J. P. R. Bolton bt Mrs. N. J. Gazzard +12.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt J. W. Simon +18.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt G. Williams +12.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt J. B. Gilbert +9.
Prof. B. G. Neal bt R. O. Hicks +5.
Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld bt Mrs. W. Longman +17.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +2.
R. A. Godby bt Miss D. A. Lintern +26.

THIRD ROUND

J. P. R. Bolton bt Miss E. J. Warwick +5.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt B. Lloyd-Pratt +11.
Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld bt Prof. B. G. Neal +12.
E. P. C. Cotter bt R. A. Godby +7.

SEMI-FINAL

J. P. R. Bolton bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +14.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld +26.

FINAL

J. P. R. Bolton bt E. P. C. Cotter +9.

TURNER CUP

LEVEL SINGLES

(1 bisque or over)

(16 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Miss K. D. Hickson bt Mrs. P. D. Showan +17.
W. B. Franklin bt Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt +13.
Rev. H. L. Ormerod w.o. Mrs. V. C. Gasson (opponent scratched).
Miss K. Ault bt Lady Ursula Abbey +4.
M. F. Buller bt Dr. H. J. Penny +11.
Miss B. Duthie bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt +15.

Mrs. G. W. Solomon bt Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard +6.
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts w.o. Prof. A. W. Skempton (opponent scratched).

SECOND ROUND

W. B. Franklin bt Miss K. D. Hickson +14.
Rev. H. L. Ormerod bt Miss K. Ault +12.
M. F. Buller bt Miss B. Duthie +13.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts +10.

SEMI-FINAL

W. B. Franklin bt Rev. H. L. Ormerod +14.
M. F. Buller bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon +2.

FINAL

W. B. Franklin bt M. F. Buller +17.

YOUNGER CUP

LEVEL SINGLES

(4½ bisques or over)

(7 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Maj.-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson bt D. M. Horne +6.
Mrs. A. W. Skempton bt Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith +19.
S. G. Kent bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson +10.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. A. W. Skempton bt Maj.-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson +16.
S. G. Kent bt Maj. J. M. Rivington +6.

FINAL

Mrs. A. W. Skempton bt S. G. Kent +19.

LONGWORTH CUP

LEVEL SINGLES

(8 bisques or over)

(4 Entries)

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. T. Croal w.o. L. Riggall (opponent scratched).
Mrs. L. Riggall bt O. A. Kerensky +17.

FINAL

Mrs. L. Riggall bt Mrs. T. Croal +19.

PINCKNEY-SIMPSON CUP

HANDICAP SINGLES

(52 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (1) bt S. G. Kent (6) +15.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2½) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (5) +2.
R. A. Godby (-1) bt Mrs. K. Gray (14) +23.
J. P. R. Bolton (-1½) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) +22.
M. B. Reckitt (-½) bt C. H. R. Penny (¾) +4.
Mrs. J. W. Solomon (1) bt W. B. Franklin (¾) +10.
L. Riggall (7½) w.o. Prof. A. W. Skempton (¾) (opponent scratched)
I. C. Baillieu (1) bt Mrs. P. D. Showan (2) +13.
M. F. Buller (1) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (3) +6.
Lady Ursula Abbey (1½) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2½) +12.
G. Williams (-1) bt Mrs. A. D. Karmel (7) +4.
Miss B. Duthie (4) bt Rev. H. L. Ormerod (¾) +5.
B. Lloyd-Pratt (-2) bt Mrs. A. W. Skempton (4½) +1.
J. B. Gilbert (-1) bt Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (1½) +11.
O. A. Kerensky (8) bt Mrs. W. Longman (-1½) +22.
Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) bt Mrs. L. Riggall (8½) +8.
A. D. Karmel (-1) bt D. M. Horne (5½) +8.
Maj. J. M. Rivington (4½) bt R. O. Hicks (-1½) +15.
Col. D. W. Beamish (-1½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (1) +13.
J. W. Simon (¾) bt H. O. Hicks (-3) +26.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. N. J. Gazzard (0) bt Miss K. Ault (3) +17.
Prof. B. G. Neal (-1) bt V. A. de la Nougerede (-1) +18.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt I. W. Cheavin (¾) +13.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2½) bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (1) +11.
R. A. Godby (-½) bt J. P. R. Bolton (-1½) +16.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) bt M. B. Reckitt (-1) +3.
L. Riggall (7½) bt I. C. Baillieu (1) +18.
Lady Ursula Abbey (1½) bt M. F. Buller (1) +13.
G. Williams (-1) bt Miss B. Duthie (4) +13.
J. B. Gilbert (-1) bt B. Lloyd-Pratt (-2) +8.
O. A. Kerensky (8) bt Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) +7.
Maj. J. M. Rivington (4½) bt A. D. Karmel (-1) +8.
Col. D. W. Beamish (-1½) bt J. W. Simon (¾) +22.
Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard (3) bt Mrs. H. M. G. Cane (13) +4.
Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) bt J. G. Warwick (-2) +19.
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (3) bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld (-½) +8.

