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Change of Address

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Reckitt are leaving Greenways, Guildown, Guildford, on September 8th, and in the future their sole address will be 157, St. James's Court, Buckingham Gate, S.W.1, but on October 25th they sail for New Zealand where airmail letters may be addressed c/o New Zealand Government Tourist Bureau, P.O. Box 428, Auckland, New Zealand. They leave New Zealand on March 8th and will arrive in London, April 9th, 1958.

NOTES by ROVER

All for the Best

"All animals are equal," said Pig in George Orwell's *Animal Farm*, "but some are more equal than others." All candidates for the President's Cup may be fairly assumed to be pretty good, but some are certainly better than others and it is a pity that circumstances (or something) have of late years prevented several of these from appearing in this unique competition. Few, one supposes, would have much difficulty in selecting perhaps seven of what would truly be our Best Eight, but of these seven only three appeared at Roehampton in this year's contest. This is an event of which one is particularly moved to say "let the best man win," and it must be somewhat galling to whoever does win if he should feel that he has been denied the opportunity of proving that he is indisputably the best man of the year. The winner on this occasion, however, need have no regrets on this account. John Solomon's splendid tally of games, following on his decisive victory at Hurlingham, does much to confirm the opinion, shared by not a few, that he is the finest player not only of this but of all time. A word of congratulation is due to Mr. Longman who in making his 21st appearance in this contest has set up a record likely to stand for a long while.

Will to live

There is always something of interest to be found in the *Notes from the Clubs* which appear in these pages,

Those Experiments

Rover has invited me to contribute to his page this month and as we come to the end of another season I am tempted to ask myself and my readers, what is the object of all these croquet experiments? Last season one club introduced a three-hour time limit for all its tournament games, and this year we have the fifth hoop variation. I think I do know what has prompted these experiments and I am equally certain that, in spite of all that has been written in former issues of this journal there are many associates who do not know. The other day a player of some note asked me if the object of the fifth hoop variation was to help the tournament manager. The answer was, of course, no, for the object has been to try to discover, by experiment, if it is possible to shorten the game of croquet without harming it. "Why should one wish to shorten the game," asked my friend. "Because the number of associates is decreasing and the smaller clubs are dying." "But," replied my friend, "that is not because the game of croquet is at fault, it is just a question of economics." The leisured class that used to play the game is dying out; it is a new class that has the leisure today and like the Pharaoh of old who knew not Joseph, they know not croquet. Here I think my friend was right when he said the fault did not lie with the game of croquet but that times and conditions had changed. Some think we shall achieve nothing by altering croquet, others are uncertain.

but this feature in our September number included some striking examples of enterprise and initiative on the part of some of our provincial centres. We congratulate that sporting little club, Ryde, upon its jubilee, and can only add "on with the dance, let joy (and the profits therefrom) be unconfined". Our stronghold in the north at Bowdon and in the south west at Budleigh Salterton seem to be going about things in the right way to secure not only their own futures but that of the game itself. No club will ever die which has this will to live so actively at work in it; it is—literally—vital for croquet lovers to realise that they cannot wait passively for new members to clamour for admission to their clubs, but have simply got to bring before their friends the truth about that "Charm of Croquet" of which Mr. Jesson-Dibley wrote so truly and delightfully last month, though no doubt with the tactful approach he recommended in conclusion. A notable feature of the report from Budleigh was the contribution the club has made to the Dominion Tour Fund. Our guests in New Zealand are expecting us to give them a chance to recover the International Trophy in about five years time, and if we have then the men and the women to send we must make every effort to see that, if possible, we have the money too.

Work for all

We are faced with a very serious position, as clubs are dying and the number of associates is decreasing. If this tendency is not to be arrested croquet will become the game of the few who happen to live near a large and prosperous club or who can play on their own lawns. I cannot see how such a handful of enthusiasts will be able to support a croquet association.

There is no suggestion here that croquet will die for it is obviously far too good a game to do that, but it is suggested that croquet, if it continues as at present, will never be the popular game that it might be and deserves to be. But croquet need not continue as at present. Here are three suggestions. First, there are a few players who take far too long over their games and do croquet a great disservice. These long games are always remembered and give offence. Would such players bear this in mind and for the sake of croquet even risk losing a game by indulging in less negative tactics?

Secondly, tournaments are becoming an expensive luxury and already attendances at some of them are being reduced owing to heavy hotel expenses. This difficulty could be overcome if home croquet players would more often invite visiting tournament players to stay with them. All honour to those generous folk who do so now. There are many who do not, for of course it is sometimes impossible for them to do so and it is generally inconvenient and means extra work and sacrifice. Yet isn't it worth it in so good a cause?

Thirdly, there are some clubs that will never die because, as Rover has noted above, a number of their enthusiastic members are ready to give much time in helping beginners. It is often inconvenient to do so, and sometimes a labour and certainly a sacrifice. Yet again isn't it worth it?

Finally, we all have the opportunity at one time or another to undertake some personal propaganda and personal help to new players. An occasional word in

season whether to 'outsiders' or beginners can do much for the game. If croquet is to have the success it deserves and I am convinced can have, then every associate must take a share in the work that has to be done and this must inevitably mean some self-sacrifice. Are we all prepared for that or are we only prepared to talk about it? We might well ask ourselves how much time we spend upon croquet for our self-enjoyment and how much we give to the game for its own well-being.

B.V.F.B.

ROPING THEM IN

By BRIGADIER A. E. STOKES ROBERTS

AT the opening of the season I was asked to organise a course of instruction for beginners in conjunction with the Central Council for Physical Recreation at the Parsons Green Club. After discussion with a representative of the C.C.P.R., and the captain of the Parsons Green Croquet Club, and referring some points to the Hurlingham Club Committee, it was finally agreed to run two separate courses, one at Parsons Green for their own Club members and another at Hurlingham for beginners, who would be collected by the C.C.P.R.

Two evening sessions were held at Parsons Green when the various strokes and the lay-out of a break were demonstrated and explained and a large number of questions answered. It should of course be remembered that last season Parsons Green had been fortunate in having a demonstration and exhibition game by the New Zealand team including Arthur Ross and Miss Ivy Wainwright, so all that they really needed was a refresher course and then they would be in a position to practice the shots in their own time. After a week or so of practice, two parties came over to Hurlingham and were coached in three doubles, when I was assisted by Mrs. Solomon and Mrs. Thom.

While the above course was in progress the C.C.P.R. had been able to circularise their representatives in the London area and adjacent counties and succeeded in getting ten applications for a course of five lessons from 17th June to 15th July, on Monday evenings from 6.30 to 8 p.m. at Hurlingham, where all equipment would be provided. In order not to interfere with normal Club

play these lessons were given on a court marked out on the cricket ground, which incidentally had been relaid and levelled during the winter. Although the turf is not of such a high quality as the bowling green or six main courts it is remarkably good and certainly a good deal better than several courts I have played on in open tournaments. The ten pupils were absolute novices and had to start from the very beginning. Unfortunately, none of them belonged to a Croquet Club and so could not go away and practise shots between lessons. Obviously, therefore, it was not possible in the time available, to go into the detail of Association Croquet, and we concentrated on Golf Croquet with a few demonstrations of the lay out and making of a break in Association Croquet. Considerable progress was made and more than half the pupils were really bitten with the game. One lady remarked, when well after 8 p.m. I said it was time to pack up, "I could go on playing this game for hours." Another lady was having a court marked out on her own lawn and four others were applying for membership of croquet clubs. Finally, I would add that I ran a similar course in the early afternoon of the same days for three ladies from Finchley who had only played Golf Croquet and were determined to play the real thing at their Club.

I see no sign that interest in the game is dying out. We must be prepared to encourage beginners to play on smaller courts, and must make a concerted effort to ensure that "Aunt Emma" passes into oblivion. We owe a great debt of gratitude to the C.C.P.R. for thus helping to make the game better known.

From the point of view of Tactician, the most exciting and interesting moment was when on September 23rd, the sealed envelopes were opened, and the names of the competitors revealed.

The final results were as follows:—

Whoopee, Mrs. H. C. Collins, 36.
Dogged, Mr. E. Whitehead, 33.
Lucky Dip, Mrs. Frank R. Briggs, 28.

We warmly congratulate the Winner, Mrs. H. J. Collins, and the Runner-up, Mr. E. Whitehead.

Tactician wishes to express gratitude to those who sent in such ingenious and thoughtful solutions to the problems set, and for the kind remarks of the competitors. Happily, though the number of actual competitors was so small, there is reason to believe, that "Your Turn to Play" gave both interest and pleasure to many readers of *Croquet*, who for one reason or another did not enter the competition.

Tactician also wishes to thank, those who were kind enough to contribute the Problems. In alphabetical order these were as follows: Mrs. L. Apps, Mr. E. P. C. Cotter, Rev. G. F. H. Elvey, Capt. J. B. Morgan, Mr. John Solomon and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON v. LONDON

When little Budleigh Salterton challenged the Greatest City on Earth to a croquet match, we could almost hear the Londoners crying: "What cheek! Let's fall upon them and tear them to pieces." However, we were not dismayed. Let the Big City call to its aid its Farmers and Cotters and we would enrol our village Hicks. Solomon in all his glory might descend upon us, but had we not a Beamish boy to chortle at him? Let London send Goliath to give us a good Wiggins, and we had a David to meet him with a sharp Stone from a hard flung sling. Then there was our heavyweight, ever ready to enter the ring and force his opponent to Cave-in. And we had two redoubtable fighters, whose very name leads to War. We had Hope, too—and a feeling that we would not disgrace ourselves.

The battle began. At the end of its first day we felt we had not been disgraced. Stone beat Wiggins, plus 21 and 26—much to the delight of our Club high-bisquers, whom "our Freddie" had so patiently and unselfishly coached for so long. His fine performance showed us that he knew well what he had been talking about. In fairness to Dr. Wiggins it must be said that he seemed to find our lawns rather fast after Roehampton. Warwick beat Rothwell, plus 5 and 22; Cave Mrs. Apps, plus 23 and 22; while Mrs. Rotherham had a splendid battle with Cotter. She won the first game, plus 5 and Cotter won the second, plus 10, with the deciding game unfinished and level. With three matches won out of four, little Budleigh went to bed feeling pleased with itself.

On the second day, in beautiful weather, Cotter rather quenched our hopes by winning the third game against Mrs. Rotherham. He then, in partnership with Solomon, beat Mrs. Rotherham and Hicks, plus 26 and 9. However, Stone and Col. Beamish cheered us up by beating Wiggins and Reckitt, plus 5 and 19, and at the end of the day Budleigh led by four games to two, with two games unfinished. With five games to play the final day promised to provide some desperate battles.

The last day was fine—in all respects! The unfinished games resulted in a win by Miss Warwick against Mrs. Apps by plus 21, plus 5, and a win by Longman and Rothwell against Warwick and Cave by minus 12, plus 7, plus 6. The score was now, Budleigh five wins, London three. With three matches still to play, anything could happen. What did happen was that Hicks beat Solomon, plus 15, plus 12; Beamish and Reckitt tied at a game all, and Longman drew with Miss Warwick, the latter winning the first game, so Budleigh beat London!

Budleigh, of course, is very proud and pleased with this result. But what pleases us more is the fact our London friends had shown us some beautiful croquet and had obviously enjoyed themselves here; so much so, in fact, that when their leader was asked if he would come back next year, he replied: "Next year! Why! If you don't make this an annual event, we'll never forgive you."

RESULTS.

(London players named first).

SINGLES.

J. W. Solomon lost to H. O. Hicks —15 —12.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins lost to Major G. F. Stone —21 —26.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. E. Rotherham —5 +10 +16.
M. B. Reckitt drew with Col. D. W. Beamish —16 +9 (1 unfinished).
R. F. Rothwell lost to J. G. Warwick —5 —23.
W. Longman drew with Miss J. Warwick —17 (unfinished).
Mrs. L. C. Apps lost to Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave —23 —22.
Mrs. L. C. Apps lost to Miss J. Warwick —21 —5.

DOUBLES.

E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt H. O. Hicks and Mrs. E. Rotherham +26 +9.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and M. B. Reckitt lost to Major G. F. Stone and Col. D. W. Beamish —5 —19.
W. Longman and R. F. Rothwell bt J. G. Warwick and Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave —12 +7 +6.

RESULT.—Budleigh Salterton bt London by 6 matches to 3, with 2 unfinished.

INTER-CLUB MATCH

Woking versus Roehampton. Played at Woking on September 7th

SINGLES

M. B. Reckitt lost to Col. C. C. Adams by 9.
Mrs. L. C. Apps lost to Miss D. A. Lintern by 26.
Major J. W. Cobb (—1) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) by 14.
G. V. Evans (—½) lost to N. O. Hicks (4) by 7.

DOUBLES

M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. L. C. Apps bt Col. C. C. Adams and Miss D. A. Lintern by 7.
Major J. W. Cobb and G. V. Evans (—1½) lost to N. O. Hicks and Mrs. H. J. Collins (7½) by 17.

RESULT.—Roehampton bt Woking by 4 games to 2.

A Croquet Player's Dream

Some dreams we have are nothing more than dreams
Unnatural and full of contradiction
And I had one the other night which seems
Was just the usual fiction.

I had that day to Hurlingham come up
So on the game that night my thoughts were centred,
And then I dreamed I won the Champion Cup
For which I'd duly entered.

A marvellous dream, in which I played my part
With confidence supreme from the beginning
Because in every game right from the start
I knew that I was winning.

My brilliant strokes and well manoeuvred breaks
At times in my opponents caused distraction
Whilst my success (I never made mistakes)
Caused me great satisfaction.

Such faultless play of mine was something new.
Imagine then the pleasure I was feeling
When players crowded round the court to view
My fine quadruple peeling.

From first to last I could do nothing wrong
Which well explains my spirit of elation
And Patrick, Daisy, Bobby, too, and John
Looked on with admiration.

