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1960

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- „ 29 **Hunstanton.** *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. J. A. Clarke, 49 Northgate, Hunstanton.
- Sept. 5 **President's Cup (Hurlingham), Surrey Cup (Roehampton).** *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 12 **Parkstone.** *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. M. McMordie, 4 Overbury Road, Parkstone.
- „ 19 **Roehampton.** *Games Secretary*, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15.
- „ 26 **Devonshire Park (Eastbourne).** *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.

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- Sept. 12 **Cheltenham.** *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

LADIES' FIELD CUP

The following players were selected:—

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey
Miss D. A. Lintern
Mrs. W. Longman
Mrs. E. Reeve
Mrs. E. Rotherham
Miss E. J. Warwick

Mrs. E. Reeve having been unable to accept, Lady Ursula Abbey was invited and accepted.

V. C. GASSON,
Secretary

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NOTES by ROVER

A New Champion

Congratulations to the new Open Champion, the first lady to hold the title for twenty-four years. Mrs. Rotherham has worthily taken over the mantle last assumed by a member of her sex when Miss Steel won the fourth of her successes in 1936. In one sense it was definitely a "turn up for the book," for without disrespect to one who has been in the forefront of top class croquet for the past decade, Mrs. Rotherham's game had latterly appeared to suffer a slight decline. Indeed, up to the semi-finals of the Opens there was little in her play to suggest that she would over-topple any of the big names. However, much improved form in the semi-final against Dr. Wiggins braced her for the contest against the holder. Let us hope that other lady players will be stimulated by her example!

It was pleasant to see William Ormerod's successes in the Doubles Championship and the Association Plate. We see William only too infrequently in tournament play and his wins are therefore the more gratifying. Another young man whom we are likely to hear more of if he has time to devote to the game is A. A. Reed, whose baptism in competitive croquet at Budleigh Salterton is referred to elsewhere in this issue.

Whose Fault?

It is not (we hope) too much to assume that croquet players are duly grateful for the assistance provided for them by experts in our pages, and at greater length by writers of books upon the game. Neophytes should, we suggest, be particularly pleased that the C.A. has lately reprinted an altogether admirable—and very inexpensive—booklet *Hints to Beginners* by R.L.J., initials which stand for the name of a great lover of the game who was through the 'twenties and most of the 'thirties Editor of the Association's journal, then known as the *Gazette*. He was Robert Leetham Jones, and recollection of him put the writer of this Note in mind of a certain "limerick" he composed which amusingly raises the question of how much responsibility writers on croquet should be presumed to bear. This told us that:—

There was a virago of Hook
Who called up an umpire to look;
When he said "That's a foul",
She replied "Silly Owl!
Why I learnt the damned stroke from your
book".

This effusion was founded on fact, for a quarter of a century back there was indeed a somewhat forthright lady resident near this place who made (in effect) just such a rejoinder in these circumstances, though the umpire was not actually the author of the book she referred to. The verse should more properly have ended "a book"; but writers on croquet who act as referees may not have realised that the guilt for what we must henceforward learn to call a "fault" is liable to be imputed to themselves.

Unusual Games

A year or two ago we referred in these Notes to games which had presented unusual features and invited readers to dig into the recesses of their memories and let us know of any games which deserved to be recalled. This came to our minds during Championships Week at Hurlingham when a spectator mentioned two games in 1950 in which Hicks defeated Cotton in the final of the Men's Championship. In the first, Cotton pegged out one of Hicks' balls as well as his own, his other ball being in position for the rover and Hicks being for 3-back. Hicks hit with his lift shot but then stuck in his hoop. Cotton elected to shoot at this ball but missed and Hicks ran 3-back and took a good position for 4-back. Cotton then failing to get a good position for the rover, Hicks finished in two more turns. The second game, however, was even more spectacular. Hicks went round the peg giving contact. Cotton then himself went all round pegging Hicks out and likewise gave contact. Hicks then picked up a three-ball break in an amazing way, approaching his hoop from seventeen yards and running it from five yards. Those readers who were lucky enough to be at the 1958 Championships may recall Hicks performing a similar feat against John Solomon in the semi-final.

Celt and Saxon

A suggestion was made at the Council Meeting in May that the annual match at Eastbourne this year might take the form of "England v. The Rest", the Rest being on this occasion not our friends from the Dominions, but players with qualifications to represent Wales, Scotland and Ireland. Alas, it may not be so easy to produce associates of "exhibition" quality for such an occasion as would have been the case half a century ago. The great Hibernian quartet, Cyril and Herbert Corbally, C. L. O'Callaghan and Duff Mathews, might then have started favourites against any four which England could have produced and if to what is now Eire is added Northern Ireland, J. A. McMordie, Tom Dickson and Forrest Reid would not have let the side down. Croquet was never so strong north of the border, though it produced some good players (we recall J. W. Thain and Alexander Stuart), and there was for a few years a "Scottish Championship" played for at Slateford, Midlothian. There were tournaments before 1914 at several of the Welsh spas, but the best of the Cambrian players, John Hughes, lived not in the principality but in Liverpool. It is perhaps significant that test teams in this island have been labelled "England" and not "Britain", but this is not to say that only "Saxons" have appeared in them; indeed the last English captain was a certain Patrick Cotter, who would doubtless welcome an opportunity to head a team from our Celtic fringe.

