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- " 15-20 NOTTINGHAM. Hon. Tourn. Sec. F. B. Ste-  
phens, Ebor House, 24 Gladstone  
Terrace, Grantham, Lincs.
- " 22-27 SOUTHWICK. Hon. Sec. W. H. Austin, Flat A,  
3 Victoria Rd. Southwick, Sussex.
- " 29-  
Sept 3rd SOUTHWICK. (Non-official) Hon. Tourn. Sec.  
Mrs. W. A. Naylor, 60 Southwick  
Street, Southwick, Sussex.
- Aug 29-  
Sept 3rd HUNSTANTON. Hon. Sec. Mrs. A. N. Rolfe,  
Weathercocks, Heacham, Kings  
Lynn, Norfolk.
- " 5-9 PRESIDENTS CUP. Hurlingham. Sec. C. A.  
The Hurlingham Club. S. W. 6.

- " 5-9 CHAIRMAN'S CUP
- " 5-9 SURREY CUP. Cheltenham. Sec. C. A. The  
Hurlingham Club, S. W. 6.
- " 5-10 PARKSTONE. Hon. Sec. Mrs. McMordie,  
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Dorset.
- " 13-15 ALL ENGLAND HANDICAP AREA FINALS  
Roehampton. Sec. C. A. The Hurl-  
ingham Club, S. W. 6.
- " 16-19 OLD BOYS EVENT. Cheltenham Hon. Tourn.  
Sec. Croquet Club, Old Bath Road,  
Cheltenham.
- " 19-24 ROEHAMPTON. Games Sec., Roehampton  
Club, Roehampton Lane, S. W. 15.
- " 26-  
Oct 8th DEVONSHIRE PARK. Sec. C. A. The Hurl-  
ingham Club, S. W. 6.
- " 14-16 CHELTENHAM. (American)(Non-official)  
Hon. Tourn. Sec. Croquet Club,  
Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

**Australian Croquet Carnival**

THE 16TH ANNUAL A. C. C. Carnival was held in Perth, Western Australia during November, 1965. With an entry of 75 Singles and 35 Doubles in the Australian Championship event the games were completed in record time. The standard of play throughout showed a marked improvement, a greater number of triple peels attempted and achieved than during any previous Carnival.

Victoria was once again successful in winning the Interstate Teams Contest and also the Singles and Doubles events, results as follows:-

|            |           |          |            |
|------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| VICTORIA   | 4 Matches | 22 Games | 692 Points |
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ENGLISH BRONZE MEDAL Col. A. E. Saalfeld (N. S. W.)

Notes by Rover

Everything That's Excellent?

FROM TIME TO TIME at the beginning of the season players discover (quite often to their cost) that there has been a change in the Laws. Indeed the Laws of Croquet seem so unlike the lbw law, a change in which is always good for a four-inch headline, that many Associates may wonder how the changes come about, and indeed, whether they have any say in the matter. If this is so, it is rather serious. For though Council is in general (though not always - sometimes a letter in Croquet sets the ball rolling) instrumental in proposing amendments or alterations to the Laws, Associates are given the opportunity to vent their feeling on the question. The full procedure is laid down in Rule XIV of the Association (page 9 of the Handbook). Council are first required to pass a resolution proposing the adoption of the desired change. The resolution must then be published in Croquet (recently many such resolutions have appeared as part and parcel of the Council report). And then, not less than a fortnight later, Council must have a special meeting to ratify the proposal, and at such a meeting a two-thirds majority is required. Now clearly the publication of the resolution, and the subsequent fourteen days grace are designed for those Associates who may have some objection to the proposal, and an Associate might well be encouraged to write to the Secretary if he ever finds himself in such a position. For there are perhaps many others who think as he does, and the strength of their combined protests may well force Council to reconsider the whole problem, and indeed may lead to the idea's being dropped altogether. Council would hardly adhere to its intention and ratify the proposal in defiance of a strong public outcry. But it may, unwittingly, be ratifying alterations of which hardly anyone approves, simply because so few people realise what they can do. It is to be hoped that this is not the case.

Our New Face

ONE OF THE first things Associates will have noticed on opening the current number is that the form of the magazine has changed. Our magazine is in fact no longer being printed in the traditional way but is now being lithographed, and some words by way of explanation of this change are appropriate.

Council, and particularly those members responsible for the Associations finances, have long been concerned at the cost of the magazine. A publication of this nature, with such a limited circulation, has little appeal for advertisers, and consequently the cost of publication falls to be met almost entirely out the Association's funds. The Holmesdale Press, our printers from the very beginning of the magazine's history, have, for what can only be described as sentimental reasons, been generous enough to continue for some time to print our journal at considerably less than an economic price, and for this we have been most grateful. But sooner or later we are all faced with economic realities, and even Holmesdale were compelled this year to raise the price at which they were willing to print for us. Although from their point of view this only meant that they were for the first time proposing to charge a realistic price, from our point of view it was felt to be more than we could reasonably afford. We were, therefore, com-

pelled to look around. This we did with great reluctance, for many reasons. For if sentiment has influenced Holmesdale, it influenced us even more. It is never a pleasant moment when the time comes to sever a tie which has existed for over 50 years, particularly when that period embraces the whole life-span of an enterprise, and when the relationship has throughout been so happy. Moreover, we cannot forget the fact that Holmesdale stood by us in 1964 after their entire premises had been destroyed by fire; for in spite of this they continued to publish our gazette, a very minor item in their whole clientele, as if no fire had ever occurred. For this, we will always be grateful.

Nevertheless economic realities must be faced, and when investigations revealed that the necessary economies could be effected if the gazette were produced by the litho process, we were very glad to be able to accept the offer of Prestoprint Limited to publish the gazette for us. We hope that this number will see the beginning of a long and happy relationship.

It is, perhaps, worth mentioning at this stage that the new process might well afford us more freedom than before in the nature of the subject-matter printed, and that the Editor will now be able to entertain with an open mind, instead of having to reject out of hand on the ground of expense, copy in forms other than the written word: in particular, contributions containing sketches, provided they are submitted in a form ready for immediate photographing can now be considered. For this reason, among others, we hope that the new format will be not only a change but also a face-lift.

Eights Week

ASSIDUOUS READERS of this journal will have noticed in our December issue the disappearance from our Calendar of a familiar fixture, the Ladies Field Cup, and the intrusion of a new one for the week of September 5th sandwiched, if that is not too impolite a term, between the President's and the Surrey Cups. But the placing of the new Chairman's Cup precisely indicates the position this competition has been devised to occupy, for we are now to have what the Surrey Cup was sometimes, but always quite incorrectly, described to be, a second Eight - and indeed a Third, for the Surrey Cup is now designed to occupy such a position. Some may regret the 'suspension' (for that is the correct description of what has been decided) of the Ladies Field Cup which for so many years after its initiation in 1911, not only provided a strong incentive for improving players of that sex, but produced a high standard of performance; all the greatest names on the feminine side of the game appears on the trophy. But there are no longer, alas, enough of such persons, and it is known that the best of these there are, if they fail to regain places in the President's Cup, would much prefer to compete in a second Eight, or even possibly a Third one. There may be some who will regret that former members in our "Best Eights" may now perhaps be found flaunting their colours in less exalted company at Cheltenham, if they feel it not "infra dig" to do so. We have little doubt, however, that as many young men as ever will be seen winning their spurs in the Surrey Cup on their way, as before, to yet higher things.

## Calendar Fixtures

1966

|      |                    |  |
|------|--------------------|--|
| Apl  | 9-11               | CHEL TENHAM (American)(Non-official)<br>Hon. Tourn. Sec. Croquet Club,<br>Old Bath Road, Cheltenham, Glos.                     |
| "    | 22-25              | HUNSTANTON (American)(Non-official)<br>Hon. Sec. Mrs. A. N. Rolfe, Wea-<br>thercocks, Heacham, Kings Lynn,<br>Norfolk.         |
| May  | 2-7                | BUDLEIGH SALTERTON (Non-official)<br>Hon. Sec. Lawn Tennis & Croquet<br>Club, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.                       |
| "    | 9-14               | PEELS MEMORIALS ROEHAMPTON<br>Secretary C. A. The Hurlingham<br>Club. S. W. 6.   |
| "    | 16-21              | SOUTHWICK (Non-official) Hon. Tourn. Sec.<br>Mrs. W. A. Naylor, 60 South-<br>wick Street, Southwick.                           |
| "    | 24-27              | INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS.<br>HURLINGHAM. Secretary C. A. The Hurl-<br>ingham Club. S. W. 6.                                  |
| "    | 28-30              | CHEL TENHAM (American)(Non-official)<br>Hon. Tourn. Sec. Croquet Club,<br>Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.                           |
| "    | 31st -<br>June 4th | MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS<br>EVENING HANDICAP SINGLES.<br>ROEHAMPTON. Secretary C. A. The Hurl-<br>ingham Club. S. W. 6. |
| June | 4-11               | CARRICKMINES. CHAMPIONSHIP OF<br>IRELAND. Hon. Sec. Croquet Club, Car-<br>rickmines, Dublin.                                   |
| "    | 6-11               | RYDE. Hon. Sec. Miss. K. A. Wade, 10 Part-<br>lands Ave., Ryde, I. of W.   |
| "    | 13-18              | COMPTON. Hon. Sec. H. C. S. Perry, Hock-<br>ington House, Willingdon, East-<br>bourne.   |
| "    | 17-20              | WOKING. (American)(Non-official) Hon. Sec.<br>D. C. Caporn, Hampton Court Pa-<br>lace, East Molesey, Surrey.                   |
| "    | 20-25              | PARKSTONE. Hon. Sec. Mrs. McMordie,<br>Yapton, Delhi Close, Parkstone,<br>Dorset.  |
| "    | 24-26              | CHEL TENHAM. (American)(Non-official)<br>Hon. Tourn. Sec. Croquet Club,<br>Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.                          |
| "    | 27-<br>July 1st    | BUDLEIGH SALTERTON. (Non-official)   |
| "    | 4-9                | BUDLEIGH SALTERTON. Hon. Sec. Lawn<br>Tennis & Croquet Club, Bud-<br>leigh Salterton, Devon.                                   |
| "    | 11-17              | CHALLENGE & GILBEY CUPS. Roehamp-<br>ton. Sec. C. A. The Hurlingham<br>Club. S. W. 6.  |
| "    | 18-23              | CHEL TENHAM. Hon. Tourn. Sec. Croquet<br>Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.  |
| "    | 18-23              | CHELMSFORD & COLCHESTER. (Non-offic-<br>ial) Hon. Sec. E. Whitehead, Cher-<br>well, 13 The Avenue, Danbury,<br>Essex.          |
| "    | 25-30              | OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS. Hurlingham. Sec.<br>C. A. The Hurlingham Club, S. W. 6.  |
| Aug  | 1-10               | HURLINGHAM. Games Sec. The Hurlingham<br>Club. S. W. 6. (NOT the C. A. Sec.)   |
| "    | 6-13               | CHAMPIONSHIPS OF COUNTY DUBLIN.<br>(Non-official) Hon. Sec. Croquet<br>Club, Carrickmines, Dublin.                             |

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## Croquet Association

### Notices

**SUBSCRIPTIONS** were due on January 1st. Will all those who have not paid please do so NOW - Rates can be found on page 8 of this issue.

