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## TOURNAMENT FIXTURES

1959

- June 1 Men's and Women's Championships (Roehampton). Secretary C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.  
 " 1 Ryde. Hon. Sec., Miss L. Isaac, Flat 18, Osborne Court, Cowes, I.O.W.  
 " 8 Nottingham. Hon. Tourn. Sec., 15 St. Jude's Avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham.  
 " 8 Woking. Hon. Sec., Major J. W. Cobb, Farm Hotel, Woking.  
 " 15 Parkstone. Hon. Sec., Mrs. V. C. Gasson, Newlyn, Blair Avenue, Parkstone, Dorset.  
 " 20 Championship of Ireland. Hon. Sec., Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly, Ballynamote, Carrickmines, Co. Dublin.  
 " 22 Compton (Eastbourne). Hon. Sec., H. C. S. Perry, Hockington House, Willingdon, Sussex.  
 " 29 Leamington Spa. The Croquet Sec., Guys Cliffe Avenue, Leamington Spa.  
 July 6 Budleigh Salterton. Hon. Sec., L. G. Walters, 1 Braywick, Budleigh Salterton.  
 " 13 Open Championships (Hurlingham). Secretary C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.  
 " 20 Cheltenham. Hon. Tourn. Sec., L. C. Adye, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.  
 " 27 Ladies' Field Cup (Hurlingham). Secretary C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.  
 Aug. 3 Hurlingham. Games Sec., Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6.  
 " 11-13 All England Handicap. Area Finals (Roehampton). Secretary C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.  
 " 12-22 Challenge and Gilbey Cups, Ascot and Delves Broughton Cups (Roehampton). Secretary C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.  
 " 24 Southwick. Hon. Sec., F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick, Sussex.  
 " 31 Hunstanton. Hon. Sec., Mrs. J. A. Clarke, 49 Northgate, Hunstanton.  
 " 31 Parkstone. Hon. Sec., Mrs. V. C. Gasson, Newlyn, Blair Avenue, Parkstone, Dorset.  
 Sept. 7 President's Cup (Hurlingham), Surrey Cup (Roehampton). Secretary C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.  
 " 21 Roehampton. Games Sec., Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, London, S.W.13.  
 " 28 Devonshire Park (Eastbourne). Secretary C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

### NON-OFFICIAL FIXTURES

- Aug. 8 Championship of Dublin. Hon. Sec., Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly, Ballynamote, Carrickmines, Co. Dublin.  
 " 31 Southwick. Hon. Sec., F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick, Sussex.  
 Sept. 14 Cheltenham. Hon. Tourn. Sec., L. C. Adye, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

### TOURNAMENT NOTICES

Intending competitors at Parkstone and Compton in June should note two corrections to the Notices appearing in April *Croquet*. Event 1 at Parkstone is Single Games and not Two Lives. There is no 5th event at Compton although an Extra Event will be arranged if possible. The corrections have been made in the Notices which appear on page 10.

## CROQUET ASSOCIATION NOTICES

The Subscription of £1 10s. 0d. due on January 1st, 1959, should be sent to the Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1 (see, however, below).

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Croquet Association Handbook, 1958/59, 4s. 0d.  
 Laws of Croquet 1s. 6d. (Non-Associates 2s.).  
 Obtainable from the Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1 (see, however, below).

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The attention of Club Secretaries is drawn to the desirability of trying to obtain special terms for tournament visitors at local hotels. It is suggested that only such hotels as are willing to make concessions should receive special mention in the tournament advertisements.

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### ELECTION OF ASSOCIATES

Miss E. C. Brumpton  
 Mrs. A. Topp  
 Mrs. V. E. Wheeler  
 D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller  
 Miss E. Johnston  
 Miss E. M. Temple  
 Mrs. C. W. Wordsworth  
 G. Scott-Page  
 Mrs. T. S. Colls

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### ENTRY FORMS FOR TOURNAMENTS

Competitors are earnestly asked to use the official entry forms when entering for C.A. tournaments. Failure to do this causes much inconvenience to Managers, etc.

Pads of 25 price 2s., can be obtained from the Secretary.

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE

As from 10th June, 1959, all correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary, C.A., Hurlingham Club, S.W.6. (Tel. RENown 3148)

## NOTES by ROVER

### New Home Sweet Home

This is literally an epoch-making month for our Association since before it is over we are due to enter upon our new tenancy at Hurlingham. Those associates who were members of county teams will already have had opportunity to inspect the attractive offices we are to occupy at the club, built especially for our use. For others it must suffice now to say that these look out over a lawn towards the rose pergola, and include not only the "secretariat" but a delightful room large enough to accommodate the best-attended of the Council's committees, the walls of both rooms being decorated in very pleasant pastel shades. But this is not the only structure in this part of the club which is new.

The little green shed long lived in by Fred

has disappeared—though happily Fred has not. A handsome glass fronted pavilion, with large locker rooms for croquet and bowls players, has taken its place, facing on to a sunny open space similar to that adjacent to the bar which is already so popular in the evenings. Hurlingham has truly done croquet players proud, and they in their turn will surely be proud to bring their friends to see how handsomely they are accommodated. If we remain there as long as we have so happily done as guests of the Baptist Union at Southampton Row, our successors will see Croquet flourishing well into the twenty-first century.

### The Peel Memorials

Congratulations to G. N. B. Huskinson and Miss Hickson, the winners of the first Official Event of the season. Some Associates may not know why this May tournament is so often spoken of as "The Peels". W. H. Peel it was who with some other enthusiasts founded the Croquet Association in 1896. He also initiated the first Official Organ of the Association which developed from a modest "Croquet Sheet" to the Gazette which started publication in 1904. A year after his death in 1897 the Peel Memorials were founded which open the season at Roehampton in May and which carry two Silver Challenge Bowls.

The Chairman of the Council of the C.A. invites applications for the post of Secretary. Associates are no doubt aware that Mrs. Apps gave, most generously, whatever time was required for this work and received only a nominal salary of £100 per annum and a contribution towards her expenses.

A very pleasant Headquarters office has been built at Hurlingham and it is hoped to find someone who has the time and would undertake this work for the sake of the game. Mrs. Apps had many happy contacts with players in the Dominions and this would remain a not unimportant part of the new Secretary's work.

The post would be a part-time one and could possibly be shared by two friends as Secretary and Assistant Secretary. It would be a great advantage to be able to use a typewriter but a knowledge of shorthand is not required. Applications or suggestions should be sent to the Chairman of the C.A. at 4 Southampton Row, W.C.1.

### Fast or Slow?

The weather of recent summers has been such that many of us were beginning to wonder what really fast lawns are like. Indeed, those who have taken up croquet during the past two or three years can hardly have met conditions yet which can be described as fiery. They can be warned, if they do not know it already, that the really fast lawn demands a high degree of precision of touch. An all-round break in very fast conditions is one of the most satisfying experiences which the game affords. The Hurlingham tournament of August, 1955, was the last occasion on which the lawns in the Metropolis were really testing, and towards the end of the tournament when the lawns had a skating rink appearance, some of the games were as a result very protracted. Those who use particularly heavy mallets are likely to find the adjustment of their game difficult. Their weight which often proves an advantage when the turf is heavy and slow now proves to be a handicap, control in stop shots, for example, being far from easy.