July 14th, 1960

PARKSTONE

Major E. C. Heathcote 8 to 5½.
Mrs. B. N. R. Smartt 10 to 8½.
Dr. B. N. R. Smartt 6 to 5½.
Miss M. M. Taylor 11 to 9.
A. F. Rash 9 to 8.
Mrs. L. H. Ashton 0 to 2 by request.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

BEFORE PLAY

A. A. Reed 7*.
W. Haynes 14*.

AFTER PLAY

A. A. Reed 7* to 5.
W. Haynes 14* to 12.
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard 14 to 12.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard 3½ to 3.
Major R. Tingey —½ to —1.
M. B. Reckitt —1½ to —1.
Miss J. Cooper 9 to 8½

LONGMAN (CLUB TEAM) CUP

SEMI-FINALS

BRIGHTON *versus* ROEHAMPTON

Played at Brighton on Tuesday, June 28th, 1960. Brighton players named first

SINGLES

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) lost to Mrs. G. W. Solomon (4½) by 9.
N. F. Blackwood (3½) lost to A. V. Camroux (5) by 15.
Miss E. Johnston (6) bt Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8) by 9.

DOUBLES

N. F. Blackwood and Miss E. Johnston (9½) bt Gen. F. H. N. Davidson and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (12½) by 16.
Col. F. E. Stobart and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (10½) lost to A. V. Camroux and F. H. Curtis (17) by 6.

RESULT.—Roehampton bt Brighton by 3 matches to 2.

COMPTON *versus* HURLINGHAM

Played at Compton on July 8th, 1960. Compton players named first

SINGLES

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt S. S. Townsend (1½) by 5.
Miss H. D. Parker (3½) lost to Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) by 15.
Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (5½) lost to Gen. D. J. Wilson-Haffenden (8) by 6.

DOUBLES

Miss H. D. Parker and Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (9) bt Mrs. M. L. Thom and Gen. D. J. Wilson-Haffenden (14½) by 9.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and W. H. Austin (12) lost to S. S. Townsend and Mrs. A. W. Skempton (15½) by 10.

RESULT.—Hurlingham bt Compton by 3 games to 2.

INTER-CLUB MATCH

GOLF CROQUET

ROEHAMPTON *versus* DULWICH

Played at Roehampton on Thursday, July 7th, 1960. Roehampton players named first

AMERICAN DOUBLES

Miss E. Fisher and Mrs. M. Carrington
bt Mrs. Frenken and Mrs. Paine 8—5;
bt Mrs. Bayly and Mrs. Drury 7—6;
bt Mrs. Yates and Mrs. Malthouse 10—3.
Mrs. S. Phillips and Mrs. D. Staub
bt Mrs. Frenken and Mrs. Paine 8—5;
bt Mrs. Bayly and Mrs. Drury 7—6;
lost to Mrs. Yates and Mrs. Malthouse 5—8.
Mrs. Caporn and Miss Bartlett
lost to Mrs. Frenken and Mrs. Paine 5—8;
bt Mrs. Bayly and Mrs. Drury 7—6;
lost to Mrs. Yates and Mrs. Malthouse 6—7.

RESULT.—Roehampton bt Dulwich by 6 games to 3.

Notes from the Clubs

Hurlingham

Again this month these notes are largely devoted to a Longman Club Cup match, this time the semi-final against Compton on the hospitable Sussex Club's lawns. We seem to be fated with bad weather in these matches: in 1959 against Ryde and Colchester we had two of the very few wet days in the glorious summer of that year and this year against Ryde and Compton two more wet days. At least on this occasion we were spared the continuous downpour we suffered in the Ryde match.

The doubles were shared at one game apiece. Mrs. Thom and General Wilson-Haffenden found Hazel Parker and Mrs. Chorlton in devastating form but Townsend and his very promising neophyte partner Mrs. Skempton, proved too much for Mrs. Chittenden and Mr. Austin. What Mrs. Thom and the General had failed to do in combination in the morning was abundantly compensated for in the post-prandial proceedings when they severally won their singles games, thus clinching the issue. In the meantime Mrs. Chittenden was having a good game against Townsend and won by five points in a pegged-out game.

The hospitality of the home club was embarrassingly good and these notes afford an opportunity to thank again Mrs. Chittenden and Mr. Perry in particular for all that they did.

The winners of our All England handicap are Mrs. Thom and General Wilson-Haffenden and they carry our good wishes to Roehampton.

Edinburgh

The Edinburgh Croquet Club's first tournament of Season 1960, was a Handicap Singles Tournament. Entries numbered seventeen, and the tournament was won by Herbert Dacker.

A second tournament is in course of arrangement.

Edbaston

Whether the wonderful weather of 1959 is partly to praise for it or not, croquet is flourishing in Birmingham.

The Edbaston Club now has more playing members than it has had since before the war and it is a common sight, at the week-ends to see six games in progress on our three lawns at the same time—quite often two doubles on the one lawn. With alternate colours it works surprisingly well and is good training in not getting fussed by minor distractions when making a break.

Amongst many enthusiastic beginners is our latest and youngest recruit, a boy of fifteen. Several come many miles from different parts of the Black Country to play in our little Club which, as the Estate Agents would say, is conveniently, yet delightfully, situated in a rural sitting near to the centre of a large urban area.

Roehampton

The Roehampton "Longman Team" visited the Southwick Club, on 28th June, for a further round in this competition. It was a pleasure to enjoy the fast lawns at Southwick, while the hospitality so kindly provided by the Club was most lavish and much appreciated by the visitors.

The games were keenly fought, and by a narrow margin Roehampton were victorious, having spent an enjoyable day in every way. The results appear elsewhere in this issue.

The Annual Roehampton Club Tournament takes place in the week beginning 19th September and following days, when it is hoped to welcome former competitors, and possibly some newcomers who have not yet been able to arrange a visit to this annual tournament.

We regret that Miss Daisy Jennings' married name of Gowing was incorrectly shown last month as Gowring.

Gala at Bundaberg

The sixtieth anniversary of the Bundaberg City Croquet Club of Queensland, Australia, was celebrated in proper Diamond Jubilee fashion in May of this year. The president of the Queensland Croquet Association, Mrs. Greathead, had travelled 340 miles to be present and representatives of eleven other clubs supported the occasion. Two players aged 85 and 82 had come 260 miles by air.