I took the Cup—the spoils of victory—
And friends midst loud applause came gaily flocking
But what I thought applause turned out to be
A loud continuous knocking.

The noise awoke me and my dream was o'er
My disappointment I need hardly mention
For someone loudly knocking at the door
Was claiming my attention.

I roused myself on hearing someone say
They've 'phoned to say you are wanted at eleven,
They wished to add that you are down to play
At handicap star seven!

N.H.O.

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Your Turn to Play

by Tactician

FINAL RESULTS

Though Tactician waited until September 23rd, only two solutions arrived for last month's Problems, which was a pity as one of the competitors, who dropped out, had done extremely well.

The marks for last month's Problems are: Problem 1, Max. 5; Problem 2, Max. 4. Dogged 2 and 1, Whoopee 2 and 4.

The solutions sent were interesting and thoughtful, but the finer points of these exceptionally ingenious problems had been missed.

The correct solutions were:—

- (1) Split off the boundary, two or three yards from the second corner, automatically giving Black a cut-rush to the first hoop.
- (2) Put Blue on the first corner spot.

Notes from the Clubs

Cheltenham

An account of the September unofficial tournament appears elsewhere. An interesting incident occurred during it. Some men were noticed watching over the fence, and they were invited to come in and sit down and watch in comfort, and have the game explained to them. They turned out to be a party of Welsh miners on a visit to Cheltenham. Miss M. M. Taylor gave them a running commentary on the Doubles in which she was engaged. They asked her how old she was, and what the "badges" on the hoops meant. They were truly astounded at the beautiful setting. They had never thought of such a thing as a croquet club or how croquet was played. One said, "The only croquet I've ever heard of was in Alice in Wonderland." They agreed they would have a lot to talk about when they got back to their villages.

With the death of General Fellows and Mrs. Ozanne no longer playing in tournaments, the "A" Class players were reduced to about two. There are, thank goodness, so many new players coming on, that there is hope that the club will soon regain its old standard. With the leading Worker (G. E. P. Jackson) being invited to play in the Second Best Eight, serious consideration is being given to altering the date of this tournament, so that it will not clash with the President's or Surrey Cups in future. It is also encouraging that the largest entry was for the "10-bisque and over" event, in which players in their first tournament swept the field.

On August Bank Holiday a match "Men v. Women", Doubles and Singles (all shortened games), was played in the morning and afternoon. After tea, games were arranged for a number of visitors invited by the Workers, and play continued long after sun-down.

Hurlingham

The following notes cover two months' activities, since through oversight last month's report did not reach the printing stage.

Among our members who caught the eye during the August tournament were A. D. Karmel and Miss Duthie. Karmel's victories in the Handicap Singles over John Solomon and Mrs. Rotherham by the full margin of 26 confirmed his sound knowledge of bisque taking. Miss Duthie did well in her first major tournament to reach the semi-final of the handicap singles and the final of the Ladies' Field Candlesticks. A number of our members suffered severely at the hands of C. H. R. Penny who waltzed through most of his games, and in the final of the handicap finished with five bisques in hand against S. S. Townsend.

We are sorry that Roger de Wesselow just failed to win the All England handicap. He had, however, the consolation of again landing the Silver Jubilee Cup. Most of our internal tournaments have been completed although the final of the Club championship between Cotter and Spencer Ell remains to be played. Teddy Miles won the restricted Level Singles and had two or three notable scalps to his credit during the process. The three Lomas cups were won by S. S. Townsend, K. E. Shelley and General Davidson.

We were pleased to regain the Longman Club Cup by defeating Ryde in a closely fought final. Woking acted as hosts for the match

and made both teams feel very much at home. We fielded an all male team against Ryde's all female team and the experience of Winston Cheavin and Donald Buckland aided by the execution of the new boys, Alex Karmel and Jack Rivington, just pulled us through.

Roehampton

The death of Mrs. L. E. G. Nickisson, on September 3rd, is a great loss to the Croquet Association, and especially to the croquet members of the Roehampton Club. Mrs. Nickisson who was a member of the Council of the Croquet Association since 1924, joined Roehampton Club in 1910 and has served on the croquet committee of that Club for many years. She was a keen and successful player, winning the Ladies' Field prize in 1924, the Peel Memorial Cup in 1927, a Silver Medal in 1928 and was invited to play for the Ladies' Field Cup for five years from 1927-1931. She had served as Referee and Manager of tournaments, and was always ready to help in the promotion of the game. Roehampton members will, however, remember her best as a charming hostess, always ready to receive visitors, dispense tea and arrange and help with any social function connected with croquet. Her love of a joke, and keen sense of humour made her many friends, and members will miss her interest in them and her encouragement and help in their play.

Dulwich Club sent a team of six to Roehampton for a golf croquet match on Thursday, 29th August. A very pleasant afternoon was spent including tea in the Roehampton Club restaurant. Roehampton won 7 games to 2 but as several of these games were won on the last hoop there was a great deal of keenness and competition throughout the afternoon. The Dulwich ladies proving themselves adept at making a hoop "in-off" any opponent's ball left in position for a hoop.

On Saturday, 7th September, a team of four from Roehampton Club consisting of Colonel Adams, Miss D. Lintern, Mrs. Collins and N. Hicks visited the Woking Croquet Club. The Woking team were M. Reckitt, Mrs. Apps, Major Cobb and V. Evans. Four singles and two doubles were played, the result being Roehampton 4, Woking 2. At the end of play the visitors enjoyed tea in the Club. The welcome and hospitality and the quiet atmosphere of the Club was delightful and everyone enjoyed the day.

Two members of Roehampton Club, Miss D. Lintern and W. Longman, have received the honour of being invited by the Council to play in the President's Cup competition during the week commencing 9th September. We wish them all good luck.

Parkstone

At the September tournament we were very glad to welcome some newcomers as well as some of our regular visitors. In spite of poor weather it was an enjoyable week. There were many favourable comments on the good condition of the lawns due to the care and skill of our groundsman.

We are extremely proud of the fact that one of our members, Commander Beamish, won the Irish Championship at the Carrickmines Tournament.

This year's contribution from the Croquet section has been augmented by another Sale of Work and we are now able to send a cheque for £15 5s. 0d. to the Croquet Association.

of the striker while the stroke is made, in case "B" alongside him. Of course, now that the bevel edge of the mallet may be used, when the ball is very near a hoop a gentle shot with this bevel edge should be almost "foul-proof" whichever side of the hoop the striker stands. To my mind the hardest "crush" shot to judge is that which may occur when the ball is a couple of inches from the wire, even if it is in perfect position, and the striker wishes to hit it hard through the hoop. Surely the only test here is the direction of the ball? If it touches either wire on its way through the hoop, the mallet must have come in contact with the ball and upright owing to the very nature of the stroke—or can the striker withdraw the mallet quickly enough to avoid the crush? I rather doubt if it is possible to do this. In discussing such a position Ross says (Croquet and how to play it 1947, page 53):—"Many players 'bang hard' through such hoops in light-hearted fashion, thinking that the ball is in such perfect position that no mistakes are possible, whereas there is no doubt that if the ball touches the wire on its journey through the hoop a foul has been made—that is to say, if the ball does not travel straight up the lawn in the exact direction the swing of the mallet indicates that it should take, the shot must perforce have been a foul." There is no mention here of being able to withdraw the mallet.

I apologise for the length of this letter, but the subject is of such vital interest that I thought the opinions of one of the greatest exponents of the game of croquet should be more widely known.

Yours truly,

E. A. ROPER

Handicap Changes

Dear Sir,

"WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD"

At the last General Meeting the question of a universal raising of handicaps by 2 or 3 bisques was mooted, and the proposer was informed that perhaps something was needed but the time was "not yet".

When that time comes, would it not be better to have a review and re-assessment of handicaps.

An all round increase would cause no change in the relative position, except that the numbers in the "A" class would be reduced and its average standard somewhat raised. If this is all that is aimed at, there would appear to be no more to be said—but would this way of dealing with the matter be of any real value. Perhaps in a few years the same issue would again arise.

A review of handicaps and re-adjustment by upgrading or down-grading would in my opinion offer a better and more logical solution.

Tournament handicappers at present appear only to down-grade players who have done well, and do not appear to upgrade those who for any cause are, and have for long been, out of form, and so the "A" class tends to become top-heavy.

Re-assessment of handicaps might prove unpopular to some, but would it cause as much unpopularity as an arbitrary all round upraising, which might be the cause of injustice to players who having made good progress and worked themselves into a higher class, would find themselves through no fault of their own pushed back into a lower one.

Upgrading of handicaps where proposed should, perhaps in the first instance, be limited to the highest handicap of a players' class, so as to avoid demotion to a lower one.

May I suggest that a headquarter's Committee be appointed (when the time comes) to review the handicaps of all players "scratch" and better, and issue a revised list of handicaps. This list could be circulated to clubs as a standard for each club to review the handicaps of the rest of its members.

That this will not be an easy task or one that may cause some heartburning is undoubted—hence the heading of this letter—but would it be for the eventual betterment of the game.

Once accepted, an annual or biennial review could keep things going, and avoid perhaps in another few years a further proposal for adjustment to avoid a top-heavy "A" class.

Yours truly,

V. A. de la NOUGEREDE

Dear Sir,

I have read Mr. de la Nougerede's letter "Where Angels Fear to Tread" and I entirely agree with his suggestions. I think the idea of an universal reduction is not good—it would not alter the status of either the under-bisqued or over-bisqued.

Yours sincerely,

V. C. GASSON

Dear Sir,

I have read Mr. V. A. de la Nougerede's letter on the question of raising present handicaps and agree in principal with the general proposals put forward by him.

Yours truly,

F. E. W. BALDWIN

The Crush Stroke

Dear Sir,

I was in New Zealand when the method of testing for crushes, now proposed by Mr. R. F. Rothwell, was introduced, not as a law, but as an instruction to referees, who were told to ask a player if he intended to ground his mallet, and players were advised to co-operate. This was not satisfactory.

If it became a law that the mallet must be grounded, it would be necessary to define the relative positions of ball and hoop before the stroke, when grounding would be compulsory when the stroke was made—an almost impossible task.

By tilting the mallet forward it is sometimes possible to crush the ball through and pass the test. If the mallet is not tilted it cannot be checked and grounded immediately it strikes the ball, especially if the ball is struck hard, and so a perfectly fair stroke may be declared foul for not passing the test.

Admittedly, referees' decisions (as in other games) cannot be nearly 100% correct, but it is better to rely on the judgment of experienced players than on "scientific" tests. The trouble is that referees are too lenient to offenders.

Yours faithfully,

W. S. BEAMISH

Dear Sir,

Has any reader experience of reconditioned or recoloured croquet balls? I should be most grateful for information. Black and Red balls seem to crack easily and Blue always outlasts the others.

Yours faithfully,

M. M. PAULLEY

A Referee's Discision

Dear Sir,

In the September issue of *Croquet*, in the "Notes by Rover" a request is made to express an opinion on the referee's question to a player in Australia.

I would like to say that I entirely agree with Col. Saalfeld when he states that the referee was carrying out his duties as instructed in No. 6 of the "Instructions to Referees." The temporary decision of our Council to add to Law 34(a) "in the absence of a referee appointed to watch the stroke," etc., had not been adopted in Australia at the time of this episode.

Yours faithfully,

MURIEL M. REEVE

BRIDGE

by E. P. C. Cotter, British International

DUCKING

Even the beginner, when playing as declarer, soon learns to indulge in ducking as a hold up play to prevent the establishment of a suit and holds up his Ace till the third round. When he becomes a good player he ducks the first lead, if necessary, even when he holds Ace and King of the suit.

But once again the time-lag between good dummy play and good defence is most marked here. Players who would duck automatically when playing the hand fail to do so in certain circumstances when defending, when the declarer takes a losing finesse the temptation to win at once may lead to destruction. Let us take a very easy case:—

S—Q, 9, 4, 3, 2.	N	S—K, 8, 7.
H—5, 2.	W E	H—K, 6, 4, 3.
D—Q, 10, 8, 6.	S	D—J, 9.
C—Q, 7.		C—J, 10, 8, 4.

South plays 3NT and receives the opening lead of the three of Spades. He wins East's King with the Ace and leads the HJ and finesses. If East wins bang goes the game. Only a real beginner would win the first time.

Now for a more subtle example, which requires not only discernment but nerve and the fortitude to bear partner's abuse if the coup fails.

South again plays 3NT against the opening lead of the four of Spades.

S—J, 9, 8, 4, 2.	N	S—A, 7.
H—10, 9, 2.	W E	H—J, 6, 5, 3.
D—A, 6, 3.	S	D—Q, 2.
C—Q, 5.		C—J, 10, 9, 7, 3.

S—10, 6, 5, 3.
H—A, K, Q, 7.
D—9, 5.
C—K, 8, 2.

East wins the first trick with the Ace of Spades and returns the suit, taking out one of dummy's entries. South gets the lead with a Heart and leads D9 and finesses. East must duck! Work it out for yourself. If you win with the Queen and make your best return of a Club, South wins with the King and knocks out West's Ace of Diamonds and . . . how do you save the game?

But, if you duck, South re-enters his hand and leads his last Diamond and finesses again unless he is a clairvoyant or a peeper. Now the Diamond suit is lost—it can be set up but not cashed.

When you employ this coup pray that your partner is not a "leaner-over". I remember, as if it was yesterday, employing a similar duck when I held QXX in the suit of which dummy, otherwise entryless, held A, K, J, 10, X. The declarer finessed the ten I nonchalantly played low, when my partner, woman head of an Admiralty department, leaned over with predatory hand to take the trick and scuppered the ship properly. The declarer, duly tipped off, refused a second finesse and took five tricks in the suit.

