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- „ 20 **Cheltenham.** *Hon. Sec., T. J. Gould, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.*
- „ 20 **Exmouth.** *Hon. Sec., Miss A. E. Mills, Grey Friars, Budleigh Salterton.*
- „ 27 **Ladies' Field Cup. Creyke Cups (Hurlingham).** *Secretary C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.*
- „ 27 **Warwickshire Croquet Club (Leamington Spa).** *Hon. Sec., Major A. M. Deakin, Cliffe House, Guys Cliffe Avenue, Leamington Spa.*
- Aug. 3 **Hurlingham.** *The Games Secretary, Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6.*
- „ 12 to 14 **All England Handicap Final Stages. Roehampton.**
- „ 13 to 22 **Challenge Cups and Gilbey Cup (Roehampton).** *Secretary C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.*
- „ 24 **Brighton.** *Hon. Sec., F. E. Corke, 28 Mansfield Road, Hove.*
- „ 31 **Hunstanton.** *Hon. Sec., Mrs. B. C. Perowne, 65 Victoria Avenue, Hunstanton.*
- „ 31 **Parkstone.** *Hon. Sec., Mrs. L. H. Ashton, The Orchard, Parkstone, Dorset.*
- Sept. 7 **Exhibition Matches—All England. L.T. & C. Club, Church Road, Wimbledon.**
- „ 8 **President's Cup.**
- „ 8 **Silver Jubilee Cup. Golf Croquet Cups (Roehampton).** *Secretary C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.*
- „ 21 **Roehampton Club.** *The Games Sec. Roehampton Club, London, S.W.15.*
- „ 28 **Eastbourne, Devonshire Park.** *Secretary to Oct. 10 C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.*

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- Sept. 7 **Cheltenham.** *Hon. Sec., T. J. Gould, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.*

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June 25th, 1953

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To Her Majesty the Queen

19th May, 1953

May it please Your Majesty

The Croquet Association, representing Croquet Players in Britain, and the affiliated Associations in Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa, present their humble duty and offer their heartfelt congratulations on Your Majesty's Accession to the Throne, and tender their loyal Good Wishes on Your Majesty's forthcoming Coronation.

All the Members sincerely appreciate Your Majesty's gracious Patronage of the Association and in particular the Members of the Australian and New Zealand Associations are looking forward with keenest anticipation to the visit of Your Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh to those countries.

The Members pray for the blessing of Almighty God upon Your Majesty's House and wish Your Majesty a long and glorious reign.

(signed)

SIR FRANCIS COLCHESTER-WEMYSS, President

E. P. DUFFIELD, Chairman of Council

Home Office

Whitehall

8th June, 1953

To the President of the Croquet Association

SIR,

I have had the honour to lay before The Queen the Loyal and Dutiful Address of the President and Members of the Croquet Association on the occasion of Her Majesty's Coronation, and I have it in Command from The Queen to convey to you Her Majesty's warm thanks for the expressions of loyalty and devotion which it contains.

I am

Sir

Your obedient servant

(signed) DAVID MAXWELL FYFE

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Loyal Address

It is with heart-felt pride that we publish the Loyal Greeting of all Associates to Her Majesty the Queen, Patron of the Croquet Association; this honour her father and grandfather had also bestowed on the governing body of the game—an honour which is indeed greatly to be prized.

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The Championship of New Zealand

We have just received the *N.Z. Gazette* announcing that A. G. F. Ross has won the Open Championship, in the National Tournament for the eleventh time, a record far above any one else. He apparently had several narrow victories, but most of them went to "full length." A. D. Heenan, whom we well remember playing over here in 1949, took a game off Ross—and in the final, C. A. Watkins won a "love" game from him—but the other two games went to Ross +18, +10. In 1951, when our Test Team visited New Zealand, J. W. Solomon—after defeating H. O. Hicks in the semi-final of the Open N.Z. Championship—beat Ross, +22, +23, in the final. It was Ross and Heenan in the Doubles whose play contributed greatly to our losing the Test Matches in New Zealand in 1950.

We are all looking forward to the visit of this great New Zealand Champion in the near future; for Ross's reputation as a player—and as the writer of a standard work on the game—is universally recognized.

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Simultaneously

We were approached again the other day by another well known Associate on the Editorial Note which we wrote in the *Gazette* of June, 1952. His view is that as making a simultaneous roquet must be a most difficult matter to decide—that is to say whether the two balls were actually struck at the same time—the option should not be given the striker (Law 32) to take croquet from "whichever he chooses." He argues that because it is a most difficult matter for any one to decide, whether the striker does strike the two balls simultaneously, a referee should be called in to make the decision. He considers judging a crush-stroke (Law 26 (f))—for which a referee is and should be always called in—not nearly such a difficult matter to decide. In the case of Law 32, as we pointed out in our Note, the whole game might depend on the choice.

When the striker is a rover, and one of the two balls is also for the peg—whether a partner or an enemy ball—the choice may come from "the wish being father to the thought," and the non-rover will be chosen as the first ball roqueted nine times out of ten.

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Making the game more popular?

Some years ago, smaller courts—and even, we believe, smaller balls and hoops in proportion were tried at Roehampton. The trial was not a success, but it was not given a fair chance, in our opinion, because of the brevity of the experiment.

Now we are told of an ardent lover of the game (desiring earnestly to encourage more people to take up the game) who thought it would be a good idea, when a minus player was playing a "rabbit", for the weaker opponent to be given a smaller ball and thus he would never stick in a hoop.

When he tried it out for himself he ran his hoops all right; but when he attempted to rush his opponent's ball the small ball just bounced off it!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Hurlingham Club on Tuesday, May 26th, 1953

Those present were:—

Mrs. L. H. Ashton, Col. C. C. Adams, Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton, Com. G. V. G. Beamish, D. E. Buckland, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, C. B. Bird, E. P. C. Cotter, Major J. W. Cobb, H. F. Crowther-Smith, Col. and Mrs. J. G. Clarke, Major and Mrs. J. H. Dibley, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Duffield, L. F. C. Darby, V. A. de la Nougerede, Rev. and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey, G. V. Evans, Mrs. V. C. Gasson, Miss F. J. Hodgkinson, Miss D. A. Lintern, Mr. and Mrs. W. Longman, Mrs. L. E. G. Nickisson, T. S. Oliver, Dr. N. Oliver, Mrs. S. Phillips, R. H. Park, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. E. Reeve, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Solomon, J. W. Solomon, Capt. H. G. Stoker, Mrs. M. L. Thom, Mrs. G. J. Turketine, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Wiggins, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins.

In the regrettable absence, owing to ill-health, of the President, Sir Francis Colchester-Wemyss, Mr. W. Longman, Vice-President, presided.

Mr. Longman asked if it was the wish of the Meeting that the Minutes should be taken as read, and this was agreed. He then proposed the adoption of the Accounts and Balance Sheet, and drew attention to the more satisfactory financial state, a debit of £100 last year having been turned into a small credit balance. He thought the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Darby, was to be congratulated on this. He then called upon Mr. Darby to address the Meeting.

Mr. Darby said the improved financial position was entirely due to the increased levy. He was glad to say that this increase had not proved detrimental to tournament entries. The Auditors were still insistent that an increase in membership or subscription was the only way to put the C.A. finances on a firm basis.

There being no questions on the Accounts they were passed by assent.

The Chairman commented on the addition to the list of Vice-Presidents of the Rev. G. F. H. Elvey, and spoke of his long service to Croquet both as a player and on the Council. He also expressed the general regret felt at the death of Brig. H. C. N. Trollope who had showed such promise as a player, and who, as a member of Council would undoubtedly have proved his worth. Mr. Longman then called upon Mr. E. P. Duffield to move the adoption of the Report.

Mr. Duffield first referred to the lamented death of Mr. G. L. Reckitt, and said how much he had missed having the benefit of his experience and advice on taking up the Chairmanship of the Council. He announced that the New Zealand Council had accepted a challenge to send over a team in 1956. It was not too soon to think of arrangements for that year. Hospitality would have to be organized at the various centres the team would visit, and a fund would have to be raised to meet the other expenses in connection with the tour. Mr. Duffield felt sure that Associates would readily respond, and would make every effort to make this important event a success. The Inter-County matches had produced a disappointing entry this year, but circumstances were exceptional. He hoped that a great effort would be made to get more entries in 1954. He then moved the adoption of the Report.

Mr. M. B. Reckitt, in seconding, particularly associated himself with Mr. Duffield's remarks as regarded the Inter-County Championships. He congratulated Mrs. Beaton and Major Dibley on overcoming great difficulties, and bringing teams. There were other Counties, he particularly mentioned Sussex, which should be able to send teams, and he hoped that next year they would take the necessary action and do so. The Competition had been in existence over a period of 45 years, and it would be a great pity if lack of support deprived it of its importance. The suggestion had been made, and would be carried out, of having a card index of the qualifications of all players with a handicap of 7 or under, kept at the C.A. Office. This would be of value to collectors of teams.

Mrs. W. Longman heartily supported the remarks of the last speaker regarding those who made no efforts to raise

teams, and hoped that his remarks would be published in the *Gazette*.*

The Report was adopted by unanimous assent.