After a number of games had been played, ninety-eight persons sat down for the formal gathering with speeches from the president and others. Mrs. Bell, the eldest player present, 85 years and still going strong, was presented with a memento of the occasion. She won three gold medals in pre-war years and still plays a good game.

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING

by ARTHUR ROSS

DETERMINATION is, of course, a vital ingredient in the make-up of any successful player, but I think it worth stressing that this should be directed towards the successful accomplishment of constructive manoeuvres and *not* wasted on tactics that can only result in a lack of progress by both sides.

Then there is the matter of the take-off; one must have a clear picture of how this type of stroke should be made before one can hope to succeed in making it consistently. In a take-off the balls always go off at right angles, so there is never any question of forcing the striker's ball as is the case with most other croquet strokes, and the placing of the balls becomes even more important than ever. In the case of the fine take-off, the very greatest care should be taken to place them exactly at right angles to the line the striker's ball is to follow; if this is done and the mallet is aimed exactly in the direction that ball is to follow, the other ball will always move, but as many players are nervous about the possibility of a foul, I suggest that if they place them as described and then move the striker's ball back a fraction of an inch, they will be able to hit in the right direction with absolute confidence. When faced with a hoop approach from directly behind the hoop, place the balls so that the striker's ball will just clear the hoop if the stroke is made in the ordinary way and then aim the mallet at the near wire instead of exactly in the direction the player wishes his ball to follow. If this is done and the stroke executed by means of a swing through rather than a stop-shot movement, it is surprising how often the striker's ball will swing round in front of the hoop. When making the thick take-off that follows the hitting of the tice at the beginning of a game, if the balls are not more than half-way up the lawn and are arranged correctly at right angles to the direction in which the striker's ball must go, it will be found that the peg is the proper aiming mark for the mallet, a swing through with the mallet aimed in this direction will always result in the croqueted ball going towards hoop two, while the striker's ball will go in the proper direction—one cannot give an exact tip regarding strength, but the player should remember that the bulk of the power imparted will inevitably go into the mallet ball, so he will have to hit very little harder than he would if he were playing a single ball stroke to the spot selected.

A little tip regarding finding out the "speed" of the lawn. When playing your first ball on to the lawn, try to land it exactly on the boundary line at the spot chosen, the result of this has often given me valuable information.

Hoop approaches: One frequently sees quite good players experiencing difficulty over this and resorting to ugly little roll-up strokes as the only answer they can find to the problem. Here are some ideas on the subject that are well worth trying out.

If you approach, say, the first hoop from any ordinary position and the ball from which you are taking croquet is not more than four feet from the hoop, line the two balls up aiming at a spot, directly behind the hoop, which is the same distance from the hoop as are the balls at that present moment, and aim the mallet at the near wire of the hoop. Make the stroke by means of a little swing through movement that will move the striker's ball the required distance, and you will find that it will *always* go in the right direction, while the other ball will be well beyond the hoop in a position that should be useful after the hoop has been run. If the approach is from a spot some feet further away, arrange the balls in similar fashion, but aim the mallet for a spot directly behind the hoop and eighteen inches from it (two average mallet-heads from it). These two mallet-aiming-marks are constant irrespective of the direction from which the approach is being made, provided the stroke is made by means of a swing and not a stop-shot movement—a stop-shot will always result in the striker's ball going wide of the selected mark, so my advice is to shun it!

Peeling: This is *not* difficult if the business is studied in a common-sense manner, but please remember that when you are peeling from any reasonable distance and you want your own ball to go off at an angle, you will be almost certain to pull the ball you are peeling about the width of a hoop upright towards the direction in which your ball goes so, when lining them up, allow for that amount of deflection. Remember also that if you are to the right of straight in front of the hoop, you will get better results if you hit your own ball off to the right when making the peeling stroke, and *vice versa*.

(This article is one of a series contributed by leading players six years ago.)

OBITUARY

Mrs. A. E. WAYDELIN

This well-known player of pre-war days died on July 5th. She had been a competitor for a number of years before she won her Silver Medal in 1930, and was a member of the Surrey county team on many occasions when this combination, largely drawn from the Woking Club to which she belonged, was at its victorious best. Mrs. Waydelin had the rather unusual record of playing in the Ladies' Field Cup for ten consecutive seasons between 1928 and 1937, her best years in the event being 1933 and 1934. She was a very imperturbable player and a notably good hitter of long roquets. Though she appeared in tournaments on a few occasions after the war her best days were by then over, but her friendly and gentle nature made her always welcome wherever she went, and she will be happily remembered by all who knew her. M.B.R.

Questions and Answers

Question: Red and black are both rovers, red aims at blue, roquets blue on to black, black hits the peg. Is black out?

Answer: Yes, as red, a rover, caused it to hit the peg.

Question: Blue takes off from black and in doing so hits yellow and goes off the court. Does blue's turn cease?

Answer: No, as blue's ball was in hand and she must take croquet from yellow now.

Question: A player in attempting with a mallet to strike a ball against a wire hits the wire and shakes the ball. Is this a foul?

Answer: No. Law 26 (j) states "move" a ball at rest, etc., is a foul.

Question: In Law 30 (c) which might appear similar to the above question please note the difference.

If at the beginning of a turn the striker finds either of his balls wired from all other balls its position being due to its having been moved by another ball, etc. Is he entitled to a lift?

Answer: Yes, he has a lift but not if that ball has only been shaken by the adversary ball, nor has the adversary made a foul because the ball was moved by another ball and not by a direct hit on a wire by the adversary's mallet. M.M.R.

CORRESPONDENCE

Vague Laws

Dear Sir,

I have written articles in the New Zealand and Australian gazettes on various interpretations of the Laws of Croquet.

I hope when the new ones are passed they will be more definite.

One loosely framed one I have in mind is Law 46 (e): "If the striker, after he has made all the strokes to which he is entitled, clearly indicates either by a definite statement or by retiring from the court that he does not intend to play a bisque or half-bisque, his option of playing it thereby ends."