It is at times like this that shrewd and experienced campaigners like William Longman and Maurice Reckitt so often come into their own and it is delightful to watch two top class players overcoming the difficult conditions by their delicacy of touch. Another expert who, perhaps rather unexpectedly, excels on fiery surfaces is Freddie Stone who has no rival in the prevision of his striking of the ball in these abnormal circumstances, as he has none in the rigour of it in the more usual ones.

### Will you never learn?

The two main factors which govern victory or defeat in most sports are tactics and execution. While the former, however, plays little part in activities such as the 100 yard sprint or the long jump, in games such as croquet it can play as important a part as execution. Time and time again we see games lost by some tactical error which more often than not the culprit has committed on previous occasions. The trouble is that having previously got away with it because his opponent did not take advantage of the error, he will go on doing the same thing even after what should now be a salutary lesson. To take an end-game example seen only too frequently: the player has made the rover hoop off his own ball, and with only the same hoop still to be made by his partner ball, he lays up, right by the hoop instead of taking both to a boundary. The opponent then hits one of the two balls at the rover hoop, and in a few more turns wins the game. I suppose the reason why this error happens so often is that towards the end of a prolonged game the player may be getting mentally and physically tired and the temptation of laying for a simple hoop is too strong. We saw a Class A player do this recently towards the end of a three hour game and he was duly punished. Will he have learned not to do it again?

## OBITUARY

Mrs. L. C. APPS



By the death of its Secretary on April 10th, our Association has lost one of the greatest enthusiasts and one of the most devoted servants it has ever had. She came to the rescue of the C.A. at what was perhaps the most critical moment in its history, the post-war situation in 1946, and for a dozen years—lately under the most (literally) crippling circumstances—gave to it not only the benefit of her immense experience and wise judgment, but a concentration of care and effort that few bodies can ever have had granted to them by any member of their staff.

It is natural that the post-war generation of Associates should think chiefly of Mrs. Apps in her secretarial capacity, but to remember her only, or even mainly, for this would do scant justice to her prowess as a player. Mrs. Apps began croquet when her first husband, Commander Strickland, also a player, was employed at the Royal Dockyard at Devonport; she first appears in the C.A. Year Book for 1912 as a 7-bisquer, and by the outbreak of war had come down to 4. After the death of her husband she came to live in the London area, and from 1919 onwards was a constant competitor in tournaments, beginning in that year the partnership on the courts with Ben C. Apps which ten years later became a partnership in marriage. Few croquet partnerships can have met with a more consistent record of success, which included two Mixed Doubles Championships in 1926 and 1927.

Mrs. Strickland, as she then was, won the Women's Championship in 1923, and had not her best years coincided with those which saw the unique supremacy of Miss D. D. Steel, she would almost certainly have won on several other occasions. Perhaps it was the Ladies' Field Cup which showed her at her best; it was just the sort of competition which suited her insatiable appetite for the game; she played in it 23 times and won it on three consecutive occasions between 1935 and 1937. These were perhaps her greatest years as a player, culminating in her victory in the President's Cup in 1936 (she is one of the only three women who have performed such a feat) and including success (with a new partner) in the Mixed Doubles Championship in 1937. She was a member of a winning County team on twelve occasions, nine times for Surrey and three times for Middlesex, and also for Woking in the Club Championship six times.

It was perhaps as a tactician that Mrs. Apps chiefly excelled; she was a "croquet thinker" of the highest quality. Some thought her tactics too cautious; certainly in the words of Longfellow she had "learnt to labour and to wait," but there was always an idea behind whatever she did, and she was a most courageous player in an emergency. A too restricted swing led her to miss a good many short roquets, but her croquet strokes were of the best.

Her forthright character and astringent wit never concealed to the discerning the warm heart beneath, and she will be long and affectionately remembered. M.B.R.

May I be permitted to add my small tribute to the memory of the late Mrs. Lorn C. Apps.

Our small Club at Reigate owes a large debt of gratitude to her for the great and timely interest she took in our efforts to keep croquet alive and flourishing in this district. She always, even at some undoubted inconvenience to herself, made a point of attending our Annual General Meeting, which was followed by a tea party.

We welcomed her presence, her wise counsel and encouragement, freely given whenever, as I often did, I consulted her from time to time. In spite of her great experience of the game and walking as she did in pastures leonine, she never failed to make us feel that, although we were a small Club (our lowest handicap is 8½), we were not unworthy of notice in the Croquet world.

We paid her the only honour we could by asking her to accept Honorary Membership of the Club, which she did with her customary graciousness.

I mourn her passing, I have lost a good friend. No more shall I welcome her slight but indomitable figure at our annual social gathering in the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Newson-Smith at Reigate.

I and all my members salute and revere her memory; she shall not be forgotten. L.W.B.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Shortened Games

Dear Sir,

May I make one more suggestion in regard to the shortened game.

In theory, the short game must follow the pattern of the full game; in practice, the game must be shorter. Therefore, the object is to produce a game of 2 hours or so, which can be lengthened into a full game.

I suggest the following:—

1. Mark the present third hoop with a BLACK top.
2. Mark the present sixth hoop with a YELLOW top.
3. Play an eighteen hoop game consisting of the following hoops:  
1. Black Top, old 3; 2. Old 4; 3. Old 5; 4. Old 6; 5. Old one-back; 6. Old 2-back (blue top); 7. penult. (old 5); 8. Rover Yellow top, old six. 9. Stick.

Now let us examine this:—

- (a) The opening at old three is in relation to the baulk lines and tice laying, the same as the long game.
- (b) The turn from Old 2-back to new penult-rover-stick is the same turning movement as in the long game; further, the turning point is marked by a blue topped hoop, the first time this hoop is played.
- (c) It therefore follows the "pattern" of the long game in both turning movement and turning sequence.
- (d) It follows the pattern of the long game in that BOTH BALLS have to make an equal number of hoops (to my mind a great improvement on moving one ball straight to 3-back or 4-back).
- (e) If it is found to be too short, it can be lengthened into a 22 hoop game in two ways:—

- (1) By starting at Black hoop and playing to Red rover;
  - (2) By starting at Blue hoop and playing to Yellow rover;
- and finally, it can be lengthened into a 26 hoop game, starting at Blue hoop and playing to Red rover, as at present.

I consider that the extra colouring of the two hoops indicated is an IMPORTANT PSYCHOLOGICAL factor. It "sets up" the court for a purposeful game, instead of starting in the middle of another game; one does not feel "fobbed off" with a part game. It can be played with "lifts" . . . a lift after 6 (blue hoop), and a contact if 6 is made before the first ball has made 4; again the format is as in the long game.

I am told that the disadvantage is that it leaves out two series of "long hoops", which the high bisquers find more difficult and tend to take more time over. The OBJECT is to cut down the time for a game of croquet.

To test this proposal, it is not necessary to paint the black and yellow hoops; a piece of black and yellow ribbon tied on will suffice.

Yours faithfully,

G. E. CAVE

## WHY YOU BREAK DOWN

by E. P. C. COTTER (*Open Champion*)

NEAR the beginning of a game, before a point has been scored, your opponent, playing Red, fails at the first hoop with your Blue the other side, Black near the second hoop and Yellow just south of the peg. It is your turn to play. What a lovely prospect—a laid four-ball break. A few minutes later you come off the court with your clip on the fourth hoop. You sink into a chair next to me and say: "Not very good, was it?" "Terrible," I agree pleasantly!