Mr. Longman from the Chair proposed the re-election of the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. L. F. C. Darby, and this was agreed by all present.

There being no fresh nominations for the eight seats on the Council, the retiring members were declared elected.

Mr. T. S. Oliver asked what happened to letters published in the *C.A. Gazette*. He instanced one from Mr. Longman on the subject of provision of shelters near the courts at Eastbourne, and also the advantage of "Draw" and "Process" over the best of three at late tournaments where the weather was likely to be unsettled. There was some discussion on the various points raised in the letter. Mr. Duffield said he could assure Mr. Oliver that all letters were considered by the Council, or by the appropriate Committee. He could not accept the view that the deliberations of the Council on these letters should be published in the *Gazette* other than as part of any report of the Council Meeting which always appeared in due course.

There being no other business the Meeting closed.

*The subject of the small number of Counties entered for the Inter-County Championship is referred to in the report of that Championship in the *Gazette*.

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 4 Southampton Row, London, on Thursday, March 5th, 1953.

Present.—Chairman, E. P. Duffield, C. B. Bird, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, N. L. Bright, Col. J. G. Clarke, Major J. H. Dibley, G. V. Evans, Miss D. A. Lintern, Mrs. L. E. G. Nickisson, N. Oddie, M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. E. Reeve, G. W. Solomon, B. H. Wiggins, H. F. Crowther-Smith (Editor *C.A.G.*), Mrs. L. C. Apps (Secretary).

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Col. C. C. Adams, D. E. Buckland, L. F. C. Darby, Rev. G. F. H. Elvey, Brig. H. C. N. Trollope, Mrs. G. J. Turketine, Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman. Arising out of the Minutes the Secretary reported that the Committee of the All England L.T. and C. Club had agreed to provide facilities for two courts on their Wimbledon ground for exhibition matches to be played on the afternoon of Monday, September 7th.

2. Correspondence. A letter from the Hon. Secretary of the New Zealand Croquet Council stating that Variation "B" had now been given a trial and was approved. The New Zealand Council was in favour of it becoming the Standard Game. They were not in favour of a special game for Championship events. The Australian Croquet Council had replied that they wished the continuance of the present Law 44. South Africa had replied saying that they favoured Variation "B" if only one lift to be given. They were against a special game for Championship play. It was decided that as replies had now been received from all the Dominions, the matter should be put back for discussion at a later date. Meanwhile the Chairman should write to each of the Dominion Secretaries explaining the situation.

A letter from the Australian Croquet Council asking to be associated in any Loyal Address to the Queen on the occasion of her Coronation. It was suggested that New Zealand and South Africa might like to be represented in this way, and the Secretary was instructed to write accordingly.

A letter from the New Zealand Croquet Council in reply to the Challenge sent for a contest for the Mac-Robertson Trophy in 1954 saying that 1956 would be more suitable as New Zealand could then get a more representative team. This was agreed, and the Secretary

was instructed to advise the Australian Croquet Council of this change of date.

In the absence, owing to illness of the Hon. Treasurer the Accounts and Balance Sheet were presented by the Chairman, and passed. The Report for 1952, as amended was approved.

In the absence, owing to illness of Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton, the motion standing in her name was proposed by Col. J. G. Clarke, and seconded by Mr. G. V. Evans. The motion read as follows. "That a novices event should be played at most of the large tournaments especially country meetings, for players of 7 or 8 bisques or over. A shortened game, handicaps, entry fee to be 3s. to 5s." The idea was sympathetically received, but it was felt that the Council could not act in this matter, as it was not the policy of the Council to make suggestions for club programmes.

THE INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

THE HURLINGHAM CLUB

May 25th

This, the 39th Meeting, to decide which is to be the Champion County for 1953, was favoured with delightful weather for the first two days, after which the less said the better.

It was unfortunate indeed that there were only four counties who could collect and enter teams; and though this was to be very much regretted—a reduction of three entries from those of last year—competition was as keen as ever. Surrey appeared determined to prevent Middlesex from winning again this year—three years in succession—and, indeed, creating a record number of victories—viz. 13. The success of Surrey this year means that they share with Middlesex a total number of 12 victories in the competition.

When the Inter-County Championship started, in 1897, Berkshire won it four years in succession—and then, alas, have not competed since. This was, strictly speaking, a record, though Middlesex were the victors four times running—the war-time years 1915-1919 intervening. It was sad to find that Bedford (and Bedford with Hunts), who have won this Championship three times, were unable to enter this year.

Hants and Dorset did splendidly, tying with Middlesex in matches, and by winning one more game than that county finishing second to Surrey, the winners.

There were several very closely contested games; Surrey's A team, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and J. Solomon, had one of them when opposed to Mrs. L. C. Apps and Miss D. A. Lintern. After the game had fluctuated—and neither side seemed to want it—Surrey first hit the peg with both balls and won by the narrow score of +2.

Congratulations to Surrey on their twelfth victory in this long established Championship, and to Hants and Dorset for finishing second. Hampshire, without the assistance of Dorset, has been the Champion County three times; in 1924, 1929 and 1938. It would be a pity indeed if the Inter-County Championship became a foregone conclusion between only two counties; and the fact that either Surrey or Middlesex has won it during the last six years may act as a deterrent in discouraging other counties to compete.

Nowadays there is a bunch of exceptional talent flourishing in these two counties; and most of them have the advantage of living within easy reach of the Hurlingham Club. Nevertheless, there are well known players of the very top class who, if they could form themselves into a county, might make a change in the long run of successes of either Surrey or Middlesex.

Mrs. L. E. G. Nickisson again managed this Championship and did so with her usual consideration for all concerned.

The Hurlingham lawns, under the expert care of Mr. Gray and his staff, provided a playing surface for which they have been long renowned.

The names of the teams of the four competing counties

appeared in the June Gazette. Below we give the scores in Matches and Games:—

Surrey won 5 matches; namely, against Hants and Dorset 3—0, Middlesex 3—0, 3—0, Eastern Counties 3—0 2—1.

Hants and Dorset won 3 matches; namely, against Eastern Counties 3—0, Middlesex 2—1, Surrey 2—1.

Middlesex won 3 matches; namely, against Eastern, Counties 2—1, 3—0, Hants and Dorset 2—1.

Eastern Counties won 1 game; namely, against Hants and Dorset 2—1.

The games were won as follows:—

	A	B	C	
	Pair	Pair	Pair	Total
Surrey	5	5	5	15
Hants and Dorset	2	3	4	9
Middlesex	4	2	2	8
Eastern Counties...	1	2	1	4

THE GOLD CASKETS MEETING

JUNE 8th—13th

The entries for this important event, which carries with it the Men's Championship, the Women's Championship, and the Mixed Doubles Championship—not to mention the "Du Pre" Cup—were not quite so many as last year. H. O. Hicks was again not playing—nor W. E. C. Cotton, who, in 1950, was deprived of winning the Men's Championship by an amazing display of croquet after Hicks had been pegged out in both games.

The weather at the beginning of the week was lovely, warm and sunny; later it went to pieces—rain and cold winds.

THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

It was the luck of the Draw that not only brought together in the second round two exceptional minus players, E. P. C. Cotter and M. B. Reckitt, but it happened that they were last year's winner and runner-up respectively. Here is another and golden opportunity for those who favour "seeding" the Draw.

The two first round matches coupled the ubiquitous and ever welcome—E. V. Carpmac, against Capt. H. G. Stoker; and D. E. Buckland, a steadily improving player, versus Major J. W. Cobb. But in each case there were only two games played, and they went to Stoker and Cobb.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins played very fine croquet in the first game against Col. J. G. Clarke, winning by the maximum score; Clarke made a beautiful first break in the second game, but the other ball seemed disinclined to emulate its partner.

The Cotter v. Reckitt match resembled that of last year—when, as previously stated, they met in the final—almost only because it ran to three games, and that the game Reckitt lost was by the narrow margin of —3 last year, and —4 this.

Cotter was in good form in all three games—which is saying quite a lot; the first of the three and the last were won, as the scores show, with little opposition. The second game was lost chiefly because Cotter persisted in his endeavours to triple peel when the 4-back-cum-third hoop was in no mood for it, and put up each time determined opposition to such an artifice.

J. Solomon was not at all at his best against Dr. G. L. Stanley; though the first game was unduly prolonged, this and the next decided the match in his favour.

Stoker was given a walk-over by the Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury who retired after winning the first game.

After a three-game match with Cobb—the third an extremely close one—J. G. Warwick passed into the last eight.

W. Longman, after Col. C. C. Adams had made it game all, played well enough to win the match, +24.

The Rev. G. F. H. Elvey was given a walk-over owing to G. Victor Evans having to scratch, and the octet was completed by T. F. Dalton when he beat C. B. Bird.

Wiggins met Cotter in a downpour of rain, and Cotter overcame these adverse conditions better than his opponent—but though Cotter again tried triples which failed, it was unnecessary to play a third game. Solomon had recovered his form when playing against Stoker, and he won a match which he was certainly not expected to lose. Though his attempted quadruple broke down after doing the first two peels, Stoker could not profit from this—good player though he is.