Surely if the striker at the end of his turn puts his clip on a hoop, turns his back to the balls and walks towards the boundary he "clearly indicates" that he does not intend to play a bisque or half-bisque?

However, he is usually allowed to return and take a bisque or half-bisque provided he has not gone off the court.

If the Law really meant he could decide to take a bisque or half-bisque at any time before coming off the court it should have used the words "having retired" from the court, or words to that effect, instead of the word "retiring" from the court.

Yours faithfully,

W. B. C. PAYNTER

In the results of the Mixed Doubles Championship last month one of the semi-final results was omitted, viz., M. B. Reckitt and Miss D. A. Lintern bt Major and Mrs. R. Tingey by 10.

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BRIDGE

by E. P. C. Cotter, British International

SITTING North at the score of game all a few days ago I somewhat dolefully surveyed

S—8, 5, 3.

H—10, 7, 6, 3.

D—8, 7, 5, 4.

C—7, 6.

The dealer on my right said no bid. I passed and, to my surprise, so did my left hand opponent. My partner must have the goodies. He started modestly with a bid of six spades! West led the King of hearts and my partner's hand was:

S—A, K, Q, 10, 9, 6, 4, 2.

H—

D—A, Q, J, 2.

C—A.

He ruffed the opening lead and played two of trumps. Unfortunately the Jack and seven of spades were both held by East, so there was no second entry into dummy. After a little thought South entered dummy with 8 of spades, led a diamond and finessed the Knave which held. Thereafter he lost two diamond tricks and the contract.

How should the hand have been played? After drawing the trumps South should have reasoned thus. If the diamonds are divided three and two I must make my contract. If they are divided four and one and four to the King are held by West I cannot make my contract. If there are four with East can I do anything about it? Yes, if the singleton held by West is either the King, the ten or the nine. Thus the Ace of diamonds must be led. If this drops the King on the left, the Queen and Jack give South his twelve tricks. If the ten or the nine drops (West actually held the singleton nine) the Queen of diamonds is now played losing to East's King. South wins any heart or club return and NOW enters dummy with that precious eight of spades and finesses the eight of diamonds, lands himself a slam and me a new croquet mallet!

The difference between playing by ear and playing by faith in the blind goddess is worth about two thousand points. The opponents won the rubber on the next deal.

As regards the bidding there is a great deal to be said for bidding six spades right away. It is, of course, possible to miss a grand slam by this method, but by opening with two spades or even two clubs you allow your opponents a chance to get together and so you miss even the little slam. In actual fact seven hearts is a wonderful save for the opponents who lose only one club and one diamond trick—two down doubled, a mere five hundred points.

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THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 11th—16th, 1960

The greatest of the croquet "classics" opened with three days of weather which must have been among the worst ever encountered in its long history of nearly a century. Rain fell either in torrents or in a steady drizzle for almost the whole of this period, and an angry thunderstorm which brought play to an end on the Tuesday evening seemed to express the self-disgust of the weather at being unable to do better for us on so important an occasion, as it certainly did the temper of the competitors. Thursday brought an unexpectedly lovely day, and the morrow being St. Swithin's day, hope and fear struggled within us as to the summer's future prospects. The weather on this crucial date proved to be mixed in character, but as sunshine mainly prevailed we may continue to hope for the best, and Saturday did not disappoint us.

The courts had been most beautifully prepared and stood up wonderfully to the adverse conditions. Number 6, which was relaid last winter, has "matured" splendidly and is now the equal of those in front of the house. The Association is indeed fortunate in being able to play its premier tournaments on such lovely lawns.

The entry was worthy of the occasion—qualitatively at any rate. Six of last year's "Best Eight" were in the lists, as were also Dr. Wiggins, Guy Warwick (fresh from his victory at Budleigh Salterton) and Robert Tingey, who had also done well there. William Longman and Maurice Reckitt whose entries recall the halcyon days of the Twenties and Thirties were again well to the fore. The brightest stars were clustered together in two constellations in the middle of the draw, leaving the opportunity of admission to the semi-finals open to less dazzling exponents at the top and bottom. This made for interesting contests from the very beginning (and raised some informal discussion of the desirability of "seeding"—a controversial matter of which we may hear more later). Nothing especially exciting occurred on the Monday, though it was interesting to see Capt. Stoker getting a game from Mrs. Rotherham; Mrs. Tingey making a good fight for her match with Humphrey Hicks; Spencer Ell making an even better one of his with William Ormerod, and Mrs. Longman taking Guy Warwick to three games, though driven to retire when the third had been in progress for some time, by the unremitting rain. Tuesday brought two outstanding contests, that between Patrick Cotter and Dudley Hamilton-Miller, in which the second game was very close, the latter thus winning a good victory, and that between Hicks and Ormerod. In this match William got what appeared to be a commanding lead in both games, but Humphrey is never so formidable as when he gets a chance of coming from behind, and adds to his executive skill, superb tactical arts which on this occasion proved too much for his less experienced opponent.

Nothing has yet been said of the holder of the title. John Solomon soon showed that victory in his matches did not represent the whole of his ambition in this event; his heart was set on achieving the supremely difficult feat of performing a sextuple peel. It says much for his magnificent abilities that even though failing to fulfil this aspiration (yet coming not far from doing so on occasions) he could afford to indulge in such dreams without seeming likely to risk the loss of a game. In his second game with Hamilton-Miller he very nearly did lose one, the occasion providing an immensely interesting and instructive duel of brain and skill. John certainly seemed to have a safe margin when being for 2-back with his opponent's clip on the first hoop, he pegged out his adversary's other ball and his own. But by a combination of splendid shooting and much delicate play Dudley came within two points of a win. Meanwhile Dr. Wiggins, at the very top of his form, polished off his erstwhile partner, Humphrey Hicks, in two brief games, and Mrs. Rotherham won two closely fought ones against Mr. Longman. Maurice Reckitt's victory over Dr. Penny was delayed by a remarkable spate of long shooting by his adversary, the contest being fought throughout in driving rain.

