

C. Crowcroft	6	5	
M.A. Holford	12	8	
P.D.B. West	6	5	
Budleigh Salterton 29 June-4 July			
Mrs. P.A. Dwerryhouse	8	7½	
R.M. Hobbs	2½	2	
Mrs. A. Ormerod	13(D12)	12	(Non-Associate)
Miss P.E. Parker	7	6	
P.J. Shepard	6	5½	
F.L. Shergold	5	4	
Mrs. D.C. Wallace	8	7½	
Bowdon (Club) July			
S.E. Lewis	3	2½	
Roehampton (Evening) 30 May-6 June:			
P. Cordingley	3	2½	
Mrs. E. Glover	16(D14)	15(D14)	
Mrs. S.N. Mulliner	16(D14)	14	
A.J. Palmer		12	
Woking 4-12 July			
R.A. Gosden	7½	7	
D. Goulding	5½	5	
P. Gunn	8	6	
C.G. Hopewell	1½	2½	
A. Lindley	3½	3	
Woking (Club) July			
D.C. Caporn	3½	3	
Mrs. I.D. McDiarmid	11(D10)	11(D9)	
L. Wharrad	3	2½	
B. Whitehouse	4½	4	
D.E. Wood	9(D8)	8	
Colchester 5-9 July			
Before Play			
Dr. R.B. Berry	5	to 3	
J.C.P. Eden	14	12	(Non-Associate)
P. Hetherington	13	11	(Non-Associate)
G.F. Hallett	3	4	
Mrs. G.S. Digby	4	5	
Lt. Col. A.W.D. Nicholls	3½	4	
After Play			
G.P. Healey	4	3	
Mrs. J.A. Hetherington	9	8	
R.M. Hobbs	2	1½	
M.J. Coward	2	1½	
R.M. Allim	4	3	
Southwick 6-11 July			
Before Play			
Mrs. F.F.W. Staddon	5	5½	
After Play			
E. Asa-Thomas	7	6½	
L.B. Barnes	6½	6	
Mrs. L.B. Barnes	11	9	
J.H.S. Battison	2	1½	
P.J. Death	1½	1	
Mrs. E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake	5	4½	
Open Championships (Hurlingham) 13-18 July			
I.D. Bond	0	-½	
P. Cordingley	2½	1½	
D.J. Croker	0	-½	
H.O. Hicks	½	1½	
K.E. Jones	2½	1½	
P.M. Johnson	1	½	
R.J. Murfitt	-2	-2½	
Professor B.G. Neal	-2	-1½	
D.K. Openshaw	-2½	-3	
M. Ormerod	1	0	
Dr. W.P. Ormerod	-2½	-1½	
Dr. G.J. Roberts	-1	-1½	
Dr. I.G. Vincent	0	-½	
Handicap Co-Ordination Committee - New Associates - July			
K.M.H. Aiton		6	
Miss S.A. Bressey		12	
J.R. Douglas		12	
Miss S.B. McCord		16(D14)	
A. McCormack		7	

R.D. Martin		16(D14)	
A.J. Palmer		12	
Mrs. B.G. Perry		16(D14)	
J.S. Prior		12	
W.L. Pulley		10	
J.S. Rhodes		14	
M.A. Rothera		8	
Dr. H.A. Thomas		16(D14)	
Mrs. H.A. Thomas		16(D14)	
J.S. Toye		5	
Miss H. Wilson-Walter		16(D14)	
MacLean N.A.		7	
B. Rigg		9	

Cheltenham 20-26 July			
W.R. Bawden	13(D11)	12(D10)	
Mrs. W.R. Bawden (G.W.)	15(D13)	13(D11)	
G.F. Blumer	5	6½	
Mrs. R.F.A. Crane	10	11	
E.J. Davis	4½	3½	
F.J. Exell	9	8	
Mrs. B.G. Neal	6	5½	
Mrs. E. Wiseman	16(D14)	14(D12)	

Cheltenham (Club) 27 July			
G.W.R. Goodwin	11	9	
Ryde (Club) 24 July			
Mrs. S.B. Hudson	14	12(D10)	

Hurlingham 30 July-8 Aug			
W. Aldridge	4	2½	
G. Borrett	1½	2½	
Mrs. H.B.H. Carlisle	1½	1	
James Carlisle	13(D12)	11(D10)	
Mrs. E. Glover	15(D14)	14(D13)	
Judge A.D. Karmel	3	5	
Mrs. B.G. Neal	5½	5	
G. Roy	5	3	
Mrs. A. Solomon	11	10	
G.D.P. Solomon	8	7	
C.B. Sanford	3½	4½	
Mrs. L. (E.N.) Taylor	11(D9)	9	
Mrs. S.S. Townsend	13	12	
General D.J. Wilson-Haffenden	6	7	

NEW MANAGER

M. Granger-Brown

NEW REFEREE

R.J. Murfitt

LONGMAN CUP

4th Round			
BOWDON	beat Wolverhampton	3 - 2	
COLCHESTER	beat Hunstanton	4 - 1	
PARSONS GREEN	beat Woking	4 - 1	
ALDERMASTON	beat Harrow Oak	4 - 1	

INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

3rd Round			
HARROW OAK	beat Southwick	7 - 0	
ROEHAMPTON	beat Cheltenham 1	4 - 3	
NOTTINGHAM	beat Reckitt Club	4 - 3	
CHELTENHAM 2	beat Bowdon	4 - 3	
Semi-Final			
ROEHAMPTON	beat Harrow Oak	6 - 0	(1 unplayed)
CHELTENHAM 2	beat Nottingham	5 - 2	

NEWSFLASH Results of the "Eights" received just before going to print:— President's Cup won by Steve Mulliner with Nigel Aspinall runner-up. Chairman's Salver won by John McCullough after a 3 way play-off between himself, Dave Foulser and Ian Vincent. Spencer-Ell Cup won by Eddie Bell after play-off with Bryan Sykes. Ladies Field Cup shared between Sarah Hampson and Mrs. Sundius-Smith.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

The Deadline for copy for the large Winter issue of the Gazette (No. 164) will be 15th November 1981.

As I am a little short of material I would much appreciate correspondence, articles and other items from as many readers as possible.

The Open Championships Hurlingham 13 - 18 July

A new film recently produced in the West End, entitled 'Clash of the Titans' might have served as an apt title for the 1981 Croquet Championships. For no fewer than seven President Cup players were among the first eight names to be drawn in the Singles, while all the eight humbler 'qualifiers' were grouped in the lower half - an arrangement which was no doubt highly gratifying to Mulliner and Murfitt. The names of Humphrey Hicks, Open Champion for the first time in 1932, and Dudley Hamilton-Miller, Silver Medallist at the age of 18, sadly disappeared from the singles entry at long last, being replaced by two promising young newcomers, Cordingley of Harrow and Ken Jones of Edgbaston. Both these players won their first round matches by a single point in the third game against more experienced opponents, while Jones later scored a fine victory in the Plate against Eric Solomon. The eccentric pattern of the draw, (recalling a first round clash between Cotter and John Solomon in the 1950s), resulted in the early elimination of many eminent players - notably Neal, Foulser, Hemsted, Roberts, Colin Prichard and Phillips. Martin Murray and Paul Hands, those two "Cheltenham Fliers" (as a Great Western Express train was once named) began the week in devastating form but ran out of steam later against the admirably-controlled and accurate play of Openshaw and William Ormerod. Paul Hands came from behind with a fine burst in the second game against the latter, until he met with disaster in his rover peel with the game seemingly won. In the previous round Openshaw had defeated Aspinall, +5, +4. This was a match of fine croquet, in both games of which the clips of Aspinall were on peg and 4-back and those of Openshaw on 4-back and first hoop. At this point on each occasion Openshaw hit the lift-shot with his backward ball and went round to win.

The semi-finals produced two matches of a very different nature. In the first, Openshaw had a quiet and uneventful victory against William Ormerod, though the latter fought back tenaciously in the opening game and forced his opponent for some time to take cover. But in the second, Openshaw played with the precision of a metronome, against which there was no answer. Contrastingly, the Mulliner v Murfitt match had everything - play of high quality, occasional mistakes, excitement and drama! It was a match which Mulliner, (christened "Hurricane Higgins" in the "Daily Mail", though I prefer my own emendation "Storm-Wind Steve!"), looked assured to win when he was one game up and fixing his sights carefully on a five or six yard peg-out to win the second game and the match. But the pilot ball, struck hard, narrowly missed and went off the boundary, adjacent to Murfitt's backward ball, then for the second hoop! Murfitt now needed to play three strokes

demanding great accuracy in order to establish a four-ball break. This he did and went round and out with a triple peel. In the third game, Murfitt was on 4-back in the fourth turn. Mulliner hit the lift-shot but missed a roquet after making the third hoop. A quiet period followed, neither player making much progress though Mulliner looked the more dangerous and presently reached 4-back. A little later after hitting in, he began a good break from second hoop which should have clinched the match; but in a momentary lapse of carelessness after making 2-back he missed a very short roquet, an error which gave Murfitt the opportunity to take game and match without any further argument.

