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- to Oct. 10

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Competitors are informed that owing to a house staff holiday on Monday, June 8th, no refreshments of any kind can be provided on that day.

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ELECTION OF ASSOCIATES

Mrs. M. H. Carrington
Mrs. W. D. Clark
T. A. Rumbold
Mrs. T. A. Rumbold

TOURNAMENT SCORE SHEETS

The attention of tournament secretaries is called to the following rules, which should be strictly adhered to in making out score sheets.

Mrs. A beat Miss B (retired) means that on information supplied to the Manager, Mrs. A was clearly in the more favourable position when the game was abandoned.

Mrs. A w.o. Miss B (retired) means the opposite or that the game was in an even state.

Mrs. A w.o. Miss B scratched means the game was never begun.

Mrs. A w.o. opponent withdrawn means that the opponent's name was struck out by the Manager after the draw was completed.

LORN C. APPS,

Secretary.

INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

PLAYED AT THE HURLINGHAM CLUB,
MAY 25th

Four counties have entered. The teams are:—

EASTERN COUNTIES.—Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (Captain), C. B. Bird, E. V. Carpmal, E. P. Duffield, Mrs. E. P. Duffield, Mrs. W. F. Haynes, C. W. R. Hodges, Mrs. E. Reeve (Collector Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton).

HANTS. AND DORSET.—Mrs. L. H. Ashton, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish, Major J. H. Dibley, Mrs. J. H. Dibley, Mrs. V. C. Gasson V. A. de la Nougerede, Miss E. Walker (Collector Major J. H. Dibley).

MIDDLESEX.—Mrs. L. C. Apps, Dr. J. D. Beavan, Col. J. G. Clarke, E. P. C. Cotter, Miss D. A. Lintern (Captain), Mrs. S. Phillips, Capt. H. G. Stoker, Mrs. B. H. Wiggins (Collector Mrs. L. E. G. Nickisson).

SURREY.—Col. C. C. Adams, Major J. W. Cobb, G. V. Evans, Dr. N. Oliver, M. B. Reckitt (Captain), J. W. Solomon, Mrs. G. J. Turketine, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (Collector M. B. Reckitt).

HANDICAPS

HANDICAPS CONFIRMED OR ALTERED BY THE
HANDICAP CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE
May 21st, 1953

WOKING.

Rev. W. R. Railston-Brown 7 to 6.
Comdr. D. W. Roe $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 2.
R. Whitham 10 to 9.

SIDMOUTH.

G. Black 12 (10) to 11 (D 9).
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave 9 to $8\frac{1}{2}$.
Mrs. C. A. G. Money $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $8\frac{1}{2}$.
Capt. G. Reid-Walker 4 to $3\frac{1}{2}$.
Miss E. J. Williams 8 to 9.

PEEL MEMORIALS (ROEHAMPTON).

Mrs. E. Bristow 8 to 7.
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts 10 to 8.
Mrs. S. Phillips $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The "Peels"

Our congratulations to the winners of this old-established event must specially be given to Miss D. A. Lintern. Not only is this because she played so well that she won both "Draw" and "Process," but she has created a record by being the only woman to win the event with a minus handicap; and —3 is some minus handicap.

To Brigadier A. E. Stokes-Roberts we also tender sincere congratulations. It is no small accomplishment for a novice—he only took up the game late last year—to win this important Handicap. He went through to the final of both "Draw" and "Process," unperturbed by his opponents—minus or otherwise—concluding by beating in the "play-off" that particularly formidable opponent Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins by +26.

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The New Temporary Regulation

During the "Peels" Tournament there were, of course, the Referee of the Tournament and Assistant Referees; but now the Referee and two Assistants were given the power at once to call attention to any infringement of the Laws. We understand that there was no case where any of them had to pounce or intervene because they saw a Law being broken, or heard an approach—a rattling bad approach—in defiance of Law 26 (f). It seemed to us that, because of this new temporary regulation, the call for a Referee was more frequent than usual—though we have yet to come across the case of a player calling up a Referee to hear whether he makes a series of double taps when making a long approach.

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The Two-Life System

We are often asked who it was who invented this rather unusual type of competition, but have never been able to supply the information.

It is an after-the-last-war method of composing an Event; its chief attraction being that the competitor gets two games in any case, and even if he is beaten in either the "Draw" or the "Process" he can still win the actual Event. In these days, when competitors come a long distance, and have the heavy expenses of travel and hotel, everything must be done to attract entries. Any one who turns to page 26 in the Book of the Laws will find the Two-Life System explained, and credit must be given to the high standard of mathematical intelligence that produced the series of figures on which the system is based.

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The Long Shot

The interesting letter from Commander D. W. Roe which we publish, we were glad to get—and we expected it. It did not seem to us that though the "drag of the turf," or "by the turf," was mentioned in his very interesting article that the slight undulations plus the other irregularities of a croquet court were sufficiently considered as a deterrent to the ball keeping its line, in spite of being given that particularly efficacious forward spin by the mallet. We give the Commander best in the matter of gyroscopics; but we have had experience in our youth, when riding a bicycle down hill, of our course deviating from the straight line through striking a stone, thus upsetting its "axis of revolution"—and ourself.

PEEL MEMORIALS

The entry for this, the 46th competition for the Peel Memorials handsome Silver Challenge Bowls, exactly equalled, when the Men and Women were added together, the same number as last year; but there were two less women competitors.

The weather started well, and the first two or three days were really pleasant for both players and spectators; after that perhaps the less said the better.

Six of the nineteen men competitors were of that dreaded minus brand—dreaded, that is to say, by most of those whose names appear in the draw plus several bisques; that there can be at least one very outstanding exception we shall show later, and the score sheets below will very emphatically support us.

The old axiom that "a game of croquet is never won till both balls have hit the peg" was skilfully exemplified by Col. C. C. Adams. The full force of the above self-evident truth fell upon Col. Adams' opponent, G. Victor Evans. Though he was well aware of the fact that both balls had to hit the peg before he could pass into the next round—and both balls had qualified to do this—he lost the game. Col. Adams, for the first hoop and 4-back, hit in, picked up a break—with which he went round, triple-peeled his partner ball, and won +2.

The holder, Dr. G. L. Stanley, was not allowed to retain his hold of the Bowl. In the "Draw," Victor Evans made him release his first attempt forthwith in the first round; and Brigadier A. E. Stokes-Roberts stoutly resisted his attempt to get into the semi-final of the "Process." Only once before has the Men's "Peel" been won twice in succession; by that famous player, R. C. J. Beaton, in 1903 and 1904.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, who was the back-marker in the event, was playing good croquet—as indeed he must have been to win through to the final of the "Draw", and actually to win the "Process." He had given altogether 58 bisques during the competition.

Brig. Stokes-Roberts certainly played well in this his first important Official Event. Several of his scores were in double figures, and he crowned his play by beating Dr. Wiggins by +26 in the play-off. A very welcome addition to the game is the Brigadier.

Miss D. A. Lintern not only won the Women's Peel Memorials but put up a record by being the only woman ever to achieve this success when playing at a minus handicap, —3.

Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (then Miss L. Gower) won the event in 1903 when a scratch player, and again in 1946 and 1948 at the same handicap. Mrs. L. E. G. Nickisson also won the "Peel," as a scratch player, in 1927—following the example of Mrs. L. C. Apps (then Mrs. C. W. C. Strickland) who had won it in 1923 at scratch.

Mrs. M. B. Reckitt came through to the final of the "Draw," only just preventing Miss E. F. Rose, last year's winner, from meeting Miss Lintern in the final. Miss D. Jennings made convincing progress in the latter stages of the "Process"; but though equipped with 6½ bisques she was unable to take part in the play-off by defeating Miss Lintern.

The Doubles provided some close games. T. Wood-Hill and Major J. H. Dibley only just beat Dr. Stanley and Mrs. D. Attfield; but in the next round found F. H. Fisher and Brigadier Stokes-Roberts a little too much for them. The final gave the spectators an interesting game; Fisher and the Brigadier were opposed to the holders, Miss Lintern and Mrs. M. L. Thom. There were moments when the holders looked to be going to retain their hold; but a closely contested game went to their opponents +11.

An Extra Handicap event was won among a goodly array of talent by Mrs E. Bristow, who beat Fisher in the final.

Once again, and for the fourth time running, Mrs. G. J. Turkentine managed the "Peels" week, and again she gave example of her quiet, calm consideration for all competitors while at the same time firmly controlling the games.

A special tribute must also be paid to Wood-Hill whose duties as Referee of the Meeting were always so willingly

and efficiently performed. He was ever ready to give the manager every help—however later in the day.

This valuable assistance received the thanks of Mrs. Turkentine, after Miss M. K. Haslam had kindly presented the prizes towards the close of the Saturday. The manager also thanked players for their co-operation during the week and congratulated the successful competitors.

MEN'S HANDICAP SINGLES.

A SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL.

("Two Life" System).

THE DRAW.

(19 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

G. Victor Evans (1) bt Dr. G. L. Stanley (2) by 6.
Gerald Williams (1) bt Major J. H. Dibley (2) by 5.
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (10) w.o. Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) scratched.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3½) bt Capt. J. G. Clarke (—2) by 14.
M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt F. H. Fisher (—1½) by 6.
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) bt T. Wood-Hill (2) by 19.
G. Victor Evans (1) bt Gerald Williams (½) by 3.
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (10) E. V. Carpmal (1½) by 14.
Major J. W. Cobb (—½) bt M. Spencer Ell (1) by 5.
Col. C. C. Adams (—2) bt Major J. R. Abbey (1) by 13.
T. F. Dalton (2) bt Rev. G. L. Jarratt (9) by 5.

THIRD ROUND.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3½) bt M. B. Reckitt (—3) by 13.
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) bt G. Victor Evans (1) by 4.
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (10) bt Major J. W. Cobb (—½) by 16.
Col. C. C. Adams (—2) w.o. T. F. Dalton (2) scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3½) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) by 7.
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (10) bt Col. C. C. Adams (—2) by 3.

FINAL.

Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (10) bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3½) by 14.

PROCESS.

(19 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

F. H. Fisher (—1½) bt Rev. G. L. Jarratt (9) by 3.
Major J. R. Abbey (1) bt Col. J. G. Clarke (—2) by 4.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3½) bt T. F. Dalton (2) by 5.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Dr. G. L. Stanley (2) bt Major J. W. Cobb (—½) by 3.
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (10) bt F. H. Fisher (—1½) by 4.
T. Wood-Hill (2) bt E. V. Carpmal (1½) by 10.
Major J. H. Dibley (2) bt Major R. J. Abbey (1) by 4.
Col. C. C. Adams (—2) bt G. Victor Evans (1) by 2.
M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) by 5.
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) bt M. Spencer Ell (1) by 17.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3½) w.o. G. Williams (1) scratched.

THIRD ROUND.

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (10) bt Dr. G. L. Stanley (2) by 23.
T. Wood-Hill (2) bt Major J. H. Dibley (2) by 3.
M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt Col. C. C. Adams (—2) by 24.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3½) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (10) bt T. Wood-Hill (2) by 25.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3½) bt M. B. Reckitt (—3) by 13.

FINAL.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (10) by 5.

PLAY-OFF "DRAW" AND "PROCESS".

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (10) bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3½) by 26.

LADIES' HANDICAP SINGLES.

A SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL.

("Two Life" System).

THE DRAW.

(19 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss D. A. Lintern (—3) bt Miss M. K. Haslam (1½) by 21.
 Mrs. E. Bristow (8) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (5) by 10.
 Miss E. F. Rose (1) bt Mrs. M. L. Thom (9) by 9.
 The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. S. Phillips (1½) w.o. Miss E. J. Williams (9) scratched
 Miss D. Jennings (3½) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (3½) by 16.
 Mrs. F. Pavia (4) Mrs. D. Chorlton (4) by 5.
 Miss D. A. Lintern (—3) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (8) by 12.
 Miss E. F. Rose (1) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (4½) by 10.
 Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (—½) w.o. Mrs. P. E. Heley (6½) scratched.
 Mrs. H. T. Farris (6½) bt Miss A. M. Carylton (4½) by 4.
 Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) w.o. Mrs. D. Attfield (7) retired.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. S. Phillips (1½) bt Miss D. Jennings (3½) by 2.
 Miss D. A. Lintern (—3) bt Mrs. F. Pavia (4) by 16.
 Miss E. F. Rose (1) bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (—½) by 15.
 Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) bt Mrs. H. T. Farris (6½) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss D. A. Lintern (—3) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (1½) by 2.
 Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) bt Miss E. F. Rose (1½) by 4.

FINAL.

Miss D. A. Lintern (—3) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) by 9.

PROCESS.

(19 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (3½) by 10.
 Mrs. S. Phillips (1½) bt Miss A. M. Carylton (4½) by 2.
 Mrs. D. Attfield (7) bt Miss E. J. Williams (9) by 9.
 The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss D. A. Lintern (—3) bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (—½) by 16.
 Miss E. F. Rose (1) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) by 16.
 Mrs. F. Pavia (4) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (4½) by 4.
 Mrs. E. Bristow (8) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (1½) by 5.
 Miss M. K. Haslam (1½) bt Mrs. H. T. Farris (6½) by 14.
 Miss D. Jennings (3½) bt Mrs. M. L. Thom (9) by 5.
 Mrs. D. Chorlton (4) w.o. Mrs. P. E. Heley (6½) scratched.
 Mrs. D. Attfield (7) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (5) by 14.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss D. A. Lintern (—3) bt Miss E. F. Rose (1) by 21.
 Mrs. E. Bristow (8) bt Mrs. F. Pavia (4) by 9.
 Miss D. Jennings (3½) bt Miss M. K. Haslam (1½) by 21.
 Mrs. D. Chorlton (4) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (7) by 1.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss D. A. Lintern (—3) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (8) by 4.
 Miss D. Jennings (3½) bt Mrs. D. Chorlton (4) by 16.

FINAL.

Miss D. A. Lintern (—3) bt Miss D. Jennings (3½) by 12.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

TWO SILVER CHALLENGE CUPS.

(Combined Handicap scratch or over).