Well, why did you break down? Let's analyse what happened. You committed several faults, no one exactly fatal in itself, but the cumulative effect resulted in failure at the fourth. When you went on the court you roqueted Red with Blue and did a little roll approach, putting Red just past the hoop to the right. You ran the hoop, turned round and roqueted Red again. But your objective after the hoop was either Black at the second or Yellow by the peg. Why turn round? You wanted a forward rush, didn't you? Your first mistake was Loss of Control. As a matter of fact your hoop approach was wrong. You should have played a stop shot, sending Red two yards and slightly right. Then, after making the hoop, you would have been able to rush Red to Yellow. Let's go back—what did you do next? You croqueted Red to the third but it went to the right and three yards past. That was Bad Pioneering. Then you roqueted Yellow and took off fine to Black. So you were satisfied with that badly placed pioneer at the third? Couldn't you have corrected your mistake by a split shot, putting Yellow near the third and going to Black? You didn't think of it? That's another mistake—Lack of Thought. Let's go on. You played a perfect roquet on Black, putting it two feet from the hoop just to the right. This is the position that gives complete control. With a little stop shot you put Black a yard forward ran the hoop gently and roqueted Black again. But why on earth didn't you put Black to the side of the hoop and go through far enough to get a rush on Yellow at the peg? You thought what you did was all right? So you a five bisquer were content with a position that I, a minus player, would have hated? The charge now is Making Things Difficult.

Then you tried to croquet Black to the fourth but it hit the peg and finished right of the Rover. Bad luck, you think? Only one word for that—Carelessness. Your Blue finished short of Yellow so you made the roquet and took off to Red. Short again. Now you had a nasty hoop approach but you got through and made the awkward return roquet. Then you made a roll shot, sending Red past the fifth. You roqueted Yellow and got a rush on Black for the fourth but you cut it and finished five yards from the hoop. You didn't get good position but it was quite makeable. However you jabbed at it and stuck on the wire. So you made your last error, a Bad Hoop Stroke.

Now I am going to say something about these mistakes in general.

### Carelessness

This attacks all of us and results from lack of concentration or a blind faith in fortune. Remedy:—Think out exactly how you are going to play your stroke, then you will no longer find the peg and the hoops are unavoidable hazards.

### Bad Pioneering

This is a very frequent cause of breakdowns among higher bisquers and accounts for numerous victims in the minus class. It may occur anywhere but seems most prevalent at the fourth, two-back and three-back. It results from errors of strength and direction (bad pointing). Remedy:—Concentrate on the strength required and see that you point the croqueted ball properly. For example, after making the second when you are splitting to fourth and third, don't forget that there will be a pull of at least a yard. Therefore the croqueted ball should point a yard to the right of the fourth.

### Making Things Difficult

I have often been greeted by a long bisquer with the remark: "You make it look so easy." It is easy. It would be more accurate for me to say: "You make it difficult." Remedy:—Don't play a more difficult shot when you could play an easy one. For example, nine people out of ten after making one-back send the pioneer from there to three-back. I don't. I get a rush on the pivot ball (which is between the hoops, not near the peg) to the right of two-back and send it to three-back from there. Whose pioneer is more likely to be well placed?

### Lack of Thought

This tears up easy breaks and fails to pick up difficult ones. Remedy:—Study the position and determine the best procedure. For example, you are for the fourth and rush Red into the fourth corner. Yellow is two yards up the east boundary. You get a rush on Yellow and make your hoop, possibly you make the fifth as well. But you didn't think. You should have stop-shotted Red from the corner below the hoop and rushed yellow to the right of the hoop. Now Yellow goes over to the fifth while you make the hoop and pick up Red with an easy three-ball break.

### Bad Hoop Stroke

Obviously this is a fatal fault. Either you fail to get through or suffer the ignominy of being hoop bound. Remedy:—Swing, don't hit. I repeat, SWING. If you swing accurately you will be amazed at the hoops you can run.

### Loss of Control

This makes easy breaks difficult and difficult ones impossible. By control I mean getting a position for a hoop so good that you can run it by six inches or three yards at will. At the same time the pilot ball must be where it is needed. Remedy:—Watch the top players and practice. I cannot expect you to achieve perfect control—very few players do. But you should acquire reasonable control. Then you will find your bisques disappearing.

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## Questions and Answers

**Question:** What is known as a "communicating crush" ?

**Answer:** When a striker has roqueted a ball so that it comes to rest in contact with an upright or the peg, he does not make a foul if, in his subsequent croquet-stroke, he communicates a "crush" through his ball and the other ball while the latter is still in contact with the upright or peg. In fact such a stroke looks like a foul and sounds like a foul. However, the only way of avoiding this apparent foul would be by taking off from the croqueted ball at such an angle that he would make another foul, under Law 26 (m) by not moving or shaking it. The player chooses the lesser of the two evils by this legal crush.

**Question:** In a handicap game, in doubles, red had already peeled yellow through four hoops. Later in the game, yellow went into position to run the rover hoop. Later red, in hitting down to "A" baulk to give yellow a ball, hit yellow and sent it through the hoop in order. Was the hoop scored ?

**Answer:** No, as yellow had already been peeled four times.

Please note that the following addition was made by the Council last Autumn to Law 45: "In shortened games a player may not peel his partner's ball through more than three hoops." M.M.R.

## THE INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

Played at the Hurlingham Club, May 26th-29th, 1959

The following were the players nominated to play:—

DEVON.—Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave, H. O. Hicks, Miss A. E. Mills, Mrs. E. Rotherham, Major G. F. Stone, Miss E. J. Warwick, J. G. Warwick.

EASTERN COUNTIES.—I. C. Baillieu, E. P. Duffield, Mrs. P. E. Heley, A. D. Karmel, C. S. Ratcliffe, Mrs. E. Reeve.

HANTS AND DORSET.—Mrs. L. H. Ashton, Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish, Major J. H. Dibley, Mrs. J. H. Dibley, Mrs. V. C. Gasson, Canon Creed Meredith, V. A. de la Nougerede.

MIDDLESEX.—Mrs. S. M. Adler, E. P. C. Cotter, J. A. Hollweg, Miss D. A. Lintern, Capt. H. G. Stoker, Major R. Tingey, Mrs. R. Tingey, S. S. Townsend.

OXON, BERKS AND BUCKS.—Dr. C. A. Boucher, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, Col. J. G. Clarke, Mrs. H. Parker, Canon A. J. W. Pym, R. F. Rothwell.

SURREY.—Mrs. H. J. Collins, G. V. Evans, D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller, Capt. K. B. Millar, M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. I. H. Turketine, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, A. McClure Williams.

SUSSEX.—D. E. Buckland, F. Corke, W. Longman, Mrs. W. Longman, E. A. Roper, Col. F. E. Stobart, Mrs. N. E. Wallwork, G. Williams.

The results and report of the event will appear in *Croquet* for July.