The final of the Open Singles again hinged on the result of the third game.

With two opposing clips on 4-back. Openshaw missed the short lift-shot and Murfitt took his second ball round to the peg, in the course of which he did one peel only, a point of vital importance in the eventual issue. Openshaw now hit the lift-shot with his backward ball and went round. But he too ran into difficulties with his peels, so that he ended his turn by pegging out Murfitt's forward ball with his own two balls at peg and rover. One single shot now remained to decide the championship, with Murfitt to play. He took aim but missed - and Openshaw a few moments later had won his second Open Championship and also his second major title of the current year.

This was a match of fine croquet by both the winner and the loser.

A surprise in the first round of the Doubles came with the defeat of Aspinall and William Ormerod by Phillips and Wright. In the later stages of the third and deciding game, the clips of the latter pair were on peg and 4-back, with Aspinall on peg and Ormerod, now in play, on the first hoop, after Wright had taken the short lift shot and missed. Ormerod, with a few well-executed strokes, set up a straightforward 4-ball break but unexpectedly broke down at the fourth hoop, a mistake which enabled Wright - in spite of a few anxious moments - to score the remaining points for victory in his next turn. The success of this partnership, however, was short-lived, for in the second round against Murfitt and Murray the sole contribution which was allowed to them was one lift-shot by each player! Vincent, in partnership with Noble, tried an interesting variation against Eric Solomon and Foulser by going round and pegging himself out, leaving Noble at the third hoop. Although this experiment met with no success, they won the next two games by narrow margins and then achieved a notable victory against Murfitt and Murray, who were very out of touch on the fast surface of lawn ten.

The other semi-final concerned Mulliner and Mark Ormerod in opposition to Roberts and Bond, a match which ran into some difficulties with time, fading daylight and a heavy downpour of rain on Friday evening with the third game unfinished. The next morning, under different conditions, Mark Ormerod played with determination and accuracy to come from behind and eventually snatch a hard-fought victory.

The final began with a smooth break by Noble to 4-back and a triple-peel by Vincent. In the second game Mulliner took the initiative and, after some indeterminate play by the other three, levelled the score. The deciding game built up to an exciting climax. Mulliner pegged out Noble's ball and then, later, his own, leaving his partner at 4-back and Vincent at the fifth hoop. Vincent ran a difficult hoop, hit Ormerod's ball and made a fine two-ball break to take position for 3-back. A most intriguing finish saw Vincent running the rover with Ormerod in front of penultimate. Vincent now played a roquet to a point between hoops 1 and 2, but well inside the boundary. Ormerod ran penultimate, hit his opponent's ball and played a lengthy approach to rover, where he was faced with a straight but long hoop. And now, with no other alternative open, he aimed, ran the hoop, hit the final roquet and won the match and the Championship for Mulliner and himself by 1 point!

No less than five President Cup players were included in the Plate this year. Some incidents in the Process were a stymie at the peg which robbed Foulser of victory against Aspinall, a splendid game between the latter and Neal, P.M. Johnson's win against Vincent and a remarkable 'bag' by Mark Ormerod, who shot down Croker, Roger Wood and Eric Solomon en route to his final against Neal. This final was a long drawn-

out and undistinguished affair, for which nerves perhaps may have been responsible and which Neal, unexpectedly, lost and Ormerod, deservedly, won. Games in the 'Draw' generally followed the form-book, Aspinall coming through to the final to meet Croker. In this game a missed hoop by Croker gave Aspinall a valuable innings and set him on a clear road to subsequent victory.

The play-off for the Association Plate was brief in its course and brief to record. Aspinall, winner in the sixth turn of the game, will now have his name engraved on this Cup for the first time. Nevertheless, Mark Ormerod will have every reason to remember this week when he found, with eye and mallet, such a magic Midas touch.

The award of the new John Solomon Trophy for the maximum number of peels, reckoned on a points system, was won by Roger Murfitt most fittingly and deservedly; fittingly, since he will soon be returning to New Zealand; deservedly, since he has made so many friends during his residence here and has shown us a consistent pattern of croquet of such high excellence.

Steve Mulliner's planned time-table was well designed and with Veronica Carlisle at hand to take over when required, everything went smoothly until Friday evening, when circumstances beyond his control caused a certain delay in Saturday's schedule for the final of the Doubles. With the finish of this exciting 3-game match about 8 p.m., another Open Championship week was over.

D.J.V.H-M

Open Singles Best of Three

*Pre-Qualifiers
**C.A. Silver Medal
(Time Limit 9 hours: 1st Game 4 hours, 1st & 2nd Games 7 hours)

First Round. Dr. E.W. Solomon bt D.R. Foulser +16 +2, Dr. M. Murray bt S.R. Hemsted +26 +25, G.N. Aspinall bt Dr. I.G. Vincent +4 +18, D.K. Openshaw bt B.G. Neal +15 +26, D.J. Croker bt D.V.H. Rees +1 +19, Dr. W.P. Ormerod bt J. Rose -6 +16 +10, P.W. Hands bt G.J. Roberts +22 +26, I.D. Bond bt C.H.L. Prichard +21 +15, *J.A. Wheeler bt C.H.J. Cousins -8 +14 +14, R.A. Godby bt *Dr. R. Wood +4 -5 +6, S.N. Mulliner bt J.G.C. Phillips -3 +25TP +25, *K.E. Jones bt S.J.H. Wright -25 +3 +1, *J. Haigh bt *P.M. Johnson -5 +6 +8, *P. Cordingley bt G.W. Noble -25 +25 +1, J.R. McCullough bt C. Southern +26 +25, R.J. Murfitt bt *M. Ormerod +25 +12.

Second Round. Dr. Murray bt Dr. Solomon +16 +15, Openshaw bt Aspinall +4 +18, Dr. Ormerod bt Croker +9 +11, Hands bt Bond -26 +14 +6, Wheeler bt Godby +6 +10, Mulliner bt Jones +14 +18, Cordingley bt Haigh +24 +2, Murfitt bt McCullough +22 +7.

Semi-finals. Openshaw bt Dr. Ormerod +14 +26, **Murfitt bt Mulliner -16 +2TP +9TP.

Final. Openshaw bt Murfitt +25 -26TP +4.

Open Doubles Best of Three

(Time Limit 9 hours: 1st Game 4 hours, 1st & 2nd Games 7 hours)

First Round. I.D. Bond & G.J. Roberts bt P.W. Hands & J.A. McCullough +13 +1.

Second Round. J. Rose & P.M. Johnson bt R. Wood & H.O. Hicks +21 +2, S.N. Mulliner & M. Ormerod bt P. Cordingley & K.E. Jones +18 +24, S.R. Hemsted & B.G. Neal bt D.J. Croker & P.L. Alvey +26 +16, Bond & Roberts bt J. Haigh & C. Southern +15 -13 +25, D.R. Foulser & Dr. E.W. Solomon bt C.J.H. Cousins & D.K. Openshaw +23 +6, G.W. Noble & Dr. I.G. Vincent bt D.V.H. Rees & J.A. Wheeler +6 +11, R.J. Murfitt & Dr. M. Murray bt R.A. Godby & C.H.L. Prichard +3 +8, J.G.C. Phillips & S.J.H. Wright bt G.N. Aspinall & Dr. W.P. Ormerod +16 -15 +11.

Third Round. Mulliner & Ormerod bt Rose & Johnson -5 +24 +23, Bond & Roberts bt Hemsted & Neal +14 +6, Noble & Dr. Vincent bt Foulser & Dr. Solomon -9 +4 +5, Murfitt & Dr. Murray bt Phillips & Wright +26 +26.

Semi-finals. Mulliner & Ormerod bt Bond & Roberts +24 -9 +3, Noble & Dr. Vincent bt Murfitt & Dr. Murray +15 +9.

Final. Mulliner & Ormerod bt Noble & Dr. Vincent -26 +22 +1.