**RECRUITS** are badly needed to learn Management of Tournaments. Training can be arranged by application to the Secretary.

**CONTRIBUTIONS** to the magazine.

1. Advertisements for Tournaments must reach this office by the 1st of the month before the issue in which they are to be inserted. Advertisements may of course be sent in any time earlier provided that the month in which they are to be in the magazine is clearly marked.

2. All other copy must reach this office by the 10th of the month.

3. Special late copy (Tournament results and reports only) must reach this office by the 14th of the month. This is deadline and nothing received after that date will be printed that month.

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**ATTENTION** is drawn to the amalgamation of the Colchester and Chelmsford Clubs - to be known as the Chelmsford-Colchester Club. Also to the fact that Men's and Women's Championships begin on Tuesday May 31st because the Roehampton lawns cannot be made available on Whit Monday. The Evening Handicap Singles begin on Wednesday June 1st. Play may extend to Sunday May 8th.

**THE NEW** Tunbridge Wells Club will be open this season. For full particulars write C. S. Phillips, Esq., Hon. Secretary, Heathfield Cottage, Sandrock Road, Tunbridge Wells.

V. C. GASSON

### New Managers

Mrs. E. Rotherham  
D. C. Caporn

### LOST PROPERTY

The ladies blue jacket left at the East Dorset Club last June has not been claimed - and if still unclaimed by the 31st of May, 1966 it will be sold for the benefit of the Club.

Hon. C. Sec.

THE ATTENTION of holders of Trophies is particularly invited to the letter, dated 19-3-66, which they have received from the Hon. Treasurer concerning the mustering and revaluation of the Trophies.

## The 1966 Season

By D. A. Lintern

**S**EASON 1965 as regards weather was very bad, but despite it most tournaments had about their usual number of competitors. It is to be hoped that this year will produce much more sunshine and that all players will be able to enjoy their games.

There are three alterations of tournament dates. Carrickmines will be a week earlier than usual and Ryde a week later, and at Southwick the second non-official will once again follow their official tournament. There are seven week-end tournaments: five at Cheltenham, one at Hunstanton and one at Woking. These seem to become more popular every year. The Mens and Womens Championships will not start until Tuesday May 31st as Roehampton are not able to prepare the lawns for the preceeding day (Whit Monday), but the Club are willing for this meeting to continue until Sunday if necessary. The Evening Handicap Singles will start on Wednesday June 1st: please see advertisement in this magazine. The Challenge and Gilbey Tournament will start on Monday July 11th and will be played as an American Handicap Singles in blocks according to handicaps, with a three hour time limit. This means that all competitors will get at least five games during the week. The Block Winners will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild System and will play off for the four Challenge Cups. The second highest score in each block will also be drawn on the same system and will play off for the Gilbey Cup and the three supplementary cups. The Golf Croquet events will be included in the Hurlingham Tournament and we expect most of the games will be played at Roehampton.

The Ladies Field Cups competition is to be suspended for 1966, but there will be three events for the best 24 available players invited to compete by the Council of the Croquet Association for the following:-

- (1) The President's Cup to be played at Hurlingham.
  - (2) The Chairman's Cup to be played at Hunstanton.
  - (3) The Surrey Cup to be played at Cheltenham.
- This will mean a great deal of work for the Selection Committee, so may I urge all players who receive invitations to answer these without delay, as the Committee will need all the time that competitors can give them to make the necessary arrangements.

The Council have decided to lower the lowest limit of handicaps from -3 to -5, and this should please those associates who wrote on the subject to the magazine. May I suggest all Associates should apply to the Secretary for at least two copies of Mr. Solomon's "Instruction to Beginners" (price 1/-). They are very good and a splendid way of approaching possible new players, as they are so easy to understand and may well encourage them to become Associates in 1966. I also ask those players who have not got a copy of Mr. Roper's Simplified Laws (price 1/6d) to write for one to help them better to understand the laws of croquet.

Please remember to send your name to Cmdr. Borrett in answer to the Old Boys (and Girls) competition, telling him who you can play for

in this competition at Cheltenham from Sept. 16th to 19th.

The Longman Cup proved a great success again in 1965, and we hope more Clubs will enter this year and so enjoy matches with other Clubs, as this will help croquet to be better known through out the country. There are several new Clubs being started this year and they will need as much help as can be given them. The best help possible is from another Club in the vicinity, so may I ask Associates to give generously of their time.

The Council have decided not to make a strict division in the two weeks at Eastbourne in 1966, but to play it as a fortnights tournament with one Manager; it will be made clear that if a competitor can only stay for the first week, any finals that he or she is concerned in will be played not later than the first Saturday. The second week's events will start on the second Monday. Event 3 (Level Singles) will be open to competitors from 3½ to 6½. Event 4 and 5 will be amalgamated and will be played as Handicap Singles, open to competitors handicapped at 7 bisques and over. The Restricted Handicap Singles in the second week will be played as Draw & Process. The Secretary asks all competitors to use separate entry forms for each week, and so save mistakes in the event numbers, which have been allocated this year. Exhibition matches will be played on Sunday Oct. 2nd at 2.30 p.m. The Council very much hope that all competitors at the tournament will give as much help as possible and so make the afternoon a success.

As Chairman of the Tournament Committee I would like to make an appeal to all competitors at Eastbourne in 1966, to try to make this a much more pleasant tournament than it has been for the past few years. I have been down two or three times each year during the fortnight, and I have received a good many complaints. I wonder how many competitors even think or realise what a considerable undertaking it is for the Manager and the Secretary to keep things running smoothly, but I know they would be the first to admit that sometimes mistakes can and do occur. There are of course, players who are always ready to give a helping hand whilst others just wait for everything to be done for them and then criticise. If competitors would be ready to play when required by the Manager, and ask for as little leave as possible, this would indeed make things easier for the Manager. So many requests for leave were made on both Mondays last year, that the Managers found great difficulty in filling the lawns, and in consequence difficulties arose later in the week. I think competitors should remember that the Manager and the Secretary are both there at great expense to themselves, and they should be given every consideration. I fear that unless this happens we shall lose Manager, Secretary and competitors at this meeting, and this we can ill afford to do. Some years ago I heard a player say that if she could only go to one tournament during the season, she would choose Eastbourne. Please let us see to it that this can be said again this year.

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## Agenda for Annual General Meeting

To be held at the Hurlingham Club on Monday May 23rd at 2.30 p. m.

- Minutes of Meeting held 24th May 1965.
  - Report and Balance Sheet.
  - Election of Hon. Treasurer - Lt. Cmdr. G. W. Style retires and offers himself for re-election.
  - Election of Members of Council. The following retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election:-
 

|                 |                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| G. Birch        | Maj. J. H. Dibley       |
| J. M. Rivington | Mrs. E. Rotherham       |
| J. W. Solomon   | L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts |
- Mrs. E. Reeve, Col. J. G. Clarke, Dr. Watson and H. Denny have resigned and Council regretfully accepts their resignations. A further vacancy occurs as a result of the sad death of Mr. Blackenbury on July 26th 1965. There are therefore 5 vacancies to be filled.
- Amendment of Rules.
  - Any other Business.
  - Vote of thanks to the Chairman.
- Tea will be served.

## THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

THE BALANCE SHEET and Accounts for the past year which will be found inserted in the magazine reveal a satisfactory financial position. In other respects too, the year may be regarded as having proved successful.

The radical change from five or six weekday Council Meetings commencing at 2 p. m. at Southampton Row to three Meetings on Saturdays commencing at 11.45 a. m. at the Hurlingham Club, met with general approval, and, thanks to the co-operation of the various Committees in arranging the dates of their own Meetings, all necessary business was satisfactorily dispatched. Reports of Council Meetings not previously published are printed elsewhere in this issue.