Longman reached the semi-final after a close first game against Warwick, and a second in which the innings often changed hands. Dalton was given the match and a place in the semi-final when Elvey retired to him.

The match which had been eagerly awaited, Cotter v. Solomon, certainly did not disappoint spectators. The first game (won by Solomon) was as fine an exhibition of the game as one would wish. Though the balls were anything but well placed for a triple-peel Solomon determined to accomplish it. The key to the triple, and the game, was a superb rush from behind the second hoop—after making it—to a ball near the S. boundary, not far from the first hoop. With a perfectly executed split-stroke, combining power enough to send the one ball to 4-back and sufficient stop to rush the other ball to the fourth hoop, the stage was set for the triple-peel—for the partner ball was waiting near the third hoop.

All went according to plan, and Solomon won the first game by the full number of points. The second game was by no means one-sided, Cotter was playing good croquet and appeared determined to make it a 3-game match; this was not to be and Solomon—not the holder—passed into the final.

Longman played well against Dalton whom he beat as decisively as the scores suggest.

The final of the Men's Championship, Solomon v Longman, resulted in the former having most of the play. It was therefore a disappointing match, for Longman has lately recovered the form for which he had long been noted.

Solomon tried a triple-peel after a beautifully accurate first break—but this failed to mature. And later the penultimate refused the peel. Eventually the double-peel was achieved and the game won.

The peel through the rover was more spectacular than usual. In trying to peel his Black with the Blue, it stuck in the hoop; he then made Yellow serve the dual purpose of knocking Black through the rover and giving Blue a perfect approach to run the hoop.

The second game, +26, provided another fine example of the skill of this young player.

THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Miss D. A. Lintern played well in the first round against Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey, as the scores of the two games suggest; but her opponent made a great effort to take the second game, playing for a time as she did in 1948 when she won the Women's Championship opposed to Miss Lintern in the final.

The match, Mrs. E. Reeve v. Miss E. Rose, resulted in a long drawn out struggle of three games, Miss Rose taking the second game. Mrs. N. Oddie always presents opposition of a formidable kind, and, against Miss Lintern, this resulted in her winning in two straight games, though the second was a very narrow victory. Mrs. E. Rotherham (the holder) began a sequence of two-game victories, firstly against Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton, which success took her into the semi-final. Here she was opposed to Mrs. B. H. Wiggins who, though she lost this two-game match, looked very likely to make Mrs. Rotherham play a third. Mrs. Reeve was playing good croquet against Mrs. Oddie in the other semi-final; she won the first game and looked to have the second—but Mrs. Oddie would not allow this. In the third game Mrs. Oddie played with that apparently nonchalant yet very accurate style which gave her the match with the score +26.

The final, Mrs. Rotherham against Mrs. Oddie, produced the same quality of croquet from the holder which had taken her through the Event, without the loss of a

game. Her play is attractive to watch because she makes her strokes with a graceful swing of her long-handled mallet from which results accuracy for long shots, rushes and hoops.

THE MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Though there were strong couples competing, one or two from last year were missed—and there was a change of partners to be noted. A slight surprise was caused when the holders, M. B. Reckitt and Miss Lintern, were beaten by Col. Clarke and Mrs. Wiggins—who thereby entered the semi-final.

Another reverse befell Cotter and Mrs. Oddie who were beaten by a strong pair in the first round, Dr. Wiggins and Mrs. Rotherham. This pair went on to score a success against Buckland and Mrs. L. C. Apps, and became finalists by defeating Cobb and Mrs. G. J. Turketine.

The Elveys, after beating Warwick and Mrs. Beaton, almost reached the final instead of Clarke and Mrs. Wiggins, as the score, +3, denotes.

The final was a prolonged game, and there were many moments when the result was difficult to foretell. In the end Dr. Wiggins and Mrs. Rotherham proved the better pair and had the satisfaction this year of winning this Championship, whereas last year they were the runners-up.

The "Du Pre" Cup, which last year was won by Solomon, was now won by Reckitt. This Event produced some sensational results, and Cobb is to be congratulated on reaching the final instead of Miss Lintern.

Reckitt having, as before stated, made a brave but unsuccessful attempt to defeat Cotter in the second round of the Premier Event, no doubt derived some consolation from winning not only the "Du Pre" Cup but the Handicap Singles.

The management was in the very capable hands of the Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury for the second year in succession, and, needless to say, everything went smoothly.

We understand, however, that under the power given to the Referee, Mr. C. B. Bird, he exercised this authority and called attention to an infringement of the laws.

The lawns of the Hurlingham Club gave every satisfaction, due to Mr. Gray and his staff's expert attention.

THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

GOLD CASKET.

(18 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Capt. H. G. Stoker bt E. V. Carpmal +23 +25.
Major J. W. Cobb bt D. E. Buckland +16 +19.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Col. J. G. Clarke +26 +14.
E. P. C. Cotter bt M. B. Reckitt +23 —4 +26.
J. W. Solomon bt Dr. G. L. Stanley +16 +21.
Capt. H. G. Stoker bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury +12 opponent retired.
J. G. Warwick bt Major J. W. Cobb —11 +15 +3.
W. Longman bt Col. C. C. Adams +19 —16 +24.
Rev. G. F. H. Elvey w.o. G. V. Evans opponent scratched.
T. F. Dalton bt C. B. Bird +13 +17.

THIRD ROUND.

E. P. C. Cotter bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +11 +24.
J. W. Solomon bt Capt. H. G. Stoker +15 +23.
W. Longman bt J. G. Warwick +4 +14.
T. F. Dalton bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey —23 opponent retired.

SEMI-FINAL.

J. W. Solomon bt E. P. C. Cotter +26 +4.
W. Longman bt T. F. Dalton +19 +22.

FINAL.

J. W. Solomon bt W. Longman +23 +26.

THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

GOLD CASKET.

(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss D. A. Lintern bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +24 +14.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. E. Reeve bt Miss E. F. Rose +17 —17 +14.
Mrs. N. Oddie bt Miss D. A. Lintern +13 +2.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton +13 +12.
Mrs. B. H. Wiggins bt Mrs. G. J. Turketine +23 +20.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. N. Oddie bt Mrs. E. Reeve —9 +11 +26.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. B. H. Wiggins +21 +4.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. N. Oddie +18 +12.

MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

(10 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. N. Oddie by 5.
Col. J. G. Clarke and Mrs. B. H. Wiggins bt T. F. Dalton and Mrs. M. L. Thom by 18.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Major J. W. Cobb and Mrs. G. J. Turketine bt C. B. Bird and Mrs. E. Reeve by 9.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt D. E. Buckland and Mrs. L. C. Apps by 25.
Col. J. G. Clarke and Mrs. B. H. Wiggins bt M. B. Reckitt and Miss D. A. Lintern by 4.
Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt J. G. Warwick and Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton by 17.

SEMI-FINAL.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Major J. W. Cobb and Mrs. G. J. Turketine by 23.
Col. J. G. Clarke and Mrs. B. H. Wiggins bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 3.

FINAL.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Col. J. G. Clarke and Mrs. B. H. Wiggins by 4.

THE "DU PRE" CUP.

(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

D. E. Buckland bt E. V. Carpmal by 15.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Col. J. G. Clarke by 8.
M. B. Reckitt bt D. E. Buckland by 5.
Major J. W. Cobb bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury opponent retired.
Miss D. A. Lintern bt Dr. G. L. Stanley by 2.

SEMI-FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 23.
Major J. W. Cobb bt Miss D. A. Lintern by 7.

FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt bt Major J. W. Cobb by 23.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

J. G. Warwick (—1) bt Mrs. L. C. Apps (—1½) by 2.
Dr. G. L. Stanley (2) bt Mrs. M. L. Thom (9) by 10.
D. E. Buckland (3½) bt Dr. N. Oliver (½) by 13.
Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) bt Major J. W. Cobb (—1½) by 13.
Mrs. E. Reeve (—2) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) opponent scratched.
T. F. Dalton (2) bt Mrs. B. H. Wiggins (—2) opponent scratched.
M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt Miss E. F. Rose (1) by 11.
One bye.

SECOND ROUND.

Dr. G. L. Stanley (2) bt J. G. Warwick (—1) by 7.
Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) bt D. E. Buckland (3½) by 18.
T. F. Dalton (2) bt Mrs. E. Reeve (—2) by 7.
M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt E. V. Carpmal (1½) by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.

Dr. G. L. Stanley (2) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) opponent retired.
M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt T. F. Dalton (2) by 7.

FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt Dr. G. L. Stanley (2) by 15.

BRIGHTON

This year the Spring Tournament was favoured by fine weather in contrast to last year when part of the first day was marred by a heavy thunderstorm and rain.

The Entry was slightly larger this year. The nine courts were in first class condition and the grounds and the trees around made a beautiful setting, Winstanly the groundsman deserves high praise for the satisfactory condition of the courts, etc.

The catering was well managed by Mrs. Miller and her staff and left nothing to be desired. Everybody was very pleased to see Mr. Miller at the receipt of custom as usual and Mr. Richards at the bar.