Association Plate

DRAW

First Round. D.R. Foulser bt R. Wood +15TP, S.R. Hemsted bt J. Haigh +22, M. Ormerod bt B.G. Neal +10, Dr. I.G. Vincent bt C.H.L. Prichard +10.

Second Round. D.J. Croker bt S.J.H. Wright +14, J.A. McCullough bt G.J. Roberts +16TP, Hemsted bt Foulser +4, Dr. Vincent bt Ormerod +10, Dr. E. Solomon bt P.M. Johnson +15TP, K.E. Jones bt C. Southern +15, G.N. Aspinall bt G.W. Noble +26TP, R.A. Godby bt C.H.J. Cousins +12.

Third Round. Croker bt McCullough +12, Dr. Vincent bt Hemsted +15, Jones bt Dr. Solomon +16, Aspinall bt Godby +14TP.

Semi-finals. Croker bt Dr. Vincent +1, Aspinall bt Jones +17.

Final. Aspinall bt Croker +23TP.

PROCESS

First Round. G.J. Roberts bt K.E. Jones +22TP, J. Haigh bt R.A. Godby +5, D.J. Croker bt C. Southern +15, R. Wood bt C.H.J. Cousins +10, J.R. McCullough bt G.W. Noble +17TP.

Second Round. B.G. Neal bt S.J.H. Wright +1, G.N. Aspinall bt D.R. Foulser +4, Dr. I.G. Vincent bt Roberts +26, P.M. Johnson bt Haigh +5, M. Ormerod bt Croker +1, R. Wood W.O., C.H.L. Prichard bt McCullough +26, Dr. E.W. Solomon bt S.R. Hemsted +3.

Third Round. Neal bt Aspinall +2, Johnson bt Dr. Vincent +4, Ormerod bt Wood +1, Dr. Solomon bt Prichard +26TP.

Semi-finals. Neal bt Johnson +2, Ormerod bt Dr. Solomon +25.

Final. Ormerod bt Neal +9OT.

PLAY OFF. Aspinall bt Ormerod +26TP.

The Northern Championships 22 - 27 June Bowdon

Everything augured well for this year's Northern Championships. A stronger field than ever for the main event, last year's winner, David Openshaw, back to defend his title, and the entries up in numbers by nearly 50 per cent. On top of all that, all the lawns at Bowdon had been taken up over the winter and relevelled, and the turf was already knitting together well, and the builder was well into completing Phase 1 of the Club House extension - more room for changing and eating, and a well stocked bar available.

The first day was one of blazing sunshine, and although the sun went in for most of the rest of the week, it never actually rained. Eddie Bell, acting as Ground Manager and Tournament Referee, was seen in the early hours of each morning adjusting the hoop widths, and in the evenings running behind the Club's new mower (at last Bowdon has an Auto Certes!). Barry Keen as Manager and the only other Referee readily available was also much in evidence, playing in all possible events as well.

The Northern Championships itself did not start until Thursday, an innovation designed to enable players to spend only 2 days off work if they wanted to enter only this one event. The major surprise was the play of Steven Lewis (of Bowdon) who came closest to beating David Openshaw and only just lost by 6, having beaten Eddie Bell in the previous round of the Draw. However David eventually triumphed as expected, winning both the Draw and the Process, with Roger Murfitt beating John Rose in the play-off for second place. Roger, and Nelson Leech (from South Africa), between them gave the Championship an international flavour, and this was duly reported in the Daily Telegraph, which gave the tournament some good coverage as a result of the hard work put in by Bowdon's Press Officer, Sue Bennett.

In the 'B' Class event, Colin Irwin (Bowdon) beat George Collin of Chester in the final having knocked him out in the Draw. Ted Scott of Hull beat Colin in the Process, and another player to make his mark (and have his handicap reduced) was Danny Kelly of Bowdon, who had a very close game with Colin in the final of the Draw. Vera MacPherson remarked in an awed voice when she first arrived that 'everywhere she looked, people were hitting 25 yard roquets', but went on to impress with some determined play, lining her balls up for the peg-out by lying full-length on the ground. The 'C' Class event was won by David Peterson (Bowdon), a pupil at Manchester Grammar School, who beat Alan Sutcliffe of Ellesmere, another improving player who also had his handicap reduced at the end of the tournament.

The handicap doubles had no time limit and produced some extremely long games, which at one time threatened to disrupt the progress of the tournament. However, the Manager's nerve held, and Barry Keen was eventually rewarded by winning the event himself, with his partner Ian Maugham. They overcame the 'South African' challenge of Nelson Leech and George Collin in the final by some exhausting defensive play which, although tactically sound, was not the sort of stuff to catch the imagination of TV audiences!

In the Bowdon Handicap, Paul Stoker emerged the winner, beating Chris Hudson in the final (by the simple tactic of leaving him with shots of 6 to 8 feet to hit in!), and Colin Irwin pulled off a second win by beating Ted Scott in the final of the 'Y'. Phil Cordingley won the extra event which Barry Keen managed to fit in on top of everything else.

'Kate's Kitchen' did the catering, and treated us to some excellent meals throughout the week at a reasonable price with several players becoming addicted to Mars Bars during the week. All in all, it was a

most enjoyable tournament - to those who were knocked out early in the week, better luck next year.

DRAW

First Round. B.A. Keen bt C. Hudson +10, S.E. Lewis bt E. Bell +7, D.K. Openshaw bt G.N. Leech +23, R. Murfitt bt P.D. Hallett +13, A.J. Collin bt D.G. Richardson +8.

Second Round. J. Rose bt Keen +17, Openshaw bt Lewis +6, Murfitt bt Collin +15, P. Cordingley bt P. Stoker +17.

Semi-finals. Openshaw bt Rose +12, Murfitt bt Cordingley +22.

Final. Openshaw bt Murfitt +16.

PROCESS

First Round. Rose bt Hallett +10, Lewis bt Stoker +11, Hudson bt Richardson +12, Keen bt Collin +21, Bell bt Cordingley +10.

Second Round. Rose bt Lewis +12, Leech bt Hudson +11, Openshaw bt Keen +16, Murfitt bt Bell +9.

Semi-finals. Rose bt Leech +23, Openshaw bt Murfitt +10.

Final. Openshaw bt Rose +26.

B Class. Advanced Rules

DRAW

First Round. M. Sandler bt E.E. Scott +7, C. Irwin bt G.K. Collin +10, Mrs. V.M. Macpherson bt G. Binks +8, D. Kelly bt A. Gordon +15.

Semi-finals. Irwin bt Sandler +8, Kelly bt Mrs. Macpherson +12.

Final. Irwin bt Kelly +3.

PROCESS

First Round. Scott bt Binks +17, Irwin bt Gordon +16, Sandler bt Mrs. Macpherson +15, Collin bt Kelly +5.

Semi-finals. Scott bt Irwin +4, Collin bt Sandler +11.

Final. Collin bt Scott +9.

C Class. Level Play

DRAW

First Round. A.C. Mason bt Mrs. M. Povey +12, A.F. Sutcliffe bt Miss P. Lewis +24, I. Maugham bt D. Peterson +9.

Semi-finals. Sutcliffe bt Mason +10, Mrs. E. Taylor bt Maugham +9.

Final. Sutcliffe bt Mrs. Taylor +15.

PROCESS

First Round. Mason bt Maugham +6, Miss Lewis bt Mrs. Taylor +5, Peterson bt Mrs. Povey +11.

Semi-finals. Mason bt Miss Lewis +9, Peterson bt Sutcliffe +14.

Final. Peterson bt Mason +6.

Bowden Handicap

First Round. Binks (6) bt Miss Lewis (11) +2, Mrs. Povey (13) bt Irwin (9) +2.

Second Round. Maugham (15) bt Mason (10) +23, Stoker (3½) bt Scott (4½) +9, Sutcliffe (10) bt Keen (1) +18, Mrs. Taylor (12) bt Binks +15, Hudson (3) bt Mrs. Povey +10, Sandler (5) bt Gordon (7) +7, Mrs. Macpherson (7) bt Leech (3) +8, Collin (7½) bt Richardson (3½) +6.

Third Round. Stoker bt Maugham +2, Mrs. Taylor bt Sutcliffe +9, Hudson bt Sandler +3, Collin bt Mrs. Macpherson +13.

Semi-finals. Stoker bt Mrs. Taylor +13, Hudson bt Collin +13.

Final. Stoker bt Hudson +14.

