

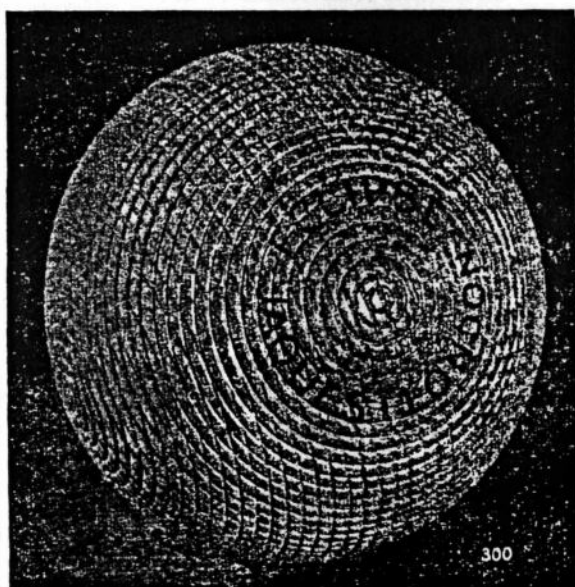
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Hurlingham Week of July 27th, 1953.

The following were invited to compete
 (those marked with a * were unable to accept).

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 Mrs. L. H. Ashton
 *Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey
 Miss D. A. Lintern
 *Mrs. W. Longman
 *Mrs. N. Oddie
 Mrs. E. Reeve
 Mrs. E. Rotherham
 Mrs. B. H. Wiggins
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July 23rd, 1953

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6 $\frac{1}{2}$ Mrs. A. E. Williams (Colchester)

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EDITORIAL NOTES

A New Open Champion

For some time now there has been a trio—a triumvirate perhaps—of exceptionally talented players; one of them, H. O. Hicks, has so often proved himself in the Open Championship to be the best player—for since the war he has won it five times, four times in succession. This is a record and one hard to beat. Now J. W. Solomon becomes the holder of this high honour, and we venture to say there has never been a more worthy recipient; nor can we remember, over a very long period, a player more completely equipped than this new Open Champion with such a variety of accurate strokes combined with a delicate touch—particularly in his approach to the hoop. We offer him our sincere congratulations.

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Golf Croquet

It has been decided to play the Competition for the Golf Croquet Cups during the Gilbey Cup Meeting at Roehampton Club instead of in the week of the President's Cup. The Gilbey Cup is played for from Thursday, August 13th, to Saturday, August 22nd. Intending competitors please note this alteration, and that their entries are to be in by first post on Friday, August 7th.

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Croquet Championship Meeting of Ireland

Mention of the above Championship recalls those outstanding Irishmen, Cyril and Herbert Corbally, C. L. O'Callaghan and P. Duff Matthews; and we can remember them arriving on the Sunday before the Open Championship week at Roehampton Club. This was known as "the Irish invasion," and the C.A. Year Book will show how often that invasion was crowned with success.

That eminently attractive player, P. Duff Matthews, was Open Champion four times, and we are glad to see his name as the holder now of the Championship of Ireland.

The Croquet Championship Meeting of Ireland will be held at the Carrickmines Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club from Saturday, August 15th, to Saturday, August 22nd.

There are four other Events besides the Championship of Ireland, including Handicap Doubles. Entries must be sent to reach the Club first post Tuesday, August 11th.

An International Match, England v. Ireland will be played on Sunday, August 23rd.

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+26 +26

A well known player of games expressed the opinion—after the final of the Open Championship—that there must be something wrong with a game when one of two players, both very much first-class, can inflict a defeat which leaves the vanquished pointless. There is, of course, nothing new about two twenty-sixes—except that, years ago, they were twenty-eights because of the two pegs. But it must not be overlooked that nowadays there are "lifts," and if the opponent, who has been sitting down while the inplayer goes round to 4-back, is clever enough to hit in from either of the two baulks he has the chance of doing the same.

Such is this cryptic game of ours that one good stroke, or one bad one, can win or lose a game—and not always by any means will the score be +26 +26.

There have been many games won with the score +1, and the trite but true saying that "a game is never won till both balls have hit the peg" expresses how far from being a one-sided affair croquet can be.

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Yard-line Balls

Though Law 24 speaks of "the yard-line" it does not actually exist—that is to say it is not marked out on the court. Nevertheless, the importance of placing a ball in play which has been sent off the court exactly one yard from the boundary, "directly opposite to the point" where it went off, must be recognized by the striker and rigidly adhered to.