We are very much indebted to Mr. Snow and Mr. Wood-Hill for all the hard work which they put into the lawns on the mornings before play began.

There are no words to express the appreciation of all the players for our most energetic Hon. Secretary, Mr. Corke.

The Opens were won by Mr. Kirk-Greene, who was playing good croquet right through the event.

The final of No. 2 Event was divided owing to Miss Steel having to leave early.

Mr. Hitchcock is to be congratulated on his win in "X," and also the runner-up Mr. Davis.

The Winner of the "Y" Event was Mrs. Veale, and Mr. Snow showed good form. The final of the "Z" was divided by Mrs. A. Badcock and Mr. S. Mathews.

In the Handicap Doubles there was some good play, and it was no mean achievement for Mr. Wood-Hill and Mrs. Lord to beat Mrs. Robards and Mrs. Cumberlege.

There was an Extra Handicap Singles of twenty-four players, the finalists, Major J. H. Dibley and Mrs. A. Nichols, divided.

The duties of Manager were successfully carried out by Mr. Oddie.

OPEN SINGLES.

THE "ABBEY" CHALLENGE CUP.

(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. N. Oddie bt S. F. Sopwith +15 +22.
W. Longman bt Miss D. D. Steel +4 -15 +10.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss M. J. Daldy bt H. T. Pinckney Simpson +10
opponent retired.
Mrs. N. Oddie bt Major J. H. Dibley +14 +19.
L. Kirk-Greene bt W. W. Longman -4 +9 +26.
Major J. R. Abbey bt T. Wood-Hill +6 -2 +6.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. N. Oddie bt Miss M. J. Daldy -2 +17 +15.
L. Kirk-Greene bt Major J. R. Abbey +17 +17.

FINAL.

L. Kirk-Greene bt Mrs. N. Oddie +25 +10.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

S. F. Sopwith (1½) bt H. T. Pinckney Simpson (-1) by 24.
L. Kirk-Greene (-1½) bt Major J. H. Dibley (2) by 26.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss D. D. Steel (-4) bt Miss M. J. Daldy (-1) by 3.
L. Kirk-Greene (-1½) bt T. Wood-Hill (2) by 7.
Mrs. N. Oddie (-2½) bt S. F. Sopwith (1½) by 19.
W. Longman (-3) bt Major J. R. Abbey (1) by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss D. D. Steel (-4) bt L. Kirk-Greene (-1½) by 2.
Mrs. N. Oddie (-2½) bt W. Longman (-3) by 18.

FINAL.

Divided.

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

EVENT "X."

(38 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Sir Crawford Douglas-Jones (6) bt Mrs. C. H. Buxton (8) by 6.
F. G. Davis (1½) bt Mrs. M. Morgan (12) by 9.
Brig.-Gen. T. S. Omond (12) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 8.
Lady Ursula Abbey (5) bt Mrs. F. de C. Veale (7) by 10.
Dr. F. de C. Veale (7) bt Mrs. R. S. Lord (6½) by 11.
Mrs. B. Chittenden (5½) bt C. H. Buxton (8) by 24.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. C. A. Bishop (8) bt F. W. Snow (8) by 7.
Mrs. H. Franc (4) bt Mrs. T. S. Omond (12) by 18.
Mrs. A. J. Robards (2½) bt Mrs. C. M. Palmer (12) by 10.
N. O. Hicks (4) bt Miss H. D. Parker (7) by 9.
Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) by 14.
Miss Latham (9) bt Mrs. H. C. Willock-Pollen (7) by 19.
Mrs. A. Badcock (1½) bt Sir Crawford Douglas-Jones (6) by 6.
F. W. Davis (1½) bt Brig.-Gen. T. S. Omond (12) by 8.
Dr. F. de C. Veale (7) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (5) by 14.
Mrs. B. Chittenden (5½) bt Miss F. E. Edwards (11) by 20.
Mrs. Ray (10) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) opponent retired.
Miss F. E. Bray (5) bt Mrs. N. F. McArthur (3) scratched.
D. Woodhams (11) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) by 13.
Mrs. S. Mathews (6) bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (3½) by 15.
Lt.-Col. S. Mathews (5½) w.o. Lady Crawford Douglas-Jones (14).
G. E. W. Hitchcock (5½) bt Miss E. M. Bray (7) by 19.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. C. A. Bishop (8) bt Mrs. H. Franc (4) by 11.
Mrs. A. J. Robards (2½) bt N. O. Hicks (4) by 9.
Miss D. Latham (9) bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) by 4.
F. W. Davis (1½) bt Mrs. A. Badcock (1½) by 15.
Mrs. B. Chittenden (5½) bt Dr. F. de C. Veale (7) by 16.
Mrs. Ray (10) bt Miss F. E. Bray (5) by 15.
D. Woodhams (11) bt Mrs. S. Mathews (6) by 21.
G. E. W. Hitchcock (5½) bt Lt.-Col. S. Mathews (5½) by 19.

FOURTH ROUND.

Mrs. A. J. Robards (2½) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (8) by 8.
F. W. Davis (1½) bt Miss D. Latham (9) by 2.
Mrs. B. Chittenden (5½) bt Mrs. Ray (10) by 19.
G. E. W. Hitchcock (5½) bt D. Woodhams (11) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.

F. W. Davis (1½) bt Mrs. A. J. Robards (2½) by 16.
G. E. W. Hitchcock (5½) bt Mrs. B. Chittenden (5½) by 3.

FINAL.

G. E. W. Hitchcock (5½) bt F. Davis (1½) by 23.

EVENT "Y."

(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss M. Morgan (12) w.o. Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6).

SECOND ROUND.

F. W. Snow (8) bt Mrs. T. S. Omond (12) by ??.
Miss H. D. Parker (7) bt Miss C. M. Palmer (12) by 12.
Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) bt Mrs. H. C. Willock Pollen (7) by 19.
Mrs. C. H. Buxton (8) bt Miss M. Morgan (12) by 3.
Mrs. F. de C. Veale (7) bt Mrs. R. S. Lord (6½) by 12.
Miss F. E. Edwards (11) bt C. H. Buxton (8) by 4.
Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) by 8.
Miss E. M. Bray (7) w.o. Lady Crawford Douglas-Jones (6).

THIRD ROUND.

F. W. Snow (8) bt Miss H. D. Parker (7) by 15.
Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) bt Mrs. C. H. Buxton (8) by 20.
Mrs. F. de C. Veale (7) bt Miss F. E. Edwards (11) by 12.
Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) bt Miss E. M. Bray (7) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

F. W. Snow (8) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) by 8.
Mrs. F. de C. Veale (7) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) by 5.

FINAL.

Mrs. F. de C. Veale (7) bt F. W. Snow (8) by 9.

EVENT "Z."

(20 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Sir Crawford Douglas-Jones (6) w.o. Miss F. E. Edwards (11).
 Mrs. A. Badcock (1½) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) opponent retired.
 Lt.-Col. S. Mathews (5) bt Mrs. H. Franc (4) by 14.
 Miss C. M. Palmer (12) bt Mrs. H. C. Willock-Pollen (7) by 16.

SECOND ROUND.

C. H. Buxton (8) bt Mrs. T. S. Omond (12) by 6.
 Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt Mrs. R. S. Lord (6½) by 4.
 Lady Ursula Abbey (5) bt Brig.-Gen. T. S. Omond (12) by 13.
 Mrs. A. Badcock (1½) bt Sir Crawford Douglas-Jones (6) by 2.
 Lt.-Col. S. Mathews (5) bt Miss C. M. Palmer (12) by 4.
 Mrs. S. Mathews (6) bt Lt.-Col. S. Mathews (5) by 5.
 Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) bt Miss F. E. Bray (5) by 20.
 Miss D. Morgan (12) w.o. Mrs. C. H. Buxton (8).

THIRD ROUND.

C. H. Buxton (8) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 9.
 Mrs. A. Badcock (1½) w.o. Lady Ursula Abbey (5).
 Mrs. S. Mathews (6) bt Lt.-Col. S. Mathews (5) by 5.
 Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) bt Miss M. Morgan (12) by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. A. Badcock (1½) bt C. H. Buxton (8) by 4.
 Mrs. S. Mathews (6) bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) by 9.

FINAL.

Divided.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Unrestricted).

