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# NOTES by ROVER

#### The Championships

This is the second time it has been our pleasure to congratulate Patrick Cotter on becoming Open Champion, the previous occasion being in 1955. He has played such consistently good croquet for so many years that he was certainly not winning out of turn. The same could well have been said of the runner-up, Maurice Reckitt, who must have won virtually every other event in the C.A. Calendar but who, we learned to our surprise, was competing in his first Open final. One who caught the eye was Lloyd Pratt, competing in his first championships. After beating Dr. Penny he only succumbed to Reckitt after a close struggle. He then went on to win the Association Plate, annexing some worthy scalps in the process.

It is strange that in a game which is one of the few where the sexes can compete on level terms only two ladies have been able to assume the mantle of Champion, Mrs. Beaton as long ago as 1905 and Miss Steel on four occasions between 1925 and 1936. With all respect to the quality of our leading ladies, there seems little immediate prospect of the male domination coming to an end.

As a note of light relief, after play had been abandoned on Wednesday evening with the lawns literally under water, spectators were enlivened by the sight of Guy Warwick pegging down two games in bare feet with his trousers rolled up to his knees and looking for all the world like a Breton fisherman.

#### Six of the best

Though both the Open Championship and the President's Cup have been played at Hurlingham on a previous occasion this is the first year that both the premier events of the season will have been played away from Roehampton. Even the most fervent devotee of the beautiful club on the banks of the Thames and its six magnificent courts may, if tradition means anything to him, regret the necessity for such a change, however acceptable he may personally feel it to be. The very word "Roehampton" is redolent of the greatest memories of the game. What English players may not sufficiently appreciate is their good fortune in being able to stage their Championship at any single venue. Tournament players in the Antipodes are accustomed to having to transfer themselves, and their gear, from one club to another; even at Wanganui in January, though the finely situated club at St. John's Hill has as many as nine courts in use, two other clubs were for a time called on to accommodate matches, with all the complications of refereeing, catering and telephoning-to say nothing of car travelwhich such coming and going involved. Whether or not the Hurlingham courts are now the best in the world (as Rover has heard it claimed) would need a good deal more "roving" to establish than anyone here has done. Certainly there are fine lawns in many parts of the Antipodes, as this writer knows, partly by experience and partly by reliable report. But whether there are six together anywhere as good as those on which our Championship has been played he is disposed to doubt.

#### Equality of opportunity

Watching the games on the Centre Court at Wimbledon has prompted the reflection that there is certainly one respect in which Croquet has the advantage over its strenuous rival. This is in the substantial equality which remains between competitors even after the toss has been won. Among men players at any rate, the immense initiative which the service confers has created a situation which many tennis lovers admit is now detracting from the interest of the contest among first class exponents, particularly in Doubles. With us, on the other hand, the winning of the toss means so little that some players will often leave the initiative to their opponents and be content merely to choose the balls. It is perhaps a little unfortunate, however, that the opening at Croquet has become so stereotyped; even our most ingenious practitioners seem content to stick to the established gambit on the east boundary with the answering tice. A few indeed go to the corner in hopes of starting with a rush on the south boundary. This can be advantageous if the tice is missed, but if it is not that advantage may be dangerously transferred to one's opponent. In former days there used to be several variations from the normal, the most notable perhaps being the eponymous "Duffer Tice." Fame awaits anyone who will successfully project a new alternative. In the meantime we can be grateful that chance does so little to confer any great advantage on one side, as it tends to do both at lawn tennis and

#### The art of long shooting

One of the questions which the high bisquer is, or should be, always asking himself is how to improve his long shots. The subject cropped up at a recent Tournament and one player remarked that he recalled seeing some hints a few years ago by Dr. Wiggins on the way to improve long shooting. On browsing through old magazines, I found what I wanted in the May, 1952, C.A. Gazette. It would be interesting to know whether Dr. Wiggins would modify his list of hints which I have taken the liberty of reproducing below.

- Contrary to general belief, tobacco does not steady the nerves and its smoke does not improve vision.
- Reading should be reduced during a competition week and only the larger headlines of the newspapers read. This rests the visual focusing apparatus.
- 3. Never think, "I must hit this one." You won't. Result—Nervous Tension.
- Avoidance of heavy manual work for forty-eight hours before and during the competition.
- Medicinally, a pre-prandial small quantity of alcohol is helpful. Larger quantities—fatal.

Few would quarrel with most of these but the second one if observed strictly calls for a certain amount of self abnegation. Dr. Wiggins did not, of course, intend his list to be anything like exhaustive and many of us could add to the hints ad nauseam. Head down, correct stance, slow back, don't walk on the ball, etc.; how easy it is to forget one crucial essential when the shot is a very important one.

## Notes from the Clubs

#### Hurlingham

Our team for the Longman Club Cup came back empty handed from Eastbourne and we congratulate the Compton Club on reaching the final. Our disappointment at not winning was compensated by the delightful weather and the way in which Compton had set out to make our team comfortable. Mrs. Chittenden was in sparkling form for the home club and her speedy win in the singles enabled D. E. Buckland to spend most of the afternoon in a more leisurely way than he could have expected.

William Longman and Miss B. Duthie will be our representatives in the final stages of the All-England Handicap at Roehampton. Miss Duthie, who is better known as a tennis player, has a fair complement of bisques and with a good draw could go far. Of William Longman who first played in the Best Ten in 1914 and won the event in 1925, there is little new that can be said.

At the time of writing the size of the entry for our Augus tournament is not known. While regretting the absence of Mr. Brackenbury as manager after seven years of service in that capacity, we give a hearty welcome to "Della" and wish him a spell of good weather and a successful tournament. Readers are reminded of the dinner that is being held on the Thursday evening of the Tournament. Tickets are available from the Club Secretary at 16s. 0d.

#### Compton (Eastbourne)

Our tournament is reported elsewhere. Although we had 42 competitors—a record—we had expected more. One reason people enter for tournaments is that they hope to have a lucky week and get their handicaps reduced. If this is made too difficult, they are discouraged and unfortunate Club officials will find it harder than it is already to induce players to enter for tournaments.

Compton enjoyed a visit from Hurlingham in the semi-final of the Longman Cup and won a very close contest. In the top match Mrs. Chittenden, although she forgot to use the ½ bisque to which she was entitled, defeated Mr. Buckland by 26. This seems a particularly well-directed hint to the Handicap Co-ordination Committee to think again. After Mrs. Chittenden's successes at Parkstone, the manager reduced her handicap but the Handicap Co-ordination Committee promptly raised it again.

We now look forward to meeting Colchester in the final of the Longman Cup. Neither club has hitherto won the event which will add spice to the occasion.

#### Roehampton

J. A. Hollweg and Miss D. A. Lintern will be our representatives in the All-England Handicap final stages. Hollweg is the holder and although he is now more heavily weighted in the handicap he is playing with such confidence that Roehampton members, at any rate, will not be surprised to see him win again. Miss Lintern is a past holder and was in fact the last minus player to win the event. It would be very fitting were she again to succeed in this her first year as Chairman of the Council.

#### ALL-ENGLAND HANDICAP

AREA FINALS

Rochampton, August 12th-14th, 1958

W. Longman (Hurlingham) 2½ Major J. H. Dibley (Ryde)

Rev. Canon Creed Meredith (Parkstone)

4 J. B. Meacham (Edgbaston)

1 J. A. Hollweg (Roehampton)
 1 Major J. W. Cobb (Woking)

12 Mrs. C. L. Robertson (Bentley) 31 G. E. W. Hitchcock (Southwick)

9 Miss B. Duthie (Hurlingham) 31 Miss A. E. Mills (Budleigh Salterton)

> 8½ Mrs. D. W. Roe (Cheltenham) 4 G. Birch (Nottingham)

E. P. Duffield (Colchester) 1 W. W. Sweet Escott (Sidmouth)

-1 Miss D. A. Lintern (Roehampton) a bye

#### HANDICAPS CONFIRMED OR ALTERED BY THE HANDICAP CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

July 21st, 1958

NOTTINGHAM G. A. Birch 4½ to 3½. E. J. Cook 81 to 7. Sir Miles Graham 12 to 11. Sir H. Prior 12 New Handicap. Sir H. Prior 12 to 11.

A. G. Taylor 7 to 9.

NON-ASSOCIATES A. G. Bucknell 12 to 11. Miss E. C. Brumpton 14 to 12. Mrs. E. Bright 13 New Handicap Mrs. Collinson 12 New Handicap. Mrs. Collinson 12 to 11.

Mrs. A. H. Fabb 11 New Handicap. Mrs. Greaves 14 New Handicap.

Mrs. Peake 11 New Handicap. W. Wallace 12 New Handicap. COMPTON Mrs. I. M. Purves \*14 New Handicap.

Mrs. I. M. Purves \*14 to 14. Mrs. G. W. Style 8½ to 7. Miss M. K. A. Towers \*14 New Handicap. Miss M. K. A. Towers \*14 to 14.

LEAMINGTON

Mrs. M. Craven 5 to 6. R. H. Newton 4 to 31 Mrs. G. M. Kay 8 to 74. Dr. G. L. Ormerod 4 to 3. E. Sidwell 8 to 7½. Mrs. R. A. Slade 12 to 11.

**BUDLEIGH SALTERTON** Major J. R. Abbey 2 to 11. Mrs. F. R. Briggs 4 to 31 Mrs. Jones-Bateman 16 (D 14) to 16 (D 13). Air Vice-Marshal F. H. M. Maynard 12 (D 9) to 10 (D 9).

Mrs. M. H. Vincent 71 to 6. NON-ASSOCIATE A. J. Cooper 4½ to 3½.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP. B. Lloyd Pratt 4 to 2.

CLUB RECOMMENDATION—HURLINGHAM Miss B. Duthie 101 to 9.

NON-ASSOCIATE Mr. Price \*14 New Handicap.

#### LONGMAN (CLUB TEAM) CUP

SEMI-FINALS

Colchester versus Ryde. Played at Woking on 14th July, 1958. Colchester players named first.

SINGLES

E. P. Duffield (1) lost to Major J. H. Dibley (2½) by 10. C. S. Ratcliffe (8) bt Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (6) by 9. R. J. Hinnell (9) lost to Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 6.

E. P. Duffield and C. S. Ratcliffe (9) bt Major J. H. Dibley and Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (81) by 24.

B. J. Cresswell and R. J. Hinnell (16) bt Miss E. Walker and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (111) by 9.

RESULT.-Colchester bt Ryde by 3 games to 2.