Bowden Handicap Y

First Round. Scott (4½) bt Mason (10) +8, Keen (1) bt Miss Lewis (11) +12, Irwin (9) bt Gordon (7) +23, Richardson (3½) bt Leech (3) +18.

Semi-finals. Scott bt Keen +3, Irwin bt Richardson +13.

Final. Irwin bt Scott +7.

Handicap Doubles

First Round. Mrs. Tyldesley (7) & Sutcliffe (10) bt Scott (4½) & Gordon (7) +7, Keen (1) & Maugham (14) bt Hudson (3) & Taylor (11) +2, Leech (3) & Collin (7½) bt Richardson (3½) & Irwin (9) +8.

Semi-finals. Keen & Maugham bt Mrs. Tyldesley & Sutcliffe +12, Leech & Collin bt Binks(6) & Miss Lewis (11) +9.

Final. Keen & Maugham bt Leech & Collin +10.

Veterans at Compton 22 - 27 June

The 1981 Veterans tournament was blessed with excellent sunny weather for the first days, but alas when play was due to start on Wednesday morning all six lawns were under water and it was still raining. However, thanks to the good drying qualities of the lawns they were all playable by lunchtime. Thereafter the weather was variable and cold, but the sun did emerge again for the finals on Saturday.

Too many entries had been accepted involving well over a hundred games on the six lawns. This forced the manager Richard Rothwell to introduce time limits on all games with some double banking on most days. This was a pity because the whole idea of this tournament is, apart from cutting out the young "tigers", to give the older generation a nice leisurely week's play. To achieve this the number of entries must be restricted in the future. As it was the players had to be kept hard at it from 9.45 to nearly 7 pm each day.

Lionel Adams was in devastating form up to Thursday night by which time he had played and won nine games. By Friday evening he had lost the semi-final of the doubles and been beaten by both Harry Green and Tristram Owen in the Open Singles. After a morning's rest he came back to beat Tiny Tyrwhitt Drake in the final of the big Handicap. His speed of play with his running between every shot is remarkable at the age of nearly 80.

Harry Green, who had come so near in the past achieved his ambition of getting his name on the Championship cup by winning both draw and process in the open singles not detracting from his victory he was perhaps fortunate to come up against an off-form Adams and Owen.

Bobbie Crane started the week indifferently but improved as the week went on and won again the Felixstowe Cup (now held by the winner of the B Level Singles) against Leonard Greenbury. The latter has only been playing for just over a year and will obviously soon get below his present handicap of 6.

Altogether a most enjoyable if hectic week's croquet. The standard of play was generally not of the highest order (although Adams did achieve a straight triple) but one could not blame the lawns. Thanks to the Compton Club for once again staging this popular tournament and looking after our inner comforts so admirably, under the command of Blanche Dennant despite her recently broken wrist. Thanks also to Ed Strickland for all his work, mostly unseen and possibly not fully appreciated, before and during the tournament and to the Referees especially to Giles Borrett who was often on court almost before the player had asked for one, and to Nora Elvey who was always willing to officiate in all weathers when not collecting for the groundsman (what an excellent job he did) or helping with the catering. Let's hope that her frozen shoulder soon thaws to allow her to play again. It was nice to see Ted Tucker watching the play when the sun shone, now unfortunately no longer allowed to play on the advice of his doctor.

There is no doubt that everyone enjoyed the week and many expressed the hope that the venue of next year's tournament will be Compton again.

Event 1. Rothwell Cup Open

DRAW

First Round: T F Owen bt R F Rothwell +20, Cdr G Borrett bt D A Harris +3.

Second Round: E C Tyrwhitt Drake bt Mrs B L Sundius-Smith +2, L D Adams bt T F Owen +17, H C Green bt G Borrett w.o. opp. scr., Miss F Joly bt Mrs K M O Wheeler +4.

Semi-Final: L D Adams bt E C Tyrwhitt Drake +16, H C Green bt Miss F Joly +26.

Final: H C Green bt L D Adams +7.

PROCESS

First Round: H C Green bt E C Tyrwhitt Drake +4 (t), Mrs Sundius-Smith bt Miss F Joly +4 (t).

Second Round: H C Green bt R F Rothwell +20, Mrs K M O Wheeler bt Cdr G Borrett +6 (t), T F Owen bt Mrs Sundius-Smith +16, L D Adams bt D A Harris +5 (t).

Semi-Final: H C Green bt Mrs K M O Wheeler +15, T F Owen bt L D Adams +9.

Final: H C Green bt T F Owen +23.

Event 2. Felixstowe Cup Level Singles 3½ – 6½

DRAW

First Round: Mrs E C Tyrwhitt Drake bt G H Betts +19, Dr H Pim bt R F A Crane +6, Lt Col D F T Brown bt G A Hutcheson +3, C G Pountney bt S G Kent +3 (t).

Second Round: Dr L Greenbury bt Mrs H G Wills +10, Mrs E C Tyrwhitt Drake bt Dr H Pim +24, C G Pountney bt Lt Col D F T Brown +2 (t), C E Knight bt C Abderhalden +21.

Semi-Final: Dr L Greenbury bt Mrs E C Tyrwhitt Drake +1, C E Knight bt C G Pountney +5 (t).

Final: Dr L Greenbury bt C E Knight +1 (t).

PROCESS

First Round: S G Kent bt Dr L Greenbury +17, G H Betts bt C Abderhalden +9, Mrs H G Wills bt C E Knight +9, Mrs E C Tyrwhitt Drake bt C G Pountney +22.

Second Round: S G Kent bt Dr H Pim +6 (t), G A Hutcheson bt G H Betts +20, R F A Crane bt Mrs H G Wills +25, Mrs E C Tyrwhitt Drake bt Lt Col D F T Brown +9.

Semi-Final: G A Hutcheson bt S G Kent +4, R F A Crane bt Mrs E C Tyrwhitt Drake +6.

Final: R F A Crane bt G A Hutcheson +18.

Play-off: R F A Crane bt Dr L Greenbury by 4 (t).

Event 3. X Handicap Singles (7 bisques and over)

First Round: Mrs J Pim (9) bt J E van Berckel (11) +7.

Second Round: Dr C W Marshall (10) bt Mrs A E Millns (8) +11, Mrs J Pim bt Mrs D Hutcheson (10) opp. ret'd., Mrs E J Tucker (7) bt Mrs C W Marshall (8) +12, Mrs C Abderhalden (8) bt Mrs R F A Crane (10) +6 (t).

Semi-Final: Dr C W Marshall bt Mrs J Pim +14, Mrs C Abderhalden bt Mrs E J Tucker +2.

Final: Dr C W Marshall bt Mrs C Abderhalden +3.

Event 3. Y Handicap Singles (7 bisques and over)

Semi-Final: Mrs A E Millns (8) bt J E van Berckel (11) +14, Mrs R F A Crane (10) bt Mrs C W Marshall (8) +13.

Final: Mrs A E Millns bt Mrs R F A Crane +16.

Event 4. X Handicap Singles Unrestricted

First Round: H C Green (1) bt Col G T Wheeler (4½) +10, Mrs H G Wills (6) bt G H Betts (4½) +19, S G Kent (5) bt Mrs E C Tyrwhitt Drake (5) +11, Mrs A E Millns (8) bt C Abderhalden (5½) +1, Dr C W Marshall (10) w.o. opp. scr., Mrs C W Marshall (8) bt J N D Bettley (7) +11, L D Adams (1½) bt E Strickland (6) +9, G Borrett (1½) bt Dr L Greenbury (6) +19, Mrs E J Tucker (7) bt H Pim (5½) +7, D A Harris (2) bt J E van Berckel (11) +13, C G Pountney (4) bt Mrs J Pim (9) +2 (t), Mrs B L Sundius-Smith (3½) bt R F Rothwell (1½) +15, R F A Crane (3½) bt Lt Col D F T Brown (6½) +1 (t), C E Knight (4) bt Mrs C Abderhalden (8) +19, Mrs K M O Wheeler (3) bt G A Hutcheson (4) +16, E C Tyrwhitt Drake (1) bt Mrs R F A Crane (10) +12.

Second Round: H C Green bt Mrs H G Wills +16, Mrs A E Millns bt S G Kent +8, Mrs C W Marshall bt Dr C W Marshall +5, L D Adams bt G Borrett +4, Mrs E J Tucker bt D A Harris +5, Mrs B L Sundius-Smith bt C G Pountney +15 (t), C E Knight bt R F A Crane +1 (t), E C Tyrwhitt Drake bt Mrs K M O Wheeler +8.