(16 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. N. Oddie and Miss H. D. Parker (5½) bt Miss F. E. Bray and Miss E. M. Palmer (17) by 18.
 Mrs. A. J. Robards and Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (5) w.o. Mrs. G. M. Turner and Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (2½).
 D. Woodhams and Miss E. M. Bray (18) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop and Miss D. D. Steel (4) by 1.
 Sir Crawford Douglas-Jones and F. W. Snow (14) bt Lt.-Col. S. Mathews and Mrs. S. Mathews (11½) by 3.
 T. Wood-Hill and Mrs. R. S. Lord (8½) bt Dr. F. de C. Veale and Mrs. F. de C. Veale (14) by 1.
 Brig.-Gen. T. S. Omond and Mrs. T. S. Omond (24) bt S. F. Sopwith and Miss M. J. Daldy (½) by 3.
 Major J. H. Dibley and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (8) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper and Miss M. Morgan (20) by 6.
 G. E. W. Hitchcock and Mrs. B. Chittenden (11) bt Mrs. H. Franc and Mrs. A. Nichols (9½) by 10.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. A. J. Robards and Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (5) bt Mrs. N. Oddie and Miss H. D. Parker (5½) by 11.
 D. Woodhams and Miss E. M. Bray (18) bt Sir Crawford Douglas-Jones and F. W. Snow (14) by 3.
 T. Wood-Hill and Mrs. R. S. Lord (8½) bt Brig.-Gen. T. S. Omond and Mrs. T. S. Omond (24) by 4.
 Major J. H. Dibley and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (8) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock and Mrs. B. Chittenden (11) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. A. J. Robards and Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (5) bt D. Woodhams and Miss E. M. Bray (18) by 4.
 T. Wood-Hill and Mrs. R. S. Lord (8½) bt Major J. H. Dibley and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (8) by 10.

FINAL.

T. Wood-Hill and Mrs. R. S. Lord (8½) bt Mrs. A. J. Robards and Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (5) by 5.

NOTTINGHAM

The clerk of the weather did his best to put a "damper" on the pleasure of the competitors during this popular Tournament—in case that was his intention how wrong he was. Never has a meeting been carried through with more success—more enjoyment or with a more enthusiastic and friendly spirit.

The Nottingham Croquet Club boasts of many young players all of whom have shown marked improvement. It is therefore not surprising that Gerald Birch a player in that category won three major events, one of which was the Robin Hood Gold Cup presented to the Club by the C.A.

Mr. Birch is to be heartily congratulated on this splendid achievement.

Other local players who did well against the onslaught of the visitors include H. O. Hodgson (½), G. N. Bright (3), E. J. Cook (9), The Misses Stevenson and Lockton, the last two named playing together in Doubles, reached the final of that event.

Thanks are due to T. Wood-Hill whose help in looking after the lawn equipment each day for seven lawns was greatly appreciated by all.

The catering arrangement excellently managed by Mrs. J. R. Elliott, M.B.E., Chairman of the Club, and so ably assisted by her band of lady helpers, retained some of its past splendour in spite of the present catering difficulties.

Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury carried out the duties of Manager, and it was due to his skilful control that the meeting was concluded sufficiently early on the last day to allow for the Prize Distribution to be made according to plan.

Miss D. D. Steel, who has done so much for this provincial Club in the past, acted as Referee and Handicapper.

The lawns were in splendid condition and were a credit to the groundsmen—in spite of bad weather they were cut and rolled each day.

It is to be regretted that this up-to-date and seemingly prosperous Club boasts of no "official" referee among its members—Why not?

Good luck to the Nottingham C.C. for 1954.

N.L.B.

"ROBIN HOOD" HANDICAP.

CHALLENGE TROPHY.

(16 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

E. J. Cook (9) bt Mrs. G. D. Perowne (6) by 16.
 F. H. Fisher (—1½) bt Mrs. L. Abdy (11) by 2.
 G. Birch (5) bt Miss L. H. Smith (6½) by 12.
 G. N. Bright (3) bt Miss A. S. E. Lockton (4) by 23.
 H. O. Hodgson (½) bt Capt. W. Vaughan-Jenkins (—4) w.o.
 Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) bt Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (4) by 9.
 R. H. Newton (3) bt Miss D. D. Steel (—4) by 23.
 T. Wood-Hill (2) bt N. L. Bright (4) by 4.

SECOND ROUND.

F. H. Fisher (—1½) bt E. J. Cook (9) by 2.
 G. Birch (5) bt G. N. Bright (3) by 2.
 H. O. Hodgson (½) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) by 15.
 R. H. Newton (3) bt T. Wood-Hill (2) by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. Birch (5) bt F. H. Fisher (—1½) by 15.
 H. O. Hodgson (½) bt R. H. Newton (3) by 3.

FINAL.

G. Birch (5) bt H. O. Hodgson (½) by 17.

OPEN SINGLES.

(Variation "B").

(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) bt Capt. W. Vaughan-Jenkins ($-\frac{1}{2}$) by 19.
H. O. Hodgson ($\frac{1}{2}$) bt N. L. Bright (4) by 12.

SECOND ROUND.

F. H. Fisher ($-1\frac{1}{2}$) bt R. H. Newton (3) by 21.
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) bt G. N. Bright (3) by 8.
H. O. Hodgson ($\frac{1}{2}$) bt Miss D. D. Steel (-4) by 11.
T. Wood-Hill (2) bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone ($3\frac{1}{2}$) by 00.

SEMI-FINAL.

F. H. Fisher ($-1\frac{1}{2}$) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) by 9.
H. O. Hodgson ($\frac{1}{2}$) bt T. Wood-Hill (2) by 4.

FINAL.

H. O. Hodgson ($\frac{1}{2}$) bt F. H. Fisher ($-1\frac{1}{2}$) by 24.

LEVEL SINGLES.

(5 Bisesques and over).

(7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Rev. F. J. Denbow bt Mrs. G. D. Perowne by 9.
Mrs. E. J. Cook bt Miss L. H. Smith by 9.
G. Birch bt Mrs. L. Abdy by 19.

SEMI-FINAL.

Rev. F. J. Denbow bt Mrs. E. J. Cook by 12.
G. Birch bt E. J. Cook by 15.

FINAL.

G. Birch bt Rev. F. J. Denbow by 6.

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

EVENT "X."

(26 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss D. D. Steel (-4) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 8.
Mrs. L. Abdy (11) bt Mrs. A. E. Robinson (9) by 19.
Mrs. E. A. Clark (11) bt Mrs. E. Curnow (14) by 15.
Miss L. H. Smith ($6\frac{1}{2}$) bt F. H. Fisher ($-1\frac{1}{2}$) by 26.
T. Wood-Hill (2) bt H. O. Hodgson ($\frac{1}{2}$) opponent retired.
Mrs. E. J. Cook (9) bt W. F. Lord (11) by 6.
J. R. Cullen (14) bt N. L. Bright (13) by 14.
G. Birch (5) bt Miss A. S. E. Lockton (4) by 13.
E. J. Cook (9) bt A. O. Taylor (5) by 20.
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) bt R. H. Newton (3) by 13.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. G. D. Perowne (6) bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone ($3\frac{1}{2}$) by 19.
Miss D. D. Steel (-4) bt N. L. Bright (4) by 7.
Mrs. L. Abdy (11) bt Mrs. E. A. Clark (11) by 22.
T. Wood-Hill (2) bt Miss L. H. Smith ($6\frac{1}{2}$) by 8.
Mrs. E. J. Cook (9) bt J. R. Cullen (14) by 13.
E. J. Cook (9) bt G. Birch (5) by 4.
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) bt Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (4) by 16.
G. N. Bright (3) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) by 6.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss D. D. Steel (-4) bt Mrs. G. D. Perowne (6) by 13.
T. Wood-Hill (2) bt Mrs. L. Abdy (11) by 6.
E. J. Cook (9) bt Mrs. E. J. Cook (9) by 14.
G. N. Bright (3) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) by 18.

SEMI-FINAL.

T. Wood-Hill (2) bt Miss D. D. Steel (-4) by 26.
E. J. Cook (9) bt G. N. Bright (3) by 20.

FINAL.

T. Wood-Hill (2) bt E. J. Cook (9) by 13.

EVENT "Y."

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) bt N. L. Bright (4) by 3.
Mrs. A. E. Robinson (9) bt Mrs. E. Curnow (14) w.o.
H. O. Hodgson ($\frac{1}{2}$) bt F. H. Fisher ($-1\frac{1}{2}$) by 7.
W. F. Lord (11*) bt Mrs. N. L. Bright (13) by 19.
Miss A. S. E. Lockton (4) bt A. O. Taylor (5) by 1.
R. H. Newton (3) bt Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (4) by 13.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone ($3\frac{1}{2}$) by 10.
H. O. Hodgson ($\frac{1}{2}$) bt Mrs. A. E. Robinson (9) by 16.
W. F. Lord (11*) bt Miss A. S. E. Lockton (4) by 14.
R. H. Newton (3) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) by 7.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) bt H. O. Hodgson ($\frac{1}{2}$) w.o.
R. H. Newton (3) bt W. F. Lord (11*) by 8.

FINAL.

Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) bt R. H. Newton (3) by 3.

EVENT "Z."

(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

G. Birch (5) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) by 4.
Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone ($3\frac{1}{2}$) bt N. L. Bright (4) by 5.
Mrs. G. D. Perowne (6) bt Miss L. H. Smith ($6\frac{1}{2}$) by 6.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (4) bt J. R. Cullen (14) by 9.
G. Birch (5) bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone ($3\frac{1}{2}$) w.o.
Mrs. G. D. Perowne (6) bt Mrs. E. Curnow (14) w.o.
F. H. Fisher ($-1\frac{1}{2}$) bt A. O. Taylor (5) by 22.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. Birch (5) bt Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (4) by 9.
F. H. Fisher ($-1\frac{1}{2}$) bt Mrs. G. D. Perowne (6) by 8.