All was now set for the semi-finals. That between Mrs. Rotherham and Dr. Wiggins was a somewhat protracted contest. In the first game the lady, showing the form of which we know her to be capable, played two impeccable breaks, delighting all who witnessed them. But in the later games this standard was not reached by either player. Bobby seemed to be a different man from

the dominating performer of the previous day, and a good many hoops were missed by both competitors. Mrs. Rotherham, however, recovered her form at the end of the day, finishing the match with two good turns and thus winning her way to the Championship final for the first time. Against Maurice Reckitt, Solomon showed himself in the initial game to be still hankering after the elusive sextuple; this led him into some awkward situations from which he always rescued himself by some characteristic flash of brilliance, and he won by a handsome margin. The second game ran rather a curious course. Maurice contrived to get a break round to 4-back, but, failing to establish a second one when for the 4th hoop, laid up. John hit in and proceeded to triple peel his adversary's ball, but got into unexpected difficulties at the rover hoop and failing to achieve the peg-out, left Maurice with a "contact", from which position he ultimately succeeded in winning the first game lost in the event by his redoubtable opponent. In the final game John was off the mark almost at once, playing two fine breaks but failed to complete his triple. Maurice picked up a break at what appeared to be the last moment, which was soon proved to be the case when he failed at the 3rd hoop.

And so to a final which provided a match of exceptional interest. It did not at first seem likely to do so, for the title-holder, playing with serene effectiveness, won the first game without serious challenge. A game up, John seeing the last chance of bringing off the sextuple before him, attempted to set up the position for this, but the prospective "peelee" just trickled through 1-back, letting in his opponent. Very soon Mrs. Rotherham was once again exhibiting her form of the previous morning and admirable breaks gave her the game. It was noticeable by this time that John was not shooting with his accustomed certainty and it began to look as if he might lose the game by a large margin when his opponent manoeuvred the balls in her second break into what appeared to have become a not difficult position for a triple. But this was not to be, for Mrs. Rotherham over-approached the 6th hoop. The champion gained no advantage from this, however, and not long afterwards the lady, as a consequence of some excellent play, was on her way to what seemed certain triumph when she missed the penultimate. Now at length John got going and the game seemed to have swung over to his side when after attempting a difficult (and surely unnecessary) peel through 4-back, he achieved neither the peel nor the hoop. A few minutes later Mrs. Rotherham was being loudly applauded as the new champion, the first woman to gain the title since Miss Steel won it for the last of four times in 1936, and only the third to do so in the whole history of the game. There was naturally great delight that Hope in this instance had achieved realisation, though the beautiful play of the displaced champion right through the event almost to the end should not fail to be remembered and applauded.

The draw for the Doubles Championship was noticeably ill-balanced (providing more talk of seeding). The holders, Cotter and Ormerod, were beaten by a new partnership of Hicks and Ormerod in a not very good game in the semi-final, Hollweg and Miss Lintern emerging successfully in the opposite half. In the final, Hicks, after an initial error from which the other pair gained little, and Hollweg were soon round; the innings changed hands several times after this but Miss Lintern could make little of such rather difficult chances as came her way, and ultimately it was Ormerod who seemed certain to go out, when first he missed the rover hoop and a little later, having pegged out his partner ball, missed a short shot at the peg with his own. He then proceeded to miss a good many longer ones, and Miss Lintern, showing increasing confidence, worked her way round from the 2nd hoop to 2-back before William, taking a slow shot at the peg on his partner's advice, hit it.

The bunching together of the best players in the Championship draw produced a high quality entry for the Association Plate, and a good final was promised when Ormerod and Cotter arrived there, but William (after a rather narrow victory over Mrs. Tingey) soon took control of the situation in this game and was an easy winner.

Mr. Brackenbury managed the tournament with his usual serene efficiency and even during the horrible weather of the first three days kept all his charges as happy as would be expected in the discouraging circumstances.

Five

SECOND ROUND.

Miss V. E. Mills (3½) bt Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (8½) by 3.
 A. A. Reed (7*) bt Mrs. W. Longman (—½) by 16.
 Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (4½) by 7.
 Major E. C. Heathcote (5½) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1) by 24.
 Capt. M. F. Buller (5) bt W. B. C. Paynter (0) by 12.
 W. Wallace (7) bt Miss K. Ault (4½) by 9.
 Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (4½) bt G. B. Horriddge (9) by 6.
 Major R. Tingey (—½) bt A. J. Cooper (2) by 14.
 Miss J. Cooper (9) bt Major E. P. Edyvean (9) by 23.
 Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt A.V.M. F. H. M. Maynard (10) by 4.
 Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (14) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (½) by 21.
 Sir Henry C. Prior (7½) bt G. A. Black (7½) by 16.
 Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (5½) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) by 16.
 T. A. Chignell (4) bt Miss A. E. Mills (2½) by 10.
 V. A. de la Nougerède (½) bt M. B. Reckitt (—1½) by 15.
 Miss E. J. Warwick (—1) bt Miss S. C. Gough (13) by 7.

THIRD ROUND.

A. A. Reed (7*) bt Miss V. E. Mills (3½) by 15.
 Major E. C. Heathcote (5½) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) by 5.
 W. Wallace (7) bt Capt. M. F. Buller (5) by 9.
 Major R. Tingey (—½) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (4½) by 10.
 Miss J. Cooper (9) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 23.
 Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (14) bt Sir Henry C. Prior (7½) by 5.
 T. A. Chignell (4) bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (5½) by 4.
 Miss E. J. Warwick (—1) bt V. A. de la Nougerède (½) by 2.

FOURTH ROUND.