## CROQUET HANDBOOK

Arthur Ross's latest work on Croquet has now been published in this country. It is in effect a fourth edition of his *Croquet and how to play it*, and was written in the light of experience gained during two seasons of play in England. Earlier editions have been regarded as the standard work on Croquet in Australasia for many years and a wider circle of readers now has the opportunity of learning from this master of the game. The book in its New Zealand format received a very thorough review in the June, 1958, issue of *Croquet* and there is little that can or need be added. It is published by Nicholas Kaye, 194-200 Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2, under the title, *Croquet Handbook*, at 15s. 0d.

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## Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 4 Southampton Row on Thursday, 5th February, 1959.

### Present

Chairman Miss D. A. Lintern, Mrs. L. H. Ashton, I. C. Baillieu, D. E. Buckland, Major J. H. Dibley, E. P. Duffield, Rev. G. F. Elvey, G. V. Evans, Mrs. P. E. Heley, Brig. J. S. Ormond, Dr. G. L. Ormerod, M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. E. Reeve, Mrs. E. Rotherham, J. W. Solomon, Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts, S. S. Townsend, Mrs. I. H. Turketine, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, Mrs. M. L. Thom (acting Secretary).

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Col. Adams, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Col. Clarke, Mrs. Chittenden, Mr. Roper, Commander Style and Mrs. Apps.

Miss Lintern reported that Mrs. Apps had got influenza and would not be back at the office for at least two months. Members asked the Chairman to send their good wishes for a speedy recovery. Mrs. Thom was kindly helping during this period.

### Minutes

After the substitution of the following:—

"After discussion it was agreed that a gift of £60 should be made to Mr. Crowther-Smith in recognition of his past services to the C.A."—in place of the last sentence in the minutes as circulated, they were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the Minutes the Chairman announced that a match between the Navy and Army had been arranged for the Monday of Counties week. She also announced that a team from Carrickmines had accepted a challenge and were prepared to play on July 12th or 19th. It was agreed that negotiations should proceed for the match to be played at Roehampton on July 19th.

### Correspondence

Letters were read from Mr. Crowther Smith expressing gratitude for the C.A. gift and from Mr. Brackenbury who wished to resign from the Chairmanship of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and of the Editorial Panel. It was agreed that he be asked to carry on until the Annual Meeting. Two letters from the N.Z. C.C. and the Australian C.C. were also read regarding a tour to the Antipodes. The Australian C.C. invited the English team to visit Australia either before or after a series of matches in New Zealand.

### Motion by Mr. Brackenbury

"That the Council shall appoint annually from the list of official handicappers not later than the end of March one member to serve on the Handicap Co-ordination Committee in addition to the *ex officio* members." This was proposed by Mrs. Rotherham in Mr. Brackenbury's absence and seconded by Mrs. Reeve. After discussion the motion was carried.

Mrs. Reeve then proposed and Mr. Elvey seconded that Major J. H. Dibley be appointed to serve in 1959. This was carried unanimously.

### Motion by Mr. Duffield

"That the final paragraph of Standing Order 26 be deleted." This was seconded by Mr. Elvey and carried.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Treasurer presented the report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. After he had dealt with questions raised by members the Accounts for 1958 were approved. The Treasurer then dealt with the Investments situation with particular reference to the reinvestment of the £500 Roehampton Club Debenture holding and the question of reducing the Investment Trust holding which showed a considerable appreciation over cost. After agreeing to the suggested reduction, the Council authorised the investment of the moneys available in a gilt-edged security and an Investment Trust selected on the advice of the brokers.

### Dominion Tour

Mr. M. B. Reckitt reported on behalf of the special sub-committee appointed to examine the possibility of sending a team overseas to defend the International Trophy won in England in 1956. Challenges had been received from both N.Z. and Australian Councils, and it was understood that the latter Council was willing and would in fact prefer, that the next contest should take place in N.Z., as desired by that country, and take the form of a series of three Triangular Test matches. The sub-committee reviewed the possibility of the C.A. being able to raise and sponsor a team of sufficient quality to make a worthy representation of this country, but this would seem to require that the Matches should be fitted into a period of about two months, since several of our leading players could not contrive to be away from their professional and business obligations for much longer than this. Accordingly it was agreed to send a letter to the N.Z. C.C. explaining the circumstances and asking if it were possible for it to arrange for the Matches to be played in the first two months of 1963, an arrangement which it was believed would be agreeable to the A.C.C. It was recognised

that since such arrangement might involve a considerable dislocation of the N.Z. C.C.'s normal programme, the C.A. would be asking a good deal in putting forward this proposal, and the reasons for doing so would need to be carefully explained.

On the financial side of the enterprise, it was clear that the major part of the expense involved would have to be borne by the Members of the team, but a certain proportion of the sum might be borne by the funds of the C.A. There was no question at present of issuing any appeal to associates for financial aid. After discussion on means of selecting a team, Mr. Duffield proposed and Mrs. Reeve seconded that all minus players be asked to say whether they would be prepared to go to N.Z. if selected.

### Provisional Drafts of the Laws

These have been sent to all Council Members, and Mr. Baillieu said he did not want discussion on them at the moment, but wished to know if the Council would like him to continue on Part III. Mr. Baillieu said he would like the Council to know what a great deal of help Mr. Rivington had given him. The Chairman said she was sure that the Council would wish Mr. Baillieu to continue and thanked the Committee and Mr. Baillieu in particular for the enormous amount of work done. The Council asked that a letter be sent by the Chairman thanking Mr. Rivington for his help. This was agreed.

### Annual Meeting

After a great deal of discussion, Mr. Reckitt proposed that the meeting be held at The Hurlingham Club on Monday, May 25th, at 5 p.m. This was seconded by Mr. Duffield and carried.

### County Championships

Mr. Reckitt asked that in case of a General Election during Counties week and a small entry, that each team should play each other twice as on a former occasion. This was agreed.

## THE CLUB TEAM CUP

1959

COMPTON }  
COLCHESTER }

ROEHAMPTON }  
BRIGHTON }

HURLINGHAM }  
RYDE }

WOKING

First round to be completed by June 16th.  
Second round to be completed by July 14th.  
Final to be played by August 4th.

## GOLF CROQUET MATCH

Hurlingham versus Roehampton. Saturday, 9th May, 1959.  
Hurlingham players first

E. P. C. Cotter and I. C. Baillieu  
lost to J. A. Hollweg and Mrs. S. M. Adler by 1,  
beat J. B. Gilbert and A. J. Oldham by 3 and 1,  
beat Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. J. Pavia by 2.

Major R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey  
lost to J. A. Hollweg and Mrs. S. M. Adler by 3 and 2,  
beat J. B. Gilbert and A. J. Oldham by 5 and 3,  
beat Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. J. Pavia by 1.

Mrs. M. L. Thom and Miss B. Duthie  
lost to J. A. Hollweg and Mrs. S. M. Adler by 7 and 5,  
lost to J. B. Gilbert and A. J. Oldham by 2,  
lost to Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. J. Pavia by 1.

RESULT.—Roehampton bt Hurlingham by 5 games to 4.