Be thou upright in all thy ways.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. L. E. G. NICKISSON

The loss of Mrs. Nickisson will be felt very keenly by her fellow croquet members—at the Roehampton Club particularly. As one who had known her there for over forty years, it will be sad—and incredible almost—not to see her there again. She loved the game, and as we shall see, in her best days, was a player of repute.

Mrs. Nickisson won the Peel Memorials in 1914, with a handicap of 3½, and again in 1927, but at scratch. She had played five times in "The Ladies' Field" Cup; 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930 and 1931. In 1924, partnered with Mrs. J. Preston, she won "The Ladies' Field" Doubles.

She was always a quick player, and seemed determined to show those who called croquet a slow game that it need not be.

As a member of the C.A. Council, Mrs. Nickisson was a most regular attendant, dating from 1924; she only resigned her membership recently, after serving for more than thirty years.

For some time now she had given up playing; but her interest in the game never left her, and, at all the big competitions she was always to be seen looking on.

It follows that such an exceptional member of the Club will be much missed for many years.

THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

SEPTEMBER 9th-13th

This was the 46th of the annual competitions played under the two headings—the Beddow Cup, which started in 1901, and the President's Cup in 1934.

Last year it was good to see the original number, namely ten, again competing, and those who remember the event was always referred to as "the Best Ten" were able again to use those three words.

We remember seeing the 1907 "Best Ten", which was won, after a tie with R. C. J. Beaton, by Maurice Barry with 14 games. At that time we were very much *in embryo*, and therefore thrilled by the play—the balls being played in strict sequence of colour; this now seems incredible. Mrs. Beaton was playing, and had won 10 games—also the late Miss N. E. Coote was one of "the Best Ten" of that year. We, however, must cease this reminiscent stuff, and come forward fifty years exactly.

The 1957 "Best Eight" started, very appropriately, with two good matches; Cotter v. Solomon and Miss Lintern v. Mrs. Rotherham. Cotter beat Solomon, and Miss Lintern beat Mrs. Rotherham.

This was quite normal procedure, and has happened many times previously; but during the week there were games of croquet quite incredible as to results.

Cotter went on victoriously, winning games until the 6th round, his opponent being Longman in that round. Cotter appeared to have the game in his pocket—a curious place for it, we admit—but, not at all! Longman by steady and persistent play, though a long way behind, gradually arrived at the winning post—and proceeded to cause both balls to hit the peg before the single ball of his opponent. This was a most unusual result reflecting great credit on the winner.

But this kind of thing was not to be the monopoly of Longman; later on, in the 10th round, Reckitt came into the picture. Cotter had played a wonderful game, exemplifying the art of the triple peel—all except pegging out *both* balls. Reckitt, by most careful play left the solitary ball alone and concentrated his skill and attention on the two he had chosen from the start. Here again was a most emphatic confirmation of the truth of the saying that *both* balls must hit the peg before a player can say he has won the game.

While all this unbelievable play was going on, Solomon was winning his games in sequence. Some of his victories were not in double figures; but against that there were three twenty-sixes, and several triple peels. His quick play combined with accuracy always contributes to the pleasure of onlookers.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins took some time to find his usually quick accurate form; when he did, he included Cotter in his seven victories.

Colonel D. W. Beamish, appearing in the President's Cup for the first time, certainly made a great impression both on spectators—and, presumably, his opponents, for he also won seven games.

Reckitt joined in the "we are seven" trio. He had played well most of the week, and specially against Cotter in the game we have described. Miss Lintern, though only winning 5 games, lost some of the others by quite solitary figures.

Longman, having played the exceptional game against Cotter that we have described at some length, certainly displayed much quality in the winning of it.

There was much sympathy expressed for Mrs. Rotherham because of the injury to her hand she sustained by a fall at Hurlingham. This, of course, prevented her from producing her well-known skill in the competition.

The meeting was admirably managed by E. A. Roper; he brought the event to a conclusion on Friday evening, in spite of one or two games that had had to be postponed to the last.

ANALYSIS OF PLAY

J. W. Solomon won 13 games: namely, against Miss D. A. Lintern +16 +7, E. P. C. Cotter +26, W. Longman +26 +5, Col. D. W. Beamish +15 +16, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +3 +17, M. B. Reckitt +19 +6, Mrs. E. Rotherham +26 +4, and lost one game to E. P. C. Cotter —19.

E. P. C. Cotter won 10 games: namely, against Miss D. A. Lintern +17 +4, W. Longman +19, Col. D. W. Beamish +22 +15, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +12, M. B. Reckitt +26, Mrs. E. Rotherham +13 +11, J. W. Solomon +19, and lost 4 games to W. Longman —1, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins —14, M. B. Reckitt —1, J. W. Solomon —26.

Col. D. W. Beamish won 7 games: namely, against Miss D. A. Lintern +3 +1, W. Longman +21 +18, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +3, M. B. Reckitt +13, Mrs. Rotherham +7, and lost 7 to E. P. C. Cotter —15 —12, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins —24, M. B. Reckitt —10, Mrs. E. Rotherham —10, J. W. Solomon —15 —16.

M. B. Reckitt won 7 games: namely, against Miss D. A. Lintern +23, E. P. C. Cotter +1, W. Longman +19, Col. D. W. Beamish +10, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +23, Mrs. E. Rotherham +12 +25, and lost 7 to Miss D. A. Lintern —10, E. P. C. Cotter —26, W. Longman —7, Col. D. W. Beamish —13, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins —14, J. W. Solomon —19 —6.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins won 7 games: namely, against Miss D. A. Lintern +2, E. P. C. Cotter +14, W. Longman +25, Col. D. W. Beamish +24, M. B. Reckitt +14, Mrs. E. Rotherham +26 +6, and lost 7 to Miss D. A. Lintern —6, E. P. C. Cotter —12, W. Longman —2, M. B. Reckitt —23, J. W. Solomon —3 —17.

Miss D. A. Lintern won 5 games: namely, against W. Longman +12, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +6, M. B. Reckitt +10, Mrs. E. Rotherham +17 +25, and lost 9 games to E. P. C. Cotter —17 —4, W. Longman —18, Col. D. W. Beamish —3 —1, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins —2, M. B. Reckitt —23, J. W. Solomon —16 —7.

W. Longman won 4 games: namely, against Miss D. A. Lintern +18, E. P. C. Cotter +1, M. B. Reckitt +7, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +2; and lost 10 games to Miss D. A. Lintern —12, E. P. C. Cotter —19, Col. D. W. Beamish —21, —18, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins —25, M. B. Reckitt —19, Mrs. E. Rotherham —8 —19, J. W. Solomon —26 —5.

Mrs. E. Rotherham won 3 games: namely, against W. Longman +8 +17, Col. D. W. Beamish +10, and lost eleven games to Miss D. A. Lintern —17 —25, E. P. C. Cotter —13 —16, Col. D. W. Beamish —7, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins —26 —6, M. B. Reckitt —12 —25, J. W. Solomon —26 —4.

SURREY CUP

The captains and the kings do not depart after the pleasant Parkstone Tournament, only the rank and file migrate, for to Parkstone has fallen the honour of the Surrey Cup meeting. The generals and emperors are of course engaged at Roehampton but some of the play at Parkstone suggests that the second "eight" might put up a fight in a match against the first.

Monday was notable for blinding rain but Spencer Ell, stuck in the first hoop, could see well enough to make hoops one and two in the same stroke. Jackson, Cave, Warwick and Beamish lead the field with two wins each, the latter looking the most consistent.

On Tuesday heavy courts and more rain made for slow progress and players began to look weary and grim. Warwick takes the lead with four wins but Jackson, Cave, Beamish and Faulkner, with three wins each still pursue him. The weather is hard on the only woman, Mrs. Ashton, but with two wins, given sunshine, she may spring a surprise, though cooking lunch for the competitors each night is a handicap.

On Wednesday Warwick's game with Jackson was interesting as Warwick went round, double-peeled his opponent and in the attempt to peg him out went off and was never given another chance to make contact. Despite better weather the play disappoints today, too many hoop failures due to lack of care in the rush before the hoop approach and a tendency to play safe rather than keep the balls in the break has led to far too few all-round breaks from scratch and minus players. Spencer Ell achieved a good win over Warwick who missed the peg out of his forward ball when Spencer Ell was for peg and 2-back. Cave leads with six wins but Jackson, Beamish, Faulkner and Warwick press him hard with five wins each and at this stage the writer still thinks that Beamish is playing like a winner.

On Thursday strong wind made play difficult but Spencer Ell was the hero of the day by beating Jackson with very skilful play.

The play on Friday resulted in a tie between J. G. Warwick and Col. Cave, both having won nine games.

The play-off resulted in a win for Col. Cave —19 +23 +15. A tribute must be paid to the kindly management by Mr. Ashton, and the groundsman who had made the courts as good as possible under the very wet conditions.

ANALYSIS OF PLAY

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave won 9 games: namely, against M. S. Ell +3 +8, R. Faulkner +8, V. A. de la Nougerede +18, Mrs. L. H. Ashton +4 +21, G. E. P. Jackson +2, Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish +21 +23, and lost 5 games to R. Faulkner —8, V. A. de la Nougerede —9, G. E. P. Jackson —2, J. G. Warwick —14 —5.

J. G. Warwick won 9 games: namely, against R. Faulkner +15, S. M. Ell +7, V. A. de la Nougerede +15, Mrs. L. H. Ashton +18, G. E. P. Jackson +6, Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish +8 +9, Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave +4 +5, and lost 5 games to R. Faulkner —2, M. S. Ell —1, V. A. de la Nougerede —7, Mrs. L. H. Ashton —11, G. E. P. Jackson —2.

R. Faulkner won 8 games: namely, against M. S. Ell +6, V. A. de la Nougerede +12, Mrs. L. H. Ashton +12, G. E. P. Jackson +10, Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish +4, +9, Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave +8, J. G. Warwick +2, and lost 5 games to M. S. Ell —5, V. A. de la Nougerede —9, Mrs. L. H. Ashton —17, G. E. P. Jackson —3, Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave —3, J. G. Warwick —15.

G. E. P. Jackson won 7 games: namely, against R. Faulkner +23, V. A. de la Nougerede +9, Mrs. L. H. Ashton +1 +4, Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish +10, Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave +2, J. G. Warwick +2, and lost 6 games to R. Faulkner —10, M. S. Ell —2 —4, V. A. de la Nougerede —11, Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish —14, Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave —2, J. G. Warwick —6.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish won 6 games: namely, against M. S. Ell +5, V. A. de la Nougerede +10 +6, Mrs. L. H. Ashton +10 +25, G. E. P. Jackson +14, and lost 8 games to R. Faulkner —4 —9, M. S. Ell —3, G. E. P. Jackson —10, Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave —21 —13, J. G. Warwick —8 —9.

V. A. de la Nougerede won 6 games: namely, against R. Faulkner +9, M. S. Ell +15 +1, G. E. P. Jackson +11, Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave +9, J. G. Warwick +7, and lost 8 games to R. Faulkner —12, Mrs. L. H. Ashton —2 —13, G. E. P. Jackson —9, Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish —10 —6, Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave —1, J. G. Warwick —15.

M. S. Ell won 6 games: namely, against R. Faulkner +5, Mrs. L. H. Ashton +22, G. E. P. Jackson +2 +4, Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish +3, J. G. Warwick +1, and lost 8 games to R. Faulkner —6, V. A. de la Nougerede —15 —1, Mrs. L. H. Ashton —4, Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish —5, Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave —3 —8, J. G. Warwick —7.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton won 5 games: namely, against R. Faulkner +17, M. S. Ell +4, V. A. de la Nougerede +2 +13, J. G. Warwick +11, and lost 9 games to R. Faulkner —12, M. S. Ell —22, G. E. P. Jackson —1 —4, Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish —10 —25, Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave —9 —21, J. G. Warwick —8.

PLAY-OFF

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt J. G. Warwick —19 +23 +15.

THE CHALLENGE AND GILBEY CUPS

AUGUST 15th to 24th

We have seen very many of these popular meetings in the past with large entries in all events—both Challenge and Gilbey Cups; this 1957 tournament was scarcely recognisable because of the almost unbelievably small entries.

Though advertised for the meeting to be held partly at Roehampton and partly at Hurlingham, when it came to the Draw, it was seen that Roehampton Club, with its five courts, would suffice.

THE CHALLENGE CUPS

This part of the programme was played, as it always has been, in five divisions. Twenty years ago there were 30 players in this first division—but comparisons are said to be odious—and also odorous.

This first division was played on the Draw and Process system, as it has been for several previous years. The five entries in the Draw revealed E. P. Duffield in such good form that he defeated M. Spencer Ell, G. V. Evans and—in the final—Mrs. L. C. Apps, all with scores of double figures.

In the Process, Evans had a w.o. in the first round, and then met and beat Duffield. This put him in the final against Spencer Ell who had qualified for that position by overcoming Mrs. Apps—but Evans won this half of the Event, thus qualifying to meet Duffield in the conclusive final.

This final provided a most unusual game. Duffield had in reasonable time put his clips on the rover and penultimate—but those of Evans remained on the fifth hoop (from which the game commenced), for quite a long time. Then Evans seemed to think it was time he moved his clips; this he did, but somewhat spasmodically; and when he came to the 4-back hoop he peeled each ball—first Black and then Blue—through it for the very good reason that Duffield had put a ball in each baulk! This reply of

Duffield's was therefore, made null and void, and now both players had their clips on the sides of the middle hoops. Though long shots were hit—and the game appeared to be over, short roquets were missed, and eventually Evans was the first to hit the winning peg with both balls, and thus win the Challenge Cup, Division I.

The second division, with seven entries, went with smaller scores to G. E. W. Hitchcock—though in the final, against Major J. R. Abbey, there was one of the two games, by which he won the event, +11.

