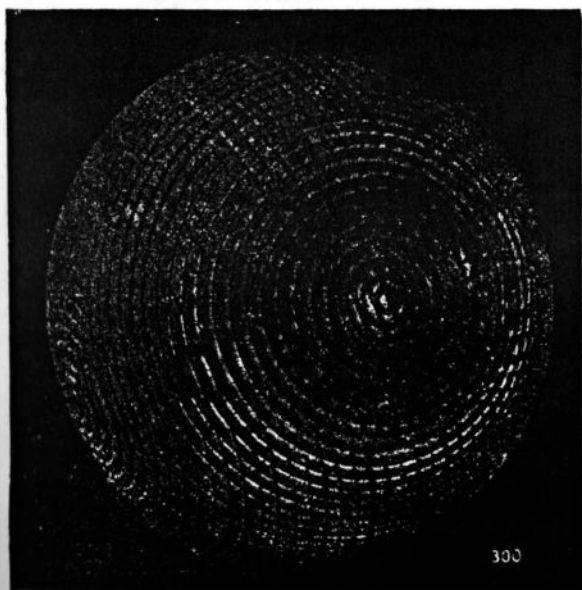


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FIXTURES FOR 1953

- May 11 **Peel Memorials (Roehampton)**. *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
- " 18 **Brighton**. *Hon. Sec.*, F. E. Corke, 28 Mansfield Road, Hove.
- " 25 **Inter-County Championships (Hurlingham)**. *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
- June 8 **Men's and Women's Championships and Gold Caskets (Hurlingham)**. *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
- " 8 **Ryde**. *Hon. Sec.*, H. A. Compton, 67 Monkton Street, Ryde, I.O.W.
- " 15 **Nottingham**. *Hon. Sec.*, N. L. Bright, 5 Premier Road, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham.
- " 22 **Buxton**. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. D. Chorlton, 6 The Square, Buxton.
- " 22 **Parkstone**. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. L. H. Ashton, The Orchard, Parkstone, Dorset.
- " 29 **Bedford**. *Hon. Sec.*, Miss D. D. Steel, Kings Close, Biddenham, Bedford.
- " 29 **Compton (Eastbourne)**. *Hon. Sec.*, Lt.-Col. R. A. Irwin, The Lawn, Willingdon.
- July 6 **Croquet Championships (Roehampton)**. *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
- " 13 **Budleigh Salterton**. *Hon. Sec.*, Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton.
- " 20 **Cheltenham**. *Hon. Sec.*, T. J. Gould, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- " 20 **Exmouth**. *Hon. Sec.*, Miss A. E. Mills, Grey Friars, Budleigh Salterton.
- " 27 **Ladies' Field Cup. Creyke Cups (Hurlingham)**. *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
- " 27 **Warwickshire Croquet Club (Leamington Spa)**. *Hon. Sec.*, Major A. M. Deakin, Cliffe House, Guys Cliffe Avenue, Leamington Spa.
- Aug. 3 **Hurlingham. The Games Secretary**, Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6.
- " 12 to 14 **All England Handicap Final Stages. Roehampton.**
- " 13 to 22 **Challenge Cups and Gilbey Cup (Roehampton)**. *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
- " 24 **Brighton**. *Hon. Sec.*, F. E. Corke, 28 Mansfield Road, Hove.
- " 31 **Hunstanton**. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. B. C. Perowne, 65 Victoria Avenue, Hunstanton.
- " 31 **Parkstone**. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. L. H. Ashton, The Orchard, Parkstone, Dorset.
- Sept. 7 **Exhibition Matches—All England.** L.T. & C. Club, Church Road, Wimbledon.
- " 8 **President's Cup.**
- " 8 **Silver Jubilee Cup. Golf Croquet Cups (Roehampton)**. *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
- " 21 **Roehampton Club.** *The Games Sec.*, Roehampton Club, London, S.W.15.
- " 28 **Eastbourne, Devonshire Park.** *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
- to Oct. 10
- NON-OFFICIAL FIXTURES**
- Aug. 24 **Hunstanton (American)**. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. B. C. Perowne, 65 Victoria Avenue, Hunstanton.
- " 31 **Brighton**. *Hon. Sec.*, F. E. Corke, 28 Mansfield Road, Hove.
- Sept. 7 **Cheltenham**. *Hon. Sec.*, T. J. Gould, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

NOTICES

The Annual Subscription of £1 is due and payable on January 1st.

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Price 3s. 6d.

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ENTRY FORMS for tournaments

Pads of 25 price 2/-, can now be obtained from the Secretary, C.A.; 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

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Associates who wish to become Managers or Handicappers should send in their names to the Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, W.C.1.

Associates who wish to become Referees may make their own arrangements with the necessary two Examining Referees to take the examination prescribed by the Laws Committee, or, in case of difficulty, they may send in their names to the Secretary, C.A. The names of the Examining Referees will be found in the 1953 editions of the C.A. Year Book and the Handbook of Laws, etc.

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CROQUET ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT AT ROEHAMPTON

Only competitors who are not members of the club must sign the gate book.

Visitors must NOT sign the book but will be admitted on production of C.A. membership card, and payment of gate fee of 2s. 6d.

LORN C. APPS,

Secretary.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Long Shot

During a break every stroke is of importance, and on the accuracy of each one of them so much depends; a perfect rush to the first hoop, at the beginning of the break, has special value, giving an easy approach to that hoop and providing those little niceties that follow thereafter to establish a perfect all-round break. But of paramount importance is the long shot—the key that provides access to the innings and the right of way through those narrow passages formed by iron uprights with square tops that we are pleased to call hoops.

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The Successful Long Shot

Now though there can be no doubt about the tremendous value of the long shot which we have been extolling; and though every player would like to know how to become an accurate long shot, we find it difficult even to give anything like an infallible formula to achieve this.