FINAL.

G. Birch (5) bt F. H. Fisher ($-1\frac{1}{2}$) by 6.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Unrestricted).

(9 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

R. H. Newton and Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone ($6\frac{1}{2}$) bt Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. A. E. Robinson (5) by 10.

SECOND ROUND.

G. N. Bright and G. Birch (8) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow and Mrs. G. D. Perowne (13) by 6.
Miss W. L. Stevenson and Miss A. S. E. Lockton (13) bt R. H. Newton and Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone ($6\frac{1}{2}$) by 3.
E. J. Cook and Mrs. E. J. Cook (18) bt Mrs. A. H. Elliott and Mrs. E. L. Smith (21) by 18.
F. H. Fisher and T. Wood-Hill ($\frac{1}{2}$) bt W. F. Lord and Mrs. L. Abdy (21) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss W. L. Stevenson and Miss A. S. E. Lockton (13) bt G. N. Bright and G. Birch (8) by 1.
F. H. Fisher and T. Wood-Hill ($\frac{1}{2}$) bt E. J. Cook and Mrs. E. J. Cook (18) by 8.

FINAL.

F. H. Fisher and T. Wood-Hill ($\frac{1}{2}$) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson and Miss A. S. E. Lockton (13) by 11.

RYDE

JUNE 8th, 1953

A convenient bus service takes visitors near to a green gate in Play Street Lane. Within that gate friendly folk extend a friendly welcome in a very pleasant setting of green lawns and tall trees. That constitutes Ryde Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club where during the week another annual Croquet Tournament was carried through to a successful conclusion.

Possibly due to other commitments in the great year of the Coronation, the entries were not as large as usual, but the meeting was, nevertheless, as enjoyable as ever.

The Committee and its helpers have earned the thanks of everyone for their care in arranging for the comfort and pleasure of competitors and visitors. Major Dibley controlled the Tournament in his usual, energetic, efficient and charming manner.

As there were only four entries for the "Open" Singles, this event was played as an American. Major Dibley playing very well indeed won his three games and with

them the Isle of Wight Cup and the heartiest congratulations of all of us.

The final of the Doubles had a thrilling finish. First one couple, and then the next, and again and again till one could almost hear the heart strings break, but eventually Mrs. Rand and Miss Watson were the deserving winners.

Mrs. McMillan did well to win the "C" Handicap from Mrs. Farnsworth by a comparatively easy margin of eleven points and also to reach the final of "X."

This was an excellent game to watch which gave the spectators many a thrill. Both Miss Walker and Mrs. McMillan at one stage, towards the finish of the game, were on level terms. First one got the innings and then the other. It looked at one time that Mrs. McMillan might win, but an excellent long shot by Miss Walker turned the tables and she went on to win by five points. Hearty congratulations to her and to the loser who put up such a fine fight.

Mrs. Ratsey after a very close game just beat Mrs. Bostock in the final of the "D" Class. Much excitement here prevailed as Mrs. Bostock pegged one of her opponent's balls out, but in spite of this Mrs. Ratsey was equal to the situation and got home by two points. Mrs. Farnsworth won the "Y" event quite comfortably, beating Miss McKean by 8. It was so nice having V. A. de la Nougerede again with us this year. He acted as official Referee and was kept busy throughout the Tournament. Our grateful thanks to him for acting as such, and for all the kind help he gave during the week.

A word of praise to the Tournament Secretary, Mr. Harold Compton. Although not a croquet player, Mr. Compton gave up a great deal of his valuable time towards the success of the Tournament. He was always willing to help and to look after the comfort and interest of all the competitors, which he did with such cheerfulness and efficiency. In the absence of the President's wife (Mrs. Ward) the prizes were presented by Mrs. Dibley.

ISLE OF WIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

OPEN SINGLES.

THE CHALLENGE TROPHY.

Owing to the small number of entries it was not possible to play this Event under the Two-Life System- It was therefore played on the American plan and was won as shown by Major J. H. Dibley.

	Mrs. Rand	Mr. G. H. Child	Mr. A. V. de la Nougerede	Major J. H. Dibley	Total
Mrs. Rand	—	22	16	13	0
Mr. G. H. Child	26	—	22	7	1
Mr. A. V. de la Nougerede	26	26	—	16	2
Major J. H. Dibley...	26	26	26	—	3

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

THE CHAPMAN CUP.

(3 to 6 Bisesques).

(4 Entries).

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss E. Walker bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley by 17.

Miss L. Newman bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone by 15.

FINAL.

Miss L. Newman w.o. Miss E. Walker opponent retired.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C").

THE BENEST CUP.

(6½ to 9 Bisesques).

(6 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (8) bt Mrs. K. F. Eakin (7) by 7.
Miss H. McKean (7½) bt Mrs. M. B. Burnand (8) by 3.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (8) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) by 15.
Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (8) bt Miss H. McKean (7½) by 12.

FINAL.

Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (8) bt Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (8) by 11.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "D").

THE HUTTON CUP.

(10 Bisesques and over).

(5 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. R. W. Hutton (10) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) by 1.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. O. E. Bostock (12) bt Mrs. R. W. Hutton (10) by 5.
Mrs. G. Ratsey (11) bt Mrs. R. H. Burrell (13) by 12.

FINAL.

Mrs. G. Ratsey (11) bt Mrs. O. E. Bostock (12) by 2.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.").

THE DIBLEY CUP.

EVENT "X."

(20 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. C. F. Rand (2½) bt Mrs. R. H. Burrell (13) by 12.
V. A. de la Nougerede (1) bt Mrs. G. Ratsey (11) by 4.
Mrs. M. B. Burnand (9) bt Mrs. O. E. Bostock (12) by 1.
Miss E. Walker (4) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) by 17.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (8) by 11.
Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (8) bt Mrs. J. Cowper Blake (5) by 22.
Miss B. Isaac (14) bt Miss L. Newman (5½) by 8.
Miss E. Walker (4) bt Mrs. M. B. Burnand (9) by 9.
Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (3½) by 14.
G. H. Child (3½) bt Mrs. R. W. Hutton (10) by 6.
Mrs. K. F. Eakin (7) bt Miss H. McKean (7½) by 15.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (8) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 6.
V. A. de la Nougerede (1) bt Miss B. Isaac (14) by 15.
Miss E. Walker (4) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) by 4.
G. H. Child (3½) w.o. Mrs. K. F. Eakin (7) opponent retired.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (8) bt V. A. de la Nougerede (1) by 16.
Miss E. Walker (4) w.o. G. H. Child (3½) opponent retired.

FINAL.

Miss E. Walker (4) bt Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (8) by 5.

EVENT "Y."

(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. G. Ratsey (11) bt Mrs. R. H. Burrell (13) by 12.
Mrs. O. E. Bostock (12) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) by 18.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (8) bt Mrs. J. Cowper Blake (5) by 20.
 Mrs. G. Ratsey (11) bt Miss L. Newman (5½) by 3.
 Mrs. O. E. Bostock (12) w.o. Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (3½) opponent retired.
 Miss M. McKean (7½) bt Mrs. R. W. Hutton (10) by 17.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (8) bt Mrs. G. Ratsey (11) by 12.
 Miss M. McKean (7½) bt Mrs. O. E. Bostock (12) by 13.

FINAL.

Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (8) bt Miss H. McKean (7½) by 8.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Unrestricted).

(8 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Major J. H. Dibley and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (8) bt Mrs. J. Cowper Blake and Mrs. K. F. Eakin (12) by 2 on time.
 Mrs. G. Ratsey and Miss E. Walker (15) bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone and Mrs. C. M. Turner (12½) by 10.
 Mrs. C. F. Rand and Miss E. M. Watson (9) bt Mrs. R. W. Hutton and V. A. de la Nougerede (11) by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major J. H. Dibley and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (8) bt Mrs. G. Ratsey and Miss E. Walker (15) by 2 on time.
 Mrs. C. F. Rand and Miss E. M. Watson (9) bt Mrs. O. E. Bostock and Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (20) by 12.

FINAL.

Mrs. C. F. Rand and Miss E. M. Watson (9) bt Major J. H. Dibley and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (8) by 4.

LONGMAN (CLUB TEAM) CUP

ROEHAMPTON *versus* WOKING

Played at Woking on 17th June, 1953. Woking players named first.

SINGLES.

(Time limit on singles).

Mr. Dalton (2) lost to Mrs. Collings (4½) by 11.
 Mr. Whitham (9) bt Brig. Stokes Roberts (8) by 4.
 Mr. McClure Williams (2) lost to Dr. Oliver (½) by 2.

DOUBLES.

Brig. Omond and Mr. McClure Williams (12) bt Dr. Oliver and Brig. Stokes Roberts (8½) by 4.
 Mr. Dalton and Mr. Whitham (11) bt Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Attfield (11½) by 4.

RESULT.—Woking bt Roehampton by 3 games to 2.

HURLINGHAM *versus* EDGBASTON.

Played at Hurlingham on 20th June, 1953. Hurlingham players named first.

SINGLES.

D. E. Buckland (3½) bt B. R. Sandiford (2) by 10.
 I. W. Cheavin (3½) lost to Col. P. W. Adshead (2½) by 11.
 T. E. Miles (3½) bt F. S. B. Lawes (10) by 4.