(9 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

F. H. Fisher and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (8½) bt
 M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. H. J. Collins (1½) by 26.
 The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

T. Wood-Hill and Major J. H. Dibley (4) bt Dr. G. L. Stanley and Mrs. D. Attfield (9) by 3.
 F. H. Fisher and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (8½) bt
 E. V. Carpmael and Mrs. D. Chorlton (5½) by 10.
 Major J. W. Cobb and G. Victor Evans (½) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay and Miss A. M. Carylton (8) by 12.
 Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. M. L. Thom (6) bt Miss M. K. Haslam and Miss D. Jennings (5) by 21.

SEMI-FINAL.

F. H. Fisher and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (8½) bt
 T. Wood-Hill and Major J. H. Dibley (4) by 7.
 Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. M. L. Thom (6) bt Major
 J. W. Cobb and G. Victor Evans (½) by 11.

FINAL.

F. H. Fisher and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (8½) bt
 Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. M. L. Thom (6) by 11.

HANDICAP SINGLES (EXTRA).

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. Bristow (8) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (3½) by 4.
 G. Victor Evans (1) bt Miss M. K. Haslam (1½) by 14.
 Dr. G. L. Stanley (2) bt E. V. Carpmael (1½) by 25.
 Mrs. D. Attfield (7) bt T. Wood-Hill (2) by 21.
 Mrs. D. Chorlton (4) bt Dr. N. Oliver (½) by 17.
 F. H. Fisher (—1½) w.o. Miss D. Jennings (3½) withdrawn.
 The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. E. Bristow (8) bt Rev. G. L. Jarratt (9) by 15.
 Dr. G. L. Stanley (2) bt G. Victor Evans (1) by 25.
 Mrs. D. Chorlton (4) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (7) by 6.
 F. H. Fisher (—1½) w.o. Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. Bristow (8) Dr. G. L. Stanley (2) by 6.
 F. H. Fisher (—1½) w.o. Mrs. D. Chorlton (4) scratched.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. Bristow (8) bt F. H. Fisher (—1½) by 21.

SIDMOUTH

Glorious weather, good courts and a pleasant atmosphere, combined to make the Sidmouth Tournament a very enjoyable affair.

The entries were not as large as had been hoped for, largely owing to the absence through illness of several of the usual competitors. It is scarcely necessary to say how much everybody regretted that Mr. Horsley was one of these absent players, though it was good to see him as a spectator on several days and everyone wishes him a speedy recovery.

As all who have played in this Tournament at any time know, the courts are placed around the cricket ground and consequently are in full view of passers-by—surely a wonderful opportunity for publicity. This fact led to several amusing comments being overheard, for instance: "Hicks played a fellow called Stone this morning and Stone only had three shots." "Really, did he win with three shots, how clever!"

As the results on the score sheets show there was a good deal of in-and-out play—due no doubt to the fact that as it is early in the season players have not yet had much practice. There were, however, some remarkable hoops run and at least five very spectacular peg-outs—surely an exceptional feat for one Tournament.

No account of the week would be complete without mentioning the very excellent catering provided at the Club, both lunches and teas being much appreciated. Miss Mills carried out her duties as Manager very pleasantly and efficiently and was even able to put on an Extra Event.

OPEN SINGLES (CLASS "A").

("Two Life" System).

THE DRAW.

(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt J. K. Brown by 15.
 H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 19.
 Capt. C. G. Reid Walker w.o. S. Horsley scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

W. W. Sweet-Escott bt Miss M. S. Carylton by 15.
 Major G. F. Stone bt Capt. C. G. Reid Walker by 12.
 V. C. Cave bt Dr. G. L. Stanley by 10.
 H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 21.

SEMI-FINAL.

W. W. Sweet-Escott bt H. O. Hicks by 11.
Major G. F. Stone bt V. C. Cave by 25.

FINAL.

Major G. F. Stone bt W. W. Sweet-Escott by 13.

PROCESS.
(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Major G. F. Stone bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 23.
W. W. Sweet-Escott bt Dr. G. L. Stanley by 18.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt V. C. Cave by 13.

SECOND ROUND.

H. O. Hicks bt Major G. F. Stone by 26.
Capt. C. G. Reid-Walker bt J. K. Brown by 22.
Mrs. E. Rotherham w.o. S. Horsley scratched.
W. W. Sweet-Escott bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 3.

SEMI-FINAL.

H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 3.
W. W. Sweet-Escott w.o. Capt. C. G. Reid Walker scratched.

FINAL.

H. O. Hicks w.o. W. W. Sweet-Escott scratched.

PLAY-OFF.

H. O. Hicks bt Major G. F. Stone by 2.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

(1 to 4½ Bisesques).
(5 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Capt. C. G. Reid Walker bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 19.

SEMI-FINAL.

Capt. C. G. Reid Walker bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmores by 8.
Mrs. W. A. Traill bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot by 13.

FINAL.

Mrs. W. A. Traill bt Capt. C. G. Reid Walker by 7.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C").

(5 Bisesques and over).
(5 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (9) bt Miss E. J. Williams (8) by 25.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. C. A. G. Money (7½) bt Mrs. J. Hotchkiss (8½) by 2.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (9) bt G. W. Solomon (5) by 4.

FINAL.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (9) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (7½) by 21.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. J. Hotchkiss (8½) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (7½) by 15.
H. O. Hicks (—5½) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton (—1½) by 24.
W. W. Sweet-Escott (—½) w.o. S. Horsley (—½) scratched.
Dr. G. L. Stanley (2) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (9) by 1.
J. K. Brown (½) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot (3) by 16.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss M. S. Carlyon (½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) by 22.
V. C. Cave (1) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) by 10.
G. W. Solomon (5) bt L. Price Harris (7) by 3.
Major G. F. Stone (—3½) bt Miss A. E. Mills (3) by 10.
Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (3) bt Miss E. J. Williams (8) by 13.

H. O. Hicks (—5½) bt Mrs. I. Hotchkiss (8½) by 9.
W. W. Sweet-Escott (—½) w.o. Dr. G. L. Stanley (2) scratched.

Mrs. W. A. Traill (4) bt J. K. Brown (½) by 12.

THIRD ROUND.

Major G. F. Stone (—3½) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (3) by 6.

Miss M. S. Carlyon (½) bt V. C. Cave (1) by 5.
H. O. Hicks (—5½) bt Mrs. W. A. Traill (4) by 20.
W. W. Sweet-Escott (—½) bt G. W. Solomon (5) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.

H. O. Hicks (—5½) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (½) by 9.
W. W. Sweet-Escott (—½) bt Major G. F. Stone (—3½) by 2.

FINAL.

W. W. Sweet-Escott (—½) w.o. H. O. Hicks (—5½) scratched.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(9 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Miss A. E. Mills (12) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and J. K. Brown (—2½) by 19.

SECOND ROUND.

W. W. Sweet-Escott and Mrs. Fraser Smith (8½) bt V. C. Cave and Mrs. H. J. Philpot (4) by 17.
H. O. Hicks and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (—2½) w.o. Dr. G. L. Stanley and W. J. Dixon (12) scratched.
Major G. F. Stone and G. A. Black (6½) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Miss A. E. Mills (12) by 17.
Mrs. L. H. Ashton and Mrs. I. Hotchkiss (7) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon and Mrs. W. A. Traill (4½) by 2.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major G. F. Stone and G. A. Black (6½) bt W. W. Sweet-Escott and Mrs. Fraser Smith (8½) by 4.
H. O. Hicks and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (—2½) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton and Mrs. I. Hotchkiss (7) by 18.