To start with, the game of croquet is never played on a surface like a billiards table—or, indeed, anything approaching it. And although in the *C.A. Gazette* of April, 1952, we had a very interesting article on straight shooting from Commander D. W. Roe, the uneven nature of the surface of the court did not seem to have been considered; the nice behaviour of the face of the mallet on the ball when the stroke is made, though undoubtedly of great importance, must often be considerably spoilt by the ground, and what would have been a straight long shot—starting with forward spin, is robbed of this—and success—some time before it reaches its target.

Here we would like to say that the player who does become a good long shot must be able, of course, to use the value of the innings which the long shot gives him to the full.

The striker who has to keep on using his powers of successful long shooting, without making any points from such advantage, is not to be considered in this article.

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The Ball and the Long Shot

Of the three chief factors that contribute to the making of the long shot—the man behind the mallet, the ball, and the ground—we have often wondered to find how little thought is given to the ball; the surface of the court gets nearly all the blame for the mallet ball turning off the object ball at the last minute. The human factor that directs the mallet must be the most important of the three; and though "to err is human" we have been inclined to take the view that either the surface or the ball would be more often in error than the "minus" man with the mallet.

Recently, however, we visited the works of Messrs. John Jaques and Son Ltd., and, after seeing mallets in course of making, we asked Mr. Jaques what kind of test is given to the balls before they are sent out to tournaments. We were taken to a rigorously precise surface covered with a fine cloth, at one end of which was a sloping rail, accurately fitting the balls, on which each was placed and gently released.

This testing exhibition convinced us that the ball is the least likely of the three factors previously mentioned to cause a long shot to turn off. Any ball that does not run straight down this long level surface is rejected.

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For the benefit of Club Secretaries compiling Tournament Programmes for publication in the Gazette, we would stress the fact that there is now no Ayres' Championship Ball. Messrs. Jaques have acquired the formula of that famous ball which is now known as Jaques "Eclipse" Championship Ball.

More Powers to Referees

The Laws Committee's decision to give powers to the Referee of a Tournament enabling him, and/or two of his Assistant Referees, to call attention at once to any infringement of the laws, will, we feel, be generally welcomed—though a temporary regulation.

Our correspondent "Novitiate" stresses the fact that croquet is the only game where there is no "umpire" to regulate it—in tournaments, presumably, is meant.

This is most regrettable in our opinion—and, at the same time, impracticable. We would add that there is probably no other game where a referee on every court is more necessary; the very nature of the game demands it.

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Compton Tournament

It is most welcome news to learn that the Compton Club are to hold an Open Tournament on June 29th to July 4th. We hope that there will be an entry both of quantity and quality to support this old established Club at Eastbourne; at one time it seemed likely to disappear.

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Reigate Priory Club

We would also like to call attention to the above Club, and to record that at a General Meeting recently Mrs. F. N. Hodson was unanimously invited to become its President. Her late husband had been Secretary for many years, and the Club owes much of its success to his wise counsel and skill as stated in the last Gazette. New Members would be gladly welcomed.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCES AT COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

May, 1952, to April, 1953

	Laws	Tournament Finance, Election and Gazette	Publicity	Golf Croquet	Special	Handicap Appeal	Total Attendances	Council	Total Attendances	Total Possible Attendances
Adams, Col. C. C. ...	1	1	2	1	1	6	5	11	14	
Beaton, Mrs. R. C. J. ...	1	...	1	1	...	3	5	8	10	
Bird, C. B. ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	7	8	8	
Brackenbury, Rev. B. V. F. ...	1	2	1	...	1	5	7	12	12	
Buckland, D. E. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	9	
Bright, N. L. ...	co-o	pted	Nov	6th	3	3	3	3	3	
Clarke, Col. J. G. ...	1	...	...	1	...	2	7	9	9	
Cotton, W. E. C. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	11	
Cotter, E. P. C. ...	...	...	...	1	...	1	3	4	9	
Dibley, Major J. H. ...	...	2	1	...	...	3	6	9	10	
Duffield, E. P. ...	1	1	2	1	1	6	7	13	14	
Darby, L. F. C. ...	1	2	1	...	1	5	4	9	14	
<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>										
Gurney-Dixon, Lady ...	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	9	
Evans, G. V. ...	...	...	...	1	...	1	6	7	8	
Lintern, Miss D. A. ...	1	1	1	...	...	3	7	10	11	
Nickisson, Mrs. L. E. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
G. ...	1	...	...	1	...	2	7	9	9	
Oddie, N. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	9	
Reckitt, M. B. ...	1	1	...	...	1	3	7	10	11	
Reeve, Mrs. E. ...	1	1	...	...	...	2	4	6	9	
Solomon, G. W. ...	...	...	1	...	...	1	4	5	10	
Trollope, Brig. H. C. ...	co-o	pted	Nov	6th	2	2	2	3	3	
N. ...	1	...	1	...	...	2	6	8	9	
Turketine, Mrs. G. J. ...	1	1	...	1	...	3	7	10	10	
Wiggins, B. H. ...	1	1	...	1	...	3	7	10	10	
Wiggins, Dr. W. ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	5	6	8	
R. D. ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	5	6	8	