DOUBLES.

I. W. Cheavin and S. S. Townsend (10½) bt B. R. Sandiford and Miss H. Trought (11) by 3.
 D. E. Buckland and T. E. Miles (7) bt Col. P. W. Adshead and F. S. B. Lawes (12½) by 6.

RESULT.—Hurlingham bt Edgbaston by 4 games to 1.

CHELTENHAM

CLUB TROPHIES TOURNAMENT

June 15th—20th, 1953

EVENT 1.

CHAMPIONSHIP CUP.

(Two Lives).

(8 Entries).

DRAW.

FINAL.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Col. V. N. Johnson by 22.

PROCESS.

FINAL.

Rev. G. F. H. Elvey w.o. opponent retired.

PLAY-OFF

Rev. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. Elvey by 3.

EVENT 2.

STELLA CUP.

LEVEL SINGLES.

(3 bisques or more).

(8 Entries).

FINAL.

Miss R. M. Peel bt Mrs. S. Mathews by 12.

EVENT 3.

MURRAY MENZIES CUP.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(7 bisques or more).

(9 Entries).

Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell bt G. A. W. Alexander by 2.

EVENT 4.

BELLAIRS BOWL.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(11 bisques or more).

(5 Entries).

Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell bt Mrs. M. R. Miller by 12.

EVENT 5.

CHALLENGE BOWL.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(20 Entries).

Maj. Rev. N. E. O. Thackwell bt Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels by 19.

EVENT 6.

PEEL MEMORIAL CUP.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(12 Entries).

Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. Elvey bt Miss W. M. Plum and Mrs. S. Mathews by 15.

INTER-CLUB MATCHES

WOKING *versus* ROEHAMPTON

Played at Woking on June 6th, 1953. Woking players named first.

SINGLES.

Major J. W. Cobb lost to Col. C. C. Adams by 7.
M. B. Reckitt bt Miss D. A. Lintern by 3.
T. F. Dalton lost to Dr. N. H. Oliver by 4.
Mrs. D. McArthur lost to Mrs. L. Apps by 3.
(Mrs. McArthur took the place of G. Victor Evans who had to leave early.)

DOUBLES.

M. B. Reckitt and G. Victor Evans bt Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. L. Apps by 4.
Major J. W. Cobb and T. F. Dalton lost to Col. C. C. Adams and Dr. N. H. Oliver by 3.

RESULT—Roehampton bt Woking by 4 games to 2.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor, "The Croquet Association Gazette."

CROQUET IN ABERDEENSHIRE

Dear Sir,

It may, perhaps, be of interest to your readers to know that the Monquitter Croquet Club at Cuminstone, in Aberdeenshire, is a most flourishing Club.

Though only one court (not quite full size), there are thirty-three members, and golf croquet (or croquet golf, as they prefer to call it) is played every afternoon and evening—up till dark, twenty-four players taking their turn to play. Double-Banking (two separate games of four players, being played at the same time) is usual.

Captain Reid-Walker and I recently spent an afternoon there, as a result of which Association Croquet is going to be played on one afternoon each week. The members are extremely keen, a few of whom show real promise.

Mrs. Duffas, the President of the Club, told me that should any Associate have the opportunity of visiting the Monquitter Club, he or she would receive a warm welcome. Mrs. Duffas herself is most anxious to visit Roehampton.

Yours faithfully,

H. O. HICKS.

June, 1953.

CLIFTON & COUNTY CROQUET CLUB

Mr. H. O. Hicks and Mr. John Solomon visited the Club on Saturday, May 16th, and kindly gave an exhibition match. They played on level terms two very close and interesting games. Mr. Hicks won both by a very few points.

THE "LADIES' FIELD" CUP

Presented to the C.A. by "The Ladies' Field."

Holder—Miss D. A. Lintern.

For the 6 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 Hurlingham Club) on

MONDAY, JULY 27th, 1953
AND FOLLOWING DAYS.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

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

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

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

CONDITIONS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRIZES.

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

PLAY.

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

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

THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP and THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

will be played for at

THE ROEHAMPTON CLUB

The Headquarters of the Croquet Association

On MONDAY, JULY 6th, 1953

AND FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager and Handicapper.—B. H. Wiggins.

Referee.—Col. C. C. Adams.

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

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

EVENTS.

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

CONDITIONS.

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

No leave can be granted till after the draw.

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

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

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

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PARKSTONE, East Dorset

CROQUET TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, AUGUST 31st, and five following days.

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

Committee.—Croquet Committee of the Parkstone Club.

Manager and Handicapper.—L. H. Ashton.

Referee.—Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin.

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

EVENTS.

- 1.—**OPEN SINGLES.** Single games. Entrance Fee, 8s. Bournemouth Bowl.
Losers of the first round will qualify for a consolation competition. Matches in this second event will be single games of level play under Variation B. Fee, 5/-.
 - 2.—**LEVEL SINGLES.** Variation B. For players of 1½—4 bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 8s. Deshon Cup.
 - 3.—**HANDICAP SINGLES.** Variation H. For players of 4½ bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 8s. Halse Salver.
- Competitors may only enter for one of the above three events.
- 4.—**HANDICAP SINGLES.** Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 9s. Gold Cup.
 5. **HANDICAP DOUBLES.** Unrestricted. Fee, 8s. each player.

CONDITIONS.

Entries for Events, 1, 2, 3 and 4, must reach the Hon. Secretary on or before midday **Thursday, August 27th.** Entries for Event 5 close at midday on **Tuesday, September 1st.**

The Draw will take place at the Club on Thursday, August 27th, at 3 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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ENTRIES.

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

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

DRAW.

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

PLAY.

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily.

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

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

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

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

THE CREYKE CUPS

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

Will be played for at
THE HURLINGHAM CLUB

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

on **MONDAY, JULY 27th, 1953**

AND FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

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

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

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

EVENTS.

OPEN TO ALL.

THE "CREYKE" CUPS. HANDICAP SINGLES.
Entrance Fee, 7s. Prizes: Two Silver Challenge Cups, and the number of other Prizes will be according to the number of entries received.

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

The Event will be played in two blocks.

CONDITIONS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

DRAW.

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

PLAY.

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

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

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

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

HUNSTANTON

THE FIFTH-SIXTH HUNSTANTON OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT

Will be held on the Club Grounds on

MONDAY, AUGUST 31st, 1953

and five following days

(Under C.A. Laws and Regulations).

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

Manager.—C. B. Bird.

Referee and Handicapper.—Mrs. Edmund Reeve.

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

Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. B. C. Perowne, 65 Victoria Avenue, Hunstanton.

EVENTS.

1.—**OPEN SINGLES** (Class "A"). Best of three games under Variation "B." The Norfolk Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 11s.

2.—**LEVEL SINGLES** (Class "B." Law 44 suspended). **THE HUNSTANTON CHALLENGE BOWL.** $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 bisques. Entrance Fee, 8s.

3.—**HANDICAP SINGLES** (Class "C"). 9 bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 8s.

4.—**HANDICAP SINGLES. INGLEBY CHALLENGE CUP.** Entrance Fee, 8s.

5.—**HANDICAP DOUBLES.** No players of 2 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.

All Entrance Fees include the C.A. levy.

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

CONDITIONS.

Entries for 1, 2, 3 and 4, must reach the Secretary not later than the last post on Thursday, August 27th, and for Event 5 on Monday, September 1st, with application for leave, which will not be granted after 12 noon on Monday, unless the exigencies of the Draw permit.

The Committee reserves the right to themselves to limit or refuse any entry without assigning a reason.

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 29th, 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, Glebe, Garden House, Buckingham, Palace Private Hotel, Mansfield Private Hotel, Ken Hill View, Caltofts, Austin St. There are also the L'Estrange Arms and the Lodge Hotels at Old Hunstanton one mile away.

HUNSTANTON AMERICAN TOURNAMENT.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24th to 29th.

Entrance Fee, 15s.

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 WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 12th, 1953.**

In the Grounds of the Hurlingham Club.

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

Committee.—Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, D. E. Buckland, I. W. Cheavin, W. Longman and B. H. Wiggins, O.B.E.

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

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

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

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, G. Williams. Level Singles. For players handicapped at scratch or over not entered for Event 1. Challenge Cup presented in 1926 (originally for Ladies only) by Mrs. Ernest Turner. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.

3.—**THE HURLINGHAM DOUBLES.** Holders, E. P. C. Cotter and Miss D. A. Lintern. Level Play. Mixed Pairs. Challenge Cup presented in 1932 by Mrs. Henry Franc. Singles games throughout. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each player.

Events 2 and 3 will be played under variation "B."

4.—**THE YOUNGER CUP.** Holder, The late Brig. H. C. N. Trollope. Level Singles. For players handicapped at $2\frac{1}{2}$ bisques or more not entered for Events 1 or 2. Challenge Cup presented in 1935 by Lt.-Col. J. A. C. Younger. Singles games throughout. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
Law 44 suspended.