## Return of Attendance at Council and Committee Meetings 1965-1966

|   | LAWS | TOURNAMENT | FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES | PUBLICITY | COUNCIL | TOTAL ATTENDANCES | TOTAL POSSIBLE ATTENDANCES |
|---|------|------------|------------------------------|-----------|---------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| J. M. Rivington (ex officio, all meetings)      | .    | 1          | 1                            | 1         | 4       | 7                 | 9                          |
| Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (ex officio, all meetings) | .    | 1          | 1                            | 1         | 4       | 7                 | 9                          |
| G. Birch  | .    | .          | .                            | .         | 4       | 4                 | 5                          |
| Cmdr. G. Borrett                                | .    | 1          | .                            | 1         | 3       | 5                 | 6                          |
| Dr. C. A. Boucher                               | .    | .          | .                            | .         | 3       | 3                 | 5                          |
| D. C. Caporn                                    | .    | 1          | .                            | 1         | 4       | 6                 | 6                          |
| E. P. C. Cotter                                 | .    | .          | .                            | .         | 4       | 4                 | 5                          |
| H. Denny  | .    | .          | .                            | .         | 1       | 1                 | 5                          |
| Major J. H. Dibley                              | .    | 1          | 2                            | 1         | 2       | 6                 | 8                          |
| E. P. Duffield                                  | .    | .          | .                            | .         | 4       | 4                 | 6                          |
| G. Victor Evans                                 | .    | .          | 1                            | .         | 3       | 4                 | 7                          |
| Miss D. A. Lintern                              | .    | 1          | 2                            | 1         | 4       | 8                 | 8                          |
| D. W. Miller                                    | .    | .          | .                            | .         | 4       | 5                 | 5                          |
| Lt. Col. D. M. C. Pritchard                     | 1    | 1          | .                            | .         | 3       | 5                 | 6                          |
| Mrs. E. E. Reeve                                | .    | .          | .                            | .         | .       | 0                 | 6                          |
| E. A. Roper                                     | .    | 1          | .                            | .         | 2       | 3                 | 6                          |
| Mrs E. Rotherham                                | .    | 1          | .                            | .         | 3       | 4                 | 5                          |
| J. W. Solomon                                   | 1    | .          | .                            | .         | 2       | 3                 | 8                          |
| L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts                         | .    | 1          | 1                            | 1         | 3       | 6                 | 8                          |
| Lt. Cmdr. G. W. Style                           | .    | .          | 2                            | .         | 3       | 5                 | 6                          |
| Rev. D. R. Watson                               | .    | .          | .                            | .         | 1       | 1                 | 5                          |
| Mrs R. R. Williams                              | .    | .          | .                            | .         | .       | 0                 | 5                          |

Council in expressing appreciation of her valuable service over the last 4 years.

During the year 67 new Associates were elected and 3 new Clubs were registered, but unfortunately during the same period deaths and resignations of Associates brought the total number down to 654 - a nett increase of 29.

Council would again like to thank the Secretary of the Croquet Association, her assistant Mrs. Showan, all honorary Club Secretaries, Managers and Referees for all their help and hard work on behalf of the Association during the past year.

Two small booklets, "Laws of Croquet Simplified" by A. E. Roper and "Instructions to Beginners" by John Solomon, published last year, are enjoying much success and proving of considerable financial benefit. Large orders have been placed by Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

As from April this year the magazine is being produced by 'litho' process, and published by Prestoprint Ltd. The resulting economy in production cost together with the increased advertisement revenue, which it is hoped to obtain, should be of real financial benefit.

As you will see from Reports of Council Meetings efforts have and are being made to produce an Instructional Film, arrangements for holding a special Centenary All-England Handicap in 1967 are under consideration, and a Challenge for the MacRobertson Trophy in 1969 has been received from Australia. The success of the season was greatly enhanced by the presence of our Australian friends Mr. & Mrs. Rutland, Colonel Saalfeld and Mrs. Gazzard. It was a cause of great pleasure to all players that Col. Saalfeld should have been invited to play in the Surrey Cup, and Mrs. Gazzard in the Ladies Field Cup, but a matter of real regret to everyone that a bad fall the day before, prevented her doing herself full justice in this competition. One of the few failures in the year was the Old Boys Tournament, which had to be cancelled owing to lack of entries. The Navy is, of course, indomitable and Cmdr. Borrett has not given up. He has initiated a Register of Schools, Colleges, Regiments etc., in which it is hoped ALL Associates will register their qualifications, even if unable to play in the Tournament this year.

In May Miss Lintern retires from the Chairmanship of the Tournament Committee in accordance with Standing Order 26. I am sure all Associates would join with

## Report of the Council

SPECIAL MEETING HELD AT HURLINGHAM, ON THURSDAY, 5th AUGUST, 1965.

1. The Chairman reported that the Association had been approached by Town & Country Productions Ltd., a non-profit making concern, specialising in productions of films of this nature, suggesting the production of a film on Croquet. The film would be in black and white and run for approximately 20 minutes. Advertisement and distribution would be undertaken by Town & Country Productions Ltd. Similar films on most sports and games had been produced and sponsored by some of our leading Commercial Firms. If the idea was approved it would be necessary to obtain a Sponsor willing to finance the production and advertisement costs, approximately £1,400. Council approved the idea, and it was decided to approach Messrs. Guinness first as possible Sponsors.

2. The debate adjourned from 24th May was resumed and it was agreed to vary Standing Order 1 and curtail the eight Meetings scheduled to be held between October 1965 and April 1966, at Southampton Row on Thursdays, commencing at 2 p. m., to three meetings to be held at Hurlingham Club on Saturdays, commencing 11.45 a. m.

MEETING HELD AT HURLINGHAM CLUB ON SATURDAY, 13th NOVEMBER 1965.

1. The Council accepted with regret the resignation of Colonel J. G. Clarke tendered as a result of him now living in Cornwall.

2. On the proposal of Miss Lintern seconded by Mr. E. A. Roper, Council approved the adoption of the Tournament Committee's Report dated 28th October 1965 and made the following decisions:

- That all best of three games should be limited to 9 hours.
- That, since all games in the 1966 Hurlingham Tournament would be played subject to a 3 hour time limit, the Ladies Field Candlesticks in 1966 would be played under similar conditions.
- That there shall be no restrictions on minus players entering for handicap events.
- That the Challenge & Gilbey Tournament be played in blocks as an American Tournament, first and second in each block to play off for the Cups. The Hurlingham Club to be asked to include the Golf Croquet events in the programme of their Tournament.
- That in 1966 there shall be three Invitation Events but that the Ladies Field shall be abandoned for one year.
- That the programme for the Devonshire Park Tournament be amended as follows:-
  - Events 4 and 5 to be amalgamated.
  - Limit of Event 3 to be raised to 6½ bisques. New combined 4 and 5 event to start from 7 bisques.
  - Restricted handicap to be played on the 2 Life system
  - Tournament to be played as a fortnight's competition. If a competitor was only able to stay the first week any finals in which he or she were concerned to be played not later than the first Saturday. Second week events to start on Second Monday.
- That there should be an Old Boys Event.

3. Mrs. Rotherham and Mr. Caporn were elected Managers.

4. Recommendation of Handicap Committee to lower the lowest limit of -3 to -5.

5. On the proposal of Mr. Rivington seconded by Mr. Duffield Council approved the Finance & General Purposes Committee's Report dated 1st February 1966 and made the following decisions:-

- That the interim Statement and Estimate be accepted
- That the usual gratuities be paid to groundsmen
- That the unexpended balances of funds allocated to the Publicity Committee for expenditure for any financial year, cannot be carried forward

(d) That the Editorial Panel be instructed to consider methods of reducing the cost of the Magazine

6. Correspondence with Messrs. Jaques regarding complaints about unusable balls was considered. To try and obviate these in future it was decided to ask Clubs to comply with Messrs. Jaques' request, and give as long notice as possible when ordering balls.

7. Subject to Messrs. Jaques being able to supply four sets of their new design of Eclipse Balls it was decided that these balls should be tried out at the Peel's and Men's and Women's Championship.

8. Council accepted with grateful thanks Miss Steel's offer of her late sister's Rose Bowl, and decided to award the Rose Bowl to the most improved woman player each year - the Apps Bowl to be awarded to the most improved man player each year.

9. The following awards were approved:-  
The D. D. Steel Rose Bowl for the most improved woman player in 1965 ..... Mrs. L. Riggall.  
The Apps Memorial Bowl for the most improved man player in 1965 ..... Cmdr. G. Borrett.  
The Club deserving of most recognition ..... Parkstone.

COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT HURLINGHAM CLUB ON SATURDAY, 22nd JANUARY 1966.

1. Information was received from Messrs. Jaques that not only would they provide their new design balls for the Peels and Men and Women's Championship but they would on request send sets to all the large Clubs for trial and report.

2. An offer of their Club as a venue for an Invitation Event was received from Colchester. Council expressed their thanks and hoped to avail themselves of the offer in due course.

3. On behalf of the Nottingham Club, Mr. Birch raised the question of whether a player who has played in an American Tournament on a particular handicap should continue to play all through the Tournament on that handicap irrespective of whether or not it had been altered. Although it has been established that the Association has no power to interfere or rule on Club private events Council are always willing and ready to advise, but before doing so in this case referred the matter to the Laws Committee for review and report.

4. A special grant of £20 to the Publicity Committee for the purchase of a display stand was approved.

5. On the proposal of Mr. Rivington seconded by Mr. Birch the adoption of a report of a special Sub-Committee, composed of Mr. Caporn, Dr. Wiggins, Mr. L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts and Miss Lintern, and convened to consider the form of celebrating the Croquet Centenary Year, 1967, on a National Scale, was agreed. In principle the suggestions were approved unanimously, and the recommendation that travel and overnight expenses to area finalists be payable by a majority of 9 to 6.

### 6. Magazine

Council received recommendations from the Editorial Panel and made the following decisions:-

- In view of the considerable economy that would be effected thereby to transfer to litho printing for the magazine.
- That the Editor be given the following instructions:-
  - No issue to be less than 12pp
  - Wherever possible to include in each issue at least one article of intelligent propoganda and literary merit.
  - To prune Reports of Tournaments where possible, but not to curtail Results.
- That every effort should be made to increase advertisements and that the front page could be used for suitable advertisements.

### 7. MacRobertson Trophy.

The Chairman reported receipt of a Challenge from the Australian Croquet Council. The contest to be played in 1969 in Australia. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Australian Croquet Council accepting the Challenge subject to the venue

being mutually agreed, but suggesting that this series be played here in England and the following series in 1975 in Australia, as 1975 would make the Jubilee year of the Contests which were inaugurated by an Australian player who also presented the Trophy.