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1952

EXPENDITURE.		INCOME.	
1951.	£ s. d.	1951.	£ s. d.
12 To Medals	34 13 3	586 By Subscriptions	568 0 0
111 ,, Prizes at Meetings—		16 ,, Donations	6 12 6
Roehampton	47 18 0	14 ,, Affiliation Fees, Overseas Clubs	15 19 6
Hurlingham	15 0 0	284 ,, Entry Fees—	
Eastbourne	42 0 6	Roehampton	126 15 6
		Hurlingham	44 4 0
		Eastbourne	110 5 0
241 ,, Expenses at Meetings—	104 18 6		
Roehampton	15 3 3	126 ,, Levy and Tribute	281 4 6
Hurlingham	47 17 0	88 ,, Sales—	232 12 0
Eastbourne	122 10 1	Year Book	21 10 3
Roehampton Club Associates' Fees...	48 17 6	Laws	69 12 11
Engraving and Carriage of Trophies	20 17 1	Hints to Long Bisquers	1 4 0
		Croquet and Entry Forms	9 0 5
567 ,, Printing and Publications—	255 4 11		
Publication of C.A. Gazette	379 0 11	82 ,, Advertisements in Gazette	101 7 7
Editor's Salary	58 16 0	29 ,, Dividends and Interest, less Tax—	71 3 6
Printing Laws	46 1 6	Roehampton Club Debentures	10 10 0
Printing Year Book	55 11 6	London County Cons. 3½%	8 6 8
		War Stock 3½%	9 3 8
100 ,, Salary, Secretary	539 9 11	P.O.S.B. Interest 3 years	8 2 3
290 ,, Rent Office, Cleaning, Light and Heat	100 0 0		
26 ,, Repairs to Premises	284 5 1	150 ,, Rent Received	36 2 7
28 ,, Office Stationery	40 3 6	104 ,, Excess of Expenditure over Income	150 0 0
10 ,, Telephone...	10 17 7		
7 ,, Insurance Trophies and Office Contents	—		
20 ,, Postage	18 0 9		
10 ,, Audit Fee	10 10 0		
54 ,, Travelling and Sundry Expenses	50 4 6		
3 ,, Corporation Duty	2 13 1		
— ,, Excess of Income over Expenditure	5 6 11		
£1,479	£1,463 2 2		£1,463 2 2

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1952

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
1951.	£ s. d.	1951.	£ s. d.
11 To SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE	6 11 0	737 By CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND	658 2 9
202 ,, SUNDRY CREDITORS—Expenses Outstanding	137 3 1	202 ,, DEPOSIT—Post Office Savings Bank—	
50 ,, VICTORY FUND—As per last Balance Sheet	50 2 4	As at 1st January, 1952	202 2 4
2,763 ,, ACCUMULATED FUND—		Add Interest 3 years to 31.12.52	14 3 9
As at 1st January, 1952	2,762 13 0		
Add Excess Income 1952	5 6 11	930 ,, INVESTMENTS AT COST—	216 6 1
		£453 9s. 9d. London County Consolidated	
		3½% Stock 1958-68	430 10 0
		£493 3s. 0d. War Stock 3½%	500 0 0
		(Market Value 31.12.51, £825 10s. 3d.)	930 10 0
		(Market Value 31.12.52, £798 5s. 2d.)	
		£500 Roehampton Country Club Debentures	500 0 0
		£10 Roehampton Country Club Ordinary Shares	10 0 0
			1,440 10 0
		75 ,, OFFICE FURNITURE—	
		As per last Balance Sheet	74 18 0
		572 ,, TROPHIES—	
		As per last Balance Sheet	571 19 6
			£2,961 16 4

E. P. DUFFIELD, *Chairman of Council.*
 Col. C. C. ADAMS, *Vice-Chairman of Council.*
 L. F. C. DARBY, *Hon. Treasurer C.A.*

£3,026

£2,961 16 4

We have obtained 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 above Balance Sheet and find it correct in all respects with the books. In our opinion and to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, the Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the Association's affairs at 31st December, 1952, 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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19th January, 1953.

BECBIE, ROBINSON & CO., *Chartered Accountants.*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Croquet Association will be held at the Hurlingham Club, Fulham, S.W.6, on Tuesday, May 26th, 1953, at 2.30 p.m.

(Associates will be admitted free on production of 1953 Membership Card and signing the Gate Book.)

AGENDA.

1. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
2. Accounts and Balance Sheet.
3. Report of the Council for 1952.
4. Election of Hon. Treasurer.
Mr. L. F. C. Darby retires and offers himself for re-election.
5. Election of eight members of Council for a period of three years. The following retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election: C. B. Bird, D. E. Buckland, W. E. C. Cotton, Miss D. A. Lintern, M. B. Reckitt, G. W. Solomon, Mrs. G. J. Turketine, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins.
6. Any other business.

GOLF CROQUET

HURLINGHAM *versus* ROEHAMPTON

Played at Roehampton on 18th April, 1953

SINGLES.

- D. E. Buckland bt Mrs. G. J. Turketine by 1.
T. E. Miles bt Mrs. D. Attfield by 4 and 3.
K. E. Shelley lost to Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts by 1.
Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton bt H. F. Crowther-Smith by 1.
N. A. Williams bt S. M. Adler by 2 and 1.
C. Bicknell bt Mrs. Adler by 3 and 2.

DOUBLES.

- T. E. Miles and D. E. Buckland bt H. F. Crowther-Smith and Mrs. Adler by 2.
Mrs. Beaton and K. E. Shelley bt Mrs. Turketine and S. M. Adler by 2.
N. A. Williams and C. Bicknell bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and Mrs. Attfield by 2.

RESULT—Hurlingham bt Roehampton by 8 games to 1.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor, "The Croquet Association Gazette."

Dear Sir,

I have been reading with interest the letter from Capt. Reid Walker in the Gazette about Croquet in South Africa. In February, 1932, I was staying in Capetown and won the Tournament there. We played on the Cricket Ground. It was only a small Club, but the turf was good and the players very keen. I am wondering if that Club still exists? The prize I won is on the table as I write. After all these years I may be wrong, but I think the ground we played on was called Newlands.

Yours truly,

Mrs. A. de C. HAMILTON.

4 Malvern Place, Cheltenham.

April 4th, 1953.

To the Editor, "The Croquet Association Gazette."

Sir,

We are on the threshold of the Croquet season and I want to pay my respects to those who in season and out of season do so much to preserve for the future this honoured game. I am quite a novice and know just enough about the game to appreciate the discipline, beauty, grace and all-round excellence of it as a first-class sport, especially now being not so young. So may I be pardoned for my presumption to write you upon matters which effect the maintenance of this honour and grace.