A. A. Reed (7*) bt Major E. C. Heathcote (5½) by 20.
 Major R. Tingey (—½) bt W. Wallace (7) by 15.
 Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (14) bt Miss J. Cooper (9) by 5.
 Miss E. J. Warwick (—1) bt T. A. Chignell (4) by 7.

SEMI-FINAL.

A. A. Reed (7*) bt Major R. Tingey (—½) by 12.
 Miss E. J. Warwick (—1) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (14) by 14.

FINAL.

A. A. Reed (7*) bt Miss E. J. Warwick (—1) by 26.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(23 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (3½) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and Miss I. M. Roe (7) by 2.
 Miss E. J. Warwick and Miss J. Cooper (8) bt Col. D. W. Beamish and Major E. C. Heathcote (5) by 9.
 Major R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey (2½) bt Miss K. Ault and A.V.M. F. H. M. Maynard (13½) by 18.
 J. G. Warwick and Mrs. G. Fitter (9½) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (5) by 10.
 E. A. Roper and A. A. Reed (10) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart and T. A. Chignell (6½) by 2.
 Lady Ursula Abbey and Capt. M. F. Buller (8½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1½) by 5.
 W. Wallace and W. Haynes (21) bt V. A. de la Nougerède and Miss V. E. Mills (4) by 4.

SECOND ROUND.

W. Longman and Sir Henry C. Prior (6½) bt Major J. R. Abbey and Mrs. F. R. Briggs (5) by 1 on time.
 Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (9½) bt Miss A. E. Mills and A. J. Cooper (4½) by 15.
 Miss E. J. Warwick and Miss J. Cooper (8) bt M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (3½) by 7.
 Major R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey (2½) bt J. G. Warwick and Mrs. G. P. Fitter (9½) by 12.
 E. A. Roper and A. A. Reed (10) bt Lady Ursula Abbey and Capt. M. F. Buller (8½) by 2.
 W. Wallace and W. Haynes (21) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and Mrs. W. Longman (3) by 7.
 Miss M. S. Carlyon and Mrs. E. Reeve (4½) bt Miss E. E. Bennett and Mrs. E. M. Temple (19½) by 12.
 Mrs. L. G. Walters and G. A. Black (13½) bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt and G. R. Mills (13½) by 10.

THIRD ROUND.

W. Longman and Sir Henry C. Prior (6½) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (9½) by 17.
 Major R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey (2½) bt Miss E. J. Warwick and Miss J. Cooper (8) by 10.
 E. A. Roper and A. A. Reed (10) bt W. Wallace and W. Haynes (21) by 7.
 Mrs. L. G. Walters and G. A. Black (13½) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon and Mrs. E. Reeve (4½) by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey (2½) bt W. Longman and Sir Henry C. Prior (6½) by 11.
 E. A. Roper and A. A. Reed (10) bt Mrs. L. G. Walters and G. A. Black (13½) by 3.

FINAL.

E. A. Roper and A. A. Reed (10) bt Major R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey (2½) by 8.

THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

Presented to the C.A. in 1934 by the late Trevor Williams, Esq.
 Holder—J. W. Solomon

For the eight best available players of the preceding twelve months in the C.A. invited by the Council of the C.A.

No Entrance Fee

Will be played for at the HURLINGHAM CLUB on Monday, September 5th, and following days

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager and Referee.—E. A. Roper.

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

Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6.

CONDITIONS

Hoops 3 11/16in. wide and Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used.
 The Council of the C.A. reserve the right to substitute hoops 3½in. wide at their discretion.

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

If a Competitor fails from any cause to play through the whole of the games in the series, his or her score in that series will be entirely eliminated from the Competition. No substitute will be permitted in either series in any circumstances after the Competition has once begun. Single games throughout provided that in the event of a tie in the score the possession of the Cup for the year will be decided by a match of three games.

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

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

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

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

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

THE SURREY CUP

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

Holder—G. E. Jackson

To be played for at the ROEHAMPTON CLUB on Monday, September 5th, and following days

Manager.—Mrs. I. H. Turketine.

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

For eight players invited by the Council to compete.

Conditions as for the President's Cup except that 3½in. hoops will be used.

HUNSTANTON

THE SIXTY-SECOND HUNSTANTON OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT

Will be held on the Club Grounds on Monday, August 29th, 1960 and five following days
 (Under C.A. Laws and Regulations)

Committee.—Mrs. Edmund Reeve, C. B. Bird, Miss Gillespie, Dr. Lewis.

Manager.—Miss Joan Warwick.

Referee and Handicapper.—Mr. J. G. Warwick.

Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. J. A. Clarke, 49 Northgate, Hunstanton.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES (Class "A"). Draw and Process. The Norfolk Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 11s.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES (Class "B"). Law 44 suspended. THE HUNSTANTON CHALLENGE BOWL. 4 to 8½ bisques. Entrance Fee, 9s.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (Class "C"). 9 bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. "X.Y." INGLEBY CHALLENGE CUP. Entrance Fee, 10s. 0d.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. No players of 4 handicap or less may partner each other. Entrance Fee, 9s.

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

CONDITIONS

Entries for 1, 2, 3 and 4, must reach the Secretary not later than the last post on Friday, August 26th, and for Event 5 on Tuesday, August 30th, with application for leave, which will not be granted after 12 noon on Monday, unless the exigencies of the Draw permit.

Entrance Fees must be paid at the time of entry.

PARKSTONE

Croquet Tournament

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th-17th, 1960

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

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of Parkstone Club.

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

Referee.—The Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith.

Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. M. McMordie, L.T. and Croquet Club, Salterns Road, Parkstone, Poole.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. "Two Lives" Bournemouth Bowl and Ashton Trophy. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Law 44 suspended. For players of 2½-6½ bisques inclusive. Dethon Cup. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players of 7 bisques and over. Halse Salver. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Unrestricted. Gold Cup. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d. each player.