## BRIDGE

by E. P. C. Cotter, *British International*

NO TRUMP BIDDING

ONE of the first things to learn at Bridge is to value one's hand. For this purpose I shall use the familiar point count:

Ace—4 King—3 Queen—2 Knave—1

We must now decide what kind of no trump to adopt—strong or weak. I readily admit that the weak no trump is effective on certain hands, namely where the opening bidder's partner has about ten points and can smugly pass and double the opponents if fourth hand "protects." But it is at duplicate rather than at rubber bridge that the effectiveness is really felt. Let us then adopt the strong no trump, that is to say, let us decide to open 1NT with a point count of between 16 and 18. There is a further proviso. The mere possession of 16 to 18 points is not sufficient in itself. The hand must be of the correct pattern, divided either 4-3-3-3, 4-4-3-2, or more rarely 5-3-3-2. It is also desirable that the doubleton should not be weaker than QX.

Now there are 40 points in the pack. When you bid 3NT you contract to make 9 tricks, that is 9/13 of the pack. The fraction 5/8 is slightly less than 9/13 but it is a reasonable approximation. It follows from this that if we require to take five-eighths of the tricks we shall require five-eighths of the points, which is 25. Thus 25, or 26 if you wish to be conservative, is the number of points that you and your partner must hold between you to bid game in no trumps.

It follows, then, that if your partner opens 1NT you can raise him to 3NT with 9 to 10 points. His minimum is 16, and this added to 9 or 10 is 25 or 26. Similarly with 7 or 8 points you raise him to 2NT. Your partner passes if he has 16 points, bids 3NT if he has 18, and decides whether to pass or bid one more with 17. He will be influenced by other factors, whether he has good intermediates, that is, nines and tens.

The responding hand may allow an extra point for a workable five-card suit. I stress the word workable. Five diamonds to the queen, ten, nine is a suit that may provide tricks. Five to the eight on the other hand is unlikely to prove lucrative. The opening bidder, too, may be influenced by the number of aces that he holds. Do not open 1NT with a bare 16 points and no ace—you will be disappointed in the result on many occasions. The necessity of forcing out so many stoppers in the opponents' hand will probably result in defeat.

To sum up:

- Open 1NT on a balanced hand with 16 to 18 points.
- Raise partner's 1NT to 3NT with 9 to 10.
- Raise partner's 1NT to 2NT with 7 to 8.
- Opener when raised to 2NT:—
- Passes with 16,
- Bids 3NT with 18,
- Passes or bids 3NT with 17 according to his intermediates.

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# Notes from the Clubs

## Brighton (Southwick)

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Club on March 21st, among other items on the agenda was the presentation to our retiring Hon. Secretary, Mr. Corke, of a cheque for £100, as a token of our appreciation of all the hard work he has done for us during his ten years in office.

During this time Mr. Corke has combined the work of Secretary of the Club and Croquet Secretary. His successor as Club Secretary is Mr. Mogridge, whom we welcome very warmly in his new capacity. Mr. Corke has kindly consented to carry on as Croquet Secretary until after our May tournament, as we have so far been unable to find anyone to fill the post. Any volunteers?

We are looking forward to a busy season. Besides the three open tournaments and the Club competitions we are entering a team for the Longman Cup and we also hope to arrange some matches with other clubs.

We have several new members and, as usual, ten courts will be available for play. These courts should be in first rate condition after all the work put into them by our groundsman through the winter months.

P.S.—Since the above was written Miss M. J. Daldy has kindly consented to become Hon. Croquet Secretary for this season. Her address is 10 Lansdowne Road, Hove 3, Sussex.

## Oxford

Oxford University Croquet Club is having a big drive to attract new members. It is hoped that Mrs. Harvey, our Secretary, will recover speedily from the illness from which she is suffering and so enjoy the coming season. At an open meeting at the end of April, sixteen people turned up in spite of a gale and driving rain, which makes us optimistic regarding the support for 1959.

## Edgbaston

Dr. Sandiford and Mr. Meacham arranged an exhibition game at Birmingham's leading tennis club—the Priory—with Dr. Penny as commentator. Leaflets were sent by the C.A. explaining the game. It is hoped that interest will develop as a result of the exhibition.

## Reigate Priory

The season opened on Saturday, the 2nd May, the weather being fine and dry; a little more warmth, however, would have been welcome.

Twenty-five members and friends were present, including four of them who are still at school, and made the occasion rather a gay one of a garden party character, tea being served on the lawn.

Various competitions were arranged and, at the conclusion, Mrs. C. Newson-Smith presented prizes to the winners.

The President, Mrs. Hodson, formally declared the new pavilion open. She presented to the Club two small silver cups, originally won by her husband, the late Mr. F. N. Hodson, in 1933, and Mrs. Hodson expressed her wish that these cups should be used for an annual Club doubles competition. Mrs. Hodson was warmly thanked.

After the tea interval, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. W. Buckley, addressed the Club and reported that the new pavilion and ladies' powder room had cost £110 17s. 3d. and, towards this, members had contributed some £68 19s. 10d. since the last Annual General Meeting in October, 1958. The balance had been borrowed, free of interest. The Landlords, the Reigate Priory Cricket Club, had agreed to reduce the rent by £5 per year for three years.

Mr. Buckley went on to explain that he hoped that the Club would be able to repay the outstanding loan by 1960, and this without touching our modest but necessary reserve for renewals of equipment, etc.

Mr. Buckley expressed his grateful thanks to all the members for their prompt and generous response to his appeal, he was sure the improvements were appreciated, they fulfilled a long-felt need and would make the Club more attractive to both present and potential members. At some time in the future, he hoped that it would be possible to provide a concrete approach, necessary in inclement weather, and also to repair and paint the exterior of our equipment store.

Mr. Buckley reported that, at present, we have 24 members of whom 16 are playing members, 7 being C.A. Associates. We all look forward to a most successful season.

## Parkstone

The East Dorest L.T. & Croquet Club (Parkstone) is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. In actual fact there was a small Croquet Club on the grounds in 1903 or 1904, founded by Mrs. Jennings, mother of Miss Daisy Jennings, and in 1909 tennis courts were added and the present name adopted. The Mayor and Mayoress of Poole were entertained to tea at the Club on May 9th and there was a small flannel dance in the evening.

The Croquet Courts were open for play on 13th April and we hope the Club competitions will get going soon. The American, which has always hung fire, is being played differently this year. Two blocks—equally divided low and high bisquers in each block—and then, at the end, there will be a knock-out played by the first four in each block. We hope by these means to keep the interest alive all through the season.

Those who visit Parkstone for the tournaments, will be sorry to hear that Mrs. Baker, the Stewardess, has had to retire this year owing to age and ill-health. She has been at the Club for nearly 40 years and has always taken a keen interest in everyone, visitors and members and will be sadly missed. What changes she must have seen over this period!

## Hurlingham

Our annual golf croquet match against Roehampton was played on 9th May, the results of which appear elsewhere in this issue. Two of our key players, I. W. Cheavin and T. E. Miles, who have been the back bone of our golf croquet for the last decade, were unfortunately unable to play as the annual general meeting of the Club was being held on the same afternoon.

One or two of our lawns have been slightly affected by some parasitic disease but we hope it is transient. Our No. 1 lawn was completely relaid during the winter and is playing very well.

## Ryde, Isle of Wight

The Club opened its season in fine, sunny weather, on Saturday, May 2nd. There was a good attendance of members, and fifty-six, including the President, Major Dibley, sat down to tea in the Club pavilion. The lawns, over which much care and attention had been paid during the winter months, were playing well.