FINAL.

Major G. F. Stone and G. A. Black (6½) bt H. O. Hicks and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (—2½) by 6.

EXTRA EVENT.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(Shortened Game).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (3) bt Mrs. I. Hotchkiss (8½) by 8.
Mrs. L. H. Ashton (—1½) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) by 12.
J. K. Brown (½) bt Miss J. Williams (8) by 12.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt G. W. Solomon (5) by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (3) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton (—1½) by 12.
J. K. Brown (½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) by 5.

FINAL.

Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (3) bt J. K. Brown (½) by 14.

WOKING

Woking again attracted a good entry and the club was glad to welcome many old and new friends.

The clerk of the weather was a week out in his timing. Had he delayed his programme by one week the Tournament would have experienced perfect croquet weather. It is seldom that a Tournament is played in such consistently unfavourable conditions. Every day until Saturday rain with high winds persisted. The lawns often had pools of water on them which made playing conditions very difficult. It is reported that the 1st of May was the wettest for 100 years.

A very special vote of thanks is due to Mrs. Ernest Turner, who so ably managed the Tournament under the most trying and difficult conditions. It must have been a heart breaking task. To Major Cobb too a vote of thanks is due for undertaking the duties of Secretary to the Tournament. No light task.

Under normal conditions the lawns would have been in perfect condition and those responsible must have been greatly disappointed that so much care and attention which had been devoted to them could not be appreciated by the competitors.

In the Open Singles there were many closely contested games. Major Stone winning the Draw and Mr. M. B. Reckitt the Process. The semi-final of these events produced an interesting result, there being eight different players in this round, a most unusual occurrence. An indication that the play was notably in and out.

In the Draw the competitors were Rev. Brackenbury and Major Stone, Col. Adams and Major Cobb. In the Process they were Mr. Dalton, Mrs. Reeve, Mr. Reckitt and Mr. Wood-Hill. The final was won by Major G. F. Stone.

Congratulations are due to a number of players who showed much improved form, notably Mr. and Mrs. Roper, Mr. Whitham, the Rev. W. R. Railston-Brown and R. H. Newton.

OPEN SINGLES.
("Two Life" System).
CLUB CHALLENGE CUP.

THE DRAW.
(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Major G. F. Stone bt T. F. Dalton by 18.
Mrs. E. Reeve bt T. Wood-Hill by 6.
M. B. Reckitt bt A. McClure Williams by 12.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury bt G. Victor Evans by 4.
Major G. F. Stone bt Mrs. E. Reeve by 7.
Col. C. C. Adams bt M. B. Reckitt by 6.
Major J. W. Cobb bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone by 22.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major G. F. Stone bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury by 6.
Major J. W. Cobb bt Col. C. C. Adams by 15.

FINAL.

Major G. F. Stone bt Major J. W. Cobb by 7.

PROCESS.

(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

T. F. Dalton bt Major J. W. Cobb by 9.
Col. C. C. Adams bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury by 21.
G. Victor Evans bt Miss L. E. Elphinstone-Stone by 14.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

T. F. Dalton bt A. McClure Williams by 3.
Mrs. E. Reeve bt Col. C. C. Adams by 3.
M. B. Reckitt bt Major G. F. Stone by 13.
T. Wood-Hill bt G. Victor Evans by 3.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. Reeve bt T. F. Dalton by 11.
M. B. Reckitt bt T. Wood-Hill by 9.

FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. E. Reeve by 7.

PLAY-OFF.

Major G. F. Stone bt M. B. Reckitt +19 +21.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(2 Bisesques and over).

"MRS. H. T. FARRIS" CHALLENGE CUP.

(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

R. Whitham (10) bt Lady Douglas-Jones (14) by 24.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (10) bt Mrs. V. Gunnell (10) by 15.
E. A. Roper (8) bt Brig. T. S. Omond (12) by 13.
Mrs. D. W. Roe (7) w.o. Mrs. R. Whitham (11) opponent scratched.
R. Whitham (10) w.o. Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) opponent retired.
Comd. D. W. Roe (2½) bt Miss J. Birch (4½) by 16.
Rev. W. R. Railston-Brown (7) bt Sir C. Douglas-Jones (6) by 15.
R. H. Newton (3) bt Rev. G. L. Jarratt (9) by 3.
Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (8) by 3.

THIRD ROUND.

E. A. Roper (8) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (10) by 22.
R. Whitham (10) w.o. Mrs. D. W. Roe (7) opponent scratched.
Rev. W. R. Railston-Brown (7) bt Comd. D. W. Roe (2½) by 25.
R. H. Newton (3) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

R. Whitham (10) bt E. A. Roper (8) by 2.
Rev. W. R. Railston-Brown (7) bt R. H. Newton (3) by 4.

FINAL.

R. Whitham (10) w.o. Rev. W. R. Railston-Brown (7) opponent retired.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.Z.').

"MRS. J. M. MILES" CHALLENGE BOWL.

EVENT "X."

(29 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

T. Wood-Hill (2) bt Mrs. M. F. MacArthur (3) by 13.
A. McClure Williams (2) bt Sir C. Douglas-Jones (6) by 11.
Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (3½) by 5.
Mrs. D. M. Roe (7) bt Lady Douglas-Jones (14) by 19.
Comd. D. W. Roe (2½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) by 8 on time.
R. H. Newton (3) bt Miss J. Birch (4½) by 19.
R. Whitham (10) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (10) by 16.
G. Victor Evans (1) bt Brig. T. S. Omond (12) by 7.
Rev. W. R. Railston-Brown (7) bt Mrs. H. T. Farris (6½) by 3 on time.
T. F. Dalton (2) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (8) by 14.
Mrs. V. Gunnell (10) bt Rev. G. L. Jarratt (9) by 9.
M. B. Reckitt (-3) bt E. A. Roper (8) by 11.
Col. C. C. Adams (-2) bt Mrs. E. Reeve (-2) by 10.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

T. Wood-Hill (2) bt Major G. F. Stone (-3½) by 20.
A. McClure Williams (2) w.o. Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) opponent scratched.
Comd. D. W. Roe (2½) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (7) by 5.
R. Whitham (10) bt R. H. Newton (3) by 11.
Rev. W. R. Railston-Brown (7) bt G. Victor Evans (1) by 12.
T. F. Dalton (2) bt Mrs. V. Gunnell (10) by 17.
Col. C. C. Adams (-2) bt M. B. Reckitt (-3) by 19.
Mrs. R. Whitham (11) w.o. Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) opponent retired.

THIRD ROUND.

A. McClure Williams (2) bt T. Wood-Hill (2) by 20.
Comd. D. W. Roe (2½) w.o. R. Whitham (10) opponent scratched.
Rev. W. R. Railston-Brown (7) bt T. F. Dalton (2) by 17.
Col. C. C. Adams (-2) w.o. Mrs. R. Whitham (11) opponent scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

Comd. D. W. Roe (2½) bt A. McClure Williams (2) by 21.
Col. C. C. Adams (-2) bt Rev. W. R. Railston-Brown (7) by 3.