THIRD ROUND

Mrs. N. J. Gazzard (0) bt Prof. B. G. Neal (-1) +10.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2½) +4.
R. A. Godby (-½) w.o. Mrs. G. W. Solomon (opponent scratched).
L. Riggall (7½) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (1½) +11.
J. B. Gilbert (-1) bt G. Williams (-1) +26.
Maj. J. M. Rivington (4½) bt O. A. Kerensky (8) +6.

Col. D. W. Beamish (-1½) bt Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard (3) +8.
Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (3) +14.

FOURTH ROUND

Mrs. N. J. Gazzard (0) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) +11.
R. A. Godby (-½) bt L. Riggall (7½) +8.
Maj. J. M. Rivington (4½) bt J. B. Gilbert (-1) +2.
Col. D. W. Beamish (-1½) bt Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) +2.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. N. J. Gazzard (0) bt R. A. Godby (-½) +20.
Col. D. W. Beamish (-1½) bt Maj. J. M. Rivington (4½) +6.

FINAL

Mrs. N. J. Gazzard (0) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (-1½) +9.

OPEN MIXED DOUBLES

(15 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

J. G. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson +17.
R. A. Godby and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt J. W. Simon and Miss K. Ault +3 (on time).
B. Lloyd-Pratt and Miss D. A. Lintern bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld and Mrs. L. Riggall +17.
A. D. Karmel and Miss B. Duthie bt Mrs. B. Reckitt and Mrs. P. D. Showan +21.
V. A. de la Nougerede and Lady Ursula Abbey bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt and Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt +11.
H. O. Hicks and Mrs. N. J. Gazzard bt I. C. Baillieu and Mrs. A. W. Skempton +13.
E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. J. W. Solomon bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +10.

SECOND ROUND

R. A. Godby and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt J. G. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick +16.
B. Lloyd-Pratt and Miss D. A. Lintern bt A. D. Karmel and Miss B. Duthie +12.
H. O. Hicks and Mrs. N. J. Gazzard bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Lady Ursula Abbey +20.
E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. G. W. Solomon bt J. P. R. Bolton and Mrs. E. Rotherham +11.

SEMI-FINAL

R. A. Godby and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt B. Lloyd-Pratt and Miss D. A. Lintern +7.
H. O. Hicks and Mrs. N. J. Gazzard bt E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. G. W. Solomon +3.

FINAL

H. O. Hicks and Mrs. N. J. Gazzard bt R. A. Godby and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +24.

MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES

(16 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

(Starting at third hoop)

I. C. Baillieu and E. A. Roper (2) bt M. F. Buller and Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard (4) +13.
H. O. Hicks and J. P. R. Bolton (-4½) bt M. B. Reckitt and L. Riggall (6½) +17.
B. Lloyd-Pratt and R. Bray (0) bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld (-1½) +7.
R. O. Hicks and J. W. Simon (-1) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and Rev. H. L. Ormerod (6½) +5.
Col. D. W. Beamish and Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (-½) bt A. D. Karmel and Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (5½) +6.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and W. B. Franklin (1) bt E. P. C. Cotter and R. A. Godby (-3½) +2.
J. G. Warwick and Maj. J. M. Rivington (2½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and C. H. R. Penny (2) +6.
Prof. B. G. Neal and Prof. A. W. Skempton (¾) bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and D. M. Horne (3) +12.

SECOND ROUND

H. O. Hicks and J. P. R. Bolton (-4½) bt I. C. Baillieu and E. A. Roper (2) +12.
B. Lloyd-Pratt and R. Bray (0) bt R. O. Hicks and J. W. Simon (-1) +5.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and W. B. Franklin (1) bt Col. D. W. Beamish and Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (-½) +8.
Prof. B. G. Neal and Prof. A. W. Skempton (¾) bt J. G. Warwick and Maj. J. M. Rivington (2½) +10.

SEMI-FINAL

H. O. Hicks and J. P. R. Bolton (-4½) bt B. Lloyd-Pratt and R. Bray (0) +7.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and W. B. Franklin (1) bt Prof. B. G. Neal and Prof. A. W. Skempton (¾) +13.

FINAL

H. O. Hicks and J. P. R. Bolton (-4½) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and W. B. Franklin (1) +18.

LADIES FIELD CANDLESTICKS

HANDICAP DOUBLES

(Starting at 3rd hoop)

(12 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. M. L. Thom (4) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Lady Ursula Abbey (-½) +10.
Mrs. O. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. L. Riggall (8½) bt Mrs. K. Gray and Mrs. H. M. G. Cane (27) +13.
Mrs. N. J. Gazzard and Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith (6½) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Miss B. Duthie (6½) +8.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon and Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (2½) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. B. J. Neal (13½) +11.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. A. D. Karmel and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (12) bt Mrs. P. D. Showan and Mrs. T. Croal (10) +10.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. L. Riggall (8½) bt Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. M. L. Thom (4) +2. (on time)
Mrs. G. W. Solomon and Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (2½) bt Mrs. N. J. Gazzard and Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith (6½) +8.
Miss K. D. Hickson and Miss K. Ault (6) bt Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. A. W. Skempton (1½) +19.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. L. Riggall (8½) bt Mrs. A. D. Karmel and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (12) +11.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon and Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (2½) bt Miss K. D. Hickson and Miss K. Ault (6) +6.