By the time this is in print the Croquet section will be busy with the annual croquet tournament when we are hoping many visitors from the mainland, including friends who have come in previous years, will be participating in the events.

The members of the Club would like to take the opportunity to express their regret and sympathy at the passing of Mrs. Apps, the value of whose loyal and competent work as Secretary to the Croquet Association can never be sufficiently appreciated.

## Cheltenham

An Invitation American Tournament was held over the Whitsun week-end. There were 15 entries and the competition was played-off in four sections with play-off (semi-final and final on Monday). Games were limited to 3 hours with the final on full-time.

In one semi-final Dr. Ormerod had a good win over Miss Hulton and Dr. Yoxall beat T. Colls, a newcomer last season and a much improved player. In the final Dr. Yoxall had a good break which took him to the Rover—a favourable position with his one bisque still standing. Dr. Ormerod peeled his opponent's other ball through the rover but unfortunately for him broke down at 4-back. Dr. Yoxall eventually won by 16 points.

An extra was played on Monday. There were eight competitors. A shortened game (1st hoop and 3-back) was played with a 2 hour time limit. The final is being played later in the week between Mrs. Daniels and Commander Roe.

## Roehampton

The courts are playing very well this season but are very fast for so early in the year.

The first event of the season was our usual Golf Croquet Tournament on May 2nd. The Singles was won by Miss Lintern who beat A. J. Oldham in the final, and the Doubles by Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Staub who beat Mrs. Philips and Mrs. Adler.

We enjoyed entertaining some members of the Golf section on Sunday, April 19th, though the numbers were very small, two foursomes were played, the "golfers" partnering low bisquers for help and instruction. They showed how their "putting eye" was useful and we hope they will become croquet enthusiasts.

The Trevelyan bowl was played for during the week beginning May 4th and the event was won by Miss Lintern. Unfortunately we were deprived of seeing what would have been a good final as Hollweg was unable to play on the Saturday and the Trevelyan Bowl is an event confined to the one week.

## Compton (Eastbourne)

Our annual general meeting was held on March 20th at Mrs. Humphreys-Davies' house. There were forty members present—a larger number than usual. It is a matter of conjecture whether this should be attributed to an increasing interest in croquet or a growing appreciation of our hostess' sherry.

We were not able to make a start at Easter and our President's tea party opened the season for us on April 7th. The day was sunny, but a cold wind discouraged many from playing. It was none the less a most pleasant occasion.

The "full bisque" system of playing handicap games has been tried out rather spasmodically. There is no doubt that it shortens games considerably. Generally speaking the winners think it a good idea, but the losers are not enthusiastic. It is only being used in one of our tournament events, but we do hope that many members from other Clubs, especially C and D class players, will come and give it a trial.

May it be stressed once more that the tournament would be a financial loss, if we did not make a profit on the catering and the bar? So, please, come and play, and have lunch and tea and a drink or two.

## HANDICAPS CONFIRMED OR ALTERED BY THE HANDICAP CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE May 25th, 1959

### PEEL MEMORIALS

R. Tingey —½ to 1 (personal application).  
E. V. Carpmael 1½ to 3½ (personal application).  
Miss E. E. H. Fisher 5½ to 5.  
Miss K. D. Hickson 12 to 10 (D 9).  
G. N. B. Huskinson 5½ to 4.  
Mrs. F. Stanley Smith 12 (D 11) to 10 (D 9).  
H. G. Stoker 2 to 1½.

### BUDLEIGH SALTERTON (non-official)

Miss E. J. Warwick 1 to ½.  
A. D. Karmel 4½ to 3½.  
Dr. R. B. N. Smartt 9 to 8.  
Major E. C. Heathcote 14 (D 12).  
Mrs. Jones Bateman 16 (D 13) to 14 (D 13).  
Mrs. M. H. Vincent 6 to 5½.  
Mrs. F. H. Hill 16 (D 14).

### HURLINGHAM CLUB RECOMMENDATIONS

F. Byrne 3 to ½.  
J. M. Rivington 7 to 6.

### BUDLEIGH SALTERTON CLUB RECOMMENDATION

T. Weston Martyr 6 to 5.

## HUNSTANTON

### Unofficial Tournament

April 3rd—6th

This, the first tournament of the season, found all the competitors entertaining each other as it were, since all were members of the club. We were sorry that the Baillieus and the Karmels were unable to be with us but we understand that they had been seduced by the siren voices of Budleigh. Anyway, we hope to see them in September. Another notable absentee was Mr. C. B. Bird, who has managed, guided and counselled Hunstanton for so long. We hope he is now fully recovered from the illness which prevented his being present. Fortunately that old campaigner Mr. E. V. Carpmael was back with us after too long an absence and took over the managerial reins.

As all competitors were members, someone had the bright idea of blending the tournament itself with the All England tournament. The Butlin Cup was competed for. Brian Lloyd Pratt came out the victor, as last year, but Mrs. Rolfe, one of our promising newcomers, ran him pretty close. Mr. Carpmael's form augurs well for 1959 and he will no doubt prove as formidable an opponent as in former years.

The weather was more gracious than last year and contributed to the enjoyment of the competitors.

## PEEL MEMORIALS

May 11th to 16th

In contrast to the semi-arctic conditions of last year, the 1959 Peels were played in continuous sunshine. One consequence not expected at this time of year was the exceptionally fast surface of the lawns. This was contributed to not only by the hot conditions but by a rigorous scarifying which the Roehampton groundsman had carried out during the winter. By the end of the week one or two boundaries were acquiring notoriety and the present writer can speak from personal experience of the treacherous approach to at least one hoop.

Five previous holders of the Men's Event and four of the Women's spoke to the quality of the entry.

### Men's Singles

When the name of last year's winner, G. N. B. Huskinson, was seen in the entries he was at once ranked as favourite to repeat his performance, and as the week advanced it was apparent that he was likely to take the Challenge Bowl back to Nottingham with him. Last year he won both halves of the Event; on this occasion he duly reappeared in the final of both halves, beating Townsend in the Draw but losing to Stoker in the Process. In the play-off against Stoker he gave his opponent few chances and won comfortably. A former Nottinghamshire County cricket player and this year President of his club, here is a player who enjoys to the full every minute of his games, which contributes to his success. What he still lacks in tactical wisdom is compensated by a high degree of execution.

Among players who caught the eye were Dr. Ryves who came close to winning his game against the holder, and Spencer Ell who played perfectly against Townsend for four-fifths of the game and then after an interval of two days when the game was pegged down lost his touch and went down by 3 points. Maurice Reckitt was never quite in touch until the Extra Event in which he beat Carpmael in the final. This was the first event played under the Aimee Reckitt variation, and the winner, therefore, came from the right stable.

### Women's Singles

Four competitors struck one as nicely placed on their handicaps, Miss Hickson and Mrs. Stanley Smith, both on 12, Mrs. Adler and Miss Fisher both on 5½.

The first two found their bisque entitlements usually more than adequate and it was no surprise when they met in the play-off on Saturday evening, Miss Hickson winning. Her play throughout the week was very impressive for a long bisquer. Mrs. Stanley Smith has noticeably improved since her last visit to Roehampton, and both these ladies fully merit the reductions in handicap which will have been allotted.