FINAL.

Comd. D. W. Roe (2½) bt Col. C. C. Adams (-2) by 8.

EVENT "Y."

(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Major G. F. Stone (-3½) w.o. Mrs. M. F. MacArthur (3) opponent scratched.
Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (3½) w.o. Sir C. Douglas-Jones (6) opponent retired.
Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) bt Lady Douglas-Jones (14) by 22.
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (10) bt Miss J. Birch (4½) by 12.
Brig. T. S. Omond (12) w.o. Mrs. H. T. Farris (6½) opponent retired.
Mrs. C. A. Bishop (8) bt Rev. G. L. Jarratt (9) by 11.
Mrs. Edmund Reeve (-2) w.o. E. A. Roper (8) opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (3½) w.o. Major G. F. Stone (-3½) opponent scratched.
Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (10) by 7.
Mrs. C. A. Bishop (8) bt Brig. T. S. Omond (12) by 9.
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) bt Mrs. E. Reeve (-2) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (3½) by 4.
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (8) by 8.

FINAL.

Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) w.o. Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) opponent scratched.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Unrestricted).

(12 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Major J. W. Cobb and G. Victor Evans ($\frac{1}{2}$) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. E. A. Roper (16) by 6.
 T. F. Dalton and A. McClure Williams (4) bt T. Wood-Hill and Rev. R. W. Railston-Brown (9) by 14.
 Col. C. C. Adams and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (8) bt Comd. D. W. Roe and Mrs. D. W. Roe ($9\frac{1}{2}$) by 5 on time.
 M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. E. Reeve (—5) bt Major G. F. Stone and Brig. T. S. Omond ($6\frac{1}{2}$) by 5.
 The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and Rev. G. J. Jarratt (10) bt Sir C. Douglas-Jones and Lady Douglas-Jones (18) by 18.
 T. F. Dalton and A. McClure Williams (4) bt Major J. W. Cobb and G. Victor Evans ($\frac{1}{2}$) by 11.
 M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. E. Reeve (—5) bt Col. C. C. Adams and Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (8) by 5.
 R. H. Newton and R. Whitham (13) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop and Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone ($11\frac{1}{2}$) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

T. F. Dalton and A. McClure Williams (4) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and Rev. G. L. Jarratt (10) by 9.
 R. H. Newton and R. Whitham (13) bt M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. E. Reeve (—5) by 11.

FINAL.

T. F. Dalton and A. McClure Williams (4) bt R. H. Newton and R. Whitham (13) by 9.

SOUTH AFRICAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION

We have pleasure in publishing the scores and the results of the South African Open Championship and the Doubles Championship, received from Mrs. S. C. Low, Hon. Secretary.

It was unfortunate that Commander A. Clark had to retire from the final of the Singles Championship; he was due to leave for Singapore. Congratulations to E. L. Ward Petley on his Singles Victory, and also to him and his partner, R. G. H. Belcher, on winning the Doubles Championship.

THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP.

(23 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss Cotton bt Miss Dun by 20.
 Mr. Neaves bt Mr. Richardson by 3.
 Mrs. Young Thompson bt Mrs. Belcher by 20.
 Mrs. Purves bt Miss McDougall by 20.
 Mrs. Russom bt Mrs. Royston by 18.
 Mr. E. L. Ward Petley bt Miss Barras by 19.
 Miss Simkins w.o. Mrs. Clark scratched.
 The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Comdr. Clark w.o. Mr. Masters scratched.
 Mrs. Dey bt Mrs. Neaves by 22.
 Miss Cotton bt Mr. Neaves by 5.
 Mrs. Young Thompson bt Mrs. Purves by 17.
 Mr. E. L. Ward Petley bt Mrs. Russom by 23.
 Miss Simkins bt Capt. R. G. H. Belcher by 12.
 Mrs. Fraser bt Mrs. Woodhead by 11.
 Miss Risley bt Mr. Russom by ??.

THIRD ROUND.

Comdr. Clark bt Mrs. Dey by 17.
 Mrs. Young Thompson bt Miss Cotton by 11.
 Mr. E. L. Ward Petley bt Miss Simkins by 23.
 Miss Risley bt Mrs. Fraser by ??.

SEMI-FINAL.

Comdr. Clark bt Mrs. Young Thompson by 13.
 Mr. E. L. Ward Petley bt Miss Risley by 20.

FINAL.

Mr. E. L. Ward Petley bt Comdr. Clark by 15 opponent retired.

THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mr. R. G. H. Belcher and Mr. E. L. Ward Petley bt Mr. and Mrs. Russom.
 Comdr. Clark and Mrs. Clark bt Miss Cotton and Mrs. Richardson.
 Miss McDougall and Miss Dey w.o. opponents scratched.
 The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. Woodhead and Mrs. Young Thompson bt Mrs. Belcher and Mrs. Purves.
 Mr. R. G. H. Belcher and Mr. E. L. Ward Petley bt Comdr. and Mrs. Clark.
 Mr. Neaves and Miss Simkins bt Miss McDougall and Miss Dey.
 Miss Risley and Mrs. Fraser bt Mrs. Neaves and Miss Barras.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mr. R. G. H. Belcher and Mr. E. L. Ward Petley bt Mrs. Woodhead and Mrs. Young Thompson.
 Miss Risley and Mrs. Fraser bt Mr. Neaves and Miss Simkins.

FINAL.

Mr. R. G. H. Belcher and Mr. E. L. Ward Petley bt Miss Risley and Mrs. Fraser by 5.

CROQUET PROPAGANDA AT EDINBURGH

Some idea of the keenness for the game over the Border will have been gathered from the account in the April Gazette of the Edinburgh Croquet Club—and their inaugural Dinner.

As a result of arrangements made by Lord Mackay, Mr. Moray McLaren, the President, and Mr. Spence, the Secretary, a team of four players from this side of the Border, Mrs. E. Rotherham, H. O. Hicks, Capt., G. C. Reid-Walker and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, gave an exhibition of the Doubles game.

After being entertained at a delightful luncheon by Mrs. R. J. B. Sellar, the four players were driven off to Lauriston Castle. Here the ground provided glorious views, bordering on the Firth of Forth, of over 20 miles to the Ochill Hills with the Forth Bridge on the extreme left, and the open sea on the right.

Owing to the lie of the land, setting B was used—and a very excellent setting it is for Doubles. The game is a lot more open, cornering is not effective in delaying tactics; there was no discussion between partners and only one player on the lawn at any time. There were over 70 spectators, including a contingent from Stirling who are starting a Club there.

Hicks and Reid-Walker lost the toss to Mrs. Rotherham and Wiggins: the latter, forgetting the setting, set Hicks an impudent tice which was promptly hit and placed in the middle. Reid-Walker, playing superbly, went to 4-back. The lift shot was missed and Hicks went to the peg; the next lift failed—but Reid-Walker broke down at the penultimate. Wiggins now hit a 20-yard shot, and went round; Mrs. Rotherham at once followed him and pegged out Hicks. Wiggins then finished the game—which was over in 1 hour 20 minutes.

The spectators showed their appreciation of the play in no uncertain manner—and there were many who showed surprise that a game that looked to be a certain victory for Hicks and his partner eventually went to their opponents.