B. Lloyd Pratt won the very small Division III; and here again none of the two scores by which he beat Mrs. M. L. Thom, and then Mrs. F. Pavia, were remarkable for their magnitude. Major-General F. H. N. Davidson—a steadily improving player—came through to the final of Division IV, to meet A. D. Karmel. Though this latter player is a comparatively newcomer to the game, he shows there is much quality in him—including a nice swing to his mallet. He defeated Mrs. E. Haigh Smith in the semi-final by +13, but General Davidson beat him in the final, +11.

From the seven competitors in Division V there arrived in the semi-final Mrs. M. H. Carrington, Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson, Mrs. S. M. Adler—and F. Stanley Smith who had drawn a bye. Mrs. Carrington was in great form, arriving in the final by defeating Mrs. Davidson with the score +17; Mrs. Adler joined Mrs. Carrington there after a very close game against Stanley-Smith—as the score +2 suggests. In the final a most keenly fought game went to Mrs. Carrington by the minimum score, +1.

THE GILBEY CUPS

This coveted cup has always attracted a big entry in the past. Last year it was won by Mrs. E. Haigh Smith, who—in the final against W. P. Ormerod—provided the spectators with tremendous interest before finally becoming a very worthy winner.

The "A" winner was Duffield. He had a rather exceptional win because in the first round he met Major J. H. Dibley—who made himself a rover very early. Somewhat later, Duffield pegged this rover out, and it seemed to be the best thing to do for he won the game +10. In the next round, the semi-final, Abbey retired to Duffield. Evans had a tremendously close game with Major J. W. Cobb to reach the final—as this last mentioned player had against Mrs. L. C. Apps in the first round which he only won +2. The "A" quarter of the Gilbey provided a further example of close play, Duffield defeating Evans, +4.

The "B" quarter of the Gilbey was won by Mrs. Gasson. She had come through to the semi-final with single figure scores—but reached the final with double figures. The game in the final was most exciting; this was won by Mrs. Gasson by the single figure +1.

The "C" division of the Gilbey went to A. D. Karmel, who beat Major-General F. H. N. Davidson in the final by the score +11.

Mrs. S. M. Adler was the winner of the "D" division of this event. After she had beaten Mrs. C. L. Robertson, +17, she met Mrs. M. H. Carrington; this game became a very long one—in fact it was decided, at last, that it must be timed. The result was in favour of Mrs. Adler +9.

Now we must put the winners of the four divisions of the Gilbey Cup together—"A" plays "B", and then "C" plays "D".

The winner of "A", Duffield, was the winner when opposed to Mrs. Gasson, the winner of "B". The exact opposite was the result when these two players met in the first round of the All England Handicap, Mrs. Gasson winning +10.

Mrs. Adler and A. D. Karmel were the opponents in the "D" and "C" Blocks, both having won their finals by double figures. It appeared that Mrs. Adler, in receipt of 3½ bisques, from Karmel was the better player, and she therefore qualified to play Duffield in the ultimate final of the Gilbey Cup.

This was an interesting game; the winner, Mrs. Adler, had 8½ bisques while Duffield, her opponent, was handicapped at minus one.

It appeared to be a rather difficult problem for Duffield; in fact Mrs. Adler made such good use of her extra turns—though she seemed, at one time, almost to ignore them—that he took some time to settle down to its solution.

Considering this improving player, his opponent, is such a keen and knowledgeable competitor we feel he did extremely well to lose the game by such a small score, +11.

HANDICAP DOUBLES

This has become in recent years a popular event during the Challenge and Gilbey Cups week. It was well patronised, thirteen pairs entered for it.

Major Dibley and Brigadier Stokes-Roberts soon became semi-finalists—at the expense of Duffield and Stanley-Smith, whom they beat +15, though giving bisques of some considerable value.

The other semi-finalists were Mr. and Mrs. Karmel, who had defeated Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Adler; and Miss Lintern and Mrs. F. Stanley-Smith, and Miss M. S. Carlyon and Mrs. M. L. Thom. The finalists were Dibley and Stokes-Roberts who had defeated

Seven

Mr. and Mrs. Karmel +12; and Miss Lintern and Mrs. Stanley-Smith who had beaten Miss Carlyon and Mrs. Thom +14.

The final of the Doubles was rather a long game, though it constantly interested the spectators because the givers of the extra turns never seemed to lose their determination to overcome them.

Miss Lintern's knowledge of the game she imparted with obvious success to her partner, and used the 3½ extra turns just at the right moment. Sometimes there were occasions when the game seemed to be going to the two men; but then the chances were not fully turned to account. It was a long game, and the last bisque was not used till quite at the end of the match. The ladies won +8.

There were the usual Golf Croquet Singles and Doubles, and an Extra Event.

Miss D. A. Lintern again managed this meeting with her well-known efficiency and courtesy.

CHALLENGE CUPS

DIVISION I.

THE ROEHAMPTON CHALLENGE CUP.

("Two Lives").

THE DRAW.

(5 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

E. P. Duffield bt M. Spencer Ell by 14.
The rest had byes.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. P. Duffield bt G. V. Evans by 15.
Mrs. L. C. Apps w.o. F. H. Fisher opponent scratched.

FINAL.

E. P. Duffield bt Mrs. L. C. Apps by 13.

PROCESS.

(5 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

G. V. Evans w.o. F. H. Fisher opponent scratched.
The rest had byes.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. V. Evans bt E. P. Duffield by 7.
M. Spencer Ell bt Mrs. L. C. Apps by 14.

FINAL.

G. V. Evans bt E. P. Duffield by 10.

PLAY-OFF.

G. V. Evans bt E. P. Duffield by 4.

DIVISION II.

THE COUNCIL CHALLENGE CUP.

(0 to 2 Bisesques).

(7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Major J. H. Dibley bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 13.
Miss A. E. Mills bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts by 8.
The rest had byes.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. E. W. Hitchcock bt Major J. H. Dibley +1 +5.
Major J. R. Abbey bt Miss A. E. Mills +13 +9.

FINAL.

G. E. W. Hitchcock bt Major J. R. Abbey +11 +8.

DIVISION III.

THE LUARD CHALLENGE CUP.

(2½ to 4½ Bisesques).

(6 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. F. Pavia bt Lady Ursula Abbey by 3.
B. Lloyd Pratt bt Mrs. H. J. Collins by 15.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. F. Pavia bt Mrs. S. Phillips by 3.
B. Lloyd Pratt bt Mrs. W. L. Thom by 5.

FINAL.

B. Lloyd Pratt bt Mrs. F. Pavia by 8.

DIVISION IV.

THE RECKITT CHALLENGE CUP.

(5 to 7½ Bisesques).

(5 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

A. D. Karmel w.o. opponent withdrawn.
Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson bt Mrs. J. H. S. Murray by 12.
The rest had byes.

SEMI-FINAL.

A. D. Karmel bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith by 13.
Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot by 9.

FINAL.

Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson bt A. D. Karmel by 11.

DIVISION V.

THE STEVENSON CHALLENGE CUP.

(8 Bisesques and over).

(7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. M. H. Carrington bt Mrs. C. L. Robertson by 2.
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson bt C. L. Robertson by 4.
Mrs. S. M. Adler bt Mrs. F. Stanley-Smith by 9.
The rest had byes.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. M. H. Carrington bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson by 17.
Mrs. S. M. Adler bt F. Stanley-Smith by 3.

FINAL.

Mrs. M. H. Carrington bt Mrs. S. M. Adler by 1.

EXTRA EVENT.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½) bt Miss E. E. H. Fisher (5) by 6.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

B. Lloyd Pratt (4) bt Mrs. F. Stanley-Smith (12) by 14.
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (8) bt Mrs. F. Pavia (4) by 7 on time.
A. D. Karmel (5) bt F. Stanley-Smith (9) by 4 on time.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (9) by 14.
Mrs. C. L. Robertson (10) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) by 5 on time.
Mrs. E. Bristow (7) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (6) by 1 on time.
Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7) bt C. L. Robertson (9) by 13.
G. E. W. Hitchcock (2) bt Mrs. J. H. S. Murray (7) by 10.

THIRD ROUND.

B. Lloyd Pratt (4) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (8) by 14.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½) bt A. D. Karmel (5) by 14.
Mrs. C. L. Robertson (10) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (7) by 13.
Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7) w.o. G. E. W. Hitchcock (2) opponent scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½) bt B. Lloyd Pratt (4) by 1 on time.
Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7) bt Mrs. C. L. Robertson (10) by 14.

FINAL.

Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½) by 14.

THE GILBEY CUPS.

BLOCK "A".

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Major J. W. Cobb (—1) bt Mrs. L. C. Apps (—1½) by 2.
G. V. Evans (—1½) bt M. Spencer Ell (—½) by 18.
Major J. R. Abbey (0) w.o. F. H. Fisher (—1½) opponent scratched.
E. P. Duffield (—1) bt Major J. H. Dibley (½) by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. V. Evans (—½) bt Major J. W. Cobb (—1) by 3.
E. P. Duffield (—1) w.o. Major J. R. Abbey (0) opponent scratched.

FINAL.

E. P. Duffield (—1) bt G. V. Evans (—½) by 10.

BLOCK "B".

(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½) bt Mrs. F. Pavia (4) by 7.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (1½) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) by 3.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (1) by 8.
Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock (2) by 4.
Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (2½) by 1.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (1½) by 11.
Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) by 13.

FINAL.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) by 1.

BLOCK "C".

(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (7) by 8.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. M. L. Thom (4½) bt Mrs. J. H. S. Murray (7) by 4.
Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot (5) by 22.
B. Lloyd Pratt (4) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (6) by 5.
A. D. Karmel (5) bt Miss E. E. H. Fisher (5) by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7) bt Mrs. M. L. Thom (4½) by 21.
A. D. Karmel (5) bt B. Lloyd Pratt (4) by 8.

FINAL.

A. D. Karmel (5) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7) by 11.

BLOCK "D".

(7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. M. H. Carrington (9) bt F. Stanley-Smith (9) by 10.
Mrs. S. M. Adler (8½) bt C. L. Robertson (9) by 17.
Mrs. C. L. Robertson (10) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (8) by 7.
The rest had byes.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. S. M. Adler (8½) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (9) by 9 on time.
Mrs. C. L. Robertson (10) bt Mrs. F. Stanley-Smith (12) by 3.

FINAL.

Mrs. S. M. Adler (8½) bt Mrs. C. L. Robertson (10) by 14.

PLAY-OFF.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. P. Duffield (—1) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½) by 10.
Mrs. S. M. Adler (8½) bt A. D. Karmel (5) by 6.

FINAL.

Mrs. S. M. Adler (8½) bt E. P. Duffield (—1) by 11.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Combined Handicap 1 or more Bisesques).

(13 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

E. P. Duffield and F. Stanley-Smith (8) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Miss A. E. Mills (3) by 13.
Mrs. H. J. Collins and Mrs. S. M. Adler (12) bt G. V. Evans and C. L. Robertson (9½) by 4 on time.
A. D. Karmel and Mrs. A. D. Karmel (17) bt Major J. W. Cobb and Mrs. C. L. Robertson (9) by 2.
Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (15) bt Mrs. S. Phillips and Mrs. F. Pavia (6½) by 21.
Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. F. Stanley-Smith (9) bt Mrs. J. H. S. Murray and Mrs. M. H. Carrington (16) by 16.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Major J. H. Dibley and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) bt E. P. Duffield and F. Stanley-Smith (8) by 15.
A. D. Karmel and Mrs. A. D. Karmel (17) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins and Mrs. S. M. Adler (12) by 5.
Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. F. Stanley-Smith (9) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson and Mrs. F. Pavia (6½) by 21.
Miss M. S. Carlyon and Mrs. M. L. Thom (5½) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock and B. Lloyd Pratt (6) by 3.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major J. H. Dibley and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) bt A. D. Karmel and Mrs. A. D. Karmel (17) by 2.
Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. F. Stanley-Smith (9) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon and Mrs. M. L. Thom (5½) by 14.

FINAL.

Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. F. Stanley-Smith (9) bt Major J. H. Dibley and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) by 8.

GOLF CROQUET.

THE ASCOT CHALLENGE CUP.

(24 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. F. Stanley-Smith (3) bt Mrs. A. D. Karmel (3) 4 up.
Mrs. F. Pavia (1) bt Mrs. C. L. Robertson (2) 5 up.
G. V. Evans (0) bt Major J. R. Abbey (0) 4 and 2.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (1) 4 and 2.
S. M. Adler (3) bt B. Lloyd Pratt (1) 1 up.
A. D. Karmel (1) bt Mrs. J. H. S. Murray (2) 1 up.
Mrs. S. Phillips (1) bt F. Stanley-Smith (2) 2 up.
C. L. Robertson (2) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (2) 1 up.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) bt Miss G. W. Bartlett (3) 1 up.
Mrs. H. J. Collins (1) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1) 1 up.
Mrs. F. Pavia (1) bt Mrs. F. Stanley-Smith (3) 1 up.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1) bt G. V. Evans (0) 1 up.
S. M. Adler (3) bt A. D. Karmel (1) 1 up.
C. L. Robertson (2) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (1) 1 up.
Lady Ursula Abbey (1) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (1) 3 and 1.
Mrs. M. H. Carrington (2) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot (1) 4 and 3.

THIRD ROUND.

Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (1) 4 and 2.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1) bt Mrs. F. Pavia (1) 4 and 2.
C. L. Robertson (2) bt S. M. Adler (3) 2 and 1.
Lady Ursula Abbey (1) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (2) 5 up.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) 1 up.
C. L. Robertson (2) w.o. Lady Ursula Abbey (1) opponent scratched.

FINAL.

C. L. Robertson (2) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1) 1 up.

GOLF CROQUET DOUBLES.

THE DELVES BROUGHTON CHALLENGE CUPS.