Mrs. Adler and Miss Fisher played well in most of their games but the bisques proved too strong a barrier when they encountered the eventual finalists.

### The Handicap Doubles

The entries included the 1957 and 1958 winners and it was fitting that they met in the final. Stoker and Huskinson had come close to beating Townsend and Mrs. Thom in the second round but the other finalists, Miss Lintern and Mrs. Stanley Smith were not unduly pressed prior to the final.

Any final of a handicap doubles in which Miss Lintern partners a long bisquer is worth watching from a tactical standpoint and this was no exception. In addition to being a perfect pilot she contributed to her side's victory by hitting three consecutive long shots to discomfit her opponents' laid breaks, and she can look back on this game with quiet satisfaction. Mrs. Thom played well in all her games without the aid of bisques, making onlookers realise why she is so much sought after as a doubles partner.

V. de la Nougerede managed the event for the fifth time with his usual unruffled approach, and we now look forward to his completing a second quinquennium.

### MEN'S HANDICAP SINGLES.

#### A SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL. ("Two Life" System).

#### THE DRAW. (15 Entries).

#### FIRST ROUND.

M. B. Reckitt (—1½) bt Major Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8) by 5.  
G. N. B. Huskinson (5½) bt G. Williams (1½) by 10.  
Dr. T. E. Ryves (6) bt M. Spencer Ell (1) by 2.  
Major J. H. Dibley (2½) bt E. V. Carpmael (1½) by 12.  
Capt. H. G. Stoker (2) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Pritchard (9) by 7.  
F. Stanley Smith (10) bt Major R. Tingey (—½) by 3.  
G. Victor Evans (1½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3) by 19.



## PARKSTONE (East Dorset)

### CROQUET TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, JUNE 15th-20th, 1959

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

Committee.—Croquet Committee of the Parkstone Club.

Manager and Handicapper.—V. A. de la Nougerede.

Referee.—Canon R. Creed Meredith.

Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. V. C. Gasson, L.T. and Croquet Club, Salterns Road, Parkstone, Dorset.

#### EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. Single games. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Dorset Salver.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Law 44 suspended. For players of 3½-7 bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Deshon Cup.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players of 7½ bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Cope Cup.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y."). Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Bishop Cup and Evans Rose Bowl.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined Handicap not to be less than 2. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each player.

Extra Events will be arranged, time permitting.

#### CONDITIONS

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4, must reach the Hon. Secretary before midday **Thursday, June 11th**. Entries for Event 5 close midday on **Tuesday, June 16th**. The Draw will take place at the Club on Thursday, June 11th, at 3 p.m.

Competitors must be prepared to play until 7 p.m.

Event 1 is single games only, and not Two Lives as advertised in April Croquet.

## COMPTON, EASTBOURNE

### ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, JUNE 22nd, to SATURDAY, JUNE 27th

The 5 Compton lawns of the Compton Club at the Saffrons will be used. Entrance Compton Place Road.

Manager.—Major J. H. Dibley, M.C.

Referee and Handicapper.—Mr. R. V. N. Wiggins.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Compton Croquet Club.

#### EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES (Draw and Process). Challenge Cup. Holder: Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.
- 2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. X.Y. Open to all. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder: Mrs. G. W. Style.
- 3.—LIMITED HANDICAP SINGLES. Open to all who have not entered for Event 1. It will be played on the "Full Bisques" system. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 4.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 4 bisques. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. per player.

There is no 5th event, as advertised in April Croquet, but an Extra Event will be arranged if possible.

#### CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION

Hoops 3¼in. wide. Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used. Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

Two prizes will be given in each event. Entrance Fees include C.A. levy.

Lunch and Tea will be available at the Club and there will be a Licensed Bar.

Entries to be sent to H. C. S. Perry, Hockington House, Willingdon, Eastbourne. Tel. Hampden Park 656. Those for Events 1 to 3 will not be accepted after first post on **Wednesday, June 17th**. Entries for Event 4 will be received up to noon on **Tuesday, June 23rd**.

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

The Draw for Events 1 to 3 will take place at Compton Croquet Club at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17th.

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

## LEAMINGTON SPA

### AN OPEN TOURNAMENT

will be held on the

**CLUB GROUND on MONDAY, JUNE 29th, 1959, and the five following days**

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

Referee.—R. H. Newton, Esq.

Hon. Secretary.—E. Sidwell, Croquet Secretary, Warwickshire Croquet Club, Guy's Cliffe Avenue, Leamington Spa.

#### EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. "Two Life" System. The Midland Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 10s. (If less than six entries, this will be played as an American.)
- 2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 3½ bisques and over. Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 8s. Players may only enter for one of the above.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (X.Y.). Open to all. Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 10s.

4.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Unrestricted. Challenge Silver Salvagers. Entrance Fee, 8s. per player.

Two prizes will be given for each event.

All Challenge Trophies to be held by the winner for one year.

#### CONDITIONS

Entries, with Entrance Fees, must reach the Hon. Secretary, by the first post on **Thursday, June 25th**. Entries for Event 4 may be made on the ground, up to 2.30 p.m., on **Tuesday, June 30th**.

Draws for Events 1, 2 and 3 will take place in the Club House at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, June 25th.

Five courts provided. Equipment by Jaques.

Competitors required at 10 a.m. on Monday, will be notified. All other competitors should be on the ground by 11.30 a.m.

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

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

Bridge. Licensed bar. Lunches and Teas at the Club.

## BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

### A CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held in

**THE CLUB GROUNDS ON MONDAY, 6th JULY, 1959 and following days**

(Under the Rules and Regulations of the Croquet Association)

Tournament Committee.—Mrs. E. Rotherham (Chairman), Col. D. W. Beamish, Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave, A. J. Cooper, Major G. F. Stone and J. Weston Martyr.

Manager and Handicapper.—Major J. H. Dibley, M.C.

Referee of the Tournament.—J. G. Warwick.

(Assistant referees and umpires may be appointed under Reg. 14.)  
Tournament Secretary.—L. G. Walters, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton (Tel. 548).

#### EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. Draw and Process. The Winner to hold the Colman Challenge Cup until the next Competition or for one year, whichever is the shorter period. (Note.—Except in the case of a Bye, Competitors in this Event will not be granted Leave after 2 p.m. on Monday, 6th July.) Full Game to be played. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES (Class B). Single games, Law 44 suspended; The winner to hold the Longman Cup for one year or until the next competition, whichever is the shorter period. Open to players of 2½ to 6½ bisques. Full Game to be played. Entrance Fee, 9s.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (Class C). Single Games. Open to players of 7 bisques and over. All Games start at 5th Hoop. Entrance Fee, 9s.

N.B.—No Competitor may enter for more than one of the above Events.

4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Single Games. The Winner to hold the Oliver Bowl for one year or until the next Competition, whichever is the shorter period. Open to all. Full Games to be played. Entrance Fee, 9s.

5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Single Games. The Winners to hold the Le Messurier Cups for one year or until the next Competition, whichever is the shorter period. No two players of Handicap 1½ or lower may play together. All Games start at the 3rd hoop. Time limit 3½ hours. Entrance Fee, 7s. each player.