MEETING HELD AT HURLINGHAM CLUB ON SATURDAY 26th FEBRUARY 1966.

1. Sponsors for Instructional Films.

Agreed that in the event of the reply from Messrs. Guinness proving unfavourable an approach should be made to Messrs. Fisons.

2. Expenditure by Publicity Committee.

Authority granted to Publicity Committee to spend up to £50 during the current year. Any grants made to Clubs must be solely for expenditure made by them on publicity. All other grants being matters of recommendation by the Treasurer and F. & G. P. Committee, or in cases of emergency at the discretion of the Chairman in consultation with the Hon. Treasurer.

3. Report of F. & G. P. Committee.

The Hon. Treasurer presented and explained the Accounts and Balance Sheet for 1965. On his proposal and seconded by Major Dibley, the adoption of these was unanimously approved.

In dealing with the remainder of the report, the Hon. Treasurer referred to the necessity to muster and revalue the Associations' trophies, and to the steps to be taken in this connection. On his proposal and seconded by Miss Lintern the adoption of the report was unanimously approved.

4. Report of Laws Committee.

On the proposal of Mr. J. Solomon seconded by Mr. Birch a report of the Laws Committee dated 15.2.66. was adopted and the following Resolutions unanimously approved.

- (i) That a Sub-paragraph (g) be added to Law 38 "At the conclusion of a turn the striker must give a clear indication of his intention before taking a bisque or half bisque. If he fails to do so but continues to play the provisions of Law 27 shall apply. When all balls have been replaced the striker shall have the option whether or not to take a bisque or a half bisque."
- (ii) That the following shall be added at the end of Regulation 22(a) "but in any event which lasts for two weeks or longer a player shall play at his current handicap."
- (iii) That the trial of Umpires last season was not considered full enough to be worthy of forming the basis of an opinion and the Committee recommend that it be continued for a further year.

Council further approved

- (i) That the powers of Umpires be extended to include whether or not a ball has run a hoop or is on or off the Court.
- (ii) That it should be indicated in the magazine that, whereas the Amendment to Regulation 22(a) only applies to events played under Official handicaps, and is not intended to remove the right of Clubs to manage their own affairs, Council do recommend that similar procedure be adopted when events are played under Club handicaps.

5. A.G.M. 1966.

The following details were approved. Date 23rd May. Time: 2.30 p.m. Venue: The Hurlingham Club.

6. Conference of Associates 1966

Date provisionally approved as 12th November: Time: 2.30 p.m., Venue: The Hurlingham Club.

7. Mr. Rivingtons' motion that Standing Order 4 be amended by adding the words "but shall be eligible for re-election after an interval of 5 years" was approved, Mr. Reckitt and Mr. Miller dissenting.

## Notes from the Clubs

### Budleigh Salterton.

The 1965 season lasted right through with lawns still open in January 1966. The season's competitions were well supported in a season when a system of concentrating some of the events into two set weeks was tried out. These events were the American competition for the Simpson Cup, the Smartt Cup for men and the Bull Cup for ladies, won respectively by Lt. Col. Cave, A. J. Cooper and Mrs. T. F. Laverty.

Through the summer, Col. Healing won the Gossage Cup, and A. J. Cooper, with Dr. R. R. Traill won the Calthrop handicap doubles.

In the Autumn, on what was left of the lawns from the tennis tournament, A. J. Cooper won the club Championship, and Mrs. Hawkins, who plays all too seldom, won the Hutchinson Cup.

In the All-England, the club was represented by Col. Cave and J. Lee, whose first major competition it was, but neither survived to the semi finals.

Oxford Croquet Club, kindly surrendering their ground advantage, visited us for the Longman Cup and won an excellent match by three matches to two. The Heley Club also paid us a most welcome visit, and the club won an exciting and memorable match by five matches to four.

We much regret that we cannot inspire other clubs to come and visit us and play these sort of matches.

We are sorry to lose W. E. Moore, a very consistent runner-up during the season, who has returned to Sussex for domestic reasons.

### The Chelmsford and Colchester Croquet Club.

This new club has been formed this year by an amalgamation of the former Chelmsford and Mid-Essex, and Colchester Clubs. Both grounds will be fully maintained as before and activities will we hope be expanded rather than curtailed. A number of players have been members of both the former clubs and it was felt that there would be social and administrative advantages in running the clubs as one unit.

We have seven courts available, four at Colchester and three at Chelmsford. With upwards of fifty playing members we look forward to a successful season.

### Roehampton.

At our A. G. M. held in late November we were delighted that Mrs. C. C. Adams was not only able to be with us to present the prizes, but that she and her family gave us a fine silver cup, in memory of her dearly loved husband whom we miss so much, not only at Roehampton but in the Croquet World in general.

This cup is awarded to the runner up of our Club American Singles Tournament which means that it can be won by either a high or low bisquer who has first of all not only to win his or her block but also a play off as we have 4 blocks. The Committee gave long and very careful thought to whom should be able to win this special cup and felt that it would have been the late Colonel Adam's wish that all members of the Club should be able to compete for it and not just one particular class of player.

We are deeply grateful to Mrs. Adams and her family for this lovely trophy which will be greatly prized by all who win it. Our chairman, Mr. Gilbert gave his report and also expressed everyone's regret that Brig. and Mrs. Omond were leaving the Club as they were moving but was glad to hear that they would be able to join the Woking Club. Miss D. A. Lintern, our Captain, then reported on the events of the past season, congratulated all winners of the Club events and in particular Mr. R. F. Thorp, for being selected to play in the Presidents Cup and Professor B. G. Neal and Mrs. G. W. Soloman who were selected for the Surrey Cup. Miss Lintern also congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Rigall for several fine

victories and especially the latter for doing so well in the Peels and All England and on winning the Ladies Field Candlestick. She said that perhaps the most pleasing success of all, other than the winning of the Longman Cup, was the splendid outright victory of Mr. J. A. Hollweg in the Open singles of the Roehampton Tournament against very strong opposition. The item that she thought brought most pleasure to the Club however, was the Longman Cup. Miss Lintern was warmly thanked for all her efforts for the Club. Mr. Caporn then referred to the League and reported that the Cup had again been won by Beechams. These matches were very successful and enjoyed by the 7 Clubs who took part. They would be welcoming some new Clubs next season.

Indoor Croquet had continued throughout the winter and several new members were looking forward to the start of another season.

D. C. C.

## Obituary

### W. T. BELL.

MR. BELL, who had been an associate for many years died in October, 1965.

Since 1949 he had been a Country member of Bowdon Croquet Club where he was much liked for his pleasant though retiring personality, and his readiness to help beginners and to share with them his considerable knowledge of the game.

Mr. Bell's home club was Buxton where he was well known at the Tournaments, both as a player and as a knowledgeable referee.

He will be remembered at Bowdon for his generosity to the Club.

J. W.

### H. R. POULTER

THERE WILL NOT be many associates now who will remember the name of this player whose death in February was recorded in the newspapers; for though a very successful figure in our tournaments in the years before World War II, he did not return to the game after it. He won his Silver Medal in 1910, but it was not until the middle Thirties that he came right to the front, being a notably successful member of the Surrey teams which were so often victorious in those years. In 1934 he won his place in the first President's Cup Ten, as he did again the following year. 1935 was his most successful season, for he began the year as a member of the English team visiting Australia, came within an ace of winning the Men's Championship, and won the Open Doubles Championship with his Test team partner, E. L. Ward Petley.

Reginald Poulter was one of the most prominent of the 'swingers' of which there were fairly numerous examples at this time. He had one of the longest swings of all, and it was related of him that on one occasion, having taken a particularly extended forward swing, he caught the ball on the back swing, sending it a considerable distance. Presumably if it had chanced to make a roquet on a ball behind him he would have been entitled to take croquet from it!

M. B. R.

### CAPT. H. G. D. STOKER D.S.O. RN.

THE SUDDEN DEATH of Dacre Stoker on his 81st birthday came as a great shock to his many friends in the Croquet World, and his cheerful presence at most of the leading tournaments will be sadly missed.

He served with great distinction in the Royal Navy and was the first submarine Captain to take his ship through the Dardanelles in 1915 on the day the troops disembarked on the Mainland, but his ship was hit and holed in the Sea of Marmara and he and his Crew spent the rest of the

war as prisoners of the Turks, an account of which he gave in his book "Straws in the Wind". For this outstanding act he was awarded the D.S.O. A fine athlete, he represented the Navy at most games, and was President of the Royal Navy Lawn Tennis Association for many years.

He returned from the Navy shortly after the end of the first war and made a name for himself on the stage, his best known part being the Colonel in "Journeys End". When he considered he was too old to run about the tennis court he took up Croquet and quickly made his mark in the game that gave him so much pleasure for the rest of his life.

He won the Peel Memorial as a 6½ soon after he began to play in 1951, again in 1955, this time as 1½, and for a third time last season at -1: But his most remarkable feat was to win a place in the President's Cup in 1964 when he was within a few months of his eightieth birthday.

No more cheerful or more generous player could be imagined, and his habit of providing a running commentary on the game as it went along, which might perhaps have seemed tiresome in anyone else, was engaging in him, since it was so wholly in character. He had a delightfully easy and rhythmical swing and was a particularly good long shot.

A matter upon which Captain Stoker was especially keen was the knitting of closer links between English and Irish players and inducing each to pay visits to the principal tournaments in the neighbouring country. In this he was notably successful and no doubt his work in this respect may bear still further fruit.

The warmest sympathy will go out from all of us to Mrs. Stoker whom it has been always such pleasure to meet at our tournaments.

G. H. B. M. B. R.

A FEW WEEKS before his death I received the following from Captain Stoker:-

Clearing out one's desk at the end of the year one sometimes discovers forgotten treasures. I have just come on a note of words written by the late R. C. Lehman in Punch.