CONDITIONS

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 must reach the Hon. Secretary by midday, Thursday, September 8th. The Draw will take place at the Club on that date.

No players may enter for more than one Event of Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Five or six courts will be provided and Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used. Standard 3½in. hoops.

Play will commence at 10 a.m. or earlier if necessary, and players must be prepared to play up to 7 p.m.

Lunch and tea is provided by the Club at moderate prices. Flat-soled shoes must be worn.

ROEHAMPTON CLUB

A CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held on

MONDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER, 1960

and five following days

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association) Committee.—Mr. J. B. Gilbert (Chairman), Miss D. A. Lintern (Captain), Col. C. C. Adams, M.C., Mrs. H. J. Collins, Mrs. Haigh Smith, Mrs. I. H. Turketine.

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

Handicapper.—The Croquet Handicapping Committee of the Roehampton Club.

Secretary.—Miss M. C. Adams (Games Secretary), Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. Draw and Process. The winner to hold the Ranelagh Gold Cup for one year. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
- 2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Single games. Open to Competitors with a handicap of 3½ or more. Entrance Fee, 10s. Winner to hold the Brooke Challenge Cup for one year.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Open to Competitors with a handicap of 9 bisques or more. Entrance Fee, 10s.

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

4.—"X" and "Y" HANDICAP SINGLES. In this event there will be a time limit of 3 hours in accordance with Reg. 13. Entrance Fee, 10s. The winners of "X" and "Y" hold the Creyke Cups for a year.

5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicap not less than scratch. Entrance Fee, 6s. 6d. each. Games start at the 5th hoop.

N.B.—The above Entrance Fees include the Croquet Association's levy.

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

CONDITIONS

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4, must reach the Games Secretary, accompanied by Entrance Fee, by the first post, Thursday, September 15th, 1960. Entries for Event 5 close at midday on Tuesday, September 20th, 1960. The draw for Events 1 to 4 will take place at the Club at 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 15th, 1960.

Play will commence at 10 a.m. daily.

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

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

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

There are facilities for playing Bridge at the Croquet Pavilion.

CHELTENHAM

N.O. Tournament, 1960

To be held on the Club lawns, Old Bath Road

on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th and FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS

Manager.—Mrs. Reeve.

Referee and Handicapper.—Miss Pauley.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. 2 lives. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. 3½ bisques or more. Entrance Fee, 6s. (Law 44 partially suspended).
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 6½-10½ bisques. Entrance Fee, 6s.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. THE CALTHROP CUP. Entrance Fee, 6s. 11 bisques or more.
- 5.—HANDICAP SINGLES. "X.Y." Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 6.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Entrance Fee, 6s.

Entries to Tournament Secretary, Cheltenham Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham, by midday, September 8th. Draw 2 p.m. same day. Cheques to be made payable to the Cheltenham Croquet Club. Play will begin daily at 10 a.m. or earlier if necessary. Light luncheons and teas available.

DEVONSHIRE PARK, EASTBOURNE

SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Fifty-third Annual Open Tournament will start on Monday, September 26th, and continue during the following two weeks

(Held under the Laws and Regulations of the C.A.)

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

Managers.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and Major J. H. Dibley.

Referee.—Mrs. E. Reeve.

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

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

Secretary.—The Secretary, Croquet Association, Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6 (to whom all entries with fees should be sent).

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 15s. 0d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by the late Mrs. A. C. Ionides: D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller
- 2.—MEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all men competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Gold Challenge Cup presented by the late Capt. C. L. O'Callaghan: L. Kirk-Greene.
- 3.—WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all women competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by the late Mrs. H. Franc: Mrs. E. Reeve.
- 4.—"B" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 2½ to 5½ bisques inclusive (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual challenge Silver Challenge Salver presented by the Devonshire Park Company: Mrs. H. F. Chittenden.
- 5.—"C" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 6 to 9½ bisques inclusive (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the Challenge Trophy presented by the late E. S. Luard, Esq.: Miss Forbes Cowan.
- 6.—"D" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 10 bisques or over (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Cup presented by the late Trevor Williams, Esq.: Mrs. G. Fitter.
- 7.—UNRESTRICTED LEVEL DOUBLES (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each competitor.
- 8.—RESTRICTED HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 2 bisques (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each competitor.
- 9.—HANDICAP SINGLES. To be drawn in one block. The Sussex Perpetual Challenge Cup (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
- 10.—LIMITED HANDICAP SINGLES. THE SUSSEX UNION CHALLENGE CUP. Limited to competitors handicapped at 3½ bisques or more. Competitors in this event may not enter for Events 1, 2, 3 or 7. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.

Twelve

CONDITIONS

1.—In Event 1, matches best of three games will be played throughout. In all other events matches of single games will be played.

2.—Competitors may not enter for more than two of Events 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

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

4.—Play in Events 1 and 4 will begin on Monday, September 26th; in Event 5 and 9 on Tuesday, September 27th; in Event 7 and 10 on Wednesday, September 28th; in Event 6 on Thursday, September 29th; in Events 2 and 3 not before Friday, September 30th; in Event 8 on Monday, October 3rd.

5.—Events 1 and 7 will be completed by Monday, October 3rd. Players in Events 2, 3 or 6 may enter for Event 9 on the understanding that they will not be called upon to play in that event before Friday, September 30th.

INFORMATION

ENTRIES.—Entries accompanied by Entrance Fees for all Events except 7 and 8 must reach the Secretary, The Croquet Association, Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6, by Tuesday, September 20th. (Do not send Entries to Devonshire Park.) Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to the Croquet Association.

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

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

DRAW.—The Draw for all Events except Events 7 and 8 will take place at the C.A. office, Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6, at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 21st. The Draw for Event 7 will take place at Devonshire Park at noon on Tuesday, September 27th, and for Event 8 at Devonshire Park at noon on Saturday, October 1st.