5.—**THE LONGWORTH CUP.** Holder, G. E. W. Hitchcock. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 6 bisques or more not entered for Events 1, 2 or 4. Challenge Cup presented in 1927 by Mrs. R. C. Longworth. Singles games throughout. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
Law 44 suspended.

6.—**HANDICAP SINGLES.** Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.

7.—**THE "LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS.** (Ladies' Handicap Doubles). Holders, Mrs. W. Longman and Mrs. H. J. Collins. Open to Lady Members of the C.A. only. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each player.

8.—**MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES.** Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each player.

The Tournament is open to Members of the Croquet Association and Members and their relations and Associate Members of the Hurlingham Club, with the Exception of Event No. 7, which is open to Lady Members of the C.A. only.

Tournament Plant by Messrs. John Jaques and Son Ltd., $3\frac{1}{4}$ 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.

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CHELTENHAM**N.O. TOURNAMENT**

To be held on the CLUB LAWNS, Old Bath Road, on
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th, and five following
days**

EVENTS.

1.—**OPEN SINGLES.** (Two Lives. Variation B). Fee, 7s. 6d.

2.—**LEVEL SINGLES.** (Variation B. 3 bisques or more). Fee, 5s.

3.—**HANDICAP SINGLES.** ($5\frac{1}{2}$ bisques or more). Fee, 5s.

4.—**HANDICAP SINGLES (X.Y. system).** Fee, 7s. 6d.

5.—**HANDICAP DOUBLES.** Unrestricted. Fee, 5s.

Entries to T. J. Gould, Cheltenham Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham, by Midday, September 3rd. Draw 2 p.m. same day.

No leave unless circumstances of Draw permit.

Manager.—

Referee and Handicapper.—

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

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ENTRIES AND DRAW.

All Entries for Events 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, with the addresses of the competitors (and telephone number if possible) must reach the Secretary, Croquet Tournament, The Hurlingham Club, Fulham, S.W.6, by first post on **Wednesday, 29th July**, and must be accompanied by fees; cheques made payable to The Hurlingham Club.

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.

No leave later than 2 o'clock on Monday, 3rd August, can be given until after the Draw.

GENERAL.

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

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

Luncheons, Teas and Dinners can be obtained at the Club.

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

Play will commence at 10 a.m. daily and continue till 7.30 p.m. if considered necessary by the Manager.

At least eight Lawns will be provided.

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

THE CHALLENGE CUPS and GILBEY CUP

Will be played for at

THE ROEHAMPTON CLUB

The Headquarters of the Croquet Association

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13th to SATURDAY,
AUGUST 22nd, 1953

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Managers and Handicappers.—Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. L. E. G. Nickisson.

Referee.—E. P. C. Cotter.

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

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

EVENTS.

Open to Associates only.

THE CHALLENGE CUPS.

1.—**FIRST DIVISION. THE ROEHAMPTON CHALLENGE CUP** (Open). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Matches best of three games. Level play. This event will be played under Variation "B." Prizes: The Challenge Cup, presented by the Roehampton Club, and the number of other prizes will be according to the number of entries received. Holder—E. P. C. Cotter.

2.—**SECOND DIVISION. THE COUNCIL CHALLENGE CUP.** Open to Associates handicapped at $\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games except that matches best of three games will be played in the semi-final (if time permits) and final. Level play. This event will be played under Variation "B." Prizes: The Challenge Cup, presented by the Council of the C.A., and the number of other prizes will be according to the number of entries received. Holder—Capt. H. G. Stoker, R.N.

3.—**THIRD DIVISION. THE LUARD CHALLENGE CUP.** Open to Associates handicapped at 3 to 5 bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games throughout. Level Play. Prizes: The Challenge Cup, presented by the late E. S. Luard, and the number of other prizes will be according to the number of entries received. Holder—V. A. de la Nougerede.

4.—**FOURTH DIVISION. THE RECKITT CHALLENGE CUP.** Open to Associates handicapped at $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{1}{2}$ bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games throughout. Level play. Prizes: The Challenge Cup, presented by the late G. L. Reckitt, and the number of other prizes will be according to the number of entries received. Holder—Mrs. J. H. S. Murray.

5.—**FIFTH DIVISION. THE STEVENSON CHALLENGE CUP.** Open to Associates handicapped at 8 bisques or over. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games throughout. Level play. Prizes: The Challenge Cup, presented by the late Mrs. W. Stevenson, and the number of other prizes will be according to the number of entries received. Holder—Miss J. Warwick.

Law 44 will be suspended in respect of Events 3, 4 and 5.

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

6.—THE "GILBEY" CUP. HANDICAP SINGLES.

This event will be drawn in four Blocks, "A," "B," "C" and "D" according to handicaps, so as to give nearly as possible an equal distribution of competitors. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games throughout. Prizes: Winner, a Challenge Cup presented by Arthur N. Gilbey; other Winners of Blocks, Silver Challenge Cups presented by Trevor Williams, and the number of other prizes will be according to the number of entries received, the winner and runner-up receiving additional prizes. To qualify for the "Gilbey" Cup, the winner of "A" v. "B" will play the winner of "C" v. "D." Holders—The Event, R. V. N. Wiggins ($2\frac{1}{2}$), Block "A" E. P. C. Cotter ($-3\frac{1}{2}$) Block "C" V. A. de la Nougerede (3), Block "D" Mrs. M. L. Thom (11).

Block "D" will be played under Variation "H" (each competitor shall be allowed to take all the bisques to which he is entitled (less 4)).

7.—**HANDICAP DOUBLES.** Combined handicaps of 1 bisque or over. Entries should be made in pairs. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. each person. Matches of single games throughout. The number of prizes will be according to the number of entries received. Winners—S. Horsley and Mrs. N. E. Wallwork ($7\frac{1}{2}$).

CONDITIONS.

Eight Courts will be provided.

The Winners hold the respective Challenge Cups for one year or until the next Competition, whichever is the shorter period.

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

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

ENTRIES.

The Entries, accompanied by the Entrance Fees, for Events 1 to 6, must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, so as to reach her not later than the first post on Friday, August 7th, and for Event 7 (in pairs) by 11 a.m. on Saturday, 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 Monday, August 10th, at 10.30 a.m.

The Draw for Event No. 7 (Handicap Doubles) will take place at the Roehampton Club at noon on Saturday, August 15th.

PLAY.

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

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

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

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

BRIGHTON, 1953**THE FORTIETH
AUTUMN TOURNAMENT****MONDAY, AUGUST 24th, 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.)

President: Major J. R. Abbey. Vice-President: Mr. H. C. Davey.

Committee.—Mrs. E. Miller, Mrs. B. Chittenden, Miss M. J. Daldy, Miss L. Talmach, S. F. Sopwith, G. E. W. Hitchcock.

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

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

Hon. Secretary.—F. E. Corke, 28 Mansfield Road, Hove 3.

EVENTS.

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES (Variation B). THE SUSSEX GOLD CUP presented by the late E. R. Harrison). Best of three games. Entrance Fee, 11s.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS B) (No lift). THE FRANC CUP (presented by Mrs. H. Franc). Open to players handicapped 2 to 5 bisques. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS C). THE MONTHLY BOWL (presented by the late G. C. Branthisaite). Open to players handicapped 5½ bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. THE MAURICE RECKITT BOWL (presented by Mr. M. B. Reckitt). Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Entrance Fee, 8s. each partner.

ENTRIES.

Players may not enter for more than one of Events 1, 2 and 3. Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 must reach the Hon. Secretary by the first post on **Thursday, August 20th**. Those for Event 5 may be made on the ground up to 2 p.m., **Tuesday, August 25th**. Entries in all cases must be accompanied by Entrance Fees.

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

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

THE DRAW.

The Draw for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 will take place at Southwick on **Thursday, August 20th**, at 2.30 p.m. Event 5 on **Tuesday, August 25th**.

PLAY.

Play will commence at 10 a.m. and continue till 6.30 p.m. or later if necessary. Players coming from a distance requiring leave should notify it on their Entry Form. No leave will be granted later than 12 noon Monday.

PRIZES.

According to Entries.

GENERAL.

Standard Setting, 3½ inch Hoops and Jaques' "Eclipse" Balls will be used. Nine Courts will be available.

Every competitor will wear such flat-soled boots or shoes as cannot damage the Court.

Competitors will be made hon. members of the Club during the Tournament.

TRANSPORT.

Green buses along Brighton front leave the Palace Pier every seven minutes. The 9.20 a.m. bus arrives Southwick, Grange-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, AUGUST 31st, AND FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS.**

(Under C.A. Laws and Regulations).

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

Hon. Sec.—F. E. Corke, 28 Mansfield Road, Hove.

EVENTS.

- 1.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 5½ and under. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 6 and over. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 3.—X.Y.Z. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 4.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined Handicap to be not less than 2. Entrance Fee, 8s.

Entries for 1, 2 and 3 must reach the Hon. Secretary not later than **first post, Thursday, August 27th**.

The Draw for Events 1, 2 and 3, will take place at Southwick on **Thursday, August 27th**, and for Event No. 4 at 2.30, **Tuesday, September 1st**.

Luncheons and Teas will be obtainable in the Club canteen.

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