After tea, each of the four competitors played with a local player until late in the evening. The next day torrential rain sadly marred the play—but interest never flagged. Mrs. Rotherham and Wiggins again won, getting home by 9 points in just under two hours.

Though the same after tea arrangements for play were made as on the previous day, the weather—hitherto so good—made it necessary to close the last game prematurely.

A very grateful speech was made before tea by Mr. Moray McLaren—speaking from the winning peg—to which Dr. Wiggins suitably responded.

GOLF CROQUET

On Saturday, April 25th, a very enjoyable day of Golf Croquet was had at Roehampton Club for Croquet Members to mark the opening of the season in Coronation Year. There were 18 entries, and, as no players had had much practice, all games were well contested. The prizes, given by various members of the Club, were presented by Mrs. Nickisson. The Winners were:—

Doubles.—First: Miss Lintern and Miss Jennings. Runners-up: Col. C. C. Adams and Miss Carlyon.

Singles.—First: Col. C. C. Adams. Runner-up: Mrs. Howard Austin.

Consolation prize.—Mrs. Carrington.

The weather kept fine, but cold; play commenced at 10.30 and finished about six o'clock, allowing adjournments for lunch and tea. The competition was generally voted a great success.

ROEHAMPTON v. DULWICH

Played at Roehampton, May 5th, 1953. Roehampton players named first.

AMERICAN DOUBLES.
(In Three Rounds).

("A" Pair of Team named first).

Mrs. L. E. G. Nickisson and Mrs. Haigh Smith bt Miss Richardson and Mrs. Armstrong by 1 up; bt Mrs. Pethebridge and Mrs. Swindlehurst by 4 and 3; bt Mrs. Paine and Mrs. Lambert by 2 and 1.

("B" Pair of Team named first).

Mrs. S. Phillips and Miss M. L. Hellyer bt Miss Richardson and Mrs. Armstrong by 2 up; bt Mrs. Pethebridge and Mrs. Swindlehurst by 1 up; lost to Mrs. Paine and Mrs. Lambert by 4 up.

("C" Pair of Team named first).

Miss A. M. M. Carlyon and Mrs. D. Attfield bt Miss Richardson and Mrs. Armstrong by 3 and 2; bt Mrs. Pethebridge and Mrs. Swindlehurst by 5 and 4; bt Mrs. Paine and Mrs. Lambert by 5 up.

RESULT.—Roehampton bt Dulwich by 8 games to 1.

INTER-CLUB MATCHES

ROEHAMPTON versus HURLINGHAM

Played at Hurlingham on May 2nd, 1953. Hurlingham players named first.

DOUBLES.

Level Play.

I. W. Cheavin and Dr. Beavan lost to Miss E. F. Rose and Mrs. S. Phillips by 4.

D. E. Buckland and R. C. V. de Wesselow bt Dr. N. H. Oliver and Mrs. E. Bristow by 15.

T. E. Miles and S. S. Townsend lost to Miss D. Jenning and Mrs. F. Pavia by 12.

RESULT.—Roehampton bt Hurlingham by 2 games to 1.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor, "The Croquet Association Gazette."

Dear Sir,

In the Gazette this month I am saddened to see that a Golf Croquet tournament is to be held at Roehampton during the very same week as the President's Cup Competition.

In my opinion this is a most deplorable proceeding, hardly credible, and, as an old Associate, I venture to record a protest—however late and unavailing.

Golf Croquet playing groups, occupying lawns near those used by the President's Cup competitors, is very ill-timed and an affront to them—whose week it is. Also it cannot fail to be distracting to the serenest of players and altogether disconcerting to the onlookers.

To me it seems that the future of the game of croquet is past praying for if authority sanctions the Premier Event

of the season taking place side by side with so retrograde an amusement.

Moreover, such an innovation as that now allowed is so palpably contrary to precedent.

Yours faithfully,

NOEL O. HICKS.

4 Harvard House, Manor Fields, S.W.15.
April 25th, 1953.

To the Editor, "The Croquet Association Gazette."

Dear Sir,

May I take up some of your valuable space about a matter which I am sure every Associate will agree; that is, how much we owe to our Managers, who give up playing in Tournaments themselves so that we may have a very enjoyable time. Surely the courtesy, consideration and kindness which they extend to us, ought also to be extended by us to them on all occasions by all players, and of every class.

Yours faithfully,

"COMPETITOR."

To the Editor, "The Croquet Association Gazette."

Dear Sir,

The worm now turns to bite the hand that feeds it. I really did consider the very uneven nature of the courts I play on. In fact, the whole object of giving maximum spin to the ball is to overcome inequalities in the surface.

This is no place for a discourse on gyroscopic theory; but it is a fact that a spinning object resists any force tending to displace its axis of revolution. Try sitting on a bicycle at rest and waggle the handle bars from side to side. Easy, isn't it? Now sit bolt upright on that bicycle going down hill at 20 m.p.h. and try forcing the handle bars over. It takes a powerful pull, and, if you succeed, you pitch off on your head—just the natural resentment of a spinning front wheel at your interference with its axis of revolution.

Giving forward spin to a croquet ball will not correct errors of stance and swing; but it *will* keep a truly hit ball dead on the target until it has exhausted its effective spin.

Yours sincerely,

DUNCAN W. ROE.

Varclin Orchard, Guernsey.

May 13th, 1953.

To the Editor, "The Croquet Association Gazette."

AND WHY NOT FAKE THE DRAW?

Dear Sir,

At first sight it would almost look as if this was a criminal offence, but after due consideration I think you will agree it is definitely not. Let us consider the whole problem. Take the case, as so very often happens, of two friends who have travelled two or three hundred miles to find themselves drawn against each other in the first round. This certainly spoils the tournament for one of them, if not both.

If a husband and wife are not supposed to murder each other first round, why should two friends? I suggest that the fairest way is to put the names of the locals in one hat, and the names of the visitors in another, and draw, as far as possible, each against each. There could then be no grumbling or grouching about "the luck of the draw," and all would live happily ever afterwards.

Yours faithfully,

S. HORSLEY.

Loretto, Sidmouth.

May 15th, 1953.

OBITUARY

MRS. W. M. MILLER

The recent death of Mrs. Miller recalls a remarkable personality, a keen player and a Life Associate. She had done much to support her Club at Craig Lockhart where she had been a Member for many years.

THE GOLD CASKETS MEETING

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

will be played for at

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

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

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

Referee.—C. B. Bird.

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

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

EVENTS.

Open to Associates only.

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

CONDITIONS.

Hoops 3½ in. wide. Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used. Eight courts will be provided.

No leave can be granted till after the draw.

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

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

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

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BEDFORD Open Croquet Tournament

will be held at the CLUB GROUND

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

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

EVENTS.

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

Two prizes will be given in each event.

Entrance Fees include C.A. Levy.

Five Courts will be provided.

Bridge and Tea will be available at the Club.

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

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

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

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

CONDITIONS.

Hoops 3½ in. wide. Jaques' "Eclipse" Championship Balls will be used.

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

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

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

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ENTRIES.

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

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

DRAW.

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

PLAY.