Hurlingham versus Compton. Played at Compton, Eastbourne, on Saturday, 29th June, 1958. Hurlingham players named first

SINGLES. D. E. Buckland (3) lost to Mrs. Chittenden (31) by 26. T. E. Miles (4) lost to C. J. Speer (7) by 6. Mrs. M. L. Thom (61) bt Mrs. D. M. Owen (8) by 17.

T. E. Miles and Mrs. M. L. Thom (10½) lost to C. J. Speer and Mrs. D. M. Owen (15) by 10. D. E. Buckland and J. M. Rivington (13) bt Mrs. Chittenden and Mrs. Latham  $(13\frac{1}{2})$  by 3. RESULT.—Compton bt Hurlingham by 3 games to 2.

Questions and Answers

Question: If a player forgets which ball he was playing may he ask a referee or in the absence of one, his adversary?

Answer: Yes, he may ask a referee. If the adversary, when asked, refuses to tell him, the striker's opinion prevails. Law 29 (c)

Question: Two players were playing in a handicap match A at 6 and B at 8½. B said, "I will take my last bisque." A disagreed saying he had used all his bisques; B persisted saying that the striker's opinion prevailed. Was he correct ?

Answer: No. A's decision was final. This is one case in which the striker's opinion does not prevail. The giver of bisques keeps a record of bisques taken and his opinion is final. Law 46 (b).

Question: A player is taking croquet from a wrong ball. If his adversary checks him would this be an interruption?

Answer: No. He would only be forestalling an inadvertence. Law 49 (iii) and 43 (c).

Question: In a time-limit game A has been taking a very prolonged aim at a hoop. The exasperated B calls out to him, "For goodness sake, hurry up." A goes for his hoop and misses it. Does B incur the penalty for interrupting A during his turn?

Answer: Yes; the interruption was certainly connected with A's play. Law 49 (b). B should wait to say this till after A's turn is ended, or ask a referee to do this at any time if there is one appointed to watch the game.

Question: A, playing with blue is about to approach the 4th hoop which he has already run. B stops him and says, "You're for the 5th hoop." Does B incur the penalty for interrupting A during his turn

Answer: Yes. Law 49 (b).

### **OBITUARY**

#### ELSIE, LADY COATES

Lady Coates who was better known to an earlier generation of players died suddenly on June 26th, at Belfast. We offer our condolences to her sister, Mrs. Croft, who is an Associate, and was also a regular competitor in C.A. tournaments in bygone years.

#### MRS. HEATH

The Ipswich Croquet Club have suffered a great loss in the death of Mrs. Heath. For many years a strong supporter of the club she had an excellent style, and until her eyesight failed she was the club's best player.

#### MRS. J. R. ELLIOTT, M.B.E.

We regret to have to announce the death of Mrs. J. R. Elliott, M.B.E., on Saturday, 19th July.

Mrs. Elliott was one of the founder members of the Nottingham Croquet Club and had been the Club Chairman throughout its

Although she had not played the game for several years past, Mrs. Elliott had been of great assistance in helping new members in learning the game and was a great authority on all aspects of

Her organising ability was outstanding and to her alone must go the credit for the present flourishing position of the Club and the high standard of both the play and general efficient working of the

At tournament times especially, the many players at Notting-ham will have appreciated the excellence of her catering arrangements and her passing will be regretted by all those lovers of the game which she had so much to heart.

#### MRS. H. FRANC

As we go to press we learn with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Franc. A fuller notice will appear next month

### BRIDGE

by E. P. C. Cotter, British International

#### IMPROVIDENCE

West dealt with the score Love All.

The bidding was:-

W 1S 2S	N	Е	9
15	_		21
2S	3H		21 41

West led Ace and King of Spades and South ruffed the second trick and proceeded to draw trumps. When West failed at trick four South started to moan, and switched to Clubs. West held up his Ace till the second round and then gave his partner a ruff. So South lost a Spade, a Club, a Club ruff and a Diamond for down

The Kibitzer watching South sniffed disparagingly and pointed out the correct way to play the hand. A more provident outlook would have catered for a possible four trumps in one hand. South should, of course, have discarded a Diamond at trick two instead of ruffing. Why not? The Diamond had to be lost anyway. Now the trump fortress would have remained intact, and four rounds of trumps could have been drawn before getting out the Club Ace.

By a strange quirk of fate, South had a chance to show that he had learned his lesson on the very next hand.

North dealt and bid One Diamond and South played the hand in Four Hearts, after East had bid One Spade.

The hands were:

West opened the S7 and East cashed Ace and King and then led a third Spade on which South discarded a Club and turned round with a smug look at the Kibitzer. East led DJ at trick four won in Dummy and South drew trumps, permitting himself a smirk of satisfaction as the 4-2 split came to light. All smirks disappeared when the Diamonds also broke 4-2 and the Club finesse was wrong as well. South was down one again. South had learned only half a lesson. He allowed for an adverse split in trumps but not in Diamonds. He could have done this by seeking the tenth trick elsewhere. He should have played King and Ace of Clubs and ruffed a Club with dummy's Ace of trumps. Now he has ten tricks-Four Trumps, Three Diamonds, Two Clubs and One Club ruff.

South's play on the two hands produced -50 and +50 (because of the 100 for honours). Had he played properly he would have won the rubber and won 1,040.

Mistakes can be expensive!

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#### THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 14th-19th

The Championships, the 68th in the series, are of course the centre piece of the season's programme. Although the entry was small by the standards of bygone years, what it may have suffered in quantity was adequately compensated in the quality of the competitors. There were four previous champions in the field, including the holder Dr. Wiggins. The only newcomer to the championships, B. Lloyd Pratt, acquitted himself very well and more is obviously going to be heard of him in the future.

Taking the players, as drawn in the first round, M. B. Reckitt defeated Spencer Ell, and Lloyd Pratt played well in defeating

Dr. H. J. Penny.

Miss Lintern's success against W. Longman, judging by the scores, +19 +24, show her to have been playing on the top of her form. In the remaining first round match E. P. C. Cotter, against R. F. Rothwell, was playing good croquet, and it was obvious that

he was going to be difficult to beat.

In the second round Col. D. W. Beamish met Mrs. Longman. She was playing well and won the second game-only losing the third by two points. Mrs. Elvey was the winner against Col. G. E. Cave in two straight games, and Dr. Wiggins defeated G. Williams

Reckitt beat Lloyd Pratt, after three games, all of single figures,

+9 -6 +6, any of which might well have gone the other way.

Cotter played attractive croquet against Miss Lintern—as the two scores of +23 suggest. In this round, Fitzpatrick met Mrs. Rotherham; both games went to her, although they were not without mistakes on both sides. Capt. H. G. Stoker found Solomon at his formidable best, and both games went to him, +21 +23. H. O. Hicks, opposed to J. G. Warwick, although winning both games, was not playing in quite the form we expect of him.

In the third round, Beamish had to play three games before

overcoming Mrs. Elvey, the third going to him decisively.

Reckitt beat the holder, Dr. Wiggins, and played well to do so, taking both games at the somewhat contrasting scores +5 + 20. Cotter became a semi-finalist defeating Mrs. Rotherham +26 + 20.

The best match in this round was Solomon v. Hicks. Solomon had won the first game +22. After that Hicks played most delightful croquet resulting in his winning both games and becoming the fourth semi-finalist. One game, in which contact was given on both sides, was reminiscent of a game eight years ago when Hicks beat Cotton in the final of the Men's Championship. The break which Hicks picked up and developed to finish the game was described by onlookers as the best turn they had ever seen played.

The finalists were Reckitt—who beat Beamish in two games +17 +11; and Cotter who defeated Hicks also in two games, +11 +25.

#### THE OPEN SINGLES FINAL

Considering the quality of the two finalists this was rather a disappointing match. It was played, like the other two finals, in brilliant sunny weather. Even Cotter, who usually seems to be at his best in such a final, could not do the precise things he usually does, and the score of the first game to him, +9, perhaps reflects how the innings passed frequently from one player to the other. In winning the second game +16, Cotter became open champion for the second time.

#### THE DOUBLES.

Mrs. Rotherham and Miss Lintern found Col. Beamish and Warwick a strong couple, and they became semi-finalists.

Hicks and Wiggins defeated Rothwell and Lloyd Pratt, though

as the score suggests, it was by no means a clear cut victory—+14.
Cotter and Solomon came through as the other semi-finalists by defeating Cave and Reckitt and then met the Elveys, who had drawn the only bye. This was a remarkable game and really looked as if the Elveys were going to win it—for they only lost it by 3 points. The other semi-final, in which Hicks and Wiggins beat Beamish and Warwick, led to an even closer finish-by one point.

The final was a long game and after an hour's play, fewer than ten points had been scored. Solomon then made a perfect break and after a certain amount of in and out play he and Cotter won by 14, becoming Doubles Champions for the third time.

#### THE ASSOCIATION PLATE

This event, which produced some good play, was won by Lloyd Pratt after a number of commendable wins over Warwick, Rothwell, Williams and Spencer Ell. In fact, only in the final against Spencer Ell was the margin a close one and the issue in doubt. He had defeated Williams fairly comfortably +22 in the semi-final, while in the other semi-final Spencer Ell renewed acquaintance with Stoker and won narrowly +8.

The 1958 Croquet Championships were managed by Brigadier

A. E. Stokes-Roberts. He very generously took over from E. A. Roper who was unable to manage as originally arranged. The Brigadier brought the week to a very successful finish.

THE CROOUET CHAMPIONSHIPS. OPEN SINGLES. (20 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. M. B. Reckitt bt M. Spencer Ell +12 +10. B. Lloyd Pratt bt Dr. H. J. Penny +12 +21. Miss D. A. Lintern bt W. Longman +19 +24. E. P. C. Cotter bt R. F. Rothwell +17 +20. The rest had byes. SECOND ROUND.

Col. D. W. Beamish bt Mrs. W. Longman +15 -11 +2. Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave +3 +19. Mrs. E. Rotherham bt G. M. FitzPatrick +10 +16.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt G. M. FitzPatrick +10 +16. J. W. Solomon bt Capt. H. G. Stoker +21+23. H. O. Hicks bt J. G. Warwick +12+19.

THIRD ROUND Col. D. W. Beamish bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +10 -3 +21. M. B. Reckitt bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +5 +20. E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +26 +20. H. O. Hicks bt J. W. Solomon -22 +25 +14. SEMI-FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt bt Col. D. W. Beamish +17 +11. E. P. C. Cotter bt H. O. Hicks +11 +25.

FINAL. E. P. C. Cotter bt M. B. Reckitt +9 +16.

#### THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP. (7 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Col. D. W. Beamish and J. G. Warwick bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss D. A. Lintern by 15

H. O. Hicks and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt R. F. Rothwell and B. Lloyd Pratt by 14. E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and M.

B. Reckitt by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.

H. O. Hicks and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Col. D. W. Beamish and J. G. Warwick by I. E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs.

G. F. H. Elvey by 3. FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt H. O. Hicks and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins by 14.

#### THE ASSOCIATION PLATE.

OPEN SINGLES. (10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. G. M. FitzPatrick bt Mrs. W. Longman opponent retired. B. Lloyd Pratt bt J. G. Warwick by 19. The rest had byes.

Capt. H. G. Stoker bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 12. M. Spencer Ell bt G. M. FitzPatrick by 12. B. Lloyd Pratt bt R. F. Rothwell by 23. G. Williams bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 16.

SEMI-FINAL M. Spencer Ell bt Capt. H. G. Stoker by 8. B. Lloyd Pratt bt G. Williams by 22.

B. Lloyd Pratt bt M. Spencer Ell by 5.

#### NOTTINGHAM

June 9th-14th

For the first time for many years this tournament was not favoured with the best of weather. However, thanks to the ex-cellent drainage of the lawns the really heavy rain on the fourth day only put four of the seven out of action until lunch time and a very full programme was hardly interrupted.

The outstanding performance of the tournament was that of E. J. Cook. At his handicap he proved almost unbeatable when he got into his stride after a rather shaky start. It was generally felt that at long last the "Robin Hood" Gold Cup would this year be won by Miss Steel but Cook's play in the final was too good and gave Miss Steel no chance with so many bisques to give away.

In the Opens, it was unfortunate that G. Birch had, through business reasons, to give a walk-over in the final play-off to G. N. B. Huskinson, it promised to be an exciting match with both players at their peak. However, a day or so later, the two did play a "friendly" decider and Huskinson won.

In the "X" handicap Miss E. C. Brumpton, playing in her first tournament fought her way to the final with great determination and skilful use of her bisques, and was only beaten by Mrs. Collinson after a dour struggle.

Once again G. Birch and G. N. Bright, the regular doubles hopefuls lost the doubles final to Cook and W. Wallace in a rather one-sided match, having to concede sufficient bisques for their opponents to put clips on the stick and rover before getting more than one slender chance.

For the first year in history all the trophies went to Club members and we would sympathise with the visitors for their lack of success. We do, however, hope they enjoyed our tournament, and we do thank them for coming and helping to make the week a success.

Finally, we would thank Miss Steel for her able management in conditions a little trying at times.

The trophies were presented to the winners by the Lord Mayor of Nottingham, Alderman Littlefair, and our thanks are due to him for performing this ceremony.

#### A VISITOR'S IMPRESSIONS

First and foremost must come the welcome and hospitality of the Secretary and Committee. I have seldom met with such a welcome. Everything is done to ensure that the visitor lacks nothing. The catering is first-class. The courts, three of which are bowling greens taken over for the tournament, would satisfy any expert player, and the surroundings are magnificent.

I have never seen such a setting for a tournament, flanked as it is with rhododendrons and azaleas and with the college as a background. It goes without saying that, with Miss Steel managing the tournament, nobody is kept waiting and impatient to play. But then Miss Steel is in a class by herself and helps to make the Nottingham Tournament such a splendid affair. My only regret is that more visitors from the south do not come to this tournament. I can assure any who can do so another year that the standard of play at Nottingham is considerably higher than at most tournaments in the south and that they can be assured of a very genuine welcome.

#### ROBIN HOOD GOLD CUP.

HANDICAP SINGLES. (Associates only). (13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. A. H. Fabb (12) bt D. G. B. Harries (5) by 14. Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) bt G. Birch (41) by 8. E. J. Cook (81) bt Mrs. L. Abdy (10) by 20. G. N. B. Huskinson (5½) bt Sir Henry Prior (12) by 8. Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3½) bt Mrs. A. S. Greaves (14) by 7.

SECOND ROUND.
R. H. Newton (4) bt A. H. Fabb (12) by 1. E. J. Cook (8½) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) by 13. G. N. B. Huskinson (5½) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3½) by 8. Miss D. D. Steel (-3) bt Dr. H. J. Penny  $(\frac{1}{2})$  by 5.

E. J. Cook (8½) bt R. H. Newton (4) by 18. Miss D. D. Steel (—3) bt G. N. B. Huskinson (5½) by 1.

E. J. Cook  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  bt Miss D. D. Steel (-3) by 25.

#### OPEN SINGLES.

THE DRAW. (8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

H. O. Hodgson bt R. H. Newton by 10. G. Birch bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 6. D. G. B. Harries bt G. N. B. Huskinson by 21. G. N. Bright bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 19.

SEMI-FINAL. G. Birch bt H. O. Hodgson by 9.

D. G. B. Harries bt G. N. Bright by 7. G. Birch bt D. G. B. Harries by 5.

PLAY-OFF. G. N. B. Huskinson bt G. Birch by w.o.

> PROCESS. (8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. G. Birch bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 17. D. G. B. Harries bt R. H. Newton by 17 G. N. B. Huskinson bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 8.

H. O. Hodgson bt G. N. Bright by 6. SEMI-FINAL.

D. G. B. Harries bt G. Birch by 10. G. N. B. Huskinson bt H. O. Hodgson by 3

G. N. B. Huskinson bt D. G. B. Harries by 6.

HANDICAP SINGLES. (5 Bisques and over). (13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. W. Wallace (12) bt A. H. Fabb (12) by 18. E. J. Cook (8½) bt Mrs. A. S. Greaves (14) by 6. Mrs. M. C. Peake (11) bt Mrs. E. M. Bright (13) by 11. Mrs. N. Fabb (11) bt A. O. Taylor (7) by 18. A. J. Bucknell (12) bt Mrs. L. Abdy (10) by 17.

W. Wallace (12) bt Mrs. A. Collinson (12) by 3. E. J. Cook (8½) bt Mrs. M. C. Peake (11) by 12. A. J. Bucknell (12) bt Mrs. N. Fabb (11) by 2. Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) bt Sir Henry Prior (12) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL. E. J. Cook  $(8\frac{1}{2})$  bt W. Wallace (12) by 2. A. J. Bucknell (12) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) by 5.

E. J. Cook (81) bt A. J. Bucknell (12) by 6.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.").

EVENT "X". (21 Entries). FIRST ROUND.

A. H. Fabb (12) bt Mrs. A. S. Greaves (14) by 15. Mrs. A. Collinson (12) bt Mrs. L. Abdy (10) by 14. R. H. Newton (4) bt W. Wallace (12) by 6. Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3½) bt Sir Henry Prior (12) by 13. D. G. B. Harries (5) bt G. Birch (4) by 7. Sir Miles Graham (12) bt Mrs. E. M. Bright (13) by 24.

SECOND ROUND. G. N. B. Huskinson (5½) bt Mrs. N. Fabb (11) by 12. G. N. B. Huskinson (9½) bt Mrs. N. Fabb (11) by 12.

A. J. Bucknell (12) bt E. J. Cook (8½) by 15.

A. H. Fabb (12) w.o. G. N. Bright (4).

Mrs. A. Collinson (12) bt R. H. Newton (4) by 13.

D. G. B. Harries (5) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3½) by 3.

Sir Miles Graham (12) bt H. O. Hodgson (2) by 26.

Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) bt Mrs. M. C. Peake (11) by 5.

Miss E. C. Brumpton (14) bt A. O. Taylor (7) by 18. THIRD ROUND.

A. J. Bucknell (12) bt G. N. B. Huskinson (5½) by 13. Mrs. A. Collinson (12) bt A. H. Fabb (12) by 13. D. G. B. Harries (5) bt Sir Miles Graham (12) by 2. Miss E. C. Brumpton (14) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) by 9. SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. A. Collinson (12) bt A. J. Bucknell (12) by 1. Miss E. C. Brumpton (14) bt D. G. B. Harries (5) by 10.

Mrs. A. Collinson (12) bt Miss E. C. Brumpton (14) by 5.

EVENT "Y." (12 Entries). FIRST ROUND.

G. N. Bright (4) bt Mrs. A. S. Greaves (14) by 9. Mrs. L. Abdy (10) bt W. Wallace (12) by 4. Sir Henry Prior (12) bt G. Birch (4½) by 8. H. O. Hodgson (2) bt Mrs. E. M. Bright (13) by 7. SECOND ROUND.

E. J. Cook (81) bt Mrs. N. Fabb (11) by 21. Mrs. L. Abdy (10) bt G. N. Bright (4) by 10. Sir Henry Prior (12) bt H. O. Hodgson (2) by 13. Mrs. M. C. Peake (11) bt A. O. Taylor (7) by 10. SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. L. Abdy (10) bt E. J. Cook (8½) opponent retired. Sir Henry Prior (12) bt Mrs. M. C. Peake (11) by 15.

Sir Henry Prior (12) bt Mrs. L. Abdy (10) by 8.

#### HANDICAP DOUBLES. (Unrestricted). (8 Pairs). FIRST ROUND

G. N. B. Huskinson and Sir Miles Graham (171) bt A. O. Taylor and Mrs. A. S. Greaves (21) by 22. E. J. Cook and W. Wallace (201) bt H. O. Hodgson and A. H. Fabb

G. Birch and G. N. Bright (81/2) bt R. H. Newton and Mrs. N. Fabb

(15) by 5. Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart and Mrs. E. M. Bright (16½) bt A. J. Bucknell

and Mrs. L. Abdy (22) by 2. SEMI-FINAL. E. J. Cook and W. Wallace (201) bt G. N. B. Huskinson and Sir

Miles Graham (17½) by 5. G. Birch and G. N. Bright (8½) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart and Mrs. E. M. Bright (16½) by 3.

E. J. Cook and W. Wallace (201) bt G. Birch and G. N. Bright  $(8\frac{1}{2})$  by 20.

#### CARRICKMINES

June 21st-28th

This promised to be a most interesting tournament with four visitors from England; Mr. and Mrs. Longman whose many successes are well known; Canon Creed Meredith, formerly president of the New Zealand Croquet Association for many years; and Major Hill-Bernhard, a dashing player with a promising future.

Then came the rain in torrents, and for a time the lawns were covered with water. Though this soon drained off, the heavy going made skilful play very difficult. Nevertheless the enthusiasm of the management and players carried the programme through to the end, and on Saturday the sun came out and we were treated to a fine display of first-class croquet by Mrs. Longman, who won the Championship. Mr. Leonard, who is improving rapidly, played confidently to win two events.