#### NOTES

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

Non-Associates pay a Tribute of 15s. to the C.A. when playing in an Official Tournament, or 7s. 6d. if they compete in one Event only (except in a Tournament promoted by their own Club, when they pay such C.A. Tribute, if any, as the Local Committee may determine); but on becoming an Associate any Tribute paid during the current year is refunded, or credited against the Subscription.

#### PRIZES

First and Second Prizes will be given in each Event, and two equal Third Prizes where Entries are sufficient. Entries (on Official Entry Forms ONLY please).

Entries, as above, must reach the Secretary by the following dates: For Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 by first post on **Thursday, 2nd July**; and for Event 5 by 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 7th July, but the Committee reserves the right to close the Lists earlier should they find it necessary to do so.

#### THE DRAW

The Draw for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 will take place in the Club Pavilion on Thursday, 2nd July, at 11 a.m. and for Event 5 on Tuesday, 7th July, in the Club Pavilion.

Luncheons and Teas will be provided on the Ground at moderate prices.

Bridge Rooms are available.

Standard Setting, 3¼in. Hoops.

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

Every Competitor shall wear flat-soled boots or shoes, so as not to damage the Courts.

At least eight Lawns will be provided.

## THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP

## THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Will be played for at

**THE HURLINGHAM CLUB on MONDAY, JULY 13th**

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

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

Referee.—Mrs. E. Reeve.

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. Prize: The Coronation Gold Challenge Cup and a medal. Runner-up a Silver Challenge Cup. Holder: E. P. C. Cotter.
- 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. Reckitt and the late G. L. Reckitt. Holders: E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon.

3.—THE ASSOCIATION PLATE. Open to competitors who have entered for Event 1 and have not qualified for the third round or at the discretion of the Manager. Matches of single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 6s. each entry as they qualify. Level play. Prize: A Challenge Cup presented by W. Longman. Holder: B. Lloyd Pratt.

#### CONDITIONS

Hoops 3¼in. wide. Jaques' "Championship" balls will be used. No leave can be granted till after the Draw.

The winners hold the respective trophies for one year, or until the next competition whichever is the shorter period. Other prizes according to number of entries.

The Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason. Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

#### ENTRIES

The Entries, accompanied by the Entrance Fees for Event 1 must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., so as to reach her not later than the first post on **Wednesday, July 8th**, and for Event 2 by noon on Tuesday, July 14th. Competitors must give with their entries the address at which messages will reach them during the tournament.

#### DRAW

The Draw for Event 1 will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 8th, and for Event 2 at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14th, and for Event 3 as will be announced on the ground.

#### PLAY

Play will begin at 10.30 a.m. on Monday and 10 a.m. on other days.

Competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival. 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, July 17th and 18th.

## CHELTENHAM

### THE FORTY-THIRD 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 of the Cheltenham Croquet Club.—G. E. P. Jackson (Chairman).

Manager.—Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, assisted by Miss D. D. Steel.

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

Tournament Secretary.—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 is the shorter period. "Two Life System." Holder: Mrs. E. Rotherham. 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 three or more bisques. Law 44 suspended. Holder, Dr. T. E. Ryves. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players with six and a half or more bisques. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.  
No players may enter for more than one of the above events.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Open to all 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, G. E. P. Jackson and Mrs. G. E. P. Jackson. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each player.

Two prizes at least will be given in each event. There will be ten Club lawns. Play will begin each day at 10 a.m. Competitors must wear flat-soled footwear. Light Luncheons and Teas may be obtained on the ground.

Buses run to and from town hourly.

Entries must reach Secretary by **Midday, Wednesday, July 15th.**

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

Entries for Doubles close on Tuesday, July 21st.

Cheques for entrance money should be made payable to the Cheltenham Croquet Club.

Hotels: Ellenborough, Irving, Langton, Lansdown, Eltham Lawn, Lilleybrook, Montpellier, Moorend Park, Plough, Queen's, Regent, Star, Rodney, George.

## THE "LADIES' FIELD" CUP

Holder—Mrs. W. Longman

For the seven best available Women players in the C.A. invited to compete by the Council of the C.A.

No Entrance Fee

Will be played for at **THE HURLINGHAM CLUB** (by kind permission of the Committee of the Club) on **MONDAY, JULY 27th** and following days

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

Manager.—Mrs. E. Haigh-Smith.

Referees.—Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. E. Reeve.

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

Hoops 3½ in. 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 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 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.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

### PLAY

Play will begin at 10.30 a.m. on Monday and at 10 a.m. on other days, unless otherwise notified.

## HURLINGHAM

### THE ANNUAL CROQUET TOURNAMENT

including the

#### "LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS

(Under the direction of the C.A.)

will be held from

**Monday, August 3rd to Tuesday, August 11th, 1959**

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Club.

Manager and Handicapper.—V. A. de la Nougerede.

Referee.—I. C. Baillieu.

Secretary.—Lieut.-Col. R. F. J. Hayward, V.C., M.C.

### EVENTS

1.—THE HURLINGHAM CUP. Holder, E. P. C. Cotter. Level Singles. Best of three games throughout. Entrance Fee, 11s.

2.—THE TURNER CUP. Holder, B. Lloyd Pratt. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 1 bisque or over not entered for Event 1. Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Ernest Turner. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.

3.—THE HURLINGHAM DOUBLES. Holders, J. G. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick. Level Play. Mixed Pairs. Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Henry Franc. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each player.

4.—THE YOUNGER CUP. Holder, Capt. K. B. Millar. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 4½ bisques and over not entered for Events 1 or 2. Challenge Cup presented by Lt.-Col. J. A. C. Younger. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. **Law 44 suspended.**

5.—THE LONGWORTH CUP. Holder, Gen. F. H. N. Davidson. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 8 bisques and over not entered for Events 1, 2 or 4. Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. R. C. Longworth. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. All games to start at the third hoop. **Law 44 suspended.**

6.—THE PINCKNEY SIMPSON CUP (HANDICAP SINGLES). Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. (To be completed by 8th August).

7.—THE "LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS (Ladies' Handicap Doubles). Holders, Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. E. Haigh-Smith. Open to Lady Members of the C.A. only. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each player.

8.—MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Holders, Canon R. Creed Meredith and G. V. Evans.

Tournament Plant by Messrs. John Jaques and Son Ltd., 3½ in. Hoops and Standard Setting.

### PRIZES

The winners of Trophies will be entitled to hold them for one year. Other prizes in accordance with the entries.

### ENTRIES AND DRAW

All Entries with Fees for Events 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, with the addresses of the competitors (and telephone number) must reach the Secretary, Croquet Tournament, The Hurlingham Club, Fulham, S.W.6, by first post on **Wednesday, 29th July**. Entries for Events 3, 7 and 8, will close at noon on **Tuesday, 4th August**. The Draw for Events 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 will take place at the Club on Wednesday, 29th July, at 2.30 p.m.; for other Events as announced on the ground.

### GENERAL

The Committee reserves the right of altering the conditions and refusing entries without assigning a reason.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

Play will commence at 10 a.m. daily (except Mondays, 10.30) and continue till 7.30 p.m. if necessary.

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

At least six Lawns will be provided.

Luncheons, Teas and Dinners can be obtained at the Club. There will also be a Snack Bar.

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