A number of shelter tents will be provided.

COURTS AND EQUIPMENT.—Ten courts will be provided at Devonshire Park and competitors must also be prepared to play on the courts at the Compton Club if required to do so. Jaques' "Eclipse" balls and hoops 3½ in. wide will be used.

PLAY.—Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily, or earlier if necessary, and will continue until daylight fails. Competitors in Events 1 and 4 will be notified, and must be prepared to play if they are required at 10 a.m. or some later time on Monday, September 26th.

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

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

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Granting of any leave must depend on the needs of the tournament.

HEELS.—Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

PRIZES.—In addition to the Challenge Trophies mentioned, two prizes will be given in each Event with 8 entries, and the number of other prizes will be in accordance with the number of entries.

The Challenge Trophies may be held by the winner for one year or until the next Tournament whichever is the shorter period.

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

PRACTICE AND FRIENDLY GAMES

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

DIRECTORY OF CLUBS

- A.E.R.E. Croquet Club—Secretary, Mr. D. Pepper, Chem.Eng.Div., Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, Didcot, Berks.
- All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club—Church Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19.
- Argideen Vale L.T. and Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Barrett, Mount Prospect, Bandon, Co. Cork.
- Barnes Sports Club—Hon. Secretary (Croquet Section), Mrs. M. E. Bernard, Lonsdale Road, Barnes, S.W.13.
- Barnstaple—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. F. M. Hurley, Buena Vista, Barbican Lane, Barnstaple, Devon.
- Bedford—Hon. Secretary, Miss D. D. Steel, King's Close, Biddenham, Bedford.
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- Bentley (Brentwood)—Hon. Secretary, F. Stanley-Smith, Hatch House, Pilgrims Hatch, Brentwood.
- Birmingham (Edgbaston)—Hon. Secretary, Dr. B. R. Sandiford, 150 Great Charles Street, Birmingham.
- Bowdon—Hon. Secretary, F. H. Bruges, 21 Burlington Road, Altrincham, Cheshire.
- Bristol Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Miss K. M. S. Ault, 10 Westbury Park, Bristol 6.
- British Rayon Research Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, E. M. Holroyd, 9 Lawrence Road, Hazel Grove, Stockport, Cheshire.
- Budleigh Salterton—Hon. Secretary, L. G. Walters, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton.
- Cambridge Municipal Parks Croquet—Mrs. P. E. Heley, 40 Newton Road, Cambridge.
- Carrickmines Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly, Ballynamote, Carrickmines, Dublin.
- Cassiobury (Watford)—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Owen, 109 Cassiobury Park Avenue, Watford, Herts.
- Chelmsford and Mid-Essex Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Miss G. Metcalfe, Yoredale, Finchley Avenue, Chelmsford.
- Cheltenham—Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- Colchester—Hon. Secretary, E. P. Duffield, Acland Lodge, Acland Avenue, Colchester.
- Compton (Eastbourne)—Hon. Secretary, C. J. Speer, 36c Upperton Gardens, Eastbourne, Sussex.
- Crouch Hill Recreation Club (85a Crouch Hill, N.4)—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. E. G. Simmonds, 7 Crouch Hall Road, Crouch End, N.8.
- Dulwich Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. R. L. Lydall, 17 Woodbourne Avenue, Streatham.
- East Dorset Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club (Parkstone)—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. J. A. McMordie, East Dorset L.T. & Croquet Club, Saltern's Road, Parkstone, Dorset.
- Edinburgh Croquet Club (Lauriston Castle)—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. R. V. Hall, Rock House, Calton Hill, Edinburgh 7.
- Exmouth Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club—Hon. Secretary, Lt.-Col. C. S. Lazenby, The Club House, Cranford, Exmouth.
- Folkestone L.T. and Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. T. D. Key, The Prince's Hotel, Bouverie Road West, Folkestone.
- Glasgow Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. R. MacA. Brown, 15 Clincarthill Road, Rutherglen, Glasgow.
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- Littlehampton Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Miss Hale, Elmer, St. Winifred's Road, Littlehampton.
- National Institute for Research in Dairying—Hon. Secretary, Dr. M. E. Gregory, Shinfield, Nr. Reading.
- Northern Lawn Tennis Club (Croquet Section) Didsbury, nr. Manchester—Hon. Secretary, Palatine Road, West Didsbury, Manchester 20.
- Norwich—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Edmund Reeve, Flat 2, Sandringham Court, Ipswich Road, Norwich.
- Nottingham Croquet Club—Tournament Secretary, G. N. Bright, 15 St. Jude's Avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham.
- Oxford University Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club—Hon. Secretary (Croquet Section), Mrs. S. H. Harvey, 13 St. Margaret's Road, Oxford.
- Parsons Green Sports and Social Club—Hon. Secretary, Croquet Section, Broomhouse Lane, London, S.W.6.
- Peterhouse Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Brian Astle, Peterhouse, Cambridge.
- Reigate Priory Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, L. W. Buckley, St. Monica, Alma Road, Reigate.
- Roehampton—The Secretary, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15.
- Rydal Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Hugh R. Hulbert, Rydal Mount, Ambleside.
- Ryde Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Comdr. J. Radford, R.D., R.N.R.(retd.), Leaholme, Appley Road, Ryde, I.O.W.
- Shepton Mallet—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. G. F. Blandford, Field View, Shepton Mallet.
- Sidmouth Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, c.o. Cricket Pavilion, Sidmouth.
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- St. Ives L.T. Club and Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, H. L. Branson, Ocean Breezes, St. Ives, Cornwall.
- Sussex County (Brighton) Croquet Club—Hon. Croquet Secretary, Miss M. J. Daldy, 10 Lansdowne Road, Hove 3, Sussex.
- Upton—Hon. Secretary, E. Brighthouse, 27 Heath Road, Upton, Wirral.
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- Woking Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Farm Hotel, Woking.