Even in such weather the surroundings are beautiful. When the clouds lifted the mountains appeared in the background, a deep blue under a dull grey sky. In the middle distance dark green trees fill the valley below, and in the foreground the players, among them charming young ladies, their graceful movements completing

After the tournament there was a match between a team from England and Carrickmines Club, which ended appropriately in a draw, one doubles match having a very close finish

#### CHAMPIONSHIP OF IRELAND.

(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. Col. W. S. Beamish bt Major F. Hill-Bernhard +8 +18. Lady FitzGerald bt W. Longman +25 +12. SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. Longman bt R. E. Steen +14 +14. Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly bt Col. W. S. Beamish —16 +3 +11. Lady FitzGerald bt Canon Creed Meredtih +11 +1. G. M. FitzPatrick bt A. Robinson —15 +17+9.

Mrs. Longman bt Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly +19 +12. Lady FitzGerald bt G. M. FitzPatrick +6 -6 +10.

Mrs. Longman bt Lady FitzGerald +8 +22.

LEVEL SINGLES. GREEN CUP.

(5 Bisques and over). (15 Entries).

T. V. Murphy w.o. Mrs. L. O'Reilly scratched. Col. A. Boxwell bt R. Armstrong by 18. Mrs. J. Stokes bt Miss I. Haire by 22. Mrs. A. Boxwell bt Capt. D. Cambell by 2. Mrs. R. J. Leonard bt B. T. O'Reilly by 19. J. Stokes bt Major F. Hill-Bernhard by 7 T. V. Murphy bt Col. A. Boxwell by 14.
Mrs. J. Stokes bt Mrs. A. Boxwell by 18.
R. J. Leonard bt Mrs. R. J. Leonard by 16.
J. Stokes bt Miss E. Haire by 23.

T. V. Murphy bt Mrs. J. Stokes by 2. R. J. Leonard bt J. Stokes by 23.

R. J. Leonard bt T. V. Murphy by 15.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

FOUNDERS CUP. (23 Entries).

Mrs. W. Longman (1/2) bt Mrs. A. Boxwell (6) by 19. A. Robinson (3) bt Col. A. Boxwell (51) by 3 J. Stokes (7) bt D. Figgis (12) by 10.

R. J. Leonard (6) bt Miss E. Haire (8) by 16.

C. R. M. Meredith (7) bt Capt. D. Cambell (8) by 25.

Lady FitzGerald (2) bt Mrs. J. Stokes (7½) by 22.

SECOND ROUND Canon Creed Meredith (2) w.o. Mrs. L. O'Reilly (7½) scratched. Mrs. R. J. Leonard (9) bt A. V. McCormick (4) by 16. Mrs. Longman (½) w.o. R. E. Steen (4) scratched. J. Stokes (7) bt A. Robinson (3) by 15. R. J. Leonard (6) bt C. R. M. Meredith (7) by 11. W. Longman (-1) w.o. Lady FitzGerald (2) scratched. Col. W. S. Beamish (3½) bt R. Armstrong (5½) by 18. F. Hill-Bernhard (8) bt Miss I. Haire (11) by 19.

THIRD ROUND.
Canon Creed Meredith (2) bt Mrs. R. J. Leonard (9) by 14. J. Stokes (7) bt Mrs. Longman  $(\frac{1}{2})$  by 10. R. J. Leonard (6) bt W. Longman (-1) by 16. F. Hill-Bernhard (8) w.o. Col. W. S. Beamish (3½) scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.
Canon Creed Meredith (2) bt J. Stokes (7) by 8.
R. J. Leonard (6) bt F. Hill-Bernhard (8) by 15.

R. J. Leonard (6) bt Canon Creed Meredith (2) by 11.

HANDICAP DOUBLES. STONEBROOK CUPS. (12 Entries).

R. J. Leonard and Mrs. Leonard (15) bt D. Figgis and Mrs. Figgis

A. Robinson and T. V. Murphy w.o. L. O'Reilly and Mrs. L. O'Reilly (15½) scratched.

Major F. Hill-Bernhard and Col. W. S. Beamish (111) bt Miss I. Haire and T. Purefoy (22) by 19.
J. Stokes and Mrs. Stokes (13½) bt Mr. Longman and Mrs. Long-

man  $(-\frac{1}{2})$  by 18.

SECOND ROUND. Lady FitzGerald and Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly (5½) bt Col. Boxwell and Mrs. Boxwell (11½) by 8.

A. Robinson and T. V. Murphy (8) bt R. J. Leonard and Mrs.

Leonard (15) by 4. J. Stokes and Mrs. Stokes (13½) bt Major F. Hill-Bernhard and

Col. W. S. Beamish (11½) by 4. Canon Creed Meredith and C. R. Meredith (8) bt Capt. D. Cambell and R. Armstrong (13½) by 20. SEMI-FINAL.

Lady FitzGerald and Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly (5½) bt A. Robinson and T. V. Murphy (8) by 10. J. Stokes and Mrs. Stokes (13½) bt Canon Creed Meredith and C.R.

Meredith (8) by 4.

Lady FitzGerald and Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly (51) bt J. Stokes and Mrs.

Carrickmines Club versus a Team from England. Played at Carrickmines on 29th June, 1958. Carrickmines players named first

G. M. FitzPatrick lost to Mrs. W. Longman by 11. Lady FitzGerald bt W. Longman by 23. Col. W. S. Beamish lost to Canon Creed Meredith by 11. Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly lost to Major F. Hill-Bernhard by 3.

DOUBLES.

Lady FitzGerald and Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly bt Mrs. W. Longman and Canon Creed Meredith by 1.

A. Robinson and R. J. Leonard bt W. Longman and Major F. Hill-

Bernhard by 9.

RESULT.-A draw, three games each.

#### COMPTON (Eastbourne)

#### June 23rd-28th

If you have never been to this delightful tournament, you should do so, and then you will want to go again. Your hosts greet you with a kindliness that puts the newcomer at home right away, and nothing is too much trouble. We were lucky with the weather, only one bad day, but cold at night.

Considerable care has been taken with the courts which were in excellent condition, and the Club is to be congratulated on this, and also on the way they have improved the pavilion, on which a considerable amount of money has been spent.

The programme this time was rather like a miniature Devonshire Park Tournament, with eight events, but the use of three courts in the park considerably helped the manager

The high-lights of the tournament were the brilliant play of Dr. Wiggins in the open event and the steady, consistent play of Mrs. Style. Dr. Wiggins won both the Process and Draw, winning the cup for the first time, and wresting the monopoly of it from Mr. Kirk-Greene who could not hit the long shots and was beaten +26 by Dr. Wiggins and +25 by Mrs. Rotherham.

Mrs. Style, using her bisques well in the Handicap Singles, played with steadiness and confidence to win this event, beating three of her opponents +26, one of whom was Dr. Wiggins, and the rest quite easily.

Mrs. Style also, as partner with Mrs. Rotherham, won the Handicap Doubles. Mention must be made of a display of long range shooting in the latter stages of the semi-final round by Mrs. Rotherham and Mr. Neville Wiggins, which was thrilling to

Of the other events the "All Compton Plate," an interesting new event and a sort of consolation prize, was won by Mrs. Temple, playing, I believe, in her first tournament

The "Good Wine" has been left to the end, because the writer is convinced, from past experience, that Mrs. Irwin, President of the Club, and her band of lady helpers, take pride and a lot of trouble in providing the delicious lunches and teas that were enjoyed by the players, who offer her and her helpers their very warmest thanks. In Compton Club notes the committee foreshadowed the idea of running a bar, which became a reality and was thoroughly appreciated by all and providing a little more financial help.

A special word of very grateful thanks must be accorded to Mr. H. C. S. Perry, Treasurer of the Club, for so ably organising his first tournament, and to Major J. H. Dibley for the courteous and efficient way he managed the tournament. The prize-giving on the last day ended a very happy and enjoyable tournament.

#### OPEN SINGLES.

THE DRAW. (12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. L. Kirk-Greene bt J. K. Brown by 12. R. V. N. Wiggins bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury by 25. Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 16. Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt E. A. Roper by 26.

SECOND ROUND. Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 8. L. Kirk-Greene bt R. V. N. Wiggins by 23.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins w.o. Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey opponent retired.
G. V. Evans bt Mrs. R. A. Irwin by 10.

SEMI-FINAL. Mrs. E. Rotherham bt L. Kirk-Greene by 25. Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt G. V. Evans by 26.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 17.

PROCESS. (12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. L. Kirk-Greene w.o. Mrs. R. A. Irwin opponent scratched. Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 25. G. V. Evans w.o. Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey opponent scratched Mrs. E. Rotherham bt E. A. Roper by 25

SECOND ROUND.

L. Kirk-Greene bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 8.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury by 25.
G. V. Evans bt J. K. Brown by 14. Mrs. E. Rotherham bt R. V. N. Wiggins by 14.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt L. Kirk-Greene by 26. Mrs. E. Rotherham bt G. V. Evans by 20.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 24.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B"). (4½ to 7½ Bisques). (7 Entries).

Mrs. D. E. Chorlton bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley by 5. C. J. Speer bt Mrs. A. L. Megson by 7. Capt. R. G. H. Belcher w.o. A. L. Megson opponent scratched. SEMI-FINAL.

C. J. Speer bt Mrs. D. E. Chorlton by 10. Capt. R. G. H. Belcher bt J. R. Bickersteth by 9.

C. J. Speer bt Capt. R. G. H. Belcher by 18.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "C"). (8 to 11 Bisques). (13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. Mrs. F. M. Cervantes bt A. R. Toplis by 23. Miss D. L. Latham bt Miss G. Allen by 8. Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style bt Mrs. E. A. Roper by 10. Miss M. G. Allen bt Mrs. G. W. Style by 8. Mrs. H. D. Wooster bt Mrs. D. M. Owen by 14. SECOND ROUND.

H. A. Hall bt Mrs. F. M. Cervantes by 14. Miss D. L. Latham bt Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style by 7. Mrs. H. D. Wooster bt Miss G. M. Allen by 00. H. C. S. Perry bt Dr. H. R. McAleenan by 8.

Miss D. L. Latham bt H. A. Hall by 12.
Mrs. H. D. Wooster w.o. H. C. S. Perry opponent scratched.

Mrs. H. D. Wooster bt Miss D. L. Latham by 8.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "D"). (12 Bisques and over). (8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. H. R. McAleenan bt Mrs. E. M. Temple by 5. Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher bt E. Plaistowe by 21. Mrs. I. M. Purves bt Miss M. Bryan by 13. Mrs. W. A. Naylor bt Miss M. K. A. Towers by 5.

Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher bt Mrs. H. R. McAleenan by 19. Mrs. I. M. Purves bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor by 8.

Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher bt Mrs. I. M. Purves by 14.

RESTRICTED HANDICAP DOUBLES. (Combined handicap to be not less than 4). (14 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (5) bt C. J. Speer and Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style by 1 on time.

E. A. Roper and Mrs. E. A. Roper (11½) bt Rev. B. V. F. Bracken-

bury and Miss M. Bryan (14½) by 20.
G. V. Evans and Capt. R. G. H. Belcher (6) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson

and H. C. S. Perry (11) by 11.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. G. W. Style (7) bt H. A. Hall and Mrs. D. M. Owen (17½) by 13.

L. Kirk-Greene and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) bt Miss G. Allen and

Miss G. M. Allen (191) by 13. H. E. Walker and Mrs. H. E. Walker (28) bt Dr. H. R. McAleenan

and Mrs. H. R. McAleenan (23) by 2 on time

SECOND ROUND.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (5) bt Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher and E. Plaistowe (24) by 6.

E. A. Roper and Mrs. E. A. Roper (11½) bt G. V. Evans and Capt. R. G. H. Belcher (6) by 10. Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. G. W. Style (7) bt L. Kirk-Greene

and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) by 8. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and R. V. N. Wiggins (5) bt H. E. Walker and Mrs. H. E. Walker (28) by 7.

SEMI-FINAL E. A. Roper and Mrs. E. A. Roper (111) bt Dr. W. R. H. Wiggins

and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (5) by 3. Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. W. G. Style (7) bt R. V. N. Wiggins and Mrs. C. F. Chittenden (5) by 1.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. W. G. Style (7) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. E. A. Roper (11½) by 4 on time.

HANDICAP SINGLES. (36 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. Mrs. D. Chorlton (5½) bt Miss G. Allen (9½) by 9. Mrs. E. M. Temple (16\*) bt Miss M. K. A. Towers (14) by 5. Mrs. A. L. Megson (6) bt Miss M. Bryan (12) by 14. Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (-3) bt Capt. R. G. H. Belcher (41) by 22. SECOND ROUND.

H. A. Hall (9½) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) by 15.
G. V. Evans (1½) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (13) by 17.
Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style (9) bt J. R. Bickersteth (6½) by 3.
Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (12) w.o. A. L. Megson opponent retired. R. V. N. Wiggins  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 16. Miss D. L. Latham (10) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham  $(-\frac{1}{2})$  by 5. Mrs. D. Chorlton  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. E. M. Temple  $(16^*)$  by 7. Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (-3) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson (6) by 11. C. J. Speer (7) bt Mrs. I. M. Purvis (14) by 11. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (3½) bt Miss M. G. Allen (10) by 11.

E. A. Roper (3½) bt Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (9) by 10.

Mrs. D. Owen (8) bt J. K. Brown (1) by 3. Mrs. G. Style (8½) bt Mrs. R. A. Irwin (4) by 10. Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (2½) bt H. C. S. Perry (8) by 18. Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) w.o. Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey opponent scratched. Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt Dr. H. R. McAleenan (9) by 6.

THIRD ROUND.

E. A. Roper (3½) bt H. A. Hall (9½) by 13.

G. V. Evans (1½) bt Lt. Comdr. G. W. Style (9) by 6.

R. V. N. Wiggins (1½) bt Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (12) by 11.

Miss D. Latham (10) bt Mrs. D. Chorlton (5½) by 5.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3) bt C. J. Speer (7) by 15.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (3½) bt Mrs. D. Owen (8) by 8.

Mrs. G. Style (8½) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (2½) by 26.

Mrs. E. A. Popper (8) bt Mrs. L. H. Diblay (6) by 3.

Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 3.

FOURTH ROUND.

E. A. Roper  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  bt G. V. Evans  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  by 18.

R. V. N. Wiggins  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  bt Miss D. L. Latham (10) by 4.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (-3) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  by 19. Mrs. G. Style  $(8\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) by 22. SEMI-FINAL

R. V. N. Wiggins  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  bt E. A. Roper  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  by 9. Mrs. G. Style  $(8\frac{1}{2})$  bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (-3) by 26. FINAL.

Mrs. G. Style (8½) bt R. V. N. Wiggins (1½) by 26.

LIMITED HANDICAP SINGLES. (For players losing first round in Event 6 and who did not enter in

Event 1). (11 Entries)

FIRST ROUND.

Miss G. Allen  $(9\frac{1}{2})$  bt Miss M. Bryan (12) by 3 on time.

J. R. Bickersteth  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (13) by 15. Mrs. I. M. Purves (14\*) w.o. H. C. S. Perry (8) opponent scratched, SECOND ROUND

Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) bt Capt. R. G. H. Belcher (4½) by 10. J. R. Bickersteth (6½) bt Miss G. Allen (9½) by 9. Miss M. G. Allen (10) bt Mrs. I. M. Purves (14\*). Miss M. K. A. Towers (14\*) bt Dr. H. R. McAleenan (9) by 6. SEMI-FINAL

J. R. Bickersteth (6½) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 9. Miss M. G. Allen (10) bt Miss M. K. A. Towers (14\*) by 14.

Miss M. G. Allen (10) bt J. R. Bickersteth (6½) by 18.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES. COMPTON PLATE. (8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. Dr. H. R. McAleenan (9) w.o. Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) opponent scr. Mrs. E. M. Temple (16\*) bt Miss M. Bryan (12) by 6. Mrs. A. L. Megson (6) bt Mrs. D. Owen (8) by 4. Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt J. K. Brown (1) opponent retired.

Mrs. E. M. Temple (16\*) bt Dr. H. R. McAleenan (9) by 7. Mrs. A. L. Megson (6) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 2.

FINAL. Mrs. E. M. Temple (16\*) w.o. Mrs. A. L. Megson (6) opponent scratched.

#### LEAMINGTON SPA

June 30th-July 5th

Pleasant surroundings, a warm welcome and a very friendly atmosphere combined to make the Leamington tournament a most successful event and one to which the visitors will surely return. Heavy rain alternated with warm sunshine, but as the

week went on the weather improved.

The tournament was honoured by a visit from the Mayor and Mayoress of Learnington; they took tea at the Club one afternoon and then watched some games. The Chairman of the Club and Mrs. Watson kindly gave a most enjoyable sherry party to the players one evening.

The excellent catering arrangements were in the able hands of Miss Philpott and Mrs. Lewis. A very special word of thanks is due to Miss Mills for her management and to the Secretary of the Club and Mrs. Sidwell for all they did "back stage."

The Open Singles was played on the American system and was won by Mrs. Ashton in a play-off against Dr. Penny, both of whom had previously won three games and scored the same number of points. Dr. Penny's game against Mr. Hodgson was noted for the persistent attempts to peel either their partner ball or their opponent's through the last two hoops.

In the finals of the Doubles, Mr. Sidwell quickly reached the penultimate hoop, but while he and Mrs. Ashton were on the stick their opponents made several points.

The "B" handicap final was won by Mr. Sidwell who made a break of the first six hoops in the early stages of the game, but towards the end accidently and prematurely pegged out one of his

The open handicap after a prolonged game was finally just won by Dr. Ormerod against Mr. Newton and the "Y" handicap (an 18 point course) was won by Mrs. Kay from Mrs. Roe. Mrs.

Craven won the extra event—six hoops and the stick.

Finally at the end of this most enjoyable week any other partakers of the tournament—players or workers behind the scenes-by not being mentioned is none the less worthy of remem-

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS B). (3½ Bisques and over). (13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. Miss M. C. Macaulay  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. D. W. Roe  $(8\frac{1}{2})$  by 2. Miss S. C. Gough (13) bt Mrs. J. A. Wilson (11) by 9 Mrs. S. Phillips (5) bt Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (14) by 7. Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (7) bt R. H. Newton (4) by 5. E. Sidwell (8) bt Mrs. E. W. Kay (8) by 17. The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. R. A. Slade (12) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (5½) by 14. Miss S. C. Gough (13) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (5) by 14. E. Sidwell (8) bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (7) by 5. Miss H. Trought (9) bt Mrs. M. Craven (5) by 13.

SEMI-FINAL Mrs. R. H. Slade (12) bt Miss S. C. Gough (13) by 4. E. Sidwell (8) bt Miss H. Trought (9) by 3.

FINAL. E. Sidwell (8) bt Mrs. R. A. Slade (12) by 8.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.").

EVENT "X". (17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND Miss H. Trought (9) bt Mrs. R. A. Slade (12) by 4.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton (0) bt Mrs. D. W. Roe (8½) by 4. Dr. G. L. Ormerod (4) bt E. Sidwell (8) by 7. Miss S. C. Gough (13) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (54) by 2. Miss H. Trought (9) bt Mrs. E. M. Ray (8) by 9 H. O. Hodgson (2) bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (7) by 2. Mrs. S. Phillips (5) bt Mrs. J. A. Wilson (11) by 18. R. H. Newton (4) bt Miss A. E. Mills (3½) by 9. Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (14) bt Mrs. M. Craven (5) by 14. THIRD ROUND.

Dr. G. L. Ormerod (4) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton (0) by 26. Miss S. C. Gough (13) bt Miss H. Trought (9) by 7. H. O. Hodgson (2) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (5) by 18. R. H. Newton (4) bt Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (14) by 14.

Dr. G. L. Ormerod (4) bt Miss S. C. Gough (13) by 5. R. H. Newton (4) bt H. O. Hodgson (2) by 4.

Dr. G. L. Ormerod (4) bt R. H. Newton (4) by 3.

EVENT "Y". (9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. Mrs. E. M. Ray (8) bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (7) by 7. SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. D. W. Roe (8½) bt E. Sidwell (8) by 2.
Miss M. C. Macaulay (5) w.o. Mrs. R. A. Slade opponent scr.
Mrs. E. M. Ray (8) bt Mrs. J. A. Wilson (12) by 3.
Mrs. M. Craven (5) w.o. Miss A. E. Mills opponent scratched. SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. D. W. Roe  $(8\frac{1}{2})$  bt Miss M. C. Macaulay  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  by 12. Mrs. E. M. Ray (8) bt Mrs. M. Craven (5) by 1

Mrs. E. M. Ray (8) bt Mrs. D. W. Roe (8½) by 6.