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

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

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

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

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

NOTTINGHAM**CROQUET CLUB**

Telephone: 549371

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

Will be played during the week commencing Monday

JUNE 15th, 1953

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

Manager of Tournament.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.

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

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

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

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

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

CONDITIONS.

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 should reach the Hon. Tournament Secretary, not later than Friday, June 12th, accompanied by a cheque. Entry forms for the Doubles Event may be deferred until Tuesday, June 16th. Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily or earlier.

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

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

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

Seven Lawns will be available. Standard setting of the lawns, 3½ in. hoops. A Bridge Pavilion will be provided.

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

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

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

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

Should difficulties be experienced in booking accommodation please refer your requirements to the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible.

BUXTON**THE NORTH OF ENGLAND TOURNAMENT**

will be held in

THE PAVILION GARDENS, BUXTON**On MONDAY, JUNE 22nd, 1953****AND FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS**

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

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

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

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

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

EVENTS.

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

CONDITIONS.

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

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

Six Courts will be provided and Jaques Balls and equipment will be used with 3½ in. Hoops.

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

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

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

ENTRIES.

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

THE DRAW.

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

PLAY.

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

COMPTON, EASTBOURNE

AN OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT

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

will be held on the grounds of
THE COMPTON CROQUET CLUB
 Compton Place Road, Eastbourne

from

MONDAY, JUNE 29th to JULY 4th, 1953

Manager.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.

Referee and Handicapper.—Lord Tollemache.

Committee.—The Committee of the Compton Croquet Club with the Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.

Hon. Secretary.—Lt.-Col. R. A. Irwin, The Lawn, Willington, Sussex.

EVENTS.

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. (Draw and process Variation B.) Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. —3 Bisesques and over. (Single games. Law 44 suspended.) Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 6 Bisesques and over. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined Handicaps to be not less than Scratch. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d. each player.

Fees include C.A. Levy charge of 2s.

First Prizes in all Events. Second Prizes if entries are sufficient.

All entries to be sent to the Hon. Secretary, who should also be informed of the proposed Eastbourne addresses and Tel. Nos. of competitors. Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 will close after first post Thursday, June 25th, and for Event 4 at midday Tuesday, June 30th, 1953. The Committee reserve the right to refuse an entry without assigning a reason.

The Draw will take place at the Compton Croquet Club at 2.30 p.m., Thursday, 25th June.

Play will commence each day at 10 a.m. (or earlier if so arranged by the Manager).

Players wanted at 10 or 11 a.m. on Monday will be notified. All others will report to the Manager at the Club at 2 p.m. on Monday. Competitors will report to the Manager on arrival each day.

Five Lawns will be available. Every competitor will wear such flat-soled shoes as cannot damage the lawns.

3½ in. Hoops and Jaques' "Eclipse" Balls will be used.

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PARKSTONE, East Dorset

CROQUET TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, JUNE 22nd, AND FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS

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

Committee.—Croquet Committee of the Parkstone Club.

Manager and Handicapper.—L. H. Ashton.

Referee.—Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin.

Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. L. H. Ashton, Tennis and Croquet Club, Saltern's Road, Parkstone, Dorset.

EVENTS.

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. "Two Lives." Variation B. For players of 2 bisesques and under. Entrance Fee, 10s. Dorset Salver.
- 2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players of 2½ to 7 inclusive. Entrance Fee, 8s. Prize, Evans Trophy.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players of 7½ and over. Variation H. Entrance Fee, 8s. Prize, Cope Cup.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. X and Y. Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 8s. Prizes, Bishop Cup and Evans Rose Bowl.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 8s. each player.

CONDITIONS.

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 must reach the Hon. Secretary on or before midday Thursday, June 18th. Entries for Event 5 close on midday on Tuesday, June 23rd. The Draw will take place at the Club on Thursday, June 18th, at 3 p.m.

Six courts will be provided and Jaques' "Eclipse" balls be used. Standard 3½ in. hoops.

Play will commence at 10 a.m. (or earlier if necessary).

Every competitor shall wear such flat-soled boots or shoes as cannot damage the courts.

Lunch and Tea will be provided at the Club at moderate prices.

The Hon. Secretary will be pleased to help in finding accommodation if notified in time. Kindly send full particulars as to type required.

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THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP and THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

will be played for at

THE ROEHAMPTON CLUB

The Headquarters of the Croquet Association

On MONDAY, JULY 6th, 1953

AND FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager and Handicapper.—B. H. Wiggins.

Referee.—Col. C. C. Adams.

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

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

EVENTS.

- 1.—**THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP.** Open to any Competitor (subject to Regulation 22). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Matches best of three games. Prizes: The Coronation Gold Challenge Cup presented by the Croquet Association and a medal, and a Silver Challenge Cup, presented by Messrs. F. H. Ayres Ltd., for the "runner-up," and the number of other prizes will be according to the number of entries received. Holder—H. O. Hicks.
- 2.—**THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.** Open to any competitor (subject to Regulation 22). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each person. Matches of single games. Prizes: A Pair of Silver Challenge Cups, presented by M. B. and G. L. Reckitt, and the number of other prizes will be according to the number of entries received. Holders—H. O. Hicks and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins.
- 3.—**THE ASSOCIATION PLATE.** Open to competitors who have entered for Event 1 have not qualified for the third round. Matches of single games throughout. **This event will be played under Variation "B."** Entrance Fee, 6s. each entry as they qualify. Level play. Prizes: A Challenge Trophy, presented by W. Longman, and the number of other prizes will be according to the number of entries received. Holder—J. W. Solomon.

CONDITIONS.

Hoops 3½ in. wide. Jaques' "Eclipse" Balls will be used. Eight courts will be provided at Roehampton and courts at Hurlingham may be used on Monday and Tuesday.

No leave can be granted till after the draw.

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

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

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

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LEAMINGTON SPA

AN OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held on the Club Ground on

MONDAY, JULY 27th, 1953

AND FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS

Manager, Handicapper and Referee.—F. Langley.

Hon. Secretary.—The Croquet Tournament Secretary, Gays Cliffe Avenue, Leamington Spa.

EVENTS.

- 1.—**OPEN SINGLES.** Two Life System. The Midland Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Variation B.
- 2.—**HANDICAP SINGLES.** 4 bisques and over. Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 7s. Variation H. Players may only enter for one of the above.
- 3.—**HANDICAP SINGLES.** Open to all. Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 4.—**HANDICAP DOUBLES.** Unrestricted. Challenge Silver Salvers. Entrance Fee, 7s. each player.

At least two prizes will be given for each event.

All Challenge Trophies to be held by the winner for one year or until the next official tournament.

CONDITIONS.

Entries, with Entrance Fees must reach the Hon. Secretary by the first post **Thursday, July 23rd.**

Entries for Event 4 may be made on the ground up to 2.30 p.m., **Tuesday, July 28th.**

Draw for Events 1, 2 and 3 will take place in the Club House at 2.30 p.m. **Thursday, July 23rd.**

Equipment by Jaques.

Five Courts will be provided.

Play will begin at 10 a.m. unless otherwise ordered.

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

Bridge. Teas.

Hotels: Manor House, Regent, Clarendon.

Private Hotels: Alkerton, Arden, Desmond, The Oaks, Lachine, Spa.

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ENTRIES.