FINAL

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. L. Riggall (8½) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon and Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (2½) +20.

DEVONSHIRE PARK, EASTBOURNE

SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Fifty-Eighth Annual Open Tournament will take place from Monday, September 27th to Saturday, October 2nd and from Monday, October 4th to Saturday, October 9th.

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

Manager and Handicapper.—1st week, Major J. H. Dibley.
2nd week, E. A. Roper.

Referee.—J. G. Warwick.

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

Secretary.—The Secretary, Croquet Association, Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6.

FIRST WEEK EVENTS 1 to 7.

SECOND WEEK EVENTS 8 to 13.

EVENTS 1ST WEEK

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. DRAW AND PROCESS. Holder of the Ionides Challenge Trophy: D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller. Entrance Fee, 15s.
- 2.—DEVONSHIRE PARK SALVER. LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at ½ to 3 inclusive. Holder: Mrs. A. M. Daniels. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.
- 3.—LUARD CUP. LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at ¾ to 6 inclusive. Holder: R. A. Simpson. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.
- 4.—TREVOR WILLIAMS CUP. LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 6½ to 8 inclusive. Holder: A. V. Rutland. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.
- 5.—FELIX CUP. HANDICAP SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 9 bisques or more. Holder: M. Vlasto. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.
- 6.—HANDICAP SINGLES "X.Y". THE SUSSEX CHALLENGE CUP. Holders: "X" G. Williams. "Y" Mrs. H. M. Read. To be drawn in one block. Entrance Fee, 15s.
- 7.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 2 bisques. All games start at the 3rd hoop. Time limit 3½ hours. Winners 1964: Lt.-Col. and Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each competitor.

EVENTS 2ND WEEK

- 8.—MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Holder of the O'Callaghan Gold Challenge Cup: J. G. Warwick. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.
- 9.—WOMEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Holder of the Franc Challenge Trophy: Miss E. J. Warwick. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.
- 10.—HANDICAP SINGLES. "X.Y". THE SUSSEX UNION CHALLENGE CUP. Holders: "X" Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard. "Y" Dr. H. J. Penny. To be drawn in one block. Entrance Fee, 15s.
- 11.—RESTRICTED HANDICAP SINGLES. Restricted to competitors who have not entered for Events 8 and 9. Winners 1964: Capt. W. A. T. Syngé. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.
- 12.—OPEN DOUBLES. CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. The Victor Vases. Holders: L. Kirk-Greene and Mrs. W. Longman. Entrance Fee, 13s. each competitor.
- 13.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 4 bisques. Players who enter for event 12 may not enter for this event. All games start at the 3rd hoop. Time limit 3½ hours. Winners 1964: R. A. and Mrs. R. A. Simpson. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d., each competitor.

CONDITIONS

- 1.—Competitors may enter for only one of Events 1-5.
- 2.—Event 1, Draw and Process, Event 2, 3, 4 and 5 single games.
- 3.—Events 1, 8, 9, and 12, will be played under the Laws of Advanced Play and Event 2 under the Laws of Semi-Advanced Play, Events 3 and 4 under Laws of Ordinary Level Singles Play. Event 5 under the Laws of Handicap Play.

The usual General Conditions apply.

INFORMATION

ENTRIES, ACCOMPANIED BY ENTRANCE FEES, FOR ALL EVENTS (EXCEPT 7, 12 and 13) MUST REACH THE SECRETARY, C.A., HURLINGHAM, S.W.6. BY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th. (Do not

send entries to Devonshire Park). Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to the Croquet Association.

Competitors may enter for Events 7, 12, and 13, in the above way, and are advised to enter with a partner as these entries will take precedence over single entries; but if there is room entries will be accepted at Devonshire Park by the Secretary up to half an hour of the time of the draw.

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

DRAW.—The Draw for all Events except 7, 12, and 13, will take place in the C.A. Offices, Hurlingham Club, London S.W.6, at 11.45 a.m. on Friday, September 17th. The Draw for Event 7, will take place at Devonshire Park at noon on Tuesday, September 28th and for Events 12 and 13, at Devonshire Park at noon on Tuesday, October 5th.

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

Entries may be limited if found necessary.

All competitors will be notified by post card the day and time on which they will be required to play.

PLAY.—Play will normally begin at 10 a.m. daily and continue until daylight fails, but the Manager may vary this, if it seems desirable.

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

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

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

N.B.—The Match this year will be played on Sunday, October 3rd.

PRACTICE AND FRIENDLY GAMES

Throughout the Tournament courts will be available for practice and friendly games at the Compton Club unless they are required for Tournament matches. Special green fee 2s. 6d. for a morning or an afternoon.