(12 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

G. V. Evans and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (1) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Mrs. M. H. Carrington (3) 1 up.
B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. H. J. Collins (2) bt Major J. R. Abbey and Lady Ursula Abbey 5 and 3.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss M. S. Carlyon and Miss A. E. Mills (2) bt C. L. Robertson and Mrs. C. L. Robertson (4) 1 up.
G. V. Evans and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (1) bt A. D. Karmel and Mrs. A. D. Karmel (4) 3 and 2.
B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. H. J. Collins (2) bt F. Stanley-Smith and Mrs. F. Stanley-Smith (5) 2 up.
S. M. Adler and Mrs. S. M. Adler (5) bt Mrs. S. Phillips and Mrs. J. H. S. Murray (3) 3 and 1.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss M. S. Carlyon and Miss A. E. Mills (2) bt G. V. Evans and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (1) 1 up.
B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. H. J. Collins (2) bt S. M. Adler and Mrs. S. M. Adler (5) 1 up.

FINAL.

B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. H. J. Collins (2) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon and Miss A. E. Mills (2) 1 up.

CARRICKMINES

CHAMPIONSHIP OF IRELAND

Official Tournament, August, 1957

Although heavy rain and cloud obscured the landscape, and high winds rendered play difficult in the early stages, later, sunshine with only scattered showers afforded more enjoyable conditions for both players and spectators.

This tournament was distinguished by two very welcome features, the visit of three good players from England, and the excellent progress of several players who have recently taken up the game.

Our visitors gave a display of studied tactics and steady, careful and accurate ball control, in contrast with the exuberant and often brilliant, but sometimes fatally careless methods of some of our best players. It is hoped that our promising beginners will have learned much from watching both styles of play, and that next year more visitors from England will come and help to encourage the revival of Irish croquet which appears to be in sight.

The programme worked smoothly throughout under the management of Lady FitzGerald, assisted by the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly.

In the final of the Championship both Commander G. V. G. Beamish and Lady FitzGerald took some time to settle down, but in the last game the former seized his chances and played steadily to win by 10 points.

In the other events we were particularly pleased to see some of our younger members coming to the front; Mr. and Mrs. J. Stokes in the Doubles, and R. J. Leonard in the Handicap Singles, all of whom started Croquet last year. C. R. M. Meredith who started this year attained second place in the Green Cup, while R. Armstrong, a more experienced player did well to reach three finals, and win one of them.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF IRELAND.

(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

A. Robinson bt R. E. Steen +8 —6 +15.
P. D. Mathews bt G. M. FitzPatrick +8 +24.

SECOND ROUND.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Col. W. S. Beamish +18 +19.
V. A. de la Nougere bt A. Robinson +15 +22.
Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly bt P. D. Mathews +5 —5 +9.
Lady FitzGerald bt Mrs. Turketine +9 +10.

SEMI-FINAL.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt V. A. de la Nougere +13 —22 +15.
Lady FitzGerald bt Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly +19 —10 +16.

FINAL.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Lady FitzGerald +8 —13 +10.

LEVEL SINGLES.

GREEN CUP.

(3½ Bisesques and over).

FIRST ROUND.

J. K. Maconchy bt Capt. D. Cambell by 19.
C. R. M. Meredith bt Mrs. R. J. Leonard by 26.
B. T. O'Reilly bt Mrs. J. Stokes by 8.
R. Armstrong bt T. V. Murphy by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.
C. R. M. Meredith bt J. K. Maconchy by 19.
R. Armstrong bt B. T. O'Reilly by 5.

FINAL.
R. Armstrong bt C. R. M. Meredith by 8.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

FOUNDERS CUP.

(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

A. V. McCormick (2) bt Mrs. R. J. Leonard (9) by 5.

SECOND ROUND.

V. A. de la Nougere (—1) bt J. Stokes (6) by 5.
R. Armstrong (5) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (4) by 6.
C. R. M. Meredith (6) bt Capt. D. Cambell (6) by 4.
A. V. McCormick (2) bt Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly (2) by 9.
R. E. Steen (2) bt Capt. J. H. Wilson (6) by 23.
Mrs. Turkentine (—1) bt Mrs. J. Stokes (7) by 11.
R. J. Leonard (8) bt Col. W. S. Beamish (14) by 8.
Lady FitzGerald (0) bt Miss Stoker (12) by 18.

THIRD ROUND.

R. Armstrong bt V. A. de la Nougere by 6.
A. V. McCormick (2) bt C. R. M. Meredith (6) by 11.
R. E. Steen (2) bt Mrs. Turkentine (—1) by 17.
R. J. Leonard (8) bt Lady FitzGerald (0) by 20.

SEMI-FINAL.

R. Armstrong (5) bt A. V. McCormick (2) by 8.
R. J. Leonard (8) bt R. E. Steen (2) by 25.

FINAL.

R. J. Leonard (8) bt R. Armstrong (5) by 3.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

STONEBROOK CUPS.

(11 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss Stoker and Col. W. S. Beamish (13½) bt R. E. Steen and G. M. FitzPatrick (2) by 12.
Lady FitzGerald and B. T. O'Reilly (6) bt A. Robinson and Capt. J. H. Wilson (8) by 7.
V. A. de la Nougere and Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (0) bt A. V. McCormick and Capt. D. Cambell (8) by 14.

SECOND ROUND.

J. Stokes and Mrs. J. Stokes (12) bt C. R. M. Meredith and Mrs. Turkentine (4½) by 9.
Lady FitzGerald and B. T. O'Reilly (6) bt Miss Stoker and Col. W. S. Beamish (13½) by 8.
V. A. de la Nougere and Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (0) bt R. J. Leonard and Mrs. Leonard (17) by 7.
J. K. Maconchy and R. Armstrong (8½) w.o. T. V. Murphy and Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly (6) opponents retired.

SEMI-FINAL.

J. Stokes and Mrs. Stokes (12) bt Lady FitzGerald and B. T. O'Reilly (6) by 7.

J. K. Maconchy and R. Armstrong (8½) bt V. A. de la Nougere and Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (0) by 3.

FINAL.

J. Stokes and Mrs. Stokes (12) bt J. K. Maconchy and R. Armstrong (8½) by 6.

BRIGHTON

August 26th-31st

The Sussex County Club held its 47th tournament at Southwick; this would no doubt have been its 58th had not two world wars interfered with man's humane occupations. All went as well as so many devotees have come to expect at this historic fixture at what is now, perhaps, this country's most flourishing club. To keep ten courts in such good order as these are can be no light task for a single groundsman, however industrious. If there are "rolls" in places these are no more than what the Council's Instructions to Referees describe, somewhat astonishingly as "the normal hazards of an indifferent lawn." Most of the Southwick courts are very much better than "indifferent", and some competitors enjoyed forming a sort of ranking list of these, most of them giving the top place to No. 5—a really beautiful lawn.

The entry for the Gold Cup was not large, but it included as many as five previous winners. In the event two players stood out from the rest, Kirk Greene by his fine shooting and remorseless accuracy; Cotter by his customary brilliance and enterprise, resulting in the usual tally of triple peels. The former player came from behind to retrieve what looked like an almost hopeless situation against Major Stone, who began the week in his characteristically dashing style but seemed to tire as the days went by. Some excellent play by Mrs. Longman was noticed during the week; she has good reason to be considered now our No. 3 lady player, and all the potentialities for rising still higher.

Cotter and Kirk Greene reached the play-off, each with a victory over the other to their credit. In this game the latter proved irresistible, finishing with a very well executed triple. Now that he has added this skill to his other gifts this player has become a very formidable proposition indeed. It is much to be hoped that in future years he will include (as is almost a moral duty for such experts) the President's Cup in his season's programme.

The Franc Cup was played for in the final by Lady Ursula Abbey and Mr. Chignell, both of whom had won a good many games during the week. The winner was Lady Ursula who though by no means at the bottom of the class always looked as good as any in the event. She has an admirable style and well deserves the reduction in handicap she will incur. Henry Ormerod arrived with a handicap of nine, but was not allowed to remain at it after the opening day. His long shooting is nearly as good as that of his redoubtable brother and contributed to win him two first prizes—the Monteith Bowl and a share in the Doubles. His brother not being available on this occasion he paired up with a not less formidable partner and did him every credit.

Two more players who had beaten almost everyone else but not each other reached the final of the high handicap, where Mr. Meacham struck another blow for youth. The final was rather a protracted game, as is common on these occasions, but both players have clearly a bright future before them. Mr. Whitehead's play was seen at its best in his victory over Major Stone—even though a carefully prepared cross-wire was so arranged as to provide his opponent with the easiest of hoops! Another who deserves a mention is Miss Forbes Cowan who well earned the two prizes she won, and (her opponents will hope) a reduction on her handicap too.

The success of any tournament depends far more than most players realise upon the energies of the Secretary. Southwick is fortunate indeed in the devoted service Mr. Corke gives to the club, and more so of course than in the three weeks of its tournament play. If one might offer a suggestion it is that the hoops might be given a coat of paint before these fixtures. Unless this is done, hoops, even when of accurate width, are apt to be less testing than they ought to be for first-class play.

Two things all competitors at Southwick can rely upon—being well managed and being well fed. With Miss Steel in charge of one department and Mrs. Miller of the other, complete satisfaction can be guaranteed. This is a tournament which attracts not only competitors but visitors, among whom Mrs. Ernest Turner, who played here for so many years, was particularly welcome. This is a fixture which it is especially true to say *venez et vous revierez*.

OPEN SINGLES.

THE GOLD CUP.

DRAW.

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

L. Kirk Greene bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury by 25.
M. B. Reckitt bt Miss M. J. Daldy by 19.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Major J. R. Abbey by 3.
D. Jesson Dibley bt Mrs. W. Longman by 4.
Major G. F. Stone bt W. Longman by 25.
E. P. C. Cotter bt G. E. W. Hitchcock by 21.

SECOND ROUND.

L. Kirk Greene bt Mrs. N. Oddie by 6.
M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 22.
Major G. F. Stone bt D. Jesson Dibley by 18.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Major Dibley by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.

L. Kirk Greene bt M. B. Reckitt by 13.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Major G. F. Stone by 26.

FINAL.

L. Kirk Greene bt E. P. C. Cotter by 4.

PROCESS.

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Major J. R. Abbey bt G. E. W. Hitchcock by 6.
W. Longman bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury by 17.
Mrs. W. Longman bt Mrs. N. Oddie by 20.
E. P. C. Cotter bt D. Jesson Dibley by 20.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Major J. H. Dibley by 1.
L. Kirk Greene bt Major G. F. Stone by 3.

SECOND ROUND.

W. Longman bt Major J. R. Abbey by 5.
M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. W. Longman by 8.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Miss M. J. Daldy by 21.
L. Kirk Greene bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt bt W. Longman by 22.
E. P. C. Cotter bt L. Kirk Greene by 26.

FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter bt M. B. Reckitt by 14.

PLAY-OFF.

L. Kirk Greene bt E. P. C. Cotter by 26.

MAURICE RECKITT BOWL.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(Unrestricted).

(51 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss M. Morgan (8½) bt M. B. Reckitt (—3½) by 7.
Mrs. D. Charlton (3½) bt M. D. Cork (7½) by 8.
Miss H. D. Parker (3½) bt Miss D. L. Latham (8½) by 8.
R. Whitham (6) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (5½) by 9.
Major J. H. Dibley (4) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 12.
Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) bt A. L. Megson (2½) by 26.
J. B. Meacham (3) bt W. Longman (—3) by 16.
Capt. K. B. Millar (4) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1½) by 8.
Mrs. M. Roy (3) w.o. Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (3) opponent retired.
Miss M. J. Daldy (—1½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 9.
H. L. Ormerod (9) bt Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (7) by 18.
E. Whitehead (5) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3) by 10.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) bt Mrs. J. Paxton (8) by 18.
Major G. F. Stone (—4½) bt Hon. Clive Pearson (10) by 15.
M. Vlasto (8) bt Mrs. N. Oddie (—2½) by 4.
T. A. Chignell (4) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock (1½) by 21.
Mrs. E. Whitehead (12) w.o. Mrs. R. Whitham (8) opponent withdrew.

D. Jesson Dibley (1½) bt Mrs. M. Craven (3) by 14.
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (6½) by 7.
N. F. Blackwood (6) bt Miss Elphinstone Stone (3) by 18.

SECOND ROUND.

Major J. R. Abbey (0) bt Mrs. K. E. Eakin (6) by 9.
E. A. Roper (2) bt Miss A. L. Megson (4) by 8.
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (½) bt E. P. C. Cotter (—4½) by 14.
Mrs. D. Charlton (3½) bt Miss M. Morgan (8½) by 8.
Miss H. D. Parker (3½) bt R. Whitham (6) by 10.
Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) bt Major J. H. Dibley (4) by 23.
J. B. Meacham (3) bt Capt. K. B. Millar (4) by 2.
Mrs. M. Roy (3) bt Miss M. J. Daldy (—1½) by 10.
E. Whitehead (5) bt H. Ormerod (9) by 16.
Major G. F. Stone (—4½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) by 8.
T. A. Chignell (4) bt M. Vlasto (8) by 18.
D. Jesson Dibley (1½) bt Mrs. E. Whitehead (12) by 6.
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) bt N. F. Blackwood (6) by 19.
Miss K. Ault (3) bt G. F. Paxton (7) by 22.
W. P. H. Roe (7) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (12) by 10.
Mrs. W. Longman (—1½) bt Mrs. H. F. Roberts (6) by 2.

THIRD ROUND.

Major J. R. Abbey (0) bt E. A. Roper (6) by 2.
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (½) bt Mrs. D. Charlton (3½) by 19.
Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) bt Miss H. D. Parker (3½) by 7.
J. B. Meacham (3) bt Mrs. M. Roy (3) by 20.
E. Whitehead (5) bt Major G. F. Stone (—4½) by 17.
T. A. Chignell (4) bt D. Jesson Dibley (1½) by 16.
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) bt Miss K. Ault (3) by 19.
Mrs. W. Longman (—1½) bt W. P. H. Roe (7) by 9.