Third Round: H C Green bt Mrs A E Millns +17, L D Adams bt Mrs C W Marshall +25, Mrs E J Tucker bt Mrs B L Sundius-Smith +5 (t), E C Tyrwhitt Drake bt C E Knight +19.

Semi-Final: L D Adams bt H C Green +16, E C Tyrwhitt Drake bt Mrs E J Tucker +5.

Final: L D Adams bt E C Tyrwhitt Drake +8

Event 4. Y Handicap

First Round: G H Betts (4½) bt Col G T Wheeler (4½) opp. ret'd., C Abderhalden (5½) bt Mrs E C Tyrwhitt Drake (5) w.o. opp. scr., J N D Bettley (7) bt Dr C W Marshall (10) +3, Dr L Greenbury (6) bt E Strickland (6) w.o., Dr H A Pim (5½) bt J E van Berckel (11) +10 (t), Mrs H A Pim (9) bt R F Rothwell (1½) +20, Lt Col D Brown (6½) bt Mrs Abderhalden (8) +7, Mrs R F A Crane (10) bt G A Hutcheson (4) +2

Second Round: G H Betts bt C Abderhalden +5, Dr L Greenbury bt J N D Bettley +12, Mrs Pim bt Dr H A Pim opp. ret'd., Lt Col D Brown bt Mrs R F A Crane opp. ret'd.

Semi-Final: G H Betts bt Dr L Greenbury opp. ret'd., Lt Col D Brown bt Mrs Pim w.o. opp. scr.

Final: G H Betts bt Lt Col D Brown +4.

Event 5. Veterans Doubles Handicap

First Round: Dr/Mrs H A Pim (14½) bt E Strickland/Mrs H E Wills (12) +6 (t), Col/Mrs Wheeler (7½) bt C E Knight/G E Hutcheson (8) w.o. opp. ret'd., R F Rothwell/Dr Greenbury (7½) bt E C Tyrwhitt Drake/Mrs B L Sundius-Smith (4½) +1 (t), Mr/Mrs Crane (13½) bt C G Pountney/Mrs E J Tucker (11) +1 (t), Mrs Marshall/Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake (14) bt Mr/Mrs C Abderhalden (13½) +9, S G Kent/G Borrett (6½) bt Mrs A E Millns/Lt Col D E T Brown (14½) +17, D A Harris/Dr C W Marshall (11) bt T F Owen/Miss F Joly (3) +13, L D Adams/G H Betts (6) bt Mrs D M Hutcheson/J N D Bettley (17) w.o. opp. ret'd.

Second Round: Dr/Mrs Pim bt Col/Mrs Wheeler +16, Mr/Mrs Crane bt R F Rothwell/Dr Greenbury +4 (t), S G Kent/G Borrett bt Mrs Marshall and Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake +9, L D Adams/G H Betts bt D A Harris/Dr C W Marshall +4.

Semi-Final: Dr/Mrs Pim bt Mr/Mrs Crane +2 (t), S G Kent/G Borrett bt L D Adams/G H Betts +9.

Final: S G Kent/G Borrett bt Dr/Mrs Pim +12.

Budleigh Salterton 2 29 June – 4 July

Once again the weather was kind, and the lawns very fast, testing to the full the players' ability to control the balls. There was a somewhat smaller entry than in recent years, but this enabled Sarah Hampson, the manager, to put on a 'Y' Doubles as an extra event, thereby giving some additional play to those unfortunate enough to have been knocked out of the normal Doubles event, which was much appreciated.

The standard of play was good, although no Triple Peels were achieved. However, Robin Hobbs of Roehampton finished a Doubles match with two peels. He also distinguished himself by beating Les Butler of Parkstone by +26 in only 35 minutes. Another good win, which also interested the handicappers was Karen Mapstone's +26 against John Soutter, who was giving 5½ bisques. Incidentally, the handicapping worked out well, as 29 games were won by the givers of bisques against 23 games won by bisque recipients.

In the Open Singles event, the final was between Bill Perry, the holder, and John Cooper. This time, although Bill got a long way ahead, some immaculate play, late in the game, gave John victory. Both of them had given some impeccable displays in their earlier matches.

The 'B' Level Singles event was won by Frank Shergold of Parkstone, after an exciting final against Peter Shephard of Cheltenham. Beginners will be encouraged to learn that this is only Frank's third season.

The Stone Cup (Class III) was the first Tournament trophy won by Barbara Ormerod (13). She beat Charles Marshall (10) after some very steady play, which continued under pressure when she managed to score the 3 points needed to win, in her last turn after time had been called.

The Open Handicap Singles (X) was another win for Frank Shergold, after a closely contested final against Betty Prichard.

The 'Y' Handicap Singles was won by a much improved long bisquer, Miss Pat Parker, of Parkstone, who beat a tough opponent, John Cooper, thereby avenging a narrow defeat (-1) by Christine Bagnall in the 'X'.

The Doubles event went to the strong combination of David Prichard and Karen Mapstone, against whom Ralph Lee and Dot Wallace could not continue their undefeated progress.

All in all, it was a tournament with its full share of narrow escapes and reversals of fortune, providing much excitement and interest for players and spectators alike.

Event 1. The Colman Cup

DRAW

First Round. A.J. Cooper bt. Mrs. D.M.C. Prichard + 3, Miss S.G. Hampson. bt. R.M. Hobbs + 4.

Second Round. R.S. Stevens bt. Dr. C.A. Parker + 8, Cooper bt. J.H.J. Soutter + 12, L.S. Butler bt. Miss Hampson + 11, B.G. Perry bt. Lt. Col. D.M.C. Prichard + 7.

Semi-finals. Cooper bt. Stevens + 6, Perry bt. Butler + 5.

Final. Perry bt. Cooper + 12.

PROCESS

First Round. Dr. Parker bt. Perry + 5, Stevens bt. Lt. Col. Prichard + 5.

Second Round. Dr. Parker bt. Mrs Prichard + 23, Miss Hampson bt. Soutter + 8, Hobbs bt. Stevens + 24, Cooper bt. Butler + 19.

Semi-finals. Miss Hampson bt. Dr. Parker + 19, Cooper bt. Hobbs + 3.

Final. Cooper bt. Miss Hampson + 23.

PLAY-OFF

Cooper bt. Perry + 10.

Event 2. The Longman Cup. Level 3½–7½ Bisques only.

First Round. Mrs. C. Bagnall bt. P.K. Devitt + 9, Miss P.E. Parker bt. Dr. K.R. Bucknall + 11, Mrs. K. Mapstone bt. K.S. Schofield + 12, P.J. Shepard bt. D.C. Wallace + 10, R.H.C. Carder bt. A. Rushbrooke + 9, R.H. Lee bt. Mrs R.S. Stevens + 9, C.E. Edwards bt. Mrs. H. Cruden + 9.

Second Round. Mrs. Bagnall bt. Miss Parker + 3, Shepard bt. Mrs Mapstone + 22, Lee bt. Carder + 12, F.L. Shergold bt. Edwards + 21.

Semi-final. Shepard bt. Mrs Bagnall + 6. Lee & Shergold withdrew.

Final. Shepard W/O.

PROCESS

First Round. Devitt bt. Rushbrooke + 12, Edwards bt. Schofield + 14, Dr. Bucknall bt. Mrs Stevens + 12, Shergold bt. Wallace + 7, Mrs Bagnall bt. Carder + 17, Mrs Mapstone bt. Mrs Cruden + 22, Lee bt. Mrs Parker + 11.

Second Round. Devitt bt. Edwards + 11, Shergold bt. Dr. Bucknall + 8, Mrs Bagnall bt. Mrs Mapstone + 23, Lee bt. Shepard + 22.

Semi-finals. Shergold bt. Devitt + 24, Lee bt. Mrs Bagnall + 13.

Final. Shergold bt. Lee + 16.

PLAY-OFF

Shergold bt. Shepard + 10.

Event 3. The Stone Challenge Cup. 8 Bisques & over. 18pt Game. 5th Hoop Start.

First Round. J. Exell (9) bt. G.B. Horridge (8) + 15. Mrs. B. Ormerod (13) bt. Mrs C. Hawthorn (14) + 9T. S.F. Blackler (9) bt. Mrs C.W. Marshall (8) + 8T, Mrs. D.C. Wallace (8) bt. P.A. Dwerryhouse (8) + 3T, M. Hawthorn (10) bt. Mrs. C.A. Parker (11) + 1T.