"What after all is a Sportsman. As I understand the breed he is one who has not merely braced his muscles and developed his endurance by the exercise of some great sport, but has, in the pursuit of that exercise, learnt to control his anger, to be considerate to his fellow-men, to take no mean advantage, to represent as a dishonour the very suspicion of trickery, to bear aloft a cheerful countenance under disappointment, and never to own himself defeated until the last breath is out of his body."

Please, please, PLEASE dear Fates, let me try, let me try hard to be a Sportsman in the 1966 Croquet season, provided as an old man I may be permitted to accept defeat just a shade before my very last breath.

There is no doubt that as a sportsman he was an example to us all.

V. C. GASSON

### J. K. BROWN

IN THE sudden passing of J. K. Brown on March 21 the Budleigh Salterton Club has suffered a severe loss, and those who had the privilege of his intimate friendship, a severe blow. As to the Croquet World in general, another of those great sportsmen who have taken up our game, has gone from us. In his young days J. K. was a very good Lawn Tennis Player and a keen Squash Player. He was a splendid horseman, and for many years Hon. Sec. of the Albrighton Hunt. When he took up our game, he soon had a formidable list of successes to his credit. In one of the late 1950s, he won the big Handicap at Eastbourne.

But he was not only a great sportsman, for he was a man "diligent in his business", owner of an Iron and Steel Works at Wolverhampton, and an Employer who took a keen personal interest in his employees. About two years ago, he suffered an illness, and although he made a good

recovery, and resumed other activities, he did not again appear among the ranks of Croquet Players. Nevertheless his interest in our game continued, and he was regularly present at the Eastbourne Tournaments, both at Devonshire Park, and the Compton Club, and was a keen spectator at all Croquet Competitions in his own Club, of which he was a member of the General Committee. Behind a quiet, unostentatious manner, he was found by those who knew him, to be a man of wise judgement, much knowledge, unflinching courtesy, and great kindness. He will be severely missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

G. F. H. E.

L. H. ASHTON

BY THE DEATH earlier this year of Lawrence Ashton in his late eighties, the East Dorset Croquet Club - Parkstone lost one of its oldest and most esteemed Members. Gentle and unassuming in his manner, a keen observer of the game whose advice was always worthwhile, he was universally liked and respected. He managed the Tournaments at Parkstone for many years, and it was in this capacity that he was best known to the Croquet World generally. In a Roll of "great" Managers his name would find an honoured place.

## New Associates.

|                              |  |
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| MISS. K. W. ALLARDYCE        | 8 Cleveland Drive,<br>Cheltenham, Glos.                              |
| LT. COL. & MRS. K. A. THIRSK | Moretons, Lymington, Hants.  |
| MISS KRAKAUER-CARR           | 12a Tangarty, 27<br>Prince Street, Randebosch,<br>Sydney, Australia. |
| MISS J. MEYER                | 8 Hatherley Gardens,<br>London, N. 8.                                |
| C. G. HOPEWELL               | Greenways, Tottenham, Notts.   |
| P. W. ELMS                   | 20 Sunny Side Road,<br>Chitwell, Beeston, Notts.                     |
| MISS M. McMORDIE             | Yapton, Delhi Close,<br>Parkstone, Dorset.                           |
| SEÑOR RAUL GOYENE            | CHEA Pina 2580, Buenos<br>Aires, Argentina.                          |
| GORDON SMITH                 | 39 Stone Cross<br>Drive, Doncaster.                                  |
| E. B. T. TANNER              | Hedgerley House,<br>Hedgerley, Bucks.                                |
| D. W. ARCHER                 | 6 Linwood Crescent,<br>Fishpool, Mansfield, Notts.                   |
| L. G. GILBERT                | 58 Breakspears Rd.,<br>St. Johns, S. E. 4.                           |
| MRS. JOAN WALKER             | Gadebrook, Chapel<br>Drive, Hale Barns, Altrincham,<br>Cheshire.     |
| J. BLAIR                     | 27 Pine View Manor,<br>Epping, Essex.                                |
| H. S. CLEMONS                | Dilston, Tasmania,<br>Australia.                                     |
| MISS H. M. PASS              | 35 Suffolk Road,<br>Barnes, S. W. 13.                                |
| J. S. WARD                   | Westfield, 48 Beach<br>Road, Emsworth, Hants.                        |
| WING. CMDR. D. L. ALLEN      | Flat 10, The Lodge,<br>Blackwater Road, Eastbourne.                  |
| THE HON. SIR STAFFORD-SANDS  | P. O. Box 711<br>Nassau, Bahamas.                                    |
| MRS. G. OWEN                 | 109 Cassiobury Park<br>Avenue, Watford, Herts.                       |
| MRS. A. M. KIRK              | 12 Harris Crescent,<br>Christchurch, New Zealand.                    |
| R. M. LEE                    | Wargrave Cottage,<br>Wargrave, Berks.                                |
| MRS. E. L. RICHARDSON        | 11 Cavendish Cres-<br>cent, The Park, Nottingham.                    |
| MR. & MRS. H. J. DEVITT      | 25 The Lowlands,<br>Hallsham, Sussex.                                |
| MRS. J. S. TYLDESLEY         | Bonnett Cottage,<br>14 Greenleach Lane, Worsley.                     |
| MRS. G. E. WILKINSON         | 211 Old Clough La.,<br>Worsley, Nr. Manchester.                      |

MRS. S. ORIEL 36 Addison Road  
London, W. 14.  
G. T. SLATER 46 Elmswood Gdns.,  
Sherwood, Nottingham.

## Matches

THE C. A. HAVE decided to form teams to play friendly matches against other clubs and will therefore welcome fixtures particularly from the smaller clubs. Their team will be selected through the larger clubs in the area where the match is to be played and they will always play on the home ground of the club wanting the fixture. The strength of the team will approximate to the strength of the opposition as far as possible and games can be singles, doubles or a combination of each, defending on the Courts available etc., and be played on handicap. The condition and size of the Courts doesn't matter - we will play under any conditions.

We hope a great number of requests for matches will be made. These can be extremely valuable for your own members and for local publicity purposes, giving opportunities for articles in the local press and advertising using posters of which the C. A. have a supply for which you only have to ask. They also have free pamphlets about the game and of course suitable small books of hints etc. which can be sent on sale or return.

Will all clubs who would like a match please write to Mrs. V. C. Gasson, the secretary, giving her at least 2 alternative dates, the time play is to commence, number of Courts available, whether they want singles, doubles or both if possible; she will then do her best to arrange the match. It now ALL DEPENDS ON YOU.

## Subscriptions and Tribute 1966

### A. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- Standard rate: £2. 10s. 0d.
- Reduced rates: (a) Junior Members £1. 10s. 0d.  
(b) Golf Croquet Only, and Non-Tournament Members £1. 10s. 0d.  
(c) Overseas Members £1. 1s. 0d.
- Life Membership £35. 0s. 0d.

### B. TRIBUTE

Tribute is payable by non-Associates who enter any Tournaments in the list of Calendar Fixtures published in "Croquet" except the All England Handicap, the Longman Cup, and the Inter-Counties Championships, at the following rates:

- 25/- per Tournament, or 12/6 for one event only per Tournament.
- 10/- per Evening, Weekend, or other Short Tournament, or 5/- for one event only per Tournament in this category.

### NOTE

- Evening Tournaments are those which start at 4 p. m. or later and which do not last longer than one week.
- Weekend and other Short Tournaments are those which do not exceed four days' duration.
- Regarding category (b) above, the words "one event only" apply both to the player and to the Tournament itself, that is to say a non-Associate entering one event only in a multi-event Tournament is liable for Tribute at 5/-; and if a Tournament consists of one event only the liability of each non-Associate entrants is 5/-
- Players are reminded of the once-for-all benefit by which no Tribute is payable by a non-Associate entering a Calendar Fixture for the first time.
- Levy is payable by all competitors in Official Tournaments and forms part of the entry fee charged. The rate is 3/6 per event. Provided an Official Tournament is held, every club is entitled to include in the List of Calendar Fixtures one Unofficial Tournament free of any levy. In the respect of a second and all subsequent unofficial Tournaments, half levy is payable, i. e. 1/9.

## CHELTENHAM

UNOFFICIAL THREE DAY TOURNAMENT  
WILL BE HELD  
OVER WHITSUN

### EVENTS

Saturday May 28th - Monday May 30th

### HANDICAP AMERICAN SINGLES

With a guaranteed minimum of 5 games. Entrance Fee 10s. (Non-Associates an extra 5s. tribute). Entries to reach Tournament Secretary, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, not later than first post Wednesday May 25th.

## CHELTENHAM

UNOFFICIAL THREE DAY TOURNAMENT  
WILL BE HELD ON

Friday June 24th - Sunday June 26th

### EVENTS

### HANDICAP AMERICAN SINGLES

With a guaranteed minimum of 5 games. Entrance Fee 10/- (Non-Associates an extra 5/- tribute). Entries to reach Tournament Secretary, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, not later than first post Tuesday June 21st.

## South African Croquet Association

THE SOUTH AFRICAN Croquet Championships were held in Cape Town, on the courts of the Rondebosch Croquet Club, from the 6th. to 12th. November 1965.

The results were as follows:-

### THE BELCHER CUP

### OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

29 Entries

### THIRD ROUND

L. Riggall bt. Miss. S. Barras by 17.  
Mrs. B. Hough bt. Miss. E. McDougall by 9.  
G. Neaves bt. Mrs. H. Neaves by 15.  
C. Hambley bt. B. McMaster by 15.

### SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. B. Hough bt. L. Riggall by 14.  
G. Neaves bt. C. Hambley by 10.

### FINAL

G. Neaves bt. Mrs. B. Hough by -5. 13. 18.

### LADY STEELE SILVER SALVER

### 14 Pairs

### SEMI-FINAL

Mr. & Mrs. F. Hough bt. I. Gillespie & C. Hambley by 6.  
B. McMaster & G. James bt. G. Neaves & Miss. M. Simkins by 9.