It must be the only game where the player is completely trusted by the absence of an umpire to oversee or regulate the game. For me, this is the cardinal principle of all true sport and does redound to one's honour. I feel strongly that this peculiar honour should remain inviolate. But, I have had the experience of my first tournament and from that I make the following suggestions:—

- a. That in the "C" class matches (in which some competitors are not quite so fully conversant with the rules or their correct interpretation, and, like myself, a novice), an overseer should be appointed by the Manager of the Tournament to give guidance about the rules when, perhaps, through ignorance there was an infraction of the laws.
- b. In the other Classes a person, whom I would call an "invigilator," should be appointed to see fair play. The most painful experience of my first tournament was when I almost won a game by an error which was not noticed by my adversary but was noticed by the spectators. When I was told what I had done I was glad I did not win. An invigilator would have put this right at the time and so saved me much embarrassment later.

An invigilator would have eased an uncomfortable situation for the Manager during the final of the "Open" when a player was emphatic that the third hoop had been made, the opponent was adamant that it had not. The Manager was called and had to appeal to the spectators to say what had really happened. Though there were three listed referees watching the match, it was left to a spectator to supply the necessary information.

Amongst other incidents at this Tournament I recall the following:—

- i. A glaring double-knock. Player declared it was an inadvertence and continued to play.
- ii. Player made a hoop with the wrong ball but continued and later reverted to the right ball in the same break. The opponent noticed the mistake, but being a novice, did not know what action to take.
- iii. In the Open Championship, an opponent came across the lawn to ask spectators if his opponent had made a certain hoop.
- iv. Clips misplaced but to nobody's advantage. Opponent noticed the error but did not know she was privileged to draw attention to it.

The presence of an invigilator at a game would save much time when strokes are required to be watched.

Do not think it an impertinence to write like this as I am moved only by a high and lofty purpose to maintain the best traditions of good English sportsmanship.

I am a novice at Croquet so may I sign myself as

Yours sincerely,

"NOVITIATE"

March 23rd, 1953.

(We agree very much with your views and admire your support of the high standard of English sportsmanship, so generally recognized. Editorial Notes, in this issue, draws attention to the very important temporary regulation shown on page 7 of the April C.A.G., giving Referees the power at once to call attention to any infringement of the laws.—Ed.)

OBITUARY

BRIG. H. C. N. TROLLOPE

By the death recently of Brigadier H. C. N. Trollope, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., D.L., the Association has lost a very keen and promising player, and there will be many who will miss his pleasant, friendly company.

He had only recently been co-opted to fill a vacancy on the Council.

Brig. Trollope was one of those who, badly smashed up on active service, had found croquet a boon, combining just sufficient exercise with that absorbing interest which the tactics and strokes provide in abundant variety.

SIR FRANCIS KNOWLES

The Oxford University Croquet Club suffered a great loss, early in April, in the death of its secretary Sir Francis Knowles, well known scientist and anthropologist in the University. Sir Francis was a very friendly and charming person and had been secretary for some fourteen years which included the difficult period of the war. He carried the club through a considerable crisis when, owing to University building, it was necessary to relinquish the club lawns and make new ones in the University Parks. It was in no small measure due to Sir Francis that this was achieved and the club survived.

Although Sir Francis never played in tournaments he had a club handicap of one, was a remarkable long shot and a clever tactician. It was a delight to watch his singles against Dr. Grundy.

His is indeed a great loss. It will not be easy to fill his place.

(Continued from next column)

7. 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.

8. The winning County shall be that which wins the greatest percentage of 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 on 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.

9. The winning County holds the Challenge Cup for one year or until the next Competition, whichever is the shorter period.

10. Every Competitor shall wear such flat-soled boots or shoes as cannot damage the Courts.

11. Play will begin at 11 a.m. on Monday and at 10 a.m. on other days unless otherwise notified. Entries to be made to the Secretary, C.A., by May 9th.

12. 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.

13. Event to be played under Variation "B."

No Entrance Fees.

Prize.—The County Championship Cup.
Hoops 3¼ in. wide, and "Brento" Balls will be used.

THE INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP CUP.

Presented to the C.A. by the Hon. Arthur Capell, will be played for at THE HURLINGHAM CLUB (By kind permission of the Committee of the Hurlingham Club)

On MONDAY, MAY 25th, 1953
AND FOLLOWING DAYS

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Mrs. L. E. G. Nickisson.

Assistant Referees on the Official List will be appointed on the ground under Reg. 15 (a).

Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

Holders—Middlesex

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. An ordinary 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 his club is situated.

f. Channel Islands, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales to be treated as Counties.

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 *bona-fide* a resident in the County.

3. Care must be taken by those who have undertaken the collection of teams to see that all their members are properly qualified, otherwise their teams will be liable to disqualification. All qualifications must be accurately defined when the names of the teams are submitted.

4. Each County shall appoint a duly qualified Captain. Unless the Captain is included in the list of the eight nominated players (see Condition 5) he will be unable to play for the County, though he will arrange the teams, but must not give advice to any of the team during the progress of a game.

5. The collector of a team shall send to the Secretary, C.A., before May 9th, 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 also 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 amount 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. No player can be on the list of nominated players for more than one County.

If a player is obliged to withdraw before a game is concluded, such game shall go by default to the opposing pair.

6. A match between any two Counties shall consist of three games, each of the three pairs of a County playing a single game against the corresponding pair of the opposing County.

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THE CLUB TEAM CUP (Handicap)

Presented by William Longman, Esq.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager and Referee.—Secretary, Croquet Association.

Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

Holdes—Edgbaston

1. Competitors *must be both members of the C.A. and bona-fide* members of the Club for which they play. No individual may play for more than one Club during the Competition.
2. The teams shall normally consist of 4 players who will play 2 Doubles and 3 Singles. By mutual consent, however, the teams in any match may consist of 6 players. In this case the match will include as a minimum 3 Doubles which must be completed, and 2 Single games, though two competing Clubs may increase the number of Single games to 4 or 6 if they mutually agree to do so.
3. **HANDICAPS.** This Competition is to be played under C.A. Handicap. The gross handicap of any team of four players must be at least 12 bisques, or 18 bisques for a team of 6 players. The gross handicap of any pair in a team must be at least 6 bisques. Every Competitor must have a C.A. handicap of at least half a bisque.
4. To be played with the same general arrangements and conditions as hold for the All-England Handicap and the Inter-Club Championship in so far as they apply.
5. The Clubs entering will be drawn on the "Bagnall-Wild" system.
6. Competing Clubs will play on mutually agreed grounds. If they cannot agree, the match shall be played on a convenient neutral ground chosen by the Manager. If such ground cannot be found, or made available, the Manager shall draw lots as to which side has choice of ground.
7. The results of matches with names, initials, and handicaps of the players should be sent by the winning teams to the Secretary, C.A., who will arrange for publication in the C.A. Gazette.
8. **PRIZES.** The winning Club will hold the Cup for one year, or until the next Competition, whichever is the shorter period.
9. There are no entry fees.
10. Entries must reach the Secretary, C.A., by the 9th May, 1953.

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ALL-ENGLAND HANDICAP 1953

Winner 1952—Miss D. A. Lintern (—2½)

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Miss D. A. Lintern.

Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

1. 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 arrange to play in a Registered Club's All-England Competition in order to become eligible for the Final Stages.

A Competitor may not play in more than one Registered Club's Competition.

2. *Preliminary Stage.*—Each Club, members of which enter for the All-England Handicap, will hold a competition, under Club arrangements, to be finished by the 19th July.

Clubs entering 16 to 31 competitors will be entitled to have two representatives (the winner and the runner-up) in the Final Stages.

3. *Final Stages.*—The Club representatives will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild System and will meet in London during a period extending over August 12th to 14th.

The *Final* will be played at Roehampton on August 15th. Where there are two representatives from a Club they will be allocated to opposite quarters of the draw.

4. Qualification to hold a competition:—

No Club with an entry of less than 4 competitors is eligible to be represented.

5. *Handicaps.*—In the Club Competitions the handicapping will be under Club arrangements.

In any match of the Final Stages a competitor shall play on the C.A. Handicap that he would have been playing at in an Official Tournament during that week.

If a Non-Associate wins or is runner-up in a Club Competition, the Club Secretary will furnish the Manager with sufficient data to enable him to allot a handicap.

6. *Entry Fees.*—Entry Fee for each Competitor 3s., to be paid to the Club Secretaries. 1s. 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.
7. Club Secretaries are requested to notify the Secretary C.A., by the 9th May, if they are holding a Competition.
8. The results of Club Competitions should be sent to the Secretary, C.A., to reach her not later than July 20th.
9. Matches of single games throughout.
10. *Prizes.*—Winner and Runner-up, The Tingey Trophies, others in last eight, Bronze Medals.

SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS

Wanted a copy of Lord Tollemache's book "Croquet." Reply to Mrs. Heley, 40 Newton Road, Cambridge.

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THE PEEL MEMORIALS

will be played for at

THE ROEHAMPTON CLUB
The Headquarters of the Croquet Association

On **MONDAY, MAY 11th, 1953**
AND FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager and Handicapper.—Mrs. G. J. Turketine.

Referee.—T. Wood-Hill.

Assistant Referees on the Official List will be appointed on the ground under Reg. 15 (a).

Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

EVENTS.

Open to Associates only.

- 1.—“PEEL MEMORIAL HANDICAP” SINGLES for men. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Prizes: A Silver Challenge Bowl, and the number of other prizes will be according to the number of entries received. **This Event will be played under the “Two Life” system.** Holder—Dr. G. L. Stanley (3).
- 2.—“PEEL MEMORIAL” HANDICAP SINGLES for Women. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Prizes: A Silver Challenge Bowl, and the number of other prizes will be according to the number of entries received. **This Event will be played under the “Two Life” system.** Holder—Miss E. F. Rose (2).
- 3.—HANDICAP DOUBLES (Combined handicaps scratch or over). Entries must be made in pairs. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. for each person. Prizes: Two Silver Challenge Cups presented in memory of Lady Murray, and the number of other prizes will be according to the number of entries received. Holders—Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. M. L. Thom (7½).

CONDITIONS.

Hoops 3¼ in. wide. “Brento” Balls will be used. At least seven courts will be provided.

The winners hold the respective Challenge Trophies for one year or until the next competition, whichever is the shorter period.

The Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason and to decide any question that may arise.

Every Competitor shall wear such flat-soled boots or shoes as cannot damage the Court.

ENTRIES.

The Entries, accompanied by the Entrance Fees, for Events 1 and 2 must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, so as to reach her not later than the first post on **Wednesday, May 6th**, and for Event 3 by noon on **Tuesday, May 12th**.

Competitors must give with their entries the address at which messages will reach them during the Tournament.

PLAY.

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily unless otherwise notified.

Competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival, and ascertain, if not previously notified, at what hour they must be ready to play.

Any Competitor who wishes to leave the ground before the conclusion of play must obtain the permission of the Manager.

Any Competitor who is not present, or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so, will be liable to be scratched.

DRAW.

The Draw for Events Nos. 1 and 2 will take place at 4 Southampton Row on **Wednesday, May 6th**, at 11 a.m.

BRIGHTON

ANNUAL SUMMER CROQUET TOURNAMENT

On the Grounds of the

SUSSEX COUNTY CROQUET AND LAWN TENNIS CLUB, VICTORIA ROAD, SOUTHWICK

on

MONDAY, MAY 18th

AND FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS

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

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the C.A.
Manager, Handicapper and Referee.—Nevill (1) Esq.

Assistant Referees will be appointed under Reg. 15 (a).
Hon. Secretary.—F. E. Corke, 28 Mansfield Road, Hove 3.

EVENTS.

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. THE “ABBKEY” CHALLENGE CUP. Presented by W. H. Abbey, Esq. For three games. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players not entering Event 3. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. “X.Y.Z.” system of handicaps. For players not entering Events 1 and 2. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 4.—HANDICAP DOUBLES (Unrestricted). Entrance Fee, 8s. each player.