#### AMERICAN "A" OPENS.

	Mrs. L. H. Ashton	H. J. Penny	H. O. Hodgson	Miss A. E. Mills	G. L. Ormerod
Mrs. L. H. Ashton	 _	19	26	26	26
H. J. Penny	 26		26	19	26
H. O. Hodgson	 1	20		26	25
Miss A. E. Mills	 14	26	23	-	18
G. L. Ormerod	 7	23	26	26	_

PLAY-OFF.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 13.

#### HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(8 Pairs). FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. D. W. Roe and Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (15½) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay and Mrs. J. A. Wilson (16½) by 17.

Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. E. M. Ray (11½) bt Mrs. M. Craven and Miss H. Trought (14) by 13.

R. H. Newton and Mrs. R. Slade (16) bt H. O. Hodgson and Miss

S. C. Gough (15) by 2. Mrs. L. H. Ashton and E. Sidwell (8) bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod and Mrs.

Ormerod retired.

Mrs. D. W. Roe and Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (15) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Miss E. M. Ray (11½) by 13.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton and E. Sidwell (8) bt R. H. Newton and Mrs.

R. A. Slade (16) by 5.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton and E. Sidwell (8) bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson and Mrs. D. W. Roe (15½) by 6.

#### BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

July 7th-12th

Another tournament has come and gone during a period of lovely weather, which just failed to stay the course. On Friday night there was heavy rain which caused six of the nine courts to be put temporarily out of action for the early part of Saturday morning. In spite of this delay the tournament under the skilful and able management of Major J. H. Dibley was finished in good time on Saturday evening.

The performances of two competitors are particularly worthy

of mention, namely that of Mrs. Vincent, who has not been long in the game and who played in great style all week to win the big handicap. Also that of John Cooper who, although almost a beginner in tournament play, won the Singles in Class B. May both these players go on to do greater things.

The catering, as usual, was excellent, very good lunches and teas were served at low prices. This was very ably carried out by Mrs. Sandercock and her helpers. Morning coffee was brought

round to competitors on court. The flowers, too, were most beautifully arranged by Mrs. Sandercock.

The lawns looked after by groundsman, West, and his assistants were in very good order and looking so much greener than one often sees them in July. The writer who is new to competitive croquet would like to express his appreciation of the friendliness and helpfulness shown by all officials and competitors. He also observed that visitors were made very welcome and that competitors were very willing to explain to them any points in the game

about which they were asked.

All who know this delightful place will want to return and those who have not sampled it should do so.

OPEN SINGLES. (Draw and Process). THE COLMAN CUP.

PROCESS. (14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. H. O. Hicks bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 14.
M. B. Reckitt bt J. G. Warwick by 19.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 8.
Major G. F. Stone bt W. W. Sweet Escott by 6. Miss E. J. Warwick bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 9. Col. D. W. Beamish bt J. K. Brown by 15.

SECOND ROUND.

H. O. Hicks w.o. Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave opponent scratched. M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 3.

Major G. F. Stone bt J. G. Warwick by 19.

Miss E. J. Warwick bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 9.

H. O. Hicks bt M. B. Reckitt by 4. Miss E. J. Warwick w.o. Major G. F. Stone opponent scratched.

H. O. Hicks bt Miss. E. J. Warwick by 20.

THE DRAW. (14 Entries). FIRST ROUND.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 5. M. B. Reckitt bt J. G. Warwick by 19.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 14.
Major G. F. Stone bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 3.
J. K. Brown bt Major J. R. Abbey by 20. H. O. Hicks bt W. W. Sweet Escott by 23.

SECOND ROUND.

V. A. de la Nougerede bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 13. M. B. Reckitt bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 24. Major G. F. Stone bt J. K. Brown by 22. H. O. Hicks bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 25. M. B. Reckitt bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 11. H. O. Hicks bt Major G. F. Stone by 23.

H. O. Hicks bt M. B. Reckitt by 9.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B"). THE LONGMAN CUP.

FINAL.

(3 to 7 Bisques). (16 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts bt Miss V. E. Mills by 7. Mrs. M. B. Reckitt bt Miss M. C. Macaulay by 16. Miss K. Ault bt Mrs. M. L. Thom by 9. E. A. Roper bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels by 3. Miss A. E. Mills bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone by 21. A. J. Cooper bt Lady Ursula Abbey by 21. Rev. F. J. Denbow bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley by 18. Mrs. R. G. Michelmore bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs by 4

Mrs. M. B. Reckitt bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts by 6. E. A. Roper bt Miss K. Ault by 2. A. J. Cooper bt Miss A. E. Mills by 14. Rev. F. J. Denbow w.o. Mrs. R. G. Michelmore opponent retired. SEMI-FINAL.

E. A. Roper bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt by 7. A. J. Cooper bt Rev. F. J. Denbow by 3. FINAL.

A. J. Cooper bt E. A. Roper by 10.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C").

(7½ Bisques and over). (19 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (10) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) by 7. G. R. Mills (10) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (10) by Mrs. E. M. Kay  $(7\frac{1}{2})$  bt Major E. P. Edyvean  $(10\frac{1}{2})$  by 9.

SECOND ROUND.
F. Liversay (10) bt Miss S. C. Gough (13) by 12.
Mrs. M. H. Vincent (7½) bt Miss J. Cooper (10) by 12.
A. J. Oldham (9) bt Dr. H. R. McAleenan (9) by 8. A. J. Okhilai (9) bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (10) by 9.

G. R. Mills (10) bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (10) by 9.

Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (7½) by 11.

Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (8½) bt W. J. Dixon (12) by 11.

Mrs. E. P. Edyvean (15) bt G. A. Black (9) by 1.

Air Vice-Marshal F. H. M. Maynard (11) bt G. B. Harridge (9) THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. M. H. Vincent  $(7\frac{1}{2})$  bt F. Liversay (10) by 10. G. R. Mills (10) bt A. J. Oldham (9) by 5 on time. Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (8½) Air Vice-Marshal F. H. M. Maynard (11) bt Mrs. E. P. Edyvean (15) by 5.

Mrs. M. H. Vincent (7½) bt G. R. Mills (10) by 6. Air Vice-Marshal F. H. M. Maynard (11) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) by 4.

Air Vice-Marshal F. H. M. Maynard (11) bt Mrs. M. H. Vincent  $(7\frac{1}{2})$  by 2.

HANDICAP SINGLES. (42 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss E. J. Warwick (2) bt M. B. Reckitt (—1½) by 10.

Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) bt Miss S. C. Gough (13) by 10.

A. J. Oldham (9) w.o. Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (7) opponent retired. Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) bt Miss J. Cooper (10) by 10 Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) bt Miss J. Cooper (10) by 10.

Mrs. F. R. Briggs (4) bt J. K. Brown (1) by 5.

Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (4½) bt Mrs. L. G. Walters (6) by 7.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels (6) bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (7) by 15.

Mrs. M. H. Vincent (7½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (3) by 16.

Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 1.

Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (10) by 12.

SECOND ROUND. Major J. R. Abbey (2) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (8½) by 5.

Mrs. E. Rotherham (—1½) bt Miss K. Ault (5) by 6. G. R. Mills (10) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (5½) by 4. J. G. Warwick (½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) by 18. Major G. F. Stone (—3) bt Dr. H. R. McAleenan (9) by 17.

G. B. Horridge (9) bt Miss E. J. Warwick (2) by 7. Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) bt A. J. Oldham (9) by 8.

Mrs. F. R. Briggs (4) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) by 5 on time.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels (6) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (4½) by 2.

Mrs. M. H. Vincent (7½) bt Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) by 24. W. W. Sweet Escott (1) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (41) by 1 on time. V. A. de la Nougerede (1) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (3) by 17. Col. D. W. Beamish (—½) bt Major E. P. Edyvean (10½) by 5. Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (5) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (8) by 9. Miss A. E. Mills (3½) bt E. A. Roper (3½) by 10. Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (2) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson

Major J. R. Abbey (2) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—1½) by 19. J. G. Warwick (½) bt G. R. Mills (10) by 14. G. B. Horridge (9) bt Major G. F. Stone (—3) by 10. Mrs. F. R. Briggs (4) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) by 19. Mrs. M. H. Vincent (7½) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (6) by 6. V. A. de la Nougerede (1) bt W. W. Sweet Escott (1) by 26. Col. D. W. Beamish (—½) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (5) by 6. Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (2) bt Miss A. E. Mills (31) by 9.

FOURTH ROUND.

Major J. R. Abbey (2) bt J. G. Warwick (1) by 22.

Mrs. F. R. Briggs (4) bt G. B. Horridge (9) by 7. Mrs. M. H. Vincent (7½) bt V. A. de la Nougerede (1) by 10. Col. D. W. Beamish (-1) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (2) by 9.

Major J. R. Abbey (2) bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs (4) by 1 on time. Mrs. M. H. Vincent  $(7\frac{1}{2})$  bt Col. D. W. Beamish  $(-\frac{1}{2})$  by 21.

Mrs. M. H. Vincent (7½) bt Major J. R. Abbey (2) by 12.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(No two players of handicap 1½ or lower may play together).

LE MESSURIER CHALLENGE CUPS. (24 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Col. D. W. Beamish and J. Weston Martyr (5½) bt Mrs. L. G. Walters and Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (14½) by 9. Major J. R. Abbey and Mrs. F. R. Briggs (6) bt Miss K. Ault and

Major J. R. Abbey and Mrs. F. R. Briggs (6) bt Miss K. Ault and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (12½) by 2 on time.
V. A. de la Nougerede and G. R. Mills (11) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley and Miss M. C. Macaulay (11½) by 4 on time.

Major G. F. Stone and Miss V. E. Mills (½) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon and Miss S. C. Gough (16) by 5.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (12) bt J. K.

Brown and Mrs. A. M. Daniels (7) by 4 on time. H. O. Hicks and Air Vice-Marshal F. H. M. Maynard (6) bt Mrs.

E. Rotherham and A. J. Oldham (7½) by 4.

M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (6) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow and G. B. Horridge (16) by 13.

J. G. Warwick and Mrs. R. Jones Bateman (14½) bt Dr. H. R. McAleenan and Mrs. H. R. McAleenan (21) by 12.

SECOND ROUND. SECOND ROUND.

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and Mrs. M. L. Thom (9½) bt Miss J. Cooper and G. A. Black (19) by 5 on time.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Miss E. J. Warwick (3) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay and Mrs. E. P. Edyvean (21) by 12.

Major J. R. Abbey and Mrs. F. R. Briggs (6) bt Col. D. W. Beamish

Major J. R. Abbey and Mrs. F. R. Briggs (6) bt Col. D. W. Beamish and J. Weston Martyr (5½) by 2 on time.