### FINAL

B. McMaster & G. James bt. Mr. & Mrs. F. Hough by 3.

### THE RONDESBOSCH TROPHY

Competitors who fail to reach the semi-final of the singles championship

### 25 Entries

### SEMI-FINAL

R. Clark (9) bt. Mrs. G. Riggall (6½) by 23.  
G. Turnbull (6½) bt. B. McMaster (5½) by 19.

### FINAL

R. Clark (9) bt. G. Turnbull (6½) by 11.

This singles handicap was played on an uneven grass court, at a private estate in Constantia, except the semi-finals, and finals which were played at Rondebosch.

George NEAVES HON. SECRETARY

## Tournaments General Conditions and Information

THE FOLLOWING conditions apply to all tournaments advertised below unless specified to the contrary in any advertisement:-

- The tournament will be played under the Laws of Association Croquet and the Regulations for Official Tournaments.
  - The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse an entry without giving a reason. In particular, entries will not be accepted in excess of the capacity of the lawns.
  - If there are very few entries for an event, the Manager may play it on the American system, even though otherwise advertised.
  - Hoops will be 3¼ in. wide. Jaques "Eclipse" balls will be used.
  - Flat-soled footwear must be worn on the lawns.
  - In C. A. tournaments no leave will be granted before the draw has been made. Application for leave on the first day will be considered immediately after the draw by the Manager or a deputy authorised by him. Leave on other days may be given by the Manager only. In other tournaments leave may be granted by the Manager or his authorized deputy, if the needs of the tournament permit.
  - Entries for C. A. tournaments must be made on Official Forms and must be accompanied by the entrance fee (which includes levy) and any Tribute due. Tribute is payable at the rate of 25s. per tournament or 12s. 6d. for one event only, for all Calendar Fixtures, Official or Non-Official, by all except those competitors paying the standard rate of subscription (i. e. 50s.) and Junior members or others playing in their first Tournament. It is helpful if entries for other Tournaments are made on the Official Forms. In any case entrants should give the address and telephone numbers if possible, which will find them during the tournament: entrance fees and any Tribute due must be paid before the draw.
  - Winners of Trophies will hold them for one year or until next competed for, whichever period is shorter.
  - (i) Play will normally commence at 10 a. m. each day, but the Manager may arrange an earlier start if he feels it desirable.  
(ii) All competitors must report to the Manager on arrival. Any competitor who is not present or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so will be liable to be scratched.
  - Competitors will be made Honorary members of the Club for the duration of the Tournament.
- THESE CONDITIONS APPLY TO ALL TOURNAMENTS EXCEPT WHEN OTHERWISE STATED.

## ALL - ENGLAND HANDICAP

1965 Winner R.W. Bray (2)

NEW ZEALAND PLAQUE-WINNER'S CLUB - CHELMSFORD & COLCHESTER.

COMMITTEE AND SECRETARY:- The Tournament Committee and Secretary of the Croquet Association.

MANAGER, REFEREE AND HANDICAPPER:- Miss D.A. Lintern.

GENERAL:- Competitors must be members of the C.A. or members of a Registered Croquet Club. A member of the C.A. not being a member of a Registered Club must be arranged to play at a Registered Club. A Competitor may not play in more than one Registered Club's Competition. Matches of single games throughout.

Club Secretaries are asked to notify the Secretary, C.A., that they are entering their Club for the competition by May 24th.

The winners as well as the Club Secretaries are responsible for sending the winner's name to the C.A. Secretary, to reach her by 23rd August. Results will not be accepted after this date and no reminders will be sent by the Secretary.

PRELIMINARY STAGE:- Club competitions to be finished by the 21st August. Clubs entering 16 to 31 competitors will be entitled to have two representatives in the Final Stage.

FINAL STAGES:- The Club representatives will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild System and will meet in London during the period extending over September 13th - 15th.

QUALIFICATION TO HOLD A COMPETITION:- A Club must have an entry of not less than four competitors to be eligible. In any match of the final stages a competitor shall play on the C.A. handicap that he would have been playing in at an Official Tournament.

ENTRY FEES:- Entry Fee for each competitor 3s. 6d. to be paid to the Club Secretary. 1s. 6d. of the Entry Fee will be retained by the Competitor's Club, and 2s. will be sent to the Secretary, C.A., by the Club Secretary.

Matches of single games throughout.

PRIZES:- Winner and Runner-up: The Tingey Trophies and Bronze Medals; others in the last eight, Bronze medals.

## LONGMAN CLUB TEAM CUP

(Handicap)

COMMITTEE:- The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

MANAGER:- Miss D.A. Lintern.

REFEREE & HANDICAPPER:- Miss D.A. Lintern.

SECRETARY:- The Secretary, C.A., The Hurlingham Club, S.W. 6.

Holder: 1965. Roehampton.

Open to bona fide members of Registered Clubs.

No individual may play for more than one Club during the competition in any year.

Teams shall consist of 4 players. The gross handicap of a team must be at least 16 bisques, and the gross handicap of any pair in doubles must be at least 8 bisques. Every competitor must have a handicap of at least 1½ bisques.

The first Club drawn will have choice of venue, provided the Club have three lawns available for the match, otherwise it will be played on the opponents ground, unless they also have less than three lawns available.

The match will consist of 3 Singles and 2 Doubles. If neither Club have three available lawns, then the match will be 2 Singles and 2 Doubles. If there is a tie of 2 games each, the match will be decided on points.

Clubs will be drawn on a Regional Basis as convenient as is possible.

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

There are no entry fees.

ENTRIES MUST REACH THE SECRETARY OF THE C.A., 25th APRIL, 1966.

## THE PEEL MEMORIALS

will be played for at the

ROEHAMPTON CLUB ON MONDAY, MAY 9th AND FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS

COMMITTEE:- The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

MANAGER:- E.A. Roper & Assistant Manager, Mrs. A.W. Skempton.

REFEREES & HANDICAPPERS:- Miss D.A. Lintern and M.B. Reckitt.

SECRETARY:- The Secretary, C.A., The Hurlingham Club, London, S.W. 6.

### EVENTS

Open to Associates only

1. - PEEL MEMORIAL SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL. Handicap Singles for Men. Entrance Fee, 15s. This Event will be played under the "Two Life" system. Won in 1965 by the late Capt. H.G. Stoker.

2. - PEEL MEMORIAL SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL. Handicap Singles for Women. Entrance Fee, 15s. This Event will be played under the "Two Life" system. Holder: Lady Ursula Abbey.

3. - THE LADY MURRAY MEMORIAL SILVER CHALLENGE CUPS, HANDICAP DOUBLES (Combined handicaps two or over). Entries should be made in pairs. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each person. Holders: E.A. Roper and Mrs. G.W. Solomon.

Entries on official forms accompanied by the entrance fees for Events 1 and 2 must reach the Secretary, C.A., not later than the first post on Wednesday, May 4th and for Event 3 by noon on Tuesday, May 10th. Entries will be limited. Competitors wishing to play in Doubles are advised to enter on their official entry forms.

The Draw for Events 1 and 2 will take place at the Croquet Association Offices, The Hurlingham Club, S.W. 6. on Wednesday, May 4th at 11 a. m.

Competitors who are not members of the Roehampton Club, will be made Honorary Members of the Club for the duration of the Tournament.

## HANDICAP SINGLES EVENING TOURNAMENT

For Associates and Non-Associates who have not entered for any other Event and whose croquet is normally restricted to evenings and week-end play, except for holidays. No Tribute; Entrance Fee 5s. Competitors will not be required to play before Wednesday, June 1st, 6 p. m. (except on Saturday and perhaps Sunday) but it is suggested that they should arrive before this hour if possible, so that if courts become available an earlier start can be made or if not some good croquet can be watched. At the same time it must be realised that the exigencies of other events may necessitate a later start. Play will continue until dusk. Competitors will be advised which days they must attend.

Entries accompanied by the Entrance Fee must be sent to the Secretary C.A., Hurlingham Club, S.W. 6., not later than Wednesday May 25th. The Draw will take place at the Hurlingham Club, on Wednesday, 25th May at 5 p. m.

HOLDER: Mrs. L. Veness

## INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

will be played for at the

HURLINGHAM CLUB ON TUESDAY, MAY 24th AND DURING THE WEEK

COMMITTEE:- The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

MANAGER:- Mrs G.E. Cave.

REFEREE:- J.G. Warwick.

SECRETARY:- The Secretary, C.A., The Hurlingham Club, London, S.W. 6.

### CONDITIONS

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

(a) Birth in the County, or

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. Each County shall appoint a duly qualified Captain.

5. The Collector of a team shall send to the Secretary, C.A., before April 30th, a list of the names of not more than eight players, from which the playing team of three pairs for any match must be selected, and the name of the Captain. In a match the players may be combined to form pairs in any manner that the Captain thinks fit, but the pairs must be arranged in the order of the joint number of bisques, the lowest amount corresponding to the "A" pair, the highest to the "C" pair. The constitution of the team must be given to the Manager before any match. If in any match only two pairs from a team should be available for play, these pairs must be matched against the "A" and "B" pairs of the opposing team.

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

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

8. ENTRIES MUST REACH THE SECRETARY, C.A., BY APRIL 25TH 1966.

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

10. Law 37 will operate.

No Entrance Fee.

## THE MEN'S & WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

will be played at the

ROEHAMPTON CLUB ON TUESDAY MAY 31ST and following days

COMMITTEE The Tournament Committee of the C.A.

MANAGER AND HANDICAPPER L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts.

REFEREE Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard

SECRETARY The Secretary, C.A., The Hurlingham Club.