The provisions of Regulation 13 (a) will apply in the discretion of the Manager.

Entrance Fees include C.A. Levy.
Extra Event if time permits.

ENTRIES.

Entries for Events 1, 2 and 3 must reach the Secretary by the first post on **Thursday, May 14th**. Those for Event 4 may be made on the ground up to **p.m., Tuesday, May 19th**.

Entries in all cases must be accompanied with Entrance Fees.

Non-Associates (except members of the S.C.C. and Club) pay a tribute of 10s. to the C.A. (5s. if the tribute in only one Event); but on becoming an Associate the tribute paid in the current year is credited against subscription.

The Committee reserves the right of refusing any entry without assigning a reason.

THE DRAW.

The Draw for Events 1, 2 and 3 will take place at **Southwick on Thursday, May 14th**, at 2.30 p.m. Event 4 on **Tuesday, May 19th**, at 2.30 p.m.

PLAY.

Play will commence at 10 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. or later if necessary each day.

Players coming from a distance requiring leave must notify it on their Entry Form. No leave will be granted later than 12 noon **Monday**, unless the exigencies of the Draw permit.

PRIZES.

According to Entries.

Standard Setting and Jaques Eclipse Balls will be used. Every Competitor will wear such flat-soled shoes as cannot damage the Court.

Competitors will be made Hon. Members of the C.A. during the Tournament.

Nine Courts will be available.

Light Luncheons and Teas will be obtainable on Motor Bus Service from **BRIGHTON** every 10 minutes via Western Road or by Green Bus along the coast. Also Train Service to Southwick Station.

Free Parking for Cars on the Ground.

THE GOLD CASKETS MEETING

The Men's Championship and Gold Casket,
The Women's Championship and Gold Casket,
The Mixed Doubles Championship, and
The "Du Pre" Cup

will be played for at

HURLINGHAM, on MONDAY, JUNE 8th, 1953
AND FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager and Handicapper.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.

Referee.—C. B. Bird.

Assistant Referees on the Official List will be appointed on the ground under Reg. 15 (a).

Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

EVENTS.

Open to Associates only.

- 1.—**THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP.** Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Matches best of three games. Prizes: The winner becomes the holder for the year of the Gold Challenge Casket presented by the late Viscount Doneraile, and a Challenge Trophy presented by Sir Francis Colchester-Wemyss, K.B.E., and the late Col. C. E. Wilson, and will receive a medal. The number of other prizes will be in accordance with the entries received. Holder—Gold Casket, E. P. C. Cotter.
- 2.—**THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP.** Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Matches best of three games. Prizes: The winner becomes the holder for the year of the Gold Challenge Casket presented by the late Viscount Doneraile, a Challenge Silver Bowl presented by "The Ladies' Field," the Gold Challenge Badge and Gold Locket, and will receive a medal. The number of other prizes will be in accordance with the entries received. Holder—Gold Casket, Mrs. E. Rotherham.
- 3.—**THE MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.** Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each person. Matches of single games. Prizes: A Pair of Silver Challenge Cups, presented by the All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, and the number of other prizes will be according to the number of entries received. Holders M. B. Reckitt and Miss D. A. Lintern.
- 4.—**THE "DU PRE" CUP.** Open to competitors in Events 1 and 2 who have not qualified for the Third Round. Matches of single games throughout. This event will be played under Variation "B." Entrance Fee, 6s. Level Play. Prizes: A Challenge Cup presented by the late Lt.-Col. W. B. Du Pre, and the number of other prizes will be according to the number of entries received. Holder.—W. to number of entries received. Holder.—J. W. Solomon.
- 5.—**HANDICAP SINGLES.** Entrance Fee, 6s. Open to competitors in Events 1 and 2, at the discretion of the Manager. Matches of single games throughout.

CONDITIONS.

Hoops 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. wide. Jaques "Eclipse" balls will be used. Eight courts will be provided.

No leave can be granted till after the draw.

The winners hold the respective Challenge Trophies for one year or until the next competition, whichever is the shorter period.

The Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason.

Every Competitor shall wear such flat-soled boots or shoes as cannot damage the Courts.

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B E D F O R D Open Croquet Tournament

will be held at the CLUB GROUND

On Monday, June 29th, and five following days
(Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association).

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Miss D. D. Steel.
Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Club.

EVENTS.

- 1.—**OPEN SINGLES "Two Lives" (TOM DICKSON CHALLENGE CUP).** Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Variation "B".
- 2.—**HANDICAP SINGLES (STEEL CUP).** For players of 4 bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d. Divided in two sections if enough entries.
- 3.—**HANDICAP SINGLES.** Winner to hold Challenge Salver presented by G. W. Mason through the courtesy of the C.A. Open to all. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 4.—**HANDICAP DOUBLES.** Combined Handicap not less than one bisque. (BARRON CUPS). Entrance Fee, 7s. each player.

Two prizes will be given in each event.

Entrance Fees include C.A. Levy.

Five Courts will be provided.

Bridge and Tea will be available at the Club.

Play to begin at 10 a.m. each day.

Leave till 2 p.m. Monday may be granted to competitors coming from a distance.

Accommodation.—Hotels: Swan, Embankment, Bridge, De Parys Hotel and Lion.

Entries for Events 1, 2 and 3 must reach the Hon. Secretary, Miss D. D. Steel, Bedford Croquet Club, Kimbolton-road, Bedford, by first post on June 26th, 1953, Draw at 5 p.m. same day.

CONDITIONS.

Hoops 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. wide. Jaques "Eclipse" Championship Balls will be used.

The winners hold the respective Challenge Trophies for one year or until the next competition, whichever is the shorter period.

The Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason and to decide any question that may arise.

Every Competitor shall wear such flat-soled boots or shoes as cannot damage the Court.

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ENTRIES.

The Entries, accompanied by the Entrance Fees, for Events 1 and 2 must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, so as to reach her not later than the first post on Wednesday, June 4th, and for Event 3 by noon on Tuesday, June 9th. Entries for events 4 and 5 can be received only on the ground.