FOURTH ROUND.

Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (½) bt Major J. R. Abbey (0) by 5.
J. B. Meacham (3) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) by 16.
E. Whitehead (5) bt T. A. Chignell (4) by 14.
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) bt Mrs. W. Longman (—1½) by 23.

SEMI-FINAL.

J. B. Meacham (3) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (½) by 14.
E. Whitehead (5) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) by 21.

FINAL.

J. B. Meacham (3) bt E. Whitehead (5) by 15.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

MONTEITH BOWL.

(21 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

E. C. Mogridge (9) bt Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (7) by 6.
Mrs. E. Whitehead (12) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (6½) by 11.
Miss M. Morgan (8½) bt G. F. Paxton (7) by 3.
Mrs. L. Abdy (9) bt Miss D. L. Latham (8) by 2.
Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (5½) bt N. F. Blackwood (6) by 5.
Mrs. H. F. Roberts (6) w.o. Mrs. R. Whitham (6) opponent scratched.

Mrs. M. D. Cork (7½) bt Mrs. J. Paxton (8) by 12.
R. Whitham (6) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 18.

SECOND ROUND.

W. P. H. Roe (7) bt Miss E. E. Bennett (10) by 13.
Mrs. K. Eakin (6) bt N. B. Fuller (8) by 14.
Mrs. E. Whitehead (12) bt E. C. Mogridge (9) by 20.
Miss M. Morgan (8½) bt Mrs. L. Abdy (8) by 18.
Mrs. H. F. Roberts (6) w.o. Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (5½) opponent scratched.

B. Whitham (6) bt Mrs. M. D. Corke (7½) by 7.
M. Vlasto (8) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 11.

H. L. Ormerod (9) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (12) by 16.

THIRD ROUND.

W. P. H. Roe (7) w.o. Mrs. K. Eakin (6) opponent retired.
Mrs. E. Whitehead (12) bt Miss M. Morgan (8½) by 12.
Mrs. H. Roberts (6) bt R. Whitham (6) by 6.
H. L. Ormerod (9) bt M. Vlasto (8) by 22.

SEMI-FINAL.

W. P. H. Roe (7) bt Mrs. E. Whitehead (12) by 4.
H. L. Ormerod (9) bt Mrs. H. F. Roberts (6) by 16.

FINAL.

H. L. Ormerod (9) bt W. P. H. Roe (7) by 9.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

THE FRANC CUP.

(19 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

J. B. Meacham w.o. Mrs. M. B. Reckitt opponent scratched.
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt Capt. K. B. Millar by 16.

SECOND ROUND.

E. Whitehead bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan by 22.
T. A. Chignell bt Mrs. D. Charlton by 5.
E. A. Roper bt Miss H. D. Roper by 8.
J. B. Meacham bt Lt.-Col. E. F. Stobart by 7.
Lady Ursula Abbey bt Mrs. Craven by 5.
Miss Elphinstone Stone w.o. G. E. W. Hitchcock opponent scratched.

Mrs. J. H. Dibley bt A. L. Megson by 12.
Mrs. A. L. Megson bt Miss K. Ault by 2.

THIRD ROUND.

T. A. Chignell bt E. Whitehead by 16.
J. B. Meacham bt E. A. Roper by 10.
Lady Ursula Abbey bt Miss Elphinstone Stone by 20.
Mrs. A. L. Megson bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.

T. A. Chignell bt J. B. Meacham by 21.
Lady Ursula Abbey bt Mrs. A. L. Megson by 20.

FINAL.

Lady Ursula Abbey bt T. A. Chignell by 12.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(22 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

T. A. Chignell and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (10½) bt Mrs. W. Longman and N. F. Blackwood (2½) by 4.
Mrs. N. Oddie and Mrs. K. Eakin (3½) bt W. Longman and Miss E. E. Bennett (9) by 12.
L. Kirk Greene and Mrs. H. Roberts (3) bt G. F. Paxton and E. C. Mogridge (16) by 4 on time.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (9½) bt Miss Elphinstone Stone and Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (6½) by 4.
E. A. Roper and Miss H. D. Parker (5½) bt Mrs. A. Badcock and Mrs. A. L. Megson (5½) by 7.
Major G. F. Stone and Miss M. Morgan (4) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper and Capt. K. B. Millar (10) by 13.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss Forbes Cowan (6½) bt M. Vlasto and F. E. Corke (10) by 14.
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and Miss K. Ault (3½) bt J. B. Meacham and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (15) by 7.
T. A. Chignell and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (10½) bt E. Whitehead and Mrs. E. Whitehead (15) by 4.
Mrs. N. Oddie and Mrs. K. Eakin (3½) bt L. Kirk Greene and Mrs. H. F. Roberts (3) by 7.
E. A. Roper and Miss H. D. Parker (5½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (9½) by 6.
Major G. F. Stone and Miss M. Morgan (4) bt Mrs. M. Roy and Mrs. C. E. Bishop (14) by 16.
Major J. H. Dibley and D. Jesson Dibley (2) bt Mrs. M. Craven and Mrs. Abdy (11) by 21.
E. P. C. Cotter and H. L. Ormerod (2½) bt M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. M. D. Cork (4) by 5.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6½) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and Miss K. Ault (3½) by 15.
Mrs. N. Oddie and Mrs. K. Eakin (3½) bt T. A. Chignell and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (10½) by 14.
Major G. F. Stone and Miss M. Morgan (4) bt E. A. Roper and Miss H. D. Parker (5½) by 2.
E. P. C. Cotter and H. L. Ormerod (2½) bt Major J. H. Dibley and D. Jesson Dibley (2) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6½) bt Mrs. N. Oddie and Mrs. K. Eakin (3½) by 10.
E. P. C. Cotter and H. Ormerod (2½) bt Major G. F. Stone and Miss M. Morgan (4) by 16.

FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter and H. L. Ormerod (2½) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6½) by 7.

BRIGHTON (Unofficial)

The Brighton unofficial tournament was a wonderful and happy gathering. Thanks to Major J. H. Dibley for the courteous and efficient manner in which he carried out his duties as Manager. We were pleased to welcome so many visitors from Ryde and Birmingham and other distant places. An appreciation from all for the excellent lunches and teas goes to Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Evans—also Mrs. E. Truett in her untiring duties at the bar and her help in the canteen. Praise must be to Adams the groundsman for giving us ten such excellent lawns, and to F. E. Corke, the Hon. Secretary, who by his genial manner helped to give us so much happiness. Congratulations to Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart on winning the Douglas Jones Cup for the second year and to Miss Trought and Miss C. Templeton the Doubles Event.

HANDICAP SINGLES. (5½ Bisesques and under). (23 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3) bt Miss H. D. Parker (3½) by 8.
Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (3½) w.o. Mrs. F. R. Carling (5) opponent retired.
Miss M. E. Watson (5) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) by 8.
Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) bt Mrs. W. Longman (—1½) by 3.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) by 2.
W. Longman (—3) bt A. L. Megson (2½) by 12.
Mrs. N. Oddie (—2½) bt Mrs. F. M. Latham (1½) by 7.

SECOND ROUND.

Brig. J. S. Omond (5½) bt E. A. Roper (2) by 16.
Miss D. D. Steel (—4) w.o. Mrs. E. Turner (3½) opponent scratched.
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3) bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (3½) by 16.
Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) bt Miss E. M. Watson (5) by 18.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1½) bt W. Longman (—3) by 18.
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) w.o. Mrs. N. Oddie (—2½) opponent scratched.
Mrs. S. Phillips (2½) bt R. H. Newton (2) by 13.
Mrs. K. Rand (3½) bt Mrs. M. Roy (3) by 9.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss D. D. Steel (—4) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (5½) by 4.
Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3) by 8.
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1½) by 13.
Mrs. K. Rand (3½) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (2½) by 7.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) bt Miss D. D. Steel (—4) by 25.
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) bt Mrs. K. Rand (3½) by 11.

FINAL.

Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) bt Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) by 17.

HANDICAP SINGLES. (6 to 8½ Bisesques). (14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss D. L. Latham (8) bt Miss M. Allen (8) by 11.
D. Woodhams (7) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (7½) by 4.
Miss H. Trought (8) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 12.
E. C. Mogridge (8½) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 13.
Mrs. H. F. Roberts (6) bt Miss G. Sparks (7) by 11.
G. F. Paxton (7) bt Miss G. Allen (8) by 3.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss D. L. Latham (8) bt W. P. H. Roe (7) by 10.
Miss H. Trought (8) bt D. Woodhams (7) by 2 on time.
E. C. Mogridge (8½) w.o. Mrs. H. F. Roberts (6) opponent retired.
G. F. Paxton (7) w.o. Miss M. Morgan (8½) opponent retired.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss H. Trought (8) bt Miss D. L. Latham (8) by 17.
G. F. Paxton (7) w.o. E. C. Mogridge (8½) opponent retired.

FINAL.

G. F. Paxton (7) bt Miss H. Trought (8) by 5.

HANDICAP SINGLES. (9 Bisesques and over). (9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss M. M. Taylor (13) w.o. Miss M. Tanners (12) opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. J. S. Omond (10) bt Miss C. Templeton (9) by 18.
Miss M. M. Taylor (13) bt Miss E. E. Bennett (10) by 1 on time.
Mrs. W. A. Taylor (12) bt Mrs. A. B. Ward (10) by 4.
Hon. Clive Pearson (10) bt Mrs. K. Baker (10) by 4.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss M. M. Taylor (13) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (10) by 7.
Mrs. W. A. Naylor (12) bt Hon. Clive Pearson (10) by 13.

FINAL.

Miss M. M. Taylor (13) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (12) by 2.

HANDICAP SINGLES. (Unrestricted).

THE DOUGLAS-JONES CUP.

(42 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) bt Mrs. H. F. Roberts (6) by 7.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (5½) by 6.
Miss G. Allen (8) bt Miss E. M. Watson (5) by 17.
D. Woodhams (7) bt Miss D. L. Latham (8) by 3.
Miss H. Trought (8) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 13.
Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (3½) bt E. C. Mogridge (8½) by 1.
W. P. H. Roe (7) bt Mrs. K. E. Rand (3½) by 9.
Mrs. A. Badcock (1½) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (10) by 2.
Mrs. W. A. Naylor (12) bt Miss Tanners (12) by 9.
Miss E. E. Bennett (10) bt R. H. Newton (2) by 17.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) bt E. A. Roper (2) by 17.
Mrs. K. Baker (10) bt Mrs. A. B. Ward (10) by 8.
Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) by 10.
Miss C. Templeton (9) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (2½) by 5.
Miss H. D. Parker (3½) bt Miss M. M. Morgan (8½) by 3.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 1.
Miss G. Allen (8) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 4.
D. Woodhams (7) bt Miss H. Trought (8) by 2.
W. P. H. Roe (7) bt Miss Elphinstone Stone (3½) by 4.
Mrs. W. A. Naylor (12) bt Mrs. A. Badcock (1½) by 10.
Miss E. E. Bennett (10) bt Mrs. R. E. Pertwee (7) by 13.
G. F. Paxton (7) bt Miss M. Allen (8) by 4.
Mrs. F. N. Latham (1½) bt Mrs. M. Roy (3) by 14.
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (13) by 22.
Miss G. Sparkes (7) bt A. L. Megson (2½) by 23.
Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (3½) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (7½) by 2.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) bt Mrs. K. Baker (10) by 4.
Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) bt Miss C. Templeton (9) by 12.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1½) bt Miss H. D. Parker (3½) by 8.
Miss G. Allen (8) bt D. Woodhams (8) by 9.
Mrs. W. A. Naylor (12) bt W. P. H. Roe (7) by 11.
G. F. Paxton (7) bt Miss E. E. Bennett (5) on time.
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3) bt Mrs. F. N. Latham (1½) by 21.
Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (3½) bt Miss G. Sparkes (7) by 16.

FOURTH ROUND.

Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) by 3.
Miss G. Allen (8) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1½) by 3.
G. F. Paxton (7) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (12) by 11.
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3) bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (3½) by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) bt Miss G. Allen (8) by 15.
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3) bt G. F. Paxton (7) by 6.

FINAL.

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3) bt Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) by 11.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.").

EVENT "Y".

(Scratch and over). (21 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. H. F. Roberts (6) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (5½) by 10.
Miss D. L. Latham (8) bt Miss E. M. Watson (5) by 8.
E. C. Mogridge (8½) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 11.
Mrs. K. Rand (3½) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (10) by 13.
R. H. Newton (2) w.o. Miss M. Towers (12) opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

E. A. Roper (2) bt Mrs. A. B. Ward (10) by 10.
Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (2½) by 10.
Mrs. H. F. Roberts (6) w.o. Miss M. Morgan (8) opponent scratched.

Miss D. L. Latham (8) bt E. C. Mogridge (8½) by 3.
R. H. Newton (2) w.o. Mrs. K. Rand (3½) opponent retired.
Mrs. R. E. Pertwee (7) bt Miss M. Allen (8) by 4.
Miss M. M. Taylor (13) bt Mrs. M. Roy (3) by 9.
A. L. Megson (2½) bt Mrs. D. M. Cork (7½) by 2.

THIRD ROUND.

E. A. Roper (6) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) by 4.
Mrs. H. F. Roberts (6) bt Miss D. L. Latham (8) by 7.
Mrs. R. E. Pertwee (7) bt R. H. Newton (2) by 16.
Miss M. M. Taylor (13) bt A. L. Megson (2½) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. A. Roper (6) w.o. Mrs. H. F. Roberts (6) opponent retired.
Mrs. R. E. Pertwee (7) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (13) by 4.

FINAL.

Mrs. R. E. Pertwee (7) and E. A. Roper (6) divided.

HANDICAP DOUBLES. (Combined handicap not less than 5). (21 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. W. Longman and Mrs. M. D. Cork (6) bt Mrs. F. N. Latham and Miss E. M. Watson (6½) by 9.