Second Round. Mrs. P.A. Dwerryhouse (8) bt. Exell + 16. Mrs. Ormerod bt. Blackler + 2, Hawthorn bt. Mrs Wallace + 8, Dr. C.W. Marshall (10) bt. Mrs. S.F. Blackler + 4.

Semi-final. Mrs. Ormerod bt. Mrs Dwerryhouse + 13, Dr. Marshall bt. Hawthorn + 15.

Final. Mrs. Ormerod bt. Dr. Marshall + 1T.

The Stone Challenge Cup Y. 8 Bisques & over. 18pt Game. 5th Hoop Start.

First Round. Mrs. Hawthorn bt. Mrs Marshall + 10. Mrs Blackler bt. Dwerryhouse + 9.

Semi-final. Mrs Hawthorn bt. Horridge + 4T. Mrs Parker bt. Mrs Blackler + 9.

Final. Mrs Parker bt. Mrs Hawthorn + 1T.

Event 4. The Oliver Bowl. Open Handicap Singles X

First Round. Mrs. C. Bagnall (3½) bt. Miss P.E. Parker (7) + 1T. Mrs K. Mapstone (6) bt. J.H.J. Soutter (1) + 26. A. Rushbrooke (3½) bt. A.J. Cooper (1) + 21. R.S. Stevens (½) bt. G.B. Harridge (8) + 17.

Second Round. R.H.L. Carder (4) bt. R.H. Lee (3½) + 19. P.J. Shepard (6) bt. Mrs R.S. Stevens (7) + 24. D.C. Wallace (5½) bt. Lt. Col. D.M.C. Prichard (2½) + 21. Mrs Cruden (7½) bt. Mrs C.A. Parker (11) + 10. Mrs D.M.C. Prichard (3) bt. Dr. C.W. Marshall (10) + 2. Mrs Ormerod (13) bt. P.A. Dwerryhouse (8) + 10. J. Exell (9) bt. Mrs Pursey (7½) + 15. Mrs Bagnall bt. Mrs Mapstone + 2. Stevens bt. Rushbrooke + 4. M. Shergold (5) bt. C. Edwards (5) + 11. Mrs P.A. Dwerryhouse (8) bt. Dr. W.R. Bucknall (4) + 7. Dr. C.A. Parker (3) bt. M.N. Hawthorn (10) + 10. K.J. Schofield (4) bt. Mrs J.H.J. Soutter (5½) + 5. R.M. Hobbs

(2½) bt. Miss P.A. Tunmer (6) + 7. Miss S.G. Hampson (2) bt. Mrs C.W. Marshall (8) + 16. L.S. Butler (½) bt. Mrs M.J. Goode (7) + 10.

Third Round. Shepard bt. Carder + 22. Wallace bt. Mrs. Cruden + 3. Mrs Prichard bt. Mrs Ormerod + 15. Exell bt. Mrs Bagnall + 3. Shergold bt. Stevens + 14. Mrs Dwerryhouse bt. Dr. Parker + 19. Hobbs bt. Schofield + 5. Butler bt. Miss Hampson + 6.

Fourth Round. Shepard bt. Wallace + 17. Mrs Prichard bt. Exell + 5. Shergold bt. Mrs Dwerryhouse + 10. Hobbs bt. Butler + 26.

Semi-final. Mrs Prichard bt. Shepard + 5. Shergold bt. Hobbs + 2.

Final. Shergold bt. Mrs Prichard + 2.

Event 4Y.

First Round. Miss Parker bt. Soutter + 11. Cooper bt. Horridge (W/O).

Second Round. Mrs Stevens bt. Lee (W/O). Mrs Parker bt. Mrs Soutter (W/O). Dwerryhouse bt. Dr. Marshall + 14. Miss Parker bt. Mrs Pursey + 15. Cooper bt. Horridge (W/O). Mrs Tunmer bt. Lt. Col. Prichard (W/O). Mrs Goode bt. Mrs Marshall + 12.

Third Round. Mrs Stevens bt. Mrs Parker + 13. Miss Parker bt. Dwerryhouse + 16. Cooper bt. Bucknall + 15. Mrs Goode bt. Mrs Tunmer + 6.

Semi-final. Mrs Stevens bt. Miss Parker + 20. Cooper bt. Mrs Goode + 15.

Final. Miss Parker bt. Cooper + 21.

Event 5. The Lemesurier Cups. Handicap Doubles.

First Round. Lt. Col. D.M.C. Prichard & Mrs K. Mapstone (8½) bt. K.J. Schofield & Mrs Goode (11) + 6.

Second Round. R.M. Hobbs & M. Hawthorn (12½) bt. Dr. & Mrs. C.A. Parker (14) + 4T. Mr. & Mrs B.G. Perry (13½) bt. Dr. Marshall & Mrs. Cruden (17½) + 15. A. Rushbrooke & Mrs Hawthorn (17½) bt. Mrs C. Bagnall & Mrs Blackler (14½) + 3T. Col. Prichard & Mrs Mapstone bt. Mr. & Mrs J.H.J. Soutter (6½) + 12. P.J. Shepard & J. Exell (15) bt. S.F. Blackler & Mrs Prichard (12) + 5. Mr. & Mrs Dwerryhouse (16) bt. L.S. Butler & Miss Parker (7½) + 2T. R.H. Lee & Mrs. Wallace (11½) bt. Mr. & Mrs. Stevens (8½) + 11. Dr. Bucknall & Mrs. Pursey (11½) bt. R. Carder & F.L. Shergold (9) + 12.

Third Round. Hobbs & Hawthorn bt. Mr. & Mrs Perry + 7. Col. Prichard & Mrs Mapstone bt. Rushbrooke & Mrs Hawthorn + 9. Shepard & Exell bt. Mr. & Mrs Dwerryhouse + 4T. Lee & Mrs Wallace bt. Bucknall & Mrs Pursey + 6.

Semi-final. Col. Prichard & Mrs Mapstone bt. Hobbs & Hawthorn + 12. Lee & Wallace bt. Shepard & Exell + 10.

Final. Prichard & Mrs Mapstone bt. Lee & Wallace + 6.

Southwick Summer Tournament 6 – 11th July

This was the tournament that had everything – except enough entrants. The weather was superb until Saturday, the players were excellently fed and watered by the indefatigable Mrs Wells and her helpers, there were lots of lawns to go round (double-banking is not a term in common use at Southwick) the tournament was efficiently but not obtrusively managed by the ever cheerful Sylvia Turner, yet the 'big' handicap weighed in at only twenty four entrants, of whom two had to retire from the tournament after the draw. As one of those who was a first-time visitor this year let me urge more Associates to put this tournament on their list for 1982: the welcome accorded to visitors well repays the visit.

In the Sussex Gold Cup Peter Death, whose progress round the lawns was marked by a trail of cough sweets and glasses of water, managed to win both halves, beating 'Tiny' Tyrwhitt-Drake in the Draw and Tristram Owen in the Process, the latter game being particularly close. Death reached 4-back and peg. Owen being for 6 and 4-back, when an untidy leave enabled Owen to regain the innings until he stuck in rover with his second ball. Death laid up, Owen's last shot came within a whisker of hitting and then Death went out from 4-back to win by two. In the play-off for second place there was no such drama, Owen beating Tyrwhitt-Drake by 18.

The B and C classes each found an Asa-Thomas appearing in the final of both halves, but with differing fortunes. In the Ron Whetstone Cup Pat Asa-Thomas was given a bye into the final when Draw and Process were married, and lost there to Vera Tyrwhitt-Drake. Edward Asa-Thomas however fared better in the Franc Cup where he came from behind to beat Bertram Barnes by 3. The small entry in the 9 and over class was organised into an American block won by Joyce Barnes.

Mr and Mrs Barnes also featured strongly in the Doubles event, beating Brenda Mallinson and Norman Cox plus eleven in the final. In this game Cox pegged-out one opponent with his partner a long way behind the other. The play misfired almost immediately when the peg collided with Cox's ball, leaving the Barnes in an unassailable position in the two

ball ending. The doubles event was one of the few in which time limits were employed, and a number of otherwise mediocre games came to life in the last few turns.

In the big handicap Steve Battison looked a likely winner from the start, which forecast proved correct when he beat Alan Hutchinson in the final on Saturday morning. The Y event was won by 'Tiny' Tyrwhitt-Drake who also partnered his wife to victory in an extra doubles event organised for those who had made a swift exit from the main competition.

Event 1. Singles Advanced Play

DRAW

First Round. P.J. Death bt. T.F. Owen + 14.