Competitors must give with their entries the address at which messages will reach them during the Tournament.

DRAW.

The Draw for Events 1 and 2 will take place at 4 Southampton Row at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4th, and for Events 3, 4 and 5 as will be announced on the ground.

PLAY.

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily unless otherwise notified.

Competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival, and ascertain if not previously notified, at what hour they must be ready to play.

Any Competitor who wishes to leave the ground before the conclusion of play must obtain the permission of the Manager.

Any Competitor who is not present, or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so, will be liable to be scratched.

The semi-finals and finals will be so arranged that play in them will extend over the afternoons of Friday and Saturday.

RYDE**LAWN TENNIS AND CROQUET CLUB****THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL****OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT**

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

will be held on

MONDAY, 8th JUNE, 1953**AND FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS**at the **CLUB GROUND, PLAY LANE, RYDE**

Committee.—Mrs. J. C. Blake, Mrs. R. H. Burrell
Miss F. Colyer, H. A. Compton, Esq., Miss Preston,
Miss Walker, Mrs. Ward.

Manager and Handicapper.—Major J. H. Dibley, M.C.
Referee.—To be appointed.

Assistant Referees and Umpires may be appointed
under Reg. 14 (e) and (f).

Hon. Secretary.—H. A. Compton, 67 Monkton Street,
Ryde, I.W.

EVENTS

- 1.—ISLE OF WIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OPEN SINGLES. The Challenge Trophy. To be won three years in succession or five times in all. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Present holder: Mrs. F. N. Latham. This Event will be played under the "Two Life System." Variation "B".
 - 2.—LEVEL SINGLES (Class B). The Chapman Cup. To be held by the winner for one year or until next Tournament. Open to players with 3 to 6 bisques. Law 44 suspended. Final—Best of three Games. Entrance Fee, 7s. Present holder: Dr. B. R. Sandiford.
 - 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (Class C). The Benest Cup. To be won three years in succession or four times in all. Open to players with 6½ to 9 bisques. Entrance Fee, 7s. Present holder: Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth.
 - 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES (Class D). The Hutton Cup. Open to players with 10 bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 7s. Present holder: Miss M. G. Allen.
- No player may enter for more than one of the above Events.*
- 5.—HANDICAP SINGLES. ("X.Y."). The Dibley Cup. Entrance Fee, 8s. Joint holders: Mrs. F. N. Latham and Dr. B. R. Sandiford.
 - 6.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Unrestricted. Open to all. Entrance Fee, 8s. each player. A time limit of 3½ hours will apply to this Event.

All Events except No. 1 and Final of No. 2, single games throughout.

The C.A. Levy is included in all Entrance Fees.

Should time permit there will be an Extra Event.

Prizes.—Two for each Event if sufficient entries.

Entries.—For Events 1 to 5, together with Fees and C.A. Tribute of 10s. where payable, must reach the Hon. Secretary by 12 midday on Thursday, 4th June. Entries for Doubles (Event 6), close on the ground at 8 p.m. on Monday, 8th June.

Draw.—The Draw for Events 1 to 5 will take place at the Club Pavilion at 3 p.m. on Friday, 5th June. For the Doubles at 6 p.m. on Monday, 8th June.

Play.—Will commence at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 8th June, and at 10 a.m. or earlier on following days. Players not present when called on to play will be liable to be scratched.

General.—Six Lawns provided. Standard Setting. Luncheon and Tea provided in Pavilion. A Motor Bus from the Pier sets down close to the Ground, Service 7.

Every Competitor shall wear such flat-soled boots or shoes as cannot damage the Ground.

Hotels.—Spencer's Inn, Yelf's Hote. Seaford—14 St. Thomas Street.

Guest House (specially recommended) Mrs. Taylor, 70 Pellhurst Road, Ryde, I.W.

NOTTINGHAM**CROQUET CLUB**

Telephone: 549371

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

Will be played during the week commencing Monday

JUNE 15th, 1953

(Under the laws and regulations of the Croquet Association.)

Manager of Tournament.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.
Referee and Handicapper.—Miss D. D. Steel.

Hon. Tournament Secretary and Treasurer.—Neville L. Bright, 5 Premier Road, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham (Tel.: 64806).

Chairman of Committee.—Mrs. J. R. Elliott, 13 Ebers Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham (Tel. 64354).

EVENTS.

First and Second Prizes may be given in each event.
An Assistant Referee will be appointed on the ground under Reg. 15 (a).

- 1.—"ROBIN HOOD" HANDICAP CHALLENGE TROPHY (Presented by the Croquet Association) for Associates only. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d.
- 2.—OPEN SINGLES (Variation "B"). Challenge Bowl presented by the Nottingham Croquet Club. Single Games.—The final of this event will be the best of 3 games, time permitting. Regulations for Official Tournaments Reg. 13 (a) and (b) will be applied if considered necessary or advisable. Entrance Fee, 9s.
- 3.—LEVEL SINGLES. 5 bisques and over. Single games. Challenge Bowl presented by the late Mr. L. L. Bright. No lifts (Law 44, a, b, c, will not apply). Entrance Fee, 9s.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES (X.Y.Z.). Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.
Winner of X—Challenge Trophy presented by Mrs. J. W. Naake.
Winner of Y—Challenge Trophy presented by the late Mrs. Reynolds Hole.
Winner of Z—Challenge Trophy presented by Mrs. F. A. Wadsworth.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES (Unrestricted). Challenge Twin Trophies presented by Mrs. Hitchen. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d. each.

CONDITIONS.

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 should reach the Hon. Tournament Secretary, not later than Friday, June 12th, accompanied by a cheque. Entry forms for the Doubles Event may be deferred until Tuesday, June 16th.

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily or earlier.

Leave of absence may be arranged on application to the Manager. No leave will be permitted after 2 p.m. on the opening day.

Players must present themselves punctually and must not leave the ground without permission previously obtained from the Manager.