Brig. J. S. Omond and Mrs. E. A. Roper (11½) bt Miss M. Allen and Miss H. D. Parker (11½) by 5.
Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth and Miss E. E. Bennett (15½) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. J. S. Omond (12) by 3.
R. H. Newton and Mrs. H. F. Roberts (8) bt Miss M. M. Taylor and W. Longman (9) by 6.
Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (8) bt Mrs. N. Oddie and Mrs. E. Truett (8½) by 9.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. K. Rand and Miss G. Allen (11½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley and Mrs. A. B. Ward (14) by 4.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss G. Sparkes (8½) bt Miss F. Elphinstone Stone and W. P. H. Roe (10½) by 14.
Mrs. W. Longman and Mrs. M. D. Cork (6) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan and Miss M. Morgan (13½) by 5 on time.
Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth and Miss E. E. Bennett (15½) bt Brig. J. S. Omond and Mrs. E. A. Roper (11½) by 8.
Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (8) bt R. H. Newton and Mrs. H. F. Roberts (8) by 20.
Mrs. M. Roy and Mrs. McArthur (6) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart and Mrs. F. E. Stobart (15) by 7.
T. A. Chignell and Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (7½) bt Mrs. A. Badcock and D. Woodhams (8½) by 12.
Miss H. Trought and Miss C. Templeton (17) bt G. F. Paxton and E. C. Mogridge (16) by 12.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss H. Rand and Miss G. Allen (11½) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss G. Sparkes (8½) by 11.
Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth and Miss E. E. Bennett (15½) bt Mrs. W. Longman and Mrs. M. D. Cork (6) by 1.
Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (8) w.o. Mrs. M. Roy and Mrs. McArthur (6) opponents scratched.
Miss H. Trought and Miss C. Templeton (17) bt T. A. Chignell and Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (7½) by 3.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth and Miss E. E. Bennett (15½) bt Mrs. K. Rand and Miss G. Allen (11½) by 11.
Miss H. Trought and Miss C. Templeton (17) bt Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (8) by 12.

FINAL.

Mrs. H. Trought and Miss C. Templeton (17) bt Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth and Miss E. E. Bennett (15½) by 6.

EXTRA EVENT.

Won by Mrs. F. N. Latham.

PARKSTONE

Although there were less entries than usual the Parkstone Tournament provided an enjoyable and homely week. The weather was not kind and some games had to be played under somewhat wet conditions. We were pleased to see two newcomers to the tournament, Messrs. Bolton and Meachem, both of whom reached the final of their respective classes. V. de la Nougere and Col. Beamish met in the final of the Open Singles, the latter being the winner. The final of the Doubles was somewhat dull and prolonged but provided an interesting finish with a win by Mrs. Kay and W. R. Bolton. E. Whitehead, the winner of the Gold Cup, is to be heartily congratulated on his steady play throughout the week.

It is with considerable regret we learn that Mr. and Mrs. Ashton intend to retire from their Managerial and Hon. Secretarial duties. When we realise that Mr. Ashton has officiated at croquet for over 40 years and has managed about 120 tournaments, and that Mrs. Ashton has had 21 years as Secretary, the Parkstone Club in particular and the croquet world in general owe them a considerable debt of gratitude.

Much praise is due to the catering side for the excellent meals provided, and to the groundsman, Mr. A. Barrow, who put in so much work on the lawns all of which were indeed of a very high standard.

OPEN SINGLES.

BOURNEMOUTH BOWL.

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Canon R. Creed Meredith bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 7.
V. A. de la Nougere bt G. Williams by 3.
Col. D. W. Beamish bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 20.
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt W. W. Sweet Escott by 19.

SEMI-FINAL.

V. A. de la Nougere bt Canon R. Creed Meredith by 3.
Col. D. W. Beamish bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 14.

FINAL.

Col. D. W. Beamish bt V. A. de la Nougere by 14.

LEVEL SINGLES.

THE DESHON CUP.

(1½ to 4 Bisesques).

(7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

E. Whitehead w.o. Dr. B. R. Sandiford opponent scratched.
J. B. Meachem bt Miss M. C. Macaulay by 22.
Miss A. E. Mills bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

J. B. Meachem bt E. Whitehead by 5.
Miss A. E. Mills bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin by 12.

FINAL.

J. B. Meachem bt Miss A. E. Mills by 17.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

THE HALSE SALVER.

(4½ Bisesques and over).

(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Major F. Hill-Bernhard (6) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 6.
Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) w.o. E. Whitehead (5) opponent withdrawn.
Miss H. F. Woolley (6) bt A. F. Rash (9) by 9.
W. R. Bolton (12) bt Mrs. G. Fitter (14) by 17.
Miss G. L. W. Weston (9) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) by 15.

SECOND ROUND.

Major F. Hill-Bernhard (6) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornehill (9) by 3.
Miss H. F. Woolley (6) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) by 6.
W. R. Bolton (12) bt Miss G. L. W. Weston (9) by 22.
Mrs. A. V. Wilson (11) bt Mrs. E. Whitehead (11) by 1.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major F. Hill-Bernhard (6) bt Miss H. F. Woolley (6) by 17.
W. R. Bolton (12) w.o. Mrs. A. V. Wilson (11) opponent retired.

FINAL.

Major F. Hill-Bernhard (6) bt W. R. Bolton (12) by 4.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(Unrestricted).

GOLD CUP.

(27 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (3½) by 7.
J. B. Meachem (2) bt V. A. de la Nougere (—½) by 3.
E. Whitehead (4) bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie (3) by 7.
Col. D. W. Beamish (—2½) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornehill (9) by 17.
G. Williams (—½) bt Mrs. A. V. Wilson (11) by 5.
Mrs. Whitehead (11) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (½) by 14.
Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) w.o. Dr. B. R. Sandiford (1½) opponent scratched.
Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton (—2) by 1.
Miss H. F. Woolley (6) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) by 22.
Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (2½) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1) by 3.
Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (0) bt Miss G. L. Weston (9) by 19.

SECOND ROUND.

W. R. Bolton (12) bt A. F. Rash (9) by 21.
Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) bt J. B. Meachem (3) by 9.
E. Whitehead (4) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (—2½) by 16.
Mrs. E. Whitehead (11) bt G. Williams (—½) by 12.
Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill opponent retired.
Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (2½) bt Miss H. F. Woolley (6) by 5.
Canon R. Creed Meredith (0) bt Major F. Hill-Bernhard (6) by 10.
W. W. Sweet Escott (—1) bt Mrs. G. Fitter (14) by 4.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) w.o. W. R. Bolton (12) opponent scratched.
E. Whitehead (4) bt Mrs. Whitehead (11) by 9.
Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (2½) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) by 9.
Canon R. Creed Meredith (0) bt W. W. Sweet Escott (—1) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. Whitehead (4) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) by 4.
Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (2½) bt Canon R. Creed Meredith (0) by 7.

FINAL.

E. Whitehead (4) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (2½) by 16.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(10 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Col. D. W. Beamish and Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (—2) bt V. A. de la Nougere and Major F. Hill-Bernhard (5½) by 11.
Mrs. E. M. Kay and W. R. Bolton (19) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Miss A. E. Mills (2½) by 10.

SECOND ROUND.

W. W. Sweet Escott and Mrs. A. V. Wilson (9) bt E. Whitehead and Mrs. E. Whitehead (15) by 17.
Col. D. W. Beamish and Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (—2) bt Miss H. F. Woolley and Mrs. F. M. Thornehill (15) by 9.
Mrs. E. M. Kay and W. R. Bolton (19) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton and A. F. Rash (7) by 10.
Canon R. Creed Meredith and Mrs. J. A. McMordie (3) bt J. B. Meachem and Miss M. C. Macaulay (5½) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.
W. W. Sweet Escott and Mrs. A. V. Wilson (9) bt Col. D. W. Beamish and Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (—2) by 17.
Mrs. E. M. Kay and W. R. Bolton (19) bt Canon R. Creed Meredith and Mrs. J. A. McMordie (3) by 7.
FINAL.
Mrs. E. M. Kay and W. R. Bolton (19) bt W. W. Sweet Escott and Mrs. A. V. Wilson (9) by 6.

HUNSTANTON

All croquet tournaments are enjoyable and each in its way seems to have its own particular characteristic quality—that of Hunstanton is one of friendliness and gaiety.

The atmosphere is rather that of a pleasant house-party at which the days are spent in friendly but serious rivalry on the lawns, and the evenings in similar vein at the bridge tables, for those who so desire, or visits to the pier or the theatre for the less serious minded.

This year's tournament was no exception to the rule. The lawns were in splendid condition, the competition keen, and, as always under the able and urbane management of Mr. C. B. Bird everything went like clockwork.

The Norfolk Challenge Cup was retained by the holder, J. G. Warwick, who won both the Draw and Process, thereby depriving us of the pleasure of witnessing a final in this event. The Handicap "X" was won by Mrs. Edmund Reeve, who was also in the Handicap Doubles final, partnered by C. H. R. Penny, in which this strong combination was beaten by Mrs. P. E. Heley and H. Ormerod after a sterling struggle. The younger generation was ably represented by C. H. R. Penny and H. Ormerod, both of whom played very well.

There were some very close matches but two which call for special mention are the final of the Level Singles (Class B), in which Miss K. Ault beat Commander D. W. Roe after a tense game, and the final of the Handicap Singles (Class "C"), in which that ever youthful octogenarian Captain V. G. Gilbey overcame H. Ormerod, although at one stage Ormerod was for the peg with both balls, at which time Gilbey was for the rover and three-back.

The only sad note of the week was the fact that Mrs. C. B. Perowne has resigned as Hon. Secretary of the Club, an office which she has held for seven years. Her resignation is much regretted by the members who realise and appreciate how much she has done for the Club during her secretaryship. However, we hope that Mrs. Perowne will long continue to grace the lawns and to play in future tournaments, and we welcome Mrs. J. C. Clarke who has been elected as her successor.

Last, but by no means least, the thanks of all competitors are due to the local members who made us so welcome and particularly to the ladies who never failed to provide excellent coffee, tea, etc., at the appropriate time.

OPEN SINGLES (CLASS "A"). NORFOLK CHALLENGE CUP.

THE DRAW. (5 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Mrs. E. Reeve bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.
J. G. Warwick bt Mrs. E. Reeve by 13.
H. J. Tovey bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton by 14.

FINAL.
J. G. Warwick bt H. J. Tovey by 12.

PROCESS. (5 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
J. G. Warwick bt H. J. Tovey by 23.

SEMI-FINAL.
J. G. Warwick bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 12.
Mrs. E. Reeve bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton by 20.

FINAL.
J. G. Warwick bt Mrs. E. Reeve by 2.

J. G. Warwick winner of the Event.
2nd Place: Mrs. Reeve bt H. J. Tovey by 7.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

HUNSTANTON CHALLENGE BOWL. (2 to 6½ Bisques).

FIRST ROUND.
Comdr. D. W. Roe bt W. T. Bell by 22.
Mrs. B. C. Perowne bt Mrs. P. E. Heley by 16.
A. D. Karmel bt C. H. R. Penny by 10.
Miss K. Ault bt Mrs. D. W. Roe by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.
Comdr. D. W. Roe bt Mrs. B. C. Perowne by 20.
Miss K. Ault bt A. D. Karmel by 17.

FINAL.
Miss K. Ault bt Comdr. D. W. Roe by 3.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C"). (7 Bisques and over).

FIRST ROUND.
Mrs. C. Riddey (9) bt Mrs. A. Rolfe (14) by 18.
Sir Cecil Brackenbury (10*) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 4.

SEMI-FINAL.
Capt. V. G. Gilbey (7) bt Mrs. C. Riddey (9) by 10.
H. Ormerod (7) bt Sir Cecil Brackenbury (10*) by 15.

FINAL.
Capt. V. G. Gilbey (7) bt H. Ormerod (7) by 2.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.Z."). INGLEBY CHALLENGE CUP.

EVENT "X". (21 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Mrs. B. C. Perowne (6) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 12.
Miss V. E. Mills (1½) bt Mrs. C. Riddey (9) by 18.
J. G. Warwick (—1½) bt Sir Cecil Brackenbury (10*) by 5.
Mrs. D. W. Roe (6½) bt Mrs. A. Rolfe (14) by 20.
Miss E. J. Warwick (½) bt Capt. V. G. Gilbey (7) by 7.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.
Mrs. P. E. Heley (3) bt W. T. Bell (3) by 15.
C. H. R. Penny (6) bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (—½) by 26.
Mrs. B. C. Perowne (6) bt H. J. Tovey (1½) by 2.
J. G. Warwick (—1½) bt Miss V. E. Mills (1½) by 11.
Miss E. J. Warwick (½) bt Mrs. D. W. Roe (6½) by 5.
Mrs. E. Reeve (—2) bt Miss K. Ault (3) by 12.
A. D. Karmel (4½) bt G. R. Mills (10) by 15.
H. Ormerod (7) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe (3) by 13.

THIRD ROUND.
Mrs. P. E. Heley (3) bt C. H. R. Penny (6) by 7.
Mrs. B. C. Perowne (6) bt J. G. Warwick (—1½) by 15.
Mrs. E. Reeve (—2) bt Miss E. J. Warwick (½) by 5.
H. Ormerod (7) bt A. D. Karmel (4½) by 4.

SEMI-FINAL.
Mrs. P. E. Heley (3) bt Mrs. B. C. Perowne (6) by 16.
Mrs. E. Reeve (—2) bt H. Ormerod (7) by 4.

FINAL.
Mrs. E. Reeve (—2) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (3) by 8.