Semi-final. Death bt. J.H.S. Battison + 8. E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake bt. W.E. Moore + 7.

Final. Death bt. Tyrwhitt-Drake + 19.

PROCESS

First Round. Moore bt. Battison + 8.

Semi-final. Owen bt. Moore + 5. Death bt. Tyrwhitt-Drake + 6.

Final. Death bt. Owen + 2.

PLAY-OFF for 2nd Place.

Owen bt. Tyrwhitt-Drake + 18.

Event 2. Ron Whetstone Cup Handicap Singles. 2½ over. Advanced play.

DRAW

First Round. H.A. Sheppard bt. Mrs R.E. Tucker + 8. Mrs E. Asa-Thomas bt. G.A. Hutcheson + 7.

Semi-final. Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake bt. G.T. Coates + 16. Mrs. E. Asa-Thomas bt. Sheppard (opp. rtd on peg).

PROCESS

First Round. Coates bt. Sheppard + 10. Mrs. Tyrwhitt-Drake bt. Mrs Tucker + 6.

Semi-final. Mrs. E. Asa-Thomas bt. Coates + 17. Hutcheson bt. Mrs Tyrwhitt-Drake + 15.

DRAW & PROCESS MARRIED

Mrs Tyrwhitt-Drake bt. Hutcheson + 7.

Final. Mrs Tyrwhitt-Drake bt. Mrs. E. Asa-Thomas + 14.

Event 3. The Franc Cup. Handicap Singles 5½-8.

DRAW

First Round. G.F. Paxon (5½) bt. Mrs. W. Longman (7) (W/O opp. Scr.). E.B.T. Tanner (6) bt. Mrs E.A. Staddon (5½) + 6. E. Asa-Thomas (7) bt. M.A. Holford (8) (W/O opp. Scr.).

Second Round. L.B. Barnes (6½) bt. Mrs. E.M. Speer (5½) + 22. Paxon bt. Tanner + 5. Asa-Thomas bt. Miss P. Shine (7) + 12. Mrs M. Grout (7½) bt. Mrs. E.M. Lewis (8) + 5.

Semi-final. Barnes bt. Paxon + 14. Asa-Thomas bt. Grant + 12.

Final. Asa-Thomas bt. Barnes + 3.

PROCESS

First Round. Miss P. Shine bt. Mrs Speer + 10. Mrs Lewis bt. Mrs Longman (W/O). Barnes bt. Mrs Grant + 15.

Second Round. Miss Shine bt. Tanner + 2. Asa-Thomas bt. Lewis + 5. Barnes bt. Mrs Staddon + 6. Paxon bt. Holford (W/O).

Semi-final. Asa-Thomas bt. Miss Shine + 15. Barnes bt. Paxon + 2 OT.

Final. Asa-Thomas & Barnes agreed to play a single game to decide winner.

Asa-Thomas bt. Barnes + 3 in the Draw Half.

Event 4 Handicap Singles 9 & over. American Block

Mrs. L.B. Barnes 2 wins +25.

Mrs. E.B. Tanner 1 win +0.

Mrs. M. Rankin 0 wins -25.

Event 5X. Maurice Reckitt Bowl. Handicap Singles

First Round. W.E. Moore (1) bt. Mrs E.B.T. Tanner (12) + 19. Miss P. Shine (7) bt. Mrs L.B. Barnes (11) + 7. T.F. Owen (0) bt. E. Asa-Thomas (7) + 16. Mrs E.A. Staddon (5½) bt. Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (5) + 6. L.B. Barnes (6½) bt. G.F. Paxon (5½) + 15. Mrs E. Asa-Thomas (3) bt. Mrs E.M. Lewis (8) + 8. Mrs R.E. Tucker (4½) bt. M.A. Holford (8) (W/O). J.S.H. Battison (2) bt. H.A. Sheppard (5) + 19.

Second Round. N.W.T. Cox (4) bt. E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (½) + 22. G.A. Hutcheson (4) bt. Mrs E.M. Speer (5½) + 14. Moore bt. Miss Shine +13. Owen bt. Staddon + 8. Barnes bt. Mrs Asa-Thomas + 11. Battison bt.

Mrs Tucker + 5. Tanner bt. Mrs Longman (7) (W/O). P.J. Death (2) bt. Mrs M. Grout (7½) + 10.

Third Round. Hutcheson bt. Cox + 10. Owen bt. Moore + 3. Battison bt. Barnes + 8. Death bt. Tanner + 10.

Semi-final. Hutcheson bt. Owen + 11. Battison bt. Death + 5.

Final. Battison bt. Hutcheson + 7.

Event 5Y. Handicap Singles.

First Round. Barnes bt. Mrs Tanner + 5. Mrs Tyrwhitt-Drake bt. E Asa-Thomas (opp conc). Lewis bt. Paxon (opp conc). Mrs Tucker bt. Sheppard (opp conc).

Second Round. Tyrwhitt-Drake bt. Mrs Speer + 8. Mrs Tyrwhitt-Drake bt. Barnes + 5. Mrs Tucker bt. Lewis + 1(OT). Tanner bt. Mrs Grant + 6.

Semi-final. Tyrwhitt-Drake bt. Mrs Tyrwhitt-Drake (W/O). Tanner bt. Mrs Tucker + 1 (OT).

Final. Tyrwhitt-Drake bt. Tanner + 8.

Event 6. Handicap Doubles.

First Round. Mrs Mallinson & Mrs Cox bt. Mrs Tucker & Mrs Grant + 19. Miss Shine & W. Moore bt. Mr. & Mrs Tyrwhitt-Drake + 8. Mr. & Mrs Barnes bt. Mrs Lewis & G.F. Paxon + 2.

Second Round. Mr. & Mrs Asa-Thomas bt. Mr. & Mrs Tanner + 2. Mrs Mallinson & Cox bt. Miss Shine & Moore + 17. Mr. & Mrs Barnes bt. Mr. & Mrs Hutcheson + 5. J.S.H. Battison & Mrs Rankin bt. Mrs Speer & P.J. Death + 9.

Semi-final. Mrs Mallinson & Cox bt. Mr. & Mrs Asa-Thomas + 2 (OT). Mr. & Mrs Barnes bt. Battison & Mrs Rankin + 9.

Final. Mr. & Mrs Barnes bt. Mrs Mallinson & Cox + 11.

Colchester 5 — 9 July

It was an innovation this year to hold the main tournament over a period of 5 days, commencing on Sunday with a concentration on Doubles.

However, the entry exceeded the previous year and full use was made of the fifth court, five miles away from Headquarters in a delightful setting that was originally a Rectory garden, but is now occupied by Dr. Dean, whose excellent lawn is his pride and joy.

There was more double-banking than usual, which did not suit everybody's taste, but for continuing winners the pace was hot; Robin Hobbs played 17 games in 5 days and Martin Coward 14, being successful in the 'A' class event, the X handicap singles and the Doubles with R. Allim. Fortunately, all are young men!

The Cambridge contingent travelled the 46 miles each way daily, and invariably, when waiting for a colleague in play until late, indulged in friendlies or practice.

Two newcomers to croquet among the club members, Gerard Healy and Chris Sheen, played well, with accurate long shooting and were always searching for breaks. Gerard's handicap was reduced from 4 to 3 after the Tournament and he will have to bid goodbye to the handsome Locke Bowl which he won.

Humphrey Hicks was, as usual, a welcome visitor. Although tucked away in a shady corner reading or working when not playing, he misses nothing of those games which he considers worth watching and is generous with verbal coaching on the clubhouse verandah.

In the 'C' class event, the Cordy Salver was won by Paul Hetherington who, after taking his school Exams, proceeded to beat his mother in the final. Mrs. Pat Hetherington, however, won the Y Handicap and both shed a bisque.

All present luxuriated in the brilliant sunshine which blessed most of the tournament and the lawns were a delight to play on, a credit to Edward Duffields' care and knowledge; with the execrable summer previously suffered, they had not dried out, as sometimes, and there was a near perfect reaction to a light and accurate touch.

Harry Green acted as manager and kept on top of his job by living in his caravan in the club grounds!

Event 1: John Foreman Cup. Handicap 1 or over.

DRAW

First Round: R.M. Hobbs bt R.D. Bowen w/o opp. Scr. M.J. Coward bt G.S. Digby +2 S.J.D. Meads bt R.S. Alford +21.

Second Round: J.R. Hilditch bt R.B. Berry +9. Hobbs bt Coward +3. N.J. Stanford bt Meads +12.