EVENTS Open to Associates only

1. THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP. Entrance Fee, 15s. Matches best of three games. Prizes: The winner holds for the year the Gold Challenge Casket presented by the late Viscount Doneraile, and a Challenge Trophy presented by the late Sir Francis Colchester-Wemyss, K. B. E., and the late Col. C. E. Wilson, and will receive a medal. Holder: J. W. Solomon.
2. THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP. Entrance Fee, 15s. Matches best of three games. Prizes: The winner holds for the year the Gold Challenge Casket presented by the late Viscount Doneraile, a Silver Challenge Bowl presented by "The Ladies' Field", the Gold Challenge Badge and Gold Locket, and will receive a medal. Holder: Miss E. J. Warwick.
3. THE MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP. Entrance Fee, 13s. each person. Matches of single games. Prizes: A pair of Silver Challenge Cups presented by the All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. Holders: D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. E. Rotherham.
4. THE "DU PRE" CUP. Open to competitors in Events 1 and 2 who have not qualified for the third round or at the discretion of the Manager. Matches of single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 10s. Level play. Prize: A Challenge Cup presented by the late Lt. Col. W. B. Du Pre. Holder: the late Capt. H. G. Stoker.

### ENTRIES

Entries accompanied by the Entrance Fees for Events 1 and 2 must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., Hurlingham Club, S.W. 6., so as to reach her not later than the first post on Wednesday, May 25th and for Event 3 by noon on Wednesday, June 1st. Entries for Event 4 can be received on the ground. The Draw for Events 1 and 2 will take place at the Hurlingham Club, on Wednesday, May 25th at 6 p. m. and for Events 3 and 4 on the ground.

Competitors who are not members of the Roehampton Club will be made members for the duration of the Tournament.

## BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club: (Tel B.S. 548)

CROQUET TOURNAMENTS 1966

- A. An UNOFFICIAL Tournament; May 2nd to 7th.
  - B. An UNOFFICIAL Tournament; June 27th to July 2nd.
  - C. THE OPEN TOURNAMENT; July 4th to July 9th.
- Chairman of the tournament Committee:- D. J. Bird, Esq  
Secretary of the tournament:- Lt. Col. G. E. Cave (Tel. 447)  
Details of B & C (above) will be published in the June Gazette, but are available on application to the Secretary.

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DETAILS of the MAY (unofficial) TOURNAMENT

Monday May 2nd to Saturday May 7th

Manager and Handicapper:- Miss A. E. Mills

Referee of the Tournament:- J. G. Warwick

#### EVENTS

1. An "American" Singles Handicap Event. The 'Godfrey Turner' Challenge Cup, and The 'L. G. Walters' Long Handicap Trophy. Holders:- Professor A. S. C. Ross & Sir Leonard Dalry K. B. E. respectively. Competitors will be arranged in blocks, according to handicap and the number of entries received; winners of blocks will 'lay-off'. (full game)  
A & B blocks - full game: B & C blocks - 3rd hoop: D & E blocks 5th hoop: (According to entries).  
Entrance Fee 14/-  
Entries to reach the Secretary by 1st post Wednesday 27th April: the draw will then take place.
2. A Handicap Doubles Event (Knock out).  
COMBINED handicaps to be NOT LESS than 5 bisques. All games will start at the 3rd hoop.  
Entrance Fee 7/6d.  
Entries to reach the Secretary by 10 a. m. Tuesday 3rd May; the draw will then take place.

#### GENERAL NOTES

ENTRIES should be sent on the official C.A. forms, please, accompanied by entry fees.  
PRIZES. 1st & 2nd prizes will be given for all events. An EXTRA EVENT will be arranged if time and weather permit.  
The Committee reserve the right to restrict entries.

#### CLUB NOTES

Sandwich lunches and teas will be available at the club. Bridge rooms (3d. & 6d. stakes) will be available to competitors.

#### SPECIAL NOTE

In the Unofficial Tournament (b) in June, there will be a handicap doubles event this year.

## SOUTHWICK

Annual Spring Croquet Tournament  
(Un-official)

Victoria Road, Southwick, Sx.

Monday, May 16th. and five following days.

Manager & Handicapper:- MAJOR J. H. DIBLEY, M. C.  
Referee:- MR. E. A. ROPER

Tournament Secretary:- MRS. W. A. NAYLOR,  
60 Southwick St, Southwick,  
Sx. Tel: Southwick 2720.

#### EVENTS

1. Open Singles. (Draw & Process) Law 36. The Abbey Challenge Cup. Presented by W. H. Abbey Esq. 1965 Holder - L. Kirk-Greene. Entrance Fee 15/-
2. Level Singles  $2\frac{1}{2}$  - 6 (Law 37) do 7/6
3. Level Singles  $6\frac{1}{2}$  - 8 7/6
4. H. cap. Singles 9+ 7/6
5. Limited H. cap. Singles  $2\frac{1}{2}$  + 7/6
6. H. cap. Singles (Jellicorse Cup) 1965 Holder Maj. R. Driscoll. Entrance Fee 11/-
7. H. cap. Doubles (Combined H. caps. not less than 5) Games in this event to start at No. 3 Hoop with a time limit of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  hours.) Entrance Fee - 10/- each player.

Competitors may not enter for more than three of events 1 - 6, or for more than 3 games, counting Draw and Process as 2 games.

#### ENTRIES

Entries must be on official forms please, with entry fees for events 1 - 6 to reach the Tournament Secretary by first Post on Wednesday, May 11th. Those for event 7 may be made on the ground up to 2 p. m. Tuesday, May 17th.

The Draw for events 1 - 6 will take place at Southwick on Thursday May 12th. at 2.30 p. m. Event 7 on Tuesday May 17th. at 2.30 p. m.

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

Prizes according to entries

Eleven Courts will be available.

Luncheons and Teas will be obtainable.

Motor Bus service from Brighton every ten minutes.

Train service to Southwick Station.

Free Parking for cars on the ground.

## RYDE

Forty-eighth Annual

OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held on

Monday, June 6th 1966, and following days

at the

CLUB GROUND, PLAY STREET LANE, RYDE, I. O. W.

(Tel. RYDE 2095)

COMMITTEE. Croquet Committee of the Club.  
MANAGER & HANDICAPPER. Major J. H. Dibley, M. C.  
REFEREE. Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith.  
HON. SECRETARY. Miss K. A. Wade, 10 Par-tlands Avenue, Ryde, I. O. W. (Tel: Ryde 2512)

#### EVENTS

1. ISLE OF WIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP. Open Singles. The Challenge Trophy. Draw and Process. Present Holder. J. P. R. Bolton. Entrance Fee 12s. 6d.
2. LEVEL SINGLES (Class B). THE CHAPMAN CUP. Open to players of 3 to 7 bisques. Entrance Fee 10s. Present Holder: Mrs. R. A. Simpson.
3. HANDICAP SINGLES (Class C). THE HUTTON CUP. Open to players of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  bisques or more. Entrance Fee 10s. Present Holder: F. Henshaw. No player may enter for more than one of the above.
4. HANDICAP SINGLES (X. Y.) X- THE DIBLEY CUP. (events.) Entrance Fee 12s. 6d. Present Holders: X. Mrs. R. A. Simpson. Y. Mrs. J. G. Stevenson. The Benest Cup.
5. HANDICAP DOUBLES. THE BIRCH CUPS. Restricted to combined handicap of 2 and over. Commencing at No. 3 hoop. Time limit  $3\frac{1}{2}$  hours. Entrance fee, 9s. each player. Present Holders: W. & J. P. R. Bolton.

ENTRIES for Events 1 to 4, together with Fees (and C.A. Tribute of 25/- where payable), must reach the Hon. Secretary by first post on Thursday, June 2nd. 1966. Entries for Doubles, Event 5, close on the Ground at noon, Tuesday June 7th. The draw for events 1 to 4 will take place at the Club Pavilion on Thursday, June 2nd. at 3 p. m. For Doubles at 2 p. m. on Tuesday June 7th. Five lawns provided. Luncheons and teas provided

in the Pavilion. A No. 7 Motor Bus from the Pier sets down passengers at St. Michael's Avenue close to the Club.

HOTELS. Spencer's Inn, Squadron Hotel and Yelf's Hotel (all in Union Street). Osborne Hotel, The Esplanade Dean House Hotel, Dover Street. These two facing the sea.

## COMPTON, EASTBOURNE

ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 13th to Saturday, June 18th.

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

MANAGER:- Major J. H. Dibley, M. C.

REFEREE:- H. C. S. Perry

HANDICAPPER:- H. C. S. Perry

COMMITTEE:- The Tournament Committee of the Compton Croquet Club.

#### EVENTS

1. OPEN SINGLES (Draw and Process). Challenge Cup. Holder: Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins. Entrance Fee 12s. 6d.
2. LEVEL SINGLES. For players of 3-7 $\frac{1}{2}$  bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee 10s. 6d.
3. LIMITED HANDICAP SINGLES. For players of 8 bisques or over. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.
4. HANDICAP SINGLES (X. Y.). Challenge Cup. Holder: Miss H. D. Parker. Entrance Fee, 13s. 6d.
5. HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 2 bisques. Games will start at 3rd hoop. Time limit  $3\frac{1}{2}$  hours. Entrance Fee, 10s. per player.

AN EXTRA EVENT will be arranged if possible.

Event 1 will be played under the Laws of Advanced Play, Event 2 under the Laws of Ordinary Level Singles Play, and the other Events under the Laws of Handicap Play.

The Club courts only will be used.

Players may enter for only one of the first three events.

Two prizes will be given in each event if the number of entries warrants it.

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

Entries to be sent to H. C. S. Perry, Hockington House, Willingdon, Eastbourne. Tel: Eastbourne 52656. Those for Events 1 to 4 will not be accepted after first post on Wednesday, June 8th. Entries for Event 5 will be accepted up to 4 p. m. on June 18th, if the list is not already full.

The Draw for Events 1-4 will take place at the Club at 10.30 a. m. on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9TH.

## WOKING

AMERICAN HANDICAP SINGLES TOURNAMENT

UNOFFICIAL

will be held at the Club at Hook Heath Road, Woking, Surrey.

FROM FRI. 17th to MON. 20th JUNE (Incl)

Competitors will be arranged in blocks according to handicap.