V. A. de la Nougerede and G. R. Mills (11) bt Major G. F. Stone and Miss V. E. Mills (½) by 17.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (12) bt H. O. Hicks and Air Vice-Marshal F. H. M. Maynard (6) by 8.

J. G. Warwick and Mrs. R. Jones Bateman (14½) bt M. B. Reckitt

and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (6) by 3.

Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (8) bt W. W. Sweet

Escott and W. J. Dixson (13) by 4 on time.

Miss L. Elphinstone Stone and Major E. P. Edyvean (17½) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. E. A. Roper (11½) by 10. THIRD ROUND.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Miss E. J. Warwick (3) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and Mrs. M. L. Thom (9½) by 16.

Major J. R. Abbey and Mrs. F. R. Briggs (6) bt V. A. de la Nougerede and G. R. Mills (11) by 1 on time.

J. G. Warwick and Mrs. R. Jones Bateman (14½) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (12) by 17.

Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (8) bt Miss L. Elphin-

stone Stone and Major E. P. Edyvean (171) by 4 on time.

SEMI-FINAL. Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Miss E. J. Warwick (3) bt Major J. R. Abbey and Mrs. F. R. Briggs (6) by 2.

J. G. Warwick and Mrs. R. Jones Bateman (14½) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (8) by 8 on time.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Miss E. J. Warwick (3) bt J. G. Warwick and Mrs. R. Jones Bateman (141) by 7.

EXTRA EVENT. HANDICAP SINGLES. (1st hoop and 3-back). (16 Entries).

Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt Mrs. E. P. Edyvean (15) by 6 on time. Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (10) w.o. E. A. Roper (31) opponent

G. A. Black (9) bt Mrs. M. S. Carlyon (3) by 16. Mrs. E. A Roper (8) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay  $(7\frac{1}{2})$  by 6 on time. Miss S. C. Gough (13) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse  $(8\frac{1}{2})$  by 2 on time. W. W. Sweet Escott (1) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  by 1 on time. Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  bt Miss J. Cooper (10) by 4 on time. Miss K. Ault (5) bt Mrs. M. L. Thom  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  by 1 on time. SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (10) by 6. G. A. Black (9) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) by 8. W. W. Sweet Escott (1) bt Miss S. C. Gough (13) by 4. Miss K. Ault (5) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (3½) by 13.

Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt G. A. Black (9) by 9. Miss K. Ault (5) bt W. W. Sweet Escott (1) by 13.

Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt Miss K. Ault (5) by 2.

### The Challenge Cups, Gilbey Cup and Golf Croquet Cups

Will be played for at

The Roehampton Club, Wednesday, August 13th, to Saturday, August 23rd

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager and Handicapper.—Miss D. A. Lintern. Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London,

> **EVENTS** OPEN TO ASSOCIATES ONLY THE CHALLENGE CUPS

1.—FIRST DIVISION. THE ROEHAMPTON CHALLENGE CUP (Open). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. This Event will be played on the "Two Life" system. Holder: G. V. Evans.

2.—SECOND DIVISION. THE COUNCIL CHALLENGE CUP. Open to Associates handicapped at 2 to 4 bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Level play. Matches of single games. Law 44 partially suspended. Holder: G. E. W.

3.—THIRD DIVISION. THE LUARD CHALLENGE CUP. Open to Associates handicapped at  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to  $6\frac{1}{2}$  bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games throughout. Level play. Law 44 suspended, Holder: B.

4.—FOURTH DIVISION. THE RECKITT CHALLENGE CUP. Open to Associates handicapped at 7 to 9½ bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games throughout. Level play. Law 44 suspended. Holder: Major-Gen. F. H.

5.—FIFTH DIVISION. THE STEVENSON CHALLENGE CUP. Open to Associates handicapped at 10 bisques or over. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games throughout. Level play. Law 44 suspended. Holder, Mrs. M. H.

N.B.-No competitor may enter for more than one of the above

6.-THE "GILBEY" CUP HANDICAP SINGLES. This event will be drawn in four blocks. "A," "B," "C" and "D" according to handicaps. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games throughout. To qualify for the "Gilbey" Cup the winner of "A"  $\nu$ . "B" will play the winner of "C"  $\nu$ . "D". Holders: The Event, Mrs. S. M. Adler (8½); Block "A", E. P. Duffield (—1); Block "B", Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½); Block "C", A. D. Karmel (5).

7.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicaps of 4 bisques or over. Entries should be made in pairs. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. each person. Matches of single games throughout. Holders: Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. F. Stanley-Smith.

 GOLF CROQUET SINGLES. THE "ASCOT" CHAL-LENGE CUP. Open to all. Entrance Fee, 4s. 6d. The com-petition will be played under the Official Rules of Golf Croquet. Played in two blocks according to handicaps; the winners of the blocks playing off to decide the winner of the Cup. Holder: C. L. Robertson.

 GOLF CROQUET DOUBLES. THE "DELVES BROUGH-TON" CHALLENGE CUPS. Presented by the late Sir Delves Broughton. Open to pairs with a combined Croquet haudicap of not less than 4 bisques. Entrance Fee, 4s. 6d The competition will be played under the Official Rules of Golf Croquet. Entries should be made in pairs. Holders: B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. H. J. Collins.

CONDITIONS

Hoops 33in. wide. Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used. Five courts will be provided.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

ENTRIES

The entries accompanied by the Entrance Fees, for Events 1 to 6, 8 and 9, must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., so as to reach her not later than the first post on Friday, August, 8th, and for Event 7 (in pairs) by 11 a.m. on Friday, August 15th.
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 for the Challenge Cups and Gilbey Cup will take place at 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, on Friday, 8th August, at 11 a.m. The Draw for Event 7 (Handicap Doubles) will take place at the Roehampton Club at noon on Friday, August 15th.

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily, unless otherwise notified, and continue until 7 p.m. or later if necessary.

Please note the earlier closing date for Entries.

#### BRIGHTON, 1958

THE FORTY-FIFTH AUTUMN TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, AUGUST 25th, and FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS

To be held on the Lawns of the Sussex County Croquet Club, Victoria Road, Southwick, Sussex

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the C.A.) Manager, Handicapper and Referee.-Miss D. D. Steel.

Hon. Secretary.-F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick.

#### **EVENTS**

1.—OPEN SINGLES ("Two Lives" system). THE SUSSEX GOLD CUP presented by the late E. R. Harrison. Entrance

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS B). Law 44 suspended. THE FRANC CUP presented by Mrs. H. Franc. Open to players handicapped 4 to 7 bisques. Entrance Fee, 8s.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS 3). THE MONTEITH BOWL presented by the late G. C. Branthisaite. Open to players handicapped  $7\frac{1}{2}$  and over. Entrance Free, 8s.

4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. THE MAURICE RECKITT BOWL presented by Mr. M. B. Reckitt. Entrance Fee, 8s

5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 8s. each partner. All games in Event 5 to start at No. 3 hoop.

ENTRIES

Players may not enter for more than one of Events 1, 2 or 3. Entries for 1, 2, 3 and 4, must reach the Hon. Secretary by first post on Thursday, August 21st, but may close earlier if necessary.

The Draw for 1, 2, 3 and 4, will take place at Southwick on Thursday, August 21st, at 2.30 p.m., and Event 5 on Tuesday, August 26th.

Play will commence at 10 a.m. and continue till 6.30 p.m. or later if necessary. No leave will be granted later than 12 noon, Monday.

GENERAL Standard setting,  $3\frac{3}{4}$  inch hoops and Jaques' "Eclipse" Balls will be used. Ten courts will be available.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn. Competitors will be made hon, members of the Club during the

TRANSPORT

Green buses along Brighton Front leave the Palace Pier every seven minutes. The 9.30 bus arrives Southwick Road, 9.40 a.m. From Worthing bus service every quarter of an hour and train service to Southwick four times an hour.

#### BRIGHTON

(UNOFFICIAL)

An Unofficial Tournament will be held on

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, and FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS (Under C.A. Laws and Regulations)

Manager and Handicapper.-Major J. R. Dibley.

Hon. Sec.—F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick, Sussex. EVENTS

1.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 7½ and under. Entrance Fee, 8s. 2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 8 to 10½. Entrance Fee, 8s.

-HANDICAP SINGLES. 11 and over. Entrance Fee, 8s.

-HANDICAP SINGLES. ("X.Y."). 0 and over. Entrance Fee,

5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined Handicap to be not less than 7. Entrance Fee, 8s. All games in Event 5 will start at No. 3 hoop.

Entries for 1, 2 and 3, must reach the Hon. Secretary not later

than first post, Thursday, August 28th.

The Draw for Events 1, 2 and 3, will take place at Southwick on Thursday, August 28th, and for Event 4 at 2.30, Tuesday, Septem-

Luncheons and Teas will be obtainable in the Club canteen Extra event if time permits.

### PARKSTONE (East Dorset)

CROQUET TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, 1958 (Under the Laws and Regulations of the C.A.)

Committee.—Croquet Committee of the Parkstone Club.

Manager and Handicapper.—V. de la Nougerede.
Referee.—Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin.
Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. V. C. Gasson, East Dorset L.T. and
Croquet Club, Saltern's Road, Parkstone.

#### EVENTS

1.—OPEN SINGLES. "Two Lives". Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d. Bournemouth Bowl and Ashton Trophy.

2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Law 44 suspended. For players of 3½ to 7 bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Deshon Cup.

HANDICAP SINGLES. For players of 7½ bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Halse Salver.

-HANDICAP SINGLES. Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 9s. Gold Cup.

5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each player.

#### CONDITIONS

Entries for Events, 1, 2, 3 and 4, must reach the Hon. Secretary by midday Thursday, August 28th. The Draw will take place at the

No player may enter for more than one Event of Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Five or six courts will be provided and Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used. Standard 3\frac{3}{2}in. hoops.

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

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

#### HUNSTANTON

#### THE SIXTY-FIRST HUNSTANTON OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT

Will be held on the Club Grounds on Monday, September 1st, 1958 and five following days

(Under C.A. Laws and Regulations)

Committee.-Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton, Mrs. Edmund Reeve, C. B. Bird, Miss Gillespie, Dr. Lewis.

Manager.-C. B. Bird.

Referee and Handicapper.—Mrs. Edmund Reeve. Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. J. A. Clarke, 49 Northgate, Hunstanton.

#### **EVENTS**

OPEN SINGLES (Class "A"). Draw and Process. The Norfolk Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 10s.

-LEVEL SINGLES (Class "B"). Law 44 suspended. THE HUNSTANTON CHALLENGE BOWL. 4 to 8½ bisques. Entrance Fee, 8s.