The Entries, accompanied by the Entrance Fees for Event 1, must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1., so as to reach her not later than the first post on **Wednesday, 1st July**, and for Event 2 by noon on **Tuesday, July 7th.**

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

DRAW.

The Draw for Event No. 1 will take place at 4, Southampton Row, W.C.1., at 11.30 a.m. on **Wednesday, July 1st**, for Event 2 at 2 p.m. on **Tuesday, July 7th**, and for Event 3 as will be announced on the ground.

PLAY.

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily.

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

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

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

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

CHELTENHAM

The Thirty-Seventh Annual OPEN TOURNAMENT

will be held on the CLUB LAWNS, Old Bath Road, on
**MONDAY, JULY 20th, and FIVE FOLLOWING
DAYS**

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

Committee.—Brig. Gen. B. C. Fellows (Chairman),
Rev. G. F. H. Elvey, G. E. Lillie, Major R. D. Marshall,
Miss M. M. Paulley, Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege, Mrs. A. H.
Ozanne, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey, Major the Rev. N. E. O.
Thackwell, Lt.-Col. I. Picton-Turbevill, T. J. Gould.

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

Assistant Referees will be appointed under Reg. 15 (a).

Hon. Secretary.—T. J. Gould, Cheltenham Croquet
Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

EVENTS.

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. CHELTENHAM CHAMPIONSHIP CUP. To be held for one year or till the next Competition whichever be the shorter period. "Two Life System" and Variation B. to be used. Holder, H. O. Hicks. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. MONEY SALVER. To be held for one year or till the next Competition, whichever be the shorter period. For players with two or more bisques. Variation B to be used. Holder, G. C. Reid-Walker. Entrance Fee 8s. 6d.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players with five or more bisques. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
No player may enter for more than one of above events.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For everyone. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. BARWELL SALVERS. Unrestricted. To be held for one year or till the next Competition, whichever be the shorter period. Holders, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and R. V. N. Wiggins. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each player.

Two prizes at least will be given in each event.

There will be eight club lawns or possibly more.

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

Standard setting, 3½ in. hoops and Jaques' Championship balls will be used.

Competitors shall wear such flat-soled shoes as cannot damage the courts.

The number of entries will be strictly limited.

Light Luncheons and Teas may be obtained on the ground.

Buses run to and from town half-hourly.

Leave till 2 p.m. allowed if requested.

Entries must reach Secretary by Midday July 16th.

Draw for Singles events in Pavilion at 2 p.m. same day.

Hotels.—Beeches, Ellenboro, Irving, Langton, Lansdown, Eltham Lawn, Lilleybrook, Montpelier, Moorend Park, Moray House, Plough, Queen's Regent, Royal, etc.

EXMOUTH, Devon

AN OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT (Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association).

will be held on the Grounds of
the Exmouth Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club
Cranford, 42 Salterton Road, Exmouth
from
MONDAY, JULY 20th to SATURDAY, JULY 25th

Manager and Handicapper.—Miss A. E. Mills.

Referee.—C. B. Bird, Esq.

Tournament Committee.—Major G. F. Stone, Col. D.
W. Beamish, Lt.-Col. C. S. Lazenby, Miss A. E. Mills.

EVENTS.

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES (draw and process Var. B.). Challenge Bowl. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES (Class B.) 2½ Bisques and over. (Law 44 suspended). Entrance Fee, 7s.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (Class C). 6½ Bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 7s. Var. H.
- 4.—X.Y. HANDICAP SINGLES. Entrance Fee, 10s.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined Handicaps to be not less than Scratch. Entrance Fee, 7s. each player.

N.B.—Fees include C.A. Levy charge of 2s. (3s. for event 4). 3½ in. Hoops will be used in all events. No player may enter for more than one of the first three events.

Hotels.—Cranford, Devoncourt, Maer Bay. Moriglen (opposite Club).

CONDITIONS.

Play will commence each day at 10 a.m. (or earlier if necessary). Competitors are requested to report themselves to the Manager on arrival. Players wanted at 10 a.m. on Monday will be notified. All others should be present on the ground by 11 a.m. Six Lawns (standard setting) will be provided. Entries for Events 1, 2, 3, 4 close first post Friday, July 17th, and the draw will take place during the afternoon on Friday, July 17th, at the Budleigh Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. Entries for the handicap doubles close at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21st. All entries to be sent to Miss A. E. Mills, Greyfriars, Budleigh Salterton. Players must be prepared to play at Budleigh Salterton if necessary.

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

1st Prizes in all Events. 2nd Prizes if entries are sufficient.

Sandwich Lunches and Teas will be provided at the Club.

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THE "LADIES' FIELD" CUP

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Will be played for at

THE HURLINGHAM CLUB

(By kind permission of the Committee of the Hurlingham Club) on

MONDAY, JULY 27th, 1953
AND FOLLOWING DAYS.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Mrs. Ernest E. Turner.

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

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

CONDITIONS.

Hoops 3½ inches wide. Jaques' "Eclipse" Balls will be used.

Each Competitor meets each of the other Competitors twice in each Competition.

If a Competitor fails from any cause to play through the whole of the games in the series, her score in that series will be entirely eliminated from the Competition. No substitute will be permitted in either series in any circumstances after the Competition has once commenced.

Single games throughout provided that in the event of a tie in the score the possession of the Cup for the year will be decided by a match of three games.

In the event of a tie between three Competitors, each of these three will play a single game against each of the other two. If the issue is still undecided, the three names will be drawn on the "Bagnall-Wild" system, and single games will be played in each round.

In the event of a tie between more than three Competitors, the names of the winners will be drawn on the "Bagnall-Wild" system, and single games will be played in each round.

All Competitors must furnish the Secretary with the address at which messages will reach them during the Tournament.

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

PRIZES.

The winner holds the Trophy for one year or until the next Competition, whichever is the shorter period, and will receive a medal.

PLAY.

Play will begin at 10.30 a.m. daily, unless otherwise notified.

Competitors must report themselves to the manager on arrival, and no leave of absence can be given in any circumstances.

THE CREYKE CUPS

Presented to the C.A. in 1935 by Mrs. Walter Creyke.

Will be played for at

THE HURLINGHAM CLUB

(By kind permission of the Committee of the Hurlingham Club).

on MONDAY, JULY 27th, 1953
AND FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Mrs. Ernest E. Turner.

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

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

EVENTS.

OPEN TO ALL.

THE "CREYKE" CUPS. HANDICAP SINGLES.

Entrance Fee, 7s. Prizes: Two Silver Challenge Cups, and the number of other Prizes will be according to the number of entries received.

Holders—M. Spencer Ell (2) and Capt. H. G. Stoker, R.N. (2).

The Event will be played in two blocks.

CONDITIONS.

Hoops 3½ in. wide and Jaques' "Eclipse" Balls will be used.

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

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

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

The Entries, accompanied by the Entrance Fees, must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, so as to reach her not later than the first post on **Wednesday, July 22nd.**

Competitors must give with their entries the address at which messages will reach them during the Tournament. Standard entry forms should be used.

DRAW.

The Draw will take place at 4, Southampton Row, on **Wednesday, July 22nd, at 10.30 a.m.**

PLAY.

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

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

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

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