Guaranteed minimum of 4 games. Time limit of 3 hours. Entrance Fee 12/6d.

Entries by first post Monday 13th June to D. C. Caporn Hampton Court Palace, East Molesey, Surrey.

If requested at time of entry every effort will be made to grant leave to working players on the Friday and to complete their games by Sunday and likewise for anyone playing at Parkstone on the Monday.

ENTRIES MAY HAVE TO BE LIMITED SO PLEASE ENTER AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

## PARKSTONE (EAST DORSET)

MONDAY, JUNE 20TH. - 25TH. 1966.

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

COMMITTEE. Croquet Committee of the Parkstone Club.  
MANAGER & HANDICAPPER- V. A. de la Nougerede.  
REFEREE - The Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith.  
HON. SECRETARY - Mrs. J. A. McMordie, Yap-ton, Delhi Close, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset.

#### EVENTS

1. OPEN SINGLES. Draw and Process. Dorset Salver. Entrance fee 12/-
2. LEVEL SINGLES. Law 36 operates. For players of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  - 6 bisques inclusive. Evans Trophy Entrance fee 10/-
3. HANDICAP SINGLES. For players of  $6\frac{1}{2}$  bisques and over. Cope Cup. Entrance fee 10/-

IF SUFFICIENT ENTRIES this Event will be divided into 2 classes:-

- a)  $6\frac{1}{2}$  - 9 bisques inclusive - Cope Cup
- b) 10 bisques and over - Halse Cup.

No player can enter for more than one Event of Nos. 1, 2 & 3.

4. HANDICAP SINGLES. X. Y. (Unrestricted) Bishop Cup and Evans Rose Bowl. Entrance fee 10/6
5. HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicaps not to be less than 2 bisques. Starting at 3rd hoop. Entrance fee 10/- each player.

#### CONDITIONS

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 must reach the Hon. Secretary by midday, Thursday 16th. June.

Entries for Event 5 will close on Monday June 20th. This Event will start on Tuesday morning, June 21st.

The Draw will take place at the Club on Thursday, June 16th. at 3 p. m.

Five or six courts will be provided.

Play will commence at 10 a. m. or earlier if necessary, and players must be prepared to play up to 7 p. m.

Entries for C. A. Tournaments must be made on the Official Form and must be accompanied by the Entrance fee (which includes levy) and any Tribute due.

Lunch and Tea is provided by the Club at moderate prices.



The Croquet Association

Statement of Accounts as at 31st December, 1965

| 31.12.64.     |  | £. s. d.   | £. s. d.           | £. s. d.              |
|---------------|--|------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
|               | <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                    |            |                    |                       |
| 132           | Office Furniture at written down value |            |                    | 138. 0. 0.            |
| 521           | Trophies at valuation                  |            |                    | 495. 19. 6.           |
| 3,318         | Investments as per Schedule attached   |            |                    | 3,542. 10. 3.         |
| <u>3,971</u>  |  |            |                    | <u>4,176. 10. 9.</u>  |
|               | <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                  |            |                    |                       |
| 63            | Sundry Debtors and Prepayments         |            | 78. 8. 10.         |                       |
| 555           | Cash at Bank and In Hand               |            | 483. 4. 10.        |                       |
| 618           |  |            | <u>561. 13. 8.</u> |                       |
|               | <b>LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>       |            |                    |                       |
| 27            | Subscriptions Received in Advance      | 22. 6. 0.  |                    |                       |
| 181           | Accrued Expenses                       | 275. 9. 3. |                    |                       |
| 3             | Income Tax                             | 11. 11. 0. |                    |                       |
| <u>211</u>    |  |            | <u>309. 6. 3.</u>  |                       |
| 407           |  |            |                    | 252. 7. 5.            |
| <u>£4,378</u> | <b>NET ASSETS</b>                      |            |                    | <u>£4,428. 18. 2.</u> |

| 31.12.64.     |  |  |                       |  |
|---------------|--|--|-----------------------|--|
|               | <b>REPRESENTED BY</b>  |  |                       |  |
| 3,722         | Accumulated General Fund as at 1st January, 1965.  |  | 3,727. 2. 11.         |  |
| 6             | Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year to 31st December, 1965 as per Schedule attached. |  | 50. 17. 5.            |  |
| <u>3,728</u>  |  |  | <u>3,778. 0. 4.</u>   |  |
| 523           | Life Membership Fund   |  | 523. 0. 0.            |  |
| 115           | Apps Memorial Fund   |  | 115. 10. 0.           |  |
| 12            | Dominion Tour Fund (Surplus)   |  | 12. 7. 10.            |  |
| <u>£4,378</u> |  |  | <u>£4,428. 18. 2.</u> |  |

Investments Held at 31st December, 1965

| Nominal Value |  | Cost          | Market Value  |
|---------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| £. s. d.      |  |               |               |
| 25. 0. 0.     | Associated Fisheries Ltd., 5/- Stock Units                             | 146. 4. 10.   | 129           |
| 25. 0. 0.     | Associated Fisheries Ltd. 6½% Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock 1977/82 | 24. 10. 0.    | 23            |
| 250. 0. 0.    | Bay Hall Trust Ltd. 10/- Ordinary Shares                               | 399. 3. 6.    | 512           |
| 585. 0. 0.    | British Gas 4% Guaranteed Stock 1969/72                                | 490. 8. 0.    | 513           |
| 925. 8. 8.    | 3% Funding Stock 1966/68   | 793. 2. 8.    | 845           |
| 75. 0. 0.     | Midland Bank Ltd. £1 Ordinary Shares                                   | 204. 0. 4.    | 230           |
| 163. 0. 0.    | Omnium Investment Co. Ltd. 5/- Deferred Shares                         | 186. 18. 10.  | 578           |
| 566. 15. 10.  | 3% Savings Bonds 1965/75. Held for General Funds                       | 449. 13. 1.   |               |
| 640. 7. 8.    | 3% Savings Bonds 1965/75. Held for Life Membership Fund                | 523. 0. 0.    |               |
|               |  | 972. 13. 1.   | 910           |
| 218. 3. 0.    | 3½% War Stock - Held for Apps Memorial Fund                            | 115. 10. 0.   | 116           |
|               |  | 3,332. 11. 3. | <u>£3,856</u> |

UNQUOTED INVESTMENTS

|           |                                   |                       |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 10. 0. 0. | Roehampton Country Club £1 Shares | 10. 0. 0.             |
|           |                                   | 3,342. 11. 3.         |
|           | Bank Deposit - Midland Bank Ltd., | 200. 0. 0.            |
|           |                                   | <u>£3,542. 11. 3.</u> |

## Income and Expenditure Account for the year Ended 31st December, 1965

Year to  
31.12.64.

|                         |  |                                  |  |
|-------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|
| INCOME                  |  |                                  |  |
| 1,083                   | Subscriptions  | 1,195. 14. 3.                    |  |
| 53                      | Affiliation Fees and Overseas Members                            | 52. 5. 6.                        |  |
| 6                       | Donations  | 42. 2. 6.                        |  |
| 362                     | Levy and Tribute   | 349. 2. 6.                       |  |
| 94                      | Sale of Books, Laws etc.   | 147. 4. 9.                       |  |
| 98                      | Dividends from Investments (Net)                                 | 97. 12. 0.                       |  |
| <u>1,696</u>            |  | <u>1,884. 1. 6.</u>              |  |
| LESS: EXPENDITURE       |  |                                  |  |
| 313                     | Tournaments - Expenses   | 363. 1. 8.                       |  |
|                         | Deduct: Entry Fees, excluding Levy and Tribute<br>included above | 243. 15. 6.<br><u>119. 6. 2.</u> |  |
| <u>237</u>              |  |                                  |  |
| 76                      |  |                                  |  |
| 745                     | Printing of Magazine   | 805. 15. 11.                     |  |
| 164                     | Deduct: Income from Advertisements                               | <u>142. 3. 9.</u>                |  |
| <u>581</u>              |  | <u>663. 12. 2.</u>               |  |
| 657                     |  | 782. 18. 4.                      |  |
| <u>1,039</u>            |  | <u>1,101. 3. 2.</u>              |  |
| LESS: GENERAL OVERHEADS |  |                                  |  |
| 182                     | Office Rent, Lighting, Heating and Cleaning                      | 217. 19. 3.                      |  |
| 13                      | Hire of Room   | 10. 10. 0.                       |  |
| 168                     | Staff Salaries   | 227. 0. 0.                       |  |
| 107                     | Postages and Telephone   | 115. 2. 2.                       |  |
| 339                     | Printing, Stationery and Publicity                               | 191. 19. 3.                      |  |
| 10                      | Insurance  | 11. 9. 6.                        |  |
| 133                     | Sundry Expenses  | * 206. 13. 9.                    |  |
| 31                      | Auditors Remuneration  | 31. 10. 0.                       |  |
| 16                      | Accountants Charges  | 15. 15. 0.                       |  |
| 8                       | Maintenance of Office Furniture and Equipment                    | 6. 19. 3.                        |  |
| 15                      | Depreciation   | <u>15. 7. 7.</u>                 |  |
| <u>1,022</u>            |  | <u>1,050. 5. 9.</u>              |  |
| 17                      |  | 50. 17. 5.                       |  |
| 11                      | LESS: Loss on Sale of Investments                                | -                                |  |
| <u>£ 6.</u>             | EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE                                | <u>£ 50. 17. 5.</u>              |  |

\* Including £60 Grants to Clubs.

### REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CROQUET ASSOCIATION

We have received all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept. We have examined the Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account which are in agreement with the books. In our opinion and to the best of information and the explanations given to us the Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the Association's affairs at 31st December, 1965, and the Income and Expenditure Account gives a true and fair view of the excess of Income for the year ended on that date.

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17th January, 1966.

J. M. RIVINGTON, Chairman, CA  
G. W. STYLE. Hon. Treasurer CA