EVENT "Y". (11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
H. J. Tovey (1½) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 10.
Sir Cecil Brackenbury (10) bt Mrs. C. Riddey (9) by 16.
Capt. V. G. Gilbey (7) bt Mrs. A. Rolfe (14) by 14.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.
Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (—½) bt W. T. Bell (3) by 3.
H. J. Tovey (1½) bt Sir Cecil Brackenbury (10) by 10.
Capt. V. G. Gilbey (7) bt Miss K. Ault (3) by 16.
Comdr. D. W. Roe (3) bt G. R. Mills (10) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.
H. J. Tovey (1½) bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (—½) by 25.
Comdr. D. W. Roe (3) bt Capt. V. G. Gilbey (7) by 7.

FINAL.
Comdr. D. W. Roe (3) bt H. J. Tovey (1½) by 7.

EVENT "Z". (10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Miss K. Ault (3) bt Mrs. C. Riddey (9) by 16.
A. D. Karmel (4½) bt Miss Stevenson (9) by 7.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.
Miss K. Ault (3) bt W. T. Bell (3) by 15.
C. H. R. Penny (6) bt G. R. Mills (10) by 8.
Mrs. D. W. Roe (6½) bt A. D. Karmel (4½) by 2.
Miss V. E. Mills (1½) bt Mrs. Rolfe (14) by 19.

SEMI-FINAL.
C. H. R. Penny (6) bt Miss K. Ault (3) by 21.
Mrs. D. W. Roe (6½) bt Miss V. E. Mills (1½) by 11.

FINAL.
C. H. R. Penny (6) bt Mrs. D. W. Roe (6½) by 20.

HANDICAP DOUBLES. (2 Bisques and over).

FIRST ROUND.
Mrs. E. Reeve and C. H. R. Penny (4) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe and Mrs. Roe (9½) by 13.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. B. C. Perowne (6½) bt A. D. Karmel and Mrs. Karmel (16½) by 7.
Mrs. E. Reeve and C. H. R. Penny (4) bt Miss V. E. Mills and G. R. Mills (9½) by 6.
H. J. Tovey and Sir Cecil Brackenbury (11½) bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton and Miss W. L. Stevenson (8½) by 17.
Mrs. P. E. Heley and H. Ormerod (10) bt J. G. Warwick and Miss K. Ault (1½) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.
Mrs. E. Reeve and C. H. R. Penny (4) bt Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. Perowne (6½) by 2.
Mrs. P. E. Heley and H. Ormerod (10) bt H. J. Tovey and Sir Cecil Brackenbury (11½) by 11.

FINAL.
Mrs. P. E. Heley and H. Ormerod (10) bt Mrs. E. Reeve and C. H. R. Penny (4) by 6.

CHELTENHAM

(Unofficial)

Cheltenham was lucky in the fact that in a week when the weather was in most cases wet, windy, and sometimes cold, though there were deluges of rain every night making the courts heavy for play, during the day time the weather was mostly fine.

The Club had the pleasure of welcoming old friends and some new ones, a pleasing fact being the influx of young players. Mrs. Yoxall, for example, who only began to play last June, reached the final of the "D" Class, and won several games in good style.

In the Opens, Miss D. D. Steel showed that she is still the fighter that she always was, and that the hand has not lost its cunning. Mr. Langley also did himself credit in this event, though he was lucky to defeat that spectacular young player Mr. D. Harries by one point only.

As players to be reckoned with, whose names have gained honourable places on the score sheets, we would mention Miss Posford, a greatly improved player, Mr. E. Bantock, Mr. G. A. H. Alexander and Miss Leonard. And we specially congratulate Mr. C. H. O'D. Alexander of national chess fame on winning Class "D" in his first tournament.

Two other players deserving "mention in despatches" are Dr. Yoxall and Miss I. Roe, both rapidly improving players, who came in first and second in Handicap "X". Another player who showed good form was Miss Hulton whose long roquets and brilliant hoop-running were decidedly disconcerting to her opponents.

An experiment was tried with regard to the Handicap Doubles, i.e. the old Wednesday 10 a.m. superstition was disregarded, and the first round took place on Tuesday at 2 p.m., and the second on Wednesday at 2 p.m. This change meant that the number of people required each day at 10 a.m. was always the minimum, a great advantage in these days when many housewives find the early start decidedly inconvenient.

The final of the Handicap Doubles, especially towards the end, proved a delight to the spectators, perhaps less so the players! One moment the advantage was to Blue and Black, the next to Red and Yellow! At the last, Miss Carmouche and Mr. Adye seemed almost certain of victory, as a clever shot on the part of the latter, gave him the chance of pegging out Mrs. Chittenden's ball, which would have left her weaker partner in a difficult position but Adye's ball took a sudden dislike to the last hoop, thereby giving Mrs. Fitter an easy get-out of which she duly and creditably availed herself.

In spite of the weather condition, it can safely be asserted that visiting competitors enjoyed the week, and are likely to turn up again next year. In spite of the courts being heavy through the wet nights, the general improvement in their condition was appreciated. Something else that was much appreciated was the hot soup provided by Mrs. Langley for lunch. We congratulate Mrs. Langley and her helpers on their most successful efforts.

We congratulate Miss Paulley on her excellent management of the tournament, also Commander D. Roe the Tournament Secretary, and Mr. Thompson the energetic Treasurer. But we would specially commend Col. Daniels, the Secretary, and Mrs. Daniels for the enthusiasm and energy they have obviously put into the Club's affairs, and we must mention their gift, *inter alia*, of that much appreciated shelter adjacent to courts 4 and 5.

The Groundsman "Alick" also deserves mention, he worked hard early and late, and we sympathise with his disappointment that weather conditions deprived him of some of the results of his labour. Visitors could hardly fail to be impressed with the fact that Cheltenham is a "live" Club looking confidently to the future.

By the bye, it is constantly asserted that the greatest detriment to the progress of our game today in the shape of tournament entries is the inflated cost of hotel accommodation, therefore those who were good enough to give hospitality to visitors deserve warmest thanks.

OPEN SINGLES. ("Two Lives").

THE DRAW. (7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Miss D. D. Steel bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 22.
D. G. B. Harries bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod by 13.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 23.

SEMI-FINAL.
D. G. B. Harries bt Miss D. D. Steel by 15.
F. Langley bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 25.

FINAL.
F. Langley bt D. G. B. Harries by 1.

PROCESS. (7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Dr. G. L. Ormerod bt F. Langley by 4.
Miss D. D. Steel bt Mrs. F. H. Chittenden by 7.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt D. G. B. Harries by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.
Miss D. D. Steel bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod by 7.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 11.

FINAL.
Miss D. D. Steel bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 5.

PLAY-OFF.
Miss D. D. Steel bt F. Langley by 22.

LEVEL SINGLES. (Law 44 suspended).

(3 Bisques or more). (9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Miss M. Posford bt Mrs. B. de C. Mathews by 4.

SECOND ROUND.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels bt Mrs. W. A. Odling by 3.
Miss M. Posford bt Capt. K. B. Millar by 13.
E. G. Bantock bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege by 19.
Comdr. D. W. Roe bt Miss L. Hulton by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.
Miss M. Posford bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels by 3.
E. G. Bantock bt Comdr. D. W. Roe by 9.

FINAL.
Miss M. Posford bt E. G. Bantock by 20.

HANDICAP SINGLES. (5½ to 9 Bisques).

FIRST ROUND.
Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) bt Mrs. J. H. S. Murray (7) by 24.
G. A. H. Alexander (8) bt Dr. A. L. Yoxall (5½) by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.
Miss E. M. Leonard (8) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) by 5.
G. A. H. Alexander (8) bt Miss I. M. Roe (6) by 2.

FINAL.
G. A. H. Alexander (8) bt Miss E. M. Leonard (8) by 3.

EXTRA HANDICAP SINGLES. (Starting 1st hoop and 3-back). (8 Entries).

FINAL.
Dr. G. L. Ormerod (2) bt E. G. Bantock (4) by 6.

HANDICAP SINGLES. (10 Bisques or over).

FIRST ROUND.
Miss M. M. Taylor (12) bt Miss L. Wilkinson (12) by 10.
Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (14) bt Miss V. Bolton (10) by 10.
Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (11) bt Mrs. G. P. Fitter (14) by 5.
C. H. O'D. Alexander (10) bt Miss O. Connolly (14) by 21.

SECOND ROUND.
R. R. Smith (10*) bt Major A. F. P. Knapp (10) by 9.
Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (14) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (12) by 6.
C. H. O'D. Alexander (10) bt Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (11) by 7.
Col. M. F. F. Buzzard (12*) bt Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (12) by 16.

SEMI-FINAL.
Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (14) bt R. R. Smith (10*) by 4.
C. H. O'D. Alexander (10) bt Col. M. F. F. Buzzard (12*) by 22.

FINAL.
C. H. O'D. Alexander (10) bt Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (14) by 18.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y."). EVENT "X". (32 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1½) bt Col. M. F. F. Buzzard (12*) by 4.
D. G. B. Harries (3) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) by 16.
Miss I. M. Roe (6) bt Mrs. G. P. Fitter (14) by 11.

Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (14) bt Mrs. J. H. S. Murray (7) by 9.
 Dr. G. L. Ormerod (2) bt Miss V. Bolton (10) by 9.
 Capt. L. C. Adye (9) bt Miss M. M. Posford (5) by 13.
 Mrs. A. M. Daniels (4) bt E. G. Bantock (4) by 14.
 Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (4) bt Miss D. D. Steel (—4) by 9.
 Comdr. D. W. Roe (3) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1) by 12.
 Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (3½) bt Miss L. Wilkinson (12) by 9.
 Miss R. Allen (6) bt Miss G. L. Ormerod (12) by 8.
 Capt. K. B. Millar (4) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2) by 25.
 Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (11) bt F. Langley (0) by 15.
 Miss M. M. Taylor (12) bt Miss E. M. Leonard (8) by 3.
 Dr. A. L. Yoxall (5½) bt Miss L. Hulton (4½) by 11.
 Miss E. P. Carmouche (5) bt G. A. H. Alexander (9) by 21.

SECOND ROUND.

D. G. B. Harries (3) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1½) by 7.
 Miss I. M. Roe (6) bt Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (14) by 5.
 Capt. L. C. Adye (9) bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod (2) by 10.
 Miss B. de C. Mathews (4) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (4) by 12.
 Comdr. D. W. Roe (3) bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (3½) by 2.
 Miss R. Allen (6) bt Capt. K. B. Millar (4) by 10.
 Miss M. M. Taylor w.o. opponent retired.
 Dr. A. L. Yoxall (5½) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (5) by 25.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss I. M. Roe (6) bt D. G. B. Harries (3) by 18.
 Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (4) bt Capt. L. C. Adye (9) by 2.
 Comdr. D. W. Roe (3) bt Miss R. Allen (6) by 8.
 Dr. A. L. Yoxall (5½) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (12) by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss I. M. Roe (6) bt Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (4) by 2.
 Dr. A. L. Yoxall (5½) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe (3) by 16.

FINAL.

Dr. A. L. Yoxall (5½) bt Miss I. M. Roe (6) by 5.

EVENT "Y".

(16 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) bt Col. M. F. F. Buzzard (12*) by 5.
 Mrs. G. P. Fitter (14) w.o. opponent scratched.
 Miss M. M. Posford (5) bt Miss V. Bolton (10) by 14.
 E. G. Bantock (4) bt Miss D. D. Steel (—4) by 25.
 Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1) bt Miss L. Wilkinson (12) by 5.
 Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2) bt Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (12) by 12.
 Miss E. M. Leonard (8) bt F. Langley (0) by 26.
 Miss L. Hulton (4½) bt G. A. H. Alexander (8) by 8.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) bt Mrs. G. P. Fitter (14) by 12.
 Miss M. Posford (5) bt E. G. Bantock (4) by 19.
 Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1) by 4.
 Miss L. Hulton (4½) bt Miss E. M. Leonard (8) by 18.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss M. Posford (5) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) by 2.
 Miss L. Hulton (4½) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2) by 26.

FINAL.

Miss L. Hulton (4½) bt Miss M. Posford (5) by 18.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Unrestricted).

(12 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Capt. K. B. Millar and Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (8) bt Mrs. J. H. S. Murray and Miss M. M. Tayler (19) by 17.
 Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. G. P. Fitter (13½) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels and Mrs. D. M. Roe (10½) by 22.
 Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (—1) bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege and Miss L. Wilkinson (15½) by 11.
 Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (7) bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod and Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (14) by 13.

SECOND ROUND.

F. Langley and Miss R. Allen (6) bt G. A. H. Alexander and Miss M. M. Posford (12) by 2.
 Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. G. P. Fitter (13½) bt Capt. K. B. Millar and Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (8) by 2.
 Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (7) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (—1) by 18.
 Capt. L. C. Adye and Miss E. P. Carmouche (14) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe and Miss I. M. Roe (9) by 15.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. G. P. Fitter (13½) bt F. Langley and Miss R. Allen (6) by 22.
 Capt. L. C. Adye and Miss E. P. Carmouche (14) bt Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (7) by 10.

FINAL.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. G. P. Fitter (13½) bt Capt. L. C. Adye and Miss E. P. Carmouche (14) by 5.

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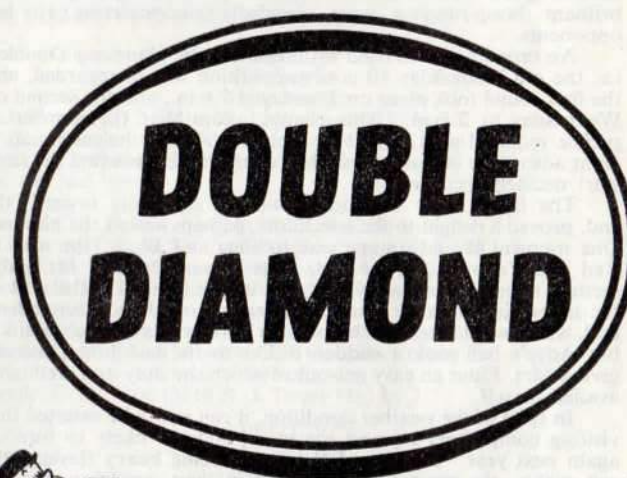
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