Lunches and Teas will be served each day in the Pavilion at moderate charge.

Seven Lawns will be available and choice of Lawn will be determined by draw. Standard setting of the lawns, 3½ in. hoops. A Bridge Pavilion will be provided.

The Winners hold the respective Challenge Trophies for one year or until the next competition.

To prevent damage to the lawns every competitor shall wear flat-soled boots or shoes.

Ample Car Park accommodation is available. Buses pass the gates leading to the Club every few minutes, the route numbers being 4, 4a, and 5a, these may be boarded in the City Centre.

List of Hotels (Licensed and Unlicensed) will be supplied on application to the Hon. Tournament Secretary.

Owing to the Test Match (England v. Australia) being played at Nottingham, June 11th and onward, early application for reservations is advisable.

BUXTON**THE NORTH OF ENGLAND TOURNAMENT**

will be held in
THE PAVILION GARDENS, BUXTON

On **MONDAY, JUNE 22nd, 1953**
AND FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS

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

Committee.—W. T. Bell, A. L. Megson, J. Hunter,
Mrs. Oram, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Chorlton.

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Miss D. D. Steel.

Hon. Treasurer.—W. T. Bell, 4 Rochester Terrace,
Buxton.

Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. D. E. Chorlton, 6 The Square,
Buxton.

EVENTS.

- 1.—**OPEN SINGLES.** "Two Lives." Final, best of three games. Variation B. The winner entitled to hold for one year, The North of England Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.
- 2.—**LEVEL SINGLES.** "Class B." Open to players of 3½ Bisches and over. Law 44 suspended. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d.
- 3.—**HANDICAP SINGLES.** "X.Y.Z." System. Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 10s.
- 4.—**HANDICAP DOUBLES.** Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d. each player.
All Entrance Fees include C.A. Levy.

CONDITIONS.

First and second prizes will be awarded for each Event, in addition to Silver Trophies.

Non-Associates pay a tribute of 10s. to the C.A. or 5s. if competing in only one event.

Six Courts will be provided and Jaques Balls and equipment will be used with 3¼ in. Hoops.

Competitors shall wear such flat-soled footwear as cannot damage the Courts.

Morning Coffee and Afternoon Tea can be obtained on the ground.

Accommodation.—A list of Hotels and Boarding Houses will be sent on application to the Hon. Secretary.

ENTRIES.

Entries (for Events 1, 2, 3) accompanied by Entrance Fees, and made on the official form, should reach the Hon. Secretary, by Friday, June 19th. Entries for Event 4 can be received up to and including, June 23rd.

THE DRAW.

The Draw for Events 1, 2 and 3, will take place in the Club Pavilion, on Saturday, June 20th, at 8 p.m. The Draw for Event 4, on Tuesday, June 23rd, at 5 p.m.

PLAY.

Play will commence at 10 a.m. unless otherwise notified.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON**A CROQUET TOURNAMENT**

will be held on

THE CLUB GROUNDS

On **MONDAY, 13th JULY, 1953**
AND FOLLOWING DAYS

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association).

Committee.—Mrs. F. Rotherham (Chairman), Major G. F. Stone, Miss A. Mills, Col. D. W. Beamish, L. G. Walters, Esq., and G. Black, Esq.

Manager and Handicapper.—Mrs. Edmund Reeve.

Referee of the Tournament.—H. O. Hicks, Esq.

(Assistant referees and umpires may be appointed under Reg. 15 (a).)

Secretary.—Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton. (Tel.: 548).

EVENTS.

- 1.—**OPEN SINGLES.** Draw and Process. Variation B of Law 44. The Winner to hold the Colman Challenge Cup for one year or until the next competition, whichever is the shorter period. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. *Except in the case of a bye Competitors in this event will not be granted leave after 2 p.m. on Monday, 13th July.*
- 2.—**LEVEL SINGLES (Class B).** Single games, Law 44 suspended. The winner to hold the Longman Cup for one year or until the next competition, whichever is the shorter period. Open to players of 1 to 5 bisques. Entrance Fee, 9s.
- 3.—**HANDICAP SINGLES (Class C).** Single games, Variation H. Open to players of 5½ bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 9s.
N.B.—No competitor may enter for more than one of the above events.
- 4.—**HANDICAP SINGLES.** Single games. The winner to hold the Oliver Bowl for one year or until the next competition, whichever is the shorter period. Open to all. Entrance Fee, 9s.
- 5.—**HANDICAP DOUBLES.** Single games. The winners to hold the Le Messurier Cups for one year or until the next competition, whichever is the shorter period. Unrestricted except that no two minus players may play together. Entrance Fee, 7s. each player.

NOTES.

The above Entrance Fees include the C.A. Levy.

Non-Associates pay a Tribute of 10s. to the C.A. when playing in an Official Tournament, or 5s. if they compete in one Event only (except in a Tournament promoted by their own Club, when they pay such C.A. Tribute, if any, as the local Committee may determine); but on becoming an Associate any Tribute paid during the current year is refunded, or credited against the subscription.

PRIZES.

First and Second Prizes will be given in each Event, and two equal Third Prizes where Entries are sufficient.

ENTRIES.

Entries, on Association Forms please, must reach the Secretary by the following dates: For Events 1, 2, 3 and 4, by the first post on **Thursday, 9th July**; and for Event 5 by 3 p.m. on **Tuesday, 14th July**, but the Committee reserve the right to close the lists earlier should they find it necessary to do so.

THE DRAW.

The Draw for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 will take place in the Club Pavilion on Thursday, 9th July, at 11 a.m., and for Event 5 on Tuesday afternoon, 14th July.

Luncheons and Teas will be provided on the ground at moderate prices. Bridge Rooms are available.

Standard Setting, 3¼ in. Hoops.

Play will commence each day at 10 a.m. or earlier if necessary.

Every Competitor shall wear such flat-soled boots or shoes as cannot damage the Court.

Eight lawns will be provided. Further courts by Courtesy of Exmouth Croquet Club will be used if entries necessitate.

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