Semi-final: Hobbs bt Hilditch +26. Girling bt Stanford +11.

Final: Hobbs bt Girling +3.

PROCESS

First Round. Hilditch bt Stanford +10 (T). Hobbs bt Lt. Col Nicholls +17. Girling bt Berry +8.

Second Round: Hilditch bt Digby +2 (T). Hobbs bt Meads +5. Coward bt Girling +5.

Semi-final: Hobbs bt Hilditch +3. Coward bt Alford +18.

Final: Coward bt Hobbs +15.

Play-off: Coward bt Hobbs +22.

Event 2. Locke Bowl. Handicap 4 or over.

First Round: R.O. Calder (5½) bt G.F. Hallett (4) +16. Mrs. P.H. Mann (7½) bt F.E.M. Puxon (7½) +10 (T).

Second Round: G.P. Healy (4) bt Mrs. E.E. Bressley (4) +18. Calder bt C.L. Sheen (5½) +17. Mrs. G.S. Digby (5) bt Mrs. Mann +11. R.M. Allim (4) bt Mrs. F. Stanley-Smith (7) +11.

Semi-final: Healy bt Calder +12. Allim bt Mrs. Digby +16.

Final: Healy bt Allim +8.

Event 3. Corby Salver. Handicap 8 or over.

First Round: Mrs. J.A. Hetherington (9) bt M.A. Howard (8) +9. Mrs. I. Chadwick (9) bt J.L. Eden (12) +11.

Semi-final: Mrs. Hetherington bt P.H. Mann (9) +7. P. Hetherington (11) bt Mrs. Chadwick +12.

Final: Mrs. Hetherington bt Hetherington +4.

Event 4. Franklin Cup. Handicap Singles.

First Round: R.M. Hobbs (2) bt R.B. Berry (3) +2. R.A. Girling (2½) bt Dr. L.J. Chandler (7) +9. R.M. Allim (4) bt G.S. Digby (2½) +26. Mrs. E.E. Bressley (4) bt C.L. Sheen (5½) +12 (T). E.D. Bowen (2) bt Lt. Col. A.W. Nicholls (4) +3. Mrs. F. Stanley-Smith (6) bt Mrs. G.S. Digby (5) +1 (T). R.O. Calder (5½) bt P.H. Mann (9) +1 (OT). J.D. Meads (1½) bt H.O. Hicks (½) +2.

Second Round: G.P. Healy (4) bt G.F. Hallett (4) +22. M.A. Holford (8) bt Mrs. P.H. Mann (7½) +18. Hobbs bt Girling +11. Mrs. Bressley bt Allim +9. Bowen bt Mrs. Stanley-Smith +14. Calder bt Meads +7. J.R. Hilditch (2½) bt Mrs. J.A. Hetherington (9) +10. R.S. Alford (3) bt M.J. Coward (2) +26.

Third Round: Holford bt Healy +22. Hobbs bt Mrs. Bressley +6. Calder bt Bowen w/o opp. Scr. Hilditch bt Alford +15.

Semi-final: Hobbs bt Holford +24. Calder bt Hilditch +16.

Final: Calder bt Hobbs +25.

Event 4. Lexden Goblet Y Singles

First Round: R.B. Berry (3) bt Dr. C.J. Chandler (7) +7. C.L. Sheen (5½) bt G.S. Digby (2½) +1(T). Lt. Col. A.W. Nicholls (4) bt Mrs. G.S. Digby (5) +12. M.O. Hicks (½) bt P.M. Mann (9) +15.

Second Round: G.F. Hallett (4) bt Mrs. P.M. Mann (7½) +11. Berry bt Sheen +18. Nicholls bt Hicks +17. Mrs. J.A. Hetherington (9) bt R.S. Alford (3) +22.

Semi-final: Berry bt Hallett +11. Mrs. Hetherington bt Nicholls +17.

Final: Mrs. Hetherington bt Berry +10.

Event 5. Clark & Cork Trophies Handicap Doubles.

First Round: Lt. Col. A.W. Nicholls & Mrs. F. Stanley-Smith (10) bt Dr. & Mrs. C.J. Chandler (18) +1 O.T. M.J. Coward & R.M. Allim (6) bt G.F. Hallett & J.R. Hilditch (6½) +3.

Second Round: R.O. Calder & R.A. Girling (8) bt Mr. & Mrs. P.H. Mann (16½) +20. G.P. Healy & R.M. Hobbs (1) bt Nicholls & Mrs. Stanley-Smith +24. Coward & Allim bt C.L. Sheen & M.A. Holford (13½) +16. Mr. & Mrs. G.S. Digby (7½) bt Mrs. J.A. Hetherington & P. Hetherington (20) +9 O.T.

Semi-final: Healy & Hobbs bt Calder & Girling +14. Coward & Allim bt Mr. & Mrs. Digby +14.

Final: Coward & Allim bt Healy & Hobbs +17.

C.A. (England) v C.A. (Scotland) 8 — 9 August at Nottingham

For the third successive year the English team triumphed, repeating the 6-3 victory obtained in 1980. However, the visitors performed gallantly and the match was far closer than it sounds from the overall results as scrutiny of the individual match scores will suggest. In fact due to the unexpected unavailability of both Michael Heap and Frank Norton from the Scottish team plus handicap reductions of three of the English team since the team was chosen in the Spring, the match had an unbalanced look about it because the combined handicap of the Scots was 14 as opposed to a combined handicap of 1 from the home team.

Nevertheless, after the doubles matches were completed on the Saturday the Scots led 2-1 and looked set for a possible victory. Rod Williams and Bill Spalding did well to beat Ian Vincent and Phil Johnson in straight games, although all four players seemed off form as the match lasted until after tea, despite a 10.00 a.m. start. In the first game Vincent was pegged out by the opponents with Johnson on 4-Back, and in the second game roles were reversed. In the top doubles match, Hemsted picked up a nice break, which was rapidly followed by a neat triple peel by Dave Foulser. In the second game, Foulser went round first, but Steven just could not get things sufficiently well organised to do a triple himself and the match ended in a close contest.

The weather was very poor all weekend but Sunday morning was particularly nasty with heavy rain throughout. Despite this, the top singles game provided some entertaining play with Foulser completing another triple in his first game against Stephen Wright. In the second, Foulser had done two peels and looked likely to complete another triple when he over-rolled his approach at 2-back. This let in the opponent who went round. After the lift had been missed, Wright went to the peg with his other ball, having done only one peel. After a little defensive play Foulser hit in with his forward ball and pegged out his opponent and soon after picked up a three ball break to finish the match. Margaret Lauder also had a fine weekend, because as well as being on the winning side in the doubles, beat Dab Wheeler in straight games despite a difference in handicap of 4. At this point the match score was 3-3, and out of the four remaining singles, three English players were a game down so a Scottish victory still looked probable. However, all those involved came from behind to win.

Several triples were attempted without success but only the two by Foulser were completed. However, the general standard of shooting was very good, but the heavy lawns seemed to thwart most player's efforts at picking up breaks.

Results

Saturday:

D.R. Foulser & S.R. Hemsted bt S.J.H. Wright & I.H. Wright +20TP, +4; Dr. I.G. Vincent & P.M. Johnson lost to R. Williams & W. Spalding -4, -2; M.J. Stevens & Mrs. R.F. Wheeler lost to E. Mackenzie-Bowie & Mrs. M. Lauder +14, -5, -2.

Sunday

D.R. Foulser bt S.J.H. Wright +23TP, +3; S.R. Hemsted bt R. Williams -23, +12, +5; Dr. I.G. Vincent bt E. Mackenzie-Bowie +18, +22; P.M. Johnson bt I.H. Wright -13, +7, +23; M.J. Stevens bt W. Spalding -10, +3, +4; Mrs. R.F. Wheeler lost to Mrs. M. Lauder -5, -17.

HANDICAP ALTERATIONS

Bowdon (Northern Championships) 21-27 June

	from	7½	to	7
G.K. Collin				
C. Irwin	9			7
D.J. Kelly	8			7
S.E. Lewis	4			3
I. Maugham	15(D14)			14(D12)
D. Peterson	11			10 (Non-Associate)
D.G. Richardsom	3½			4½
P. Stoker	3½			3
A.F. Sutcliffe	10			9
Mrs. E. Taylor	12(D11)			11(D9)

Nottingham Weekend 26-28 June

J.H. Bowman	2½			3
P.J. Death	2			1½
A.J. Girling	2			1½

Oxford University (Club) May-June

P.H.B. Boddington	9			7
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