- 3.-HANDICAP SINGLES (Class "C"). 9 bisques and over. Shortened game, commencing at No. 5 hoop. Entrance Fee. 7s. 6d.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. "X.Y." INGELBY CHALLENGE CUP. Entrance Fee, 8s, 6d.
- 5-HANDICAP DOUBLES. No players of 4 handicap or less may partner each other. Entrance Fee, 8s.

At the discretion of the Committee, any of these events may be played on the American system if number of entries warrants it. No player may enter for more than one of Events 1, 2 and 3.

#### CONDITIONS

Entries for 1, 2, 3 and 4, must reach the Secretary not later than the last post on Thursday, August 28th, and for Event 5 on Tuesday, September 2nd, with application for leave, which will not be granted after 12 noon on Monday, unless the exigencies of the

Entrance Fees must be paid at the time of entry.

#### THE DRAW

The Draw for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4, will take place in the Club's

Pavilion on Saturday, August 30th, at 5 p.m.

Play will begin at 10 a.m. on each day and continue to 7 p.m.

Standard setting and Jaques' Championship balls will be used. Five courts will be available.

Hotels.-Golden Lion, Garden House, Ken Hill View, Caltofts, Austin St. There are also the L'Estrange Arms and the Lodge Hotels at Old Hunstanton one mile away.

#### THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

Presented to the C.A. in 1934 by the late Trevor Williams, Esq.

Holder-J. W. Solomon

For the 8 best available players of the preceding 12 months in the C.A. invited by the Council of the C.A.

No Entrance Fee

Will be played for at the HURLINGHAM CLUB on Monday, September 8th, and following days

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet As-

Manager and Referee.—E. A. Roper.

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

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

Hoops 3 11/16in. wide and Jaques' "Eclipse" Balls will be used. The Council of the C.A. reserve the right to substitute hoops 33in, wide at their discretion.

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, his or 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 begun. 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 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. Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

The Winner holds the Trophy for one year or until the next Competition whichever is the shorter period and will receive a

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily, unless otherwise notified. Competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival and no leave can be given in any circumstances.

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#### THE SURREY CUP

Presented to the C.A. in 1955 by the Officers of the former Surrey County Union

Holder-Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave

To be played for at the ROEHAMPTON CLUB on Monday, September 8th, and following days

Manager.-Mrs. I. H. Turketine.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the C.A.

For eight players invited by the Council to compete

Conditions as for the President's Cup except that 33 in. hoops will

#### ROEHAMPTON

A CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held on

MONDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER, 1958

and five following days

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association)

Committee.-Mrs. I. H. Turketine (Chairman), Miss D. A. Lintern (Captain), Col. C. C. Adams, Mrs. H. J. Collins, Mr. J. B.

Manager and Referee.-Miss D. A. Lintern, assisted by the

Handicapper.—The Croquet Handicapping Committee of the Roehampton Club

Secretary.—Mr. W. H. Abel (Games Secretary), Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15.

#### **EVENTS**

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. Draw and Process. The winner to hold the Ranelagh Gold Cup for one year. Entrance Fee, 10s.
- 2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Single games. Open to Competitors with a handicap of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  or more. Winner to hold the Brooke Challenge Cup for one year. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Open to Competitors with a handicap of 7½ bisques or more. Entrance Fee, 8s, 6d.
- N.B.—No competitor may enter for more than one of the above
- 4.—"X" and "Y" HANDICAP SINGLES. In this event shortened games may be played in accordance with Reg. 12 at the discretion of the Manager. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. The winners of "X" and "Y" hold the Creyke Cups for a year.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicap not less than scratch. Entrance Fee, 5s. 0d. each. Games start at the 5th Hoop.
- N.B.—The above Entrance Fees include the Croquet Association's levv.

Non-Associates pay a tribute of 15s. 0d. to the C.A. when playing in an official tournament, or 7s. 6d. if they compete in one event only (except in Tournaments promoted by their own Club, when they pay such C.A. tribute, if any, as the local Committee may determine), but on becoming an Associate any tribute paid during the current year is refunded, or credited against subscription.

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 must reach the Games Secretary, accompanied by the Entrance Fee, by the first post, Thursday, September 18th, 1958, Entries for Event 5 close at midday on Tuesday, September 23rd, 1958. The Draw for Events 1 to 4 will take place at the Club at 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 18th,

Play will commence at 10 a.m. daily.

Six courts will be provided and Eclipse Balls used. Standard

Competitors will be made Honorary Members of the Club for the duration of the Tournament.

All Competitors must wear such flat-heeled boots or shoes as cannot damage the ground.

### There are facilities for playing Bridge at the Croquet Pavilion.

#### CHELTENHAM

N.O. TOURNAMENT, 1958

To be held on the Club Lawns, Old Bath Road, on Monday, September 15th and five following days

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES (Two Lives). Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES (Law 44 suspended). 4 bisques or more. Entrance Fee, 6s.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 7 bisques or over. Entrance Fee, 6s.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. The Calthrop Cup. 11 bisques or over. Entrance Fee, 6s. No competitor may enter for more than one of the above.
- 5.—HANDICAP SINGLES (X.Y. system). Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 6.-HANDICAP DOUBLES. Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 6s. each player.

Entries to Comdr. D. W. Roe, Cheltenham Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham, by midday, September 11th, Draw 2 p.m. same day. Cheques to be made payable to the Cheltenham Croquet

Play will begin daily at 10 a.m. or earlier if necessary. Light luncheons and teas available.

#### DEVONSHIRE PARK, EASTBOURNE

SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Fifty-first Annual Open Tournament will start on Monday, September 29th, and continue during the following two weeks (Held under the Laws and Regulations of the C.A.)

Committee.—The Entertainment Committee of the County Borough of Eastbourne, the Tournament Committee of the Council of the C.A. and the local representatives of the C.A. —C. J. Speer and H. C. S. Perry.

Managers.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and Major J. H. Dibley. Referee.-Mrs. E. Reeve.

Handicapper.-M. B. Reckitt.

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

Secretary.—The Secretary, Croquet Association, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1 (to whom all entries should be sent).

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 13s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by the late Mrs. A. C. Ionides: L. Kirk Greene
- 2.—MEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all men competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. Holder of the perpetual Gold Challenge Cup presented by the late Capt. C. L. O'Callighan: G. V. Evans.
- 3.-WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE WOMEN'S CHAM-PIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all women competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by the late Mrs. H. Franc: Mrs. E. Reeve and Mrs. W. Longman (divided).
- 4.—"B" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 3½ to 6½ bisques inclusive (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. Holder of the perpetual challenge Silver Challenge Salver presented by the Devonshire Park Company: Lt.-Col. F. Stobart.
- 5.—"C" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 7 to 10½ bisques inclusive (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. Holder of the Challenge Trophy presented by the late E. S. Luard, Esq.: H. C. S. Perry.
- 6.—"D" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 11 bisques or over (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Cup presented by the late Trevor Williams, Esq.: Mrs. G. Fitter.

- 7.—UNRESTRICTED LEVEL DOUBLES (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. each competitor.
- 8.—RESTRICTED HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 1 bisque (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. each competitor.
- 9.—HANDICAP SINGLES. To be drawn in one block. The Sussex Perpetual Challenge Cup (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s.
- 10.—LIMITED HANDICAP SINGLES. THE SUSSEX UNION CHALLENGE CUP. Limited to competitors handicapped at 3½ bisques or more. Competitors in this event may not enter for Events 1, 2, 3 or 7. Shortened games if necessary. Entrance Fee, 10s.

#### CONDITIONS

- 1.—In Event 1, matches best of three games will be played throughout. In all other events matches of single games will be played.
- 2.—Competitors may not enter for more than two of Events 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

-Law 44 will be suspended in Events 4, 5 and 6.

4.—Play in Events 1 and 4 will begin on Monday, September 29th; in Event 5 and 9 on Tuesday, September 30th; in Event on Wednesday, October 1st; in Event 6 on Thursday, October 2nd; in Events 2 and 3 not before Friday, October 3rd; in Event 8 on Monday, October 6th.

5.—Events 1 and 7 will be completed by Monday, October 6th. Players in Events 2, 3 or 6 may enter for Event 9 on the understanding that they will not be called upon to play in that event before Friday, October 3rd.

INFORMATION

ENTRIES.—Entries accompanied by Entrance Fees for all Events except 7 and 8 must reach the Secretary, The Croquet Association, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, by Tuesday, September 23rd. (Do not send Entries to Devonshire Park). Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to the Croquet Associa-

Non-Associates must also pay a tribute of 15s. to the C.A. as this is an official tournament, or 7s. 6d. if they enter in only one event; but on their becoming Associates any tribute paid by them during the current year will be refunded or credited against their

ADDRESSES.—Competitors are particularly requested to send with their entries the addresses and telephone numbers which will find them during the Tournament.

DRAW.—The Draw for all Events except Events 7 and 8 will take place at the C.A. office 4 Southampton Row, London, at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 24th. The Draw for Event 7 will take place at Devonshire Park at noon on Tuesday, September 30th, and for Event 8 at Devonshire Park at noon on Saturday. October 4th.

A number of shelter tents will be provided.
COURTS AND EQUIPMENT.—Ten courts will be provided at Devonshire Park and competitors must also be prepared to play on the courts at the Compton Club if required to do so. Jaques' 'Eclipse" balls and hoops 33in. wide will be used.

PLAY.—Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily, or earlier if necessary and will continue until daylight fails. Competitors in Events 1 and 4 will be notified, and must be prepared to play if they are required at 10 a.m. or some later time on Monday, September 29th.

All competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival at the ground each day.

It is particularly asked that, in the interests of the Tournament, competitors who are timed for the first games each morning will be punctual and that they will be on the court and will begin to play at the time stated.

Before leaving the ground for the day, competitors should not fail to consult the order of play announced on the board for the following day. A competitor who is not present or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so will be liable to be scratched under Regulation 24 (a) (i).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.-No leave should be applied for nor could it be granted save in exceptional circumstances

HEELS.—Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

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PRIZES.—In addition to the Challenge Trophies mentioned, two prizes will be given in each Event with 8 entries, and the number of other prizes will be in accordance with the number of entries. The Challenge Trophies may be held by the winner for one year

or until the next Tournament whichever is the shorter period.

ADMISSION.—Associates will be admitted free on production of their Membership cards. Otherwise admission is 1s.

#### PRACTICE AND FRIENDLY GAMES

Throughout the Tournament courts will be available for practice and friendly games at the Compton Club. These may be booked at Devonshire Park and green fees should be paid to the Tournament Manager when the booking is made.