There was an instance of this importance in the final of the Championship Doubles when there was a ball—not quite a yard-line ball—by Baulk-line A. Dr. Wiggins had a lift; a referee was called with a yard measure to say whether he could put his ball on a certain spot, touching the other ball, so as to get the advantage he wanted from the croquet stroke.

There are many instances of slipshod placing of balls that have been sent off the court; it should be realized that the game of croquet is made up of so many minute component parts—of which, placing the ball accurately on the yard-line is one. Failure to do this might even affect the ultimate result of the game.

THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS

ROEHAMPTON CLUB

July 6th—11th

This, the 63rd Championship Meeting, was played in a week of mostly boisterous weather, and there were times when play was held up on account of heavy rain standing on the surface of the courts. The entries again showed a slight decrease in those of the previous year, and, in consequence, there were names of minus players much missed.

The quality of the week's play was high, and we do not remember at this premier event so many triples either attempted or completed. C. G. Reid-Walker caught the eye, both as a new-comer to the Open Championship, and for his long accurate swing which reaped for him quite a harvest of long shots—and a three-game victory in the first round against F. H. Fisher. Another long match—against Dr. N. H. Oliver—took him to the last eight where his opponent's retirement made him a semi-finalist. Here, although opposed to the holder, H. O. Hicks, he made a good bid for the first game—but the second conclusively ended the match, and Hicks was a finalist.

Miss D. D. Steel had a two-game success against W. Longman; the second game was hotly contested—as the score suggests. Longman (in the previous round) won a long match of three games against Mrs. E. Rotherham. Hicks reached the semi-final as a result of beating Mrs. E. Reeve, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Miss Steel without the loss of a game. The meeting of Miss D. A. Lintern and J. W. Solomon, in the first round, found the old Carthusian in aggressive mood; in the first game fortune fluctuated but an attempted quadruple may have accounted for this. The second game was a decisive +26—adorned by a clever triple. Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, after playing two games against Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton—with scores identical with Solomon's against Miss Lintern—gave Solomon in the next round a close match of two games. Solomon tried a triple which failed; Wiggins pegged out Solomon's rover, but broke down at the 4th hoop, and Solomon shot in and went out. The second game was won by a late but very skilful triple. C. W. R. Hodges, before meeting Solomon, had defeated Major J. W. Cobb in a close three-game match—and then Mrs. B. H. Wiggins, who had helped herself to a good triple-peel in the second game against G. Williams.

Solomon prevented Hodges from entering the semi-final by means of two games; he did a triple in the first game, but, in the second, the attempt failed to mature at the rover hoop.

Col. C. C. Adams did not require a third game against M. B. Reckitt, which strongly suggests that he was playing better than his opponent. Again, in the next round, Adams against E. P. C. Cotter, the two games that went to Cotter were not won easily. But Cotter had tried a quadruple in the first game that failed; he did a fine triple in the second. Mrs. L. C. Apps was playing well against Col. J. G. Clarke, though the second of the two scores indicates a close game. Cotter became a semi-finalist, after two games, opposed to Mrs. Apps.

We have recorded the passage of Hicks to the final; and now we give some account of the much looked forward to match which was to decide whether Cotter—as last year—was to meet the holder in the final, or Solomon.

Cotter had all the play in the first game, and, though there was no triple, it was a delightfully accurate display of croquet. The second game very soon showed, Solomon in play; but it was some time before he established a definite advantage, and there were not quite the same fluent breaks that we had seen from his opponent's mallet in the previous game. Nevertheless it was delightful entertainment—fine examples of touch and accurate approaches.

The final clash was remarkable for a change in its opening. Cotter went off near the fourth corner, Solomon shot at this ball and missed it; Cotter shot at the two balls—but left the 3-ball target for Solomon, which he hit, and developed a break to 1-back. Here it stopped, letting Cotter in with all the ingredients necessary for a break from the first hoop. So near, however, had he rushed one of the enemy balls to the non-playing side of the hoops that he could only get round to the playing side to what looked to be an impossible position. He attempted the hoop, and the failure to run it gave Solomon the break from this first hoop. It took him to 4-back—peeling his other ball through 1-back on the way—and, as there was no intervention from Cotter's mallet, the remaining points were soon made and Solomon was the other finalist.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

H. O. Hicks *versus* J. W. Solomon

Solomon hit the tice, and Hicks, having missed the shot, a three-ball break was in progress—soon after to be assisted by the fourth ball. Spectators were treated to an exceptional display of touch and ball control. Solomon, having peeled his partner ball through the first hoop, put his clips on 4-back and the second. It seemed as if he had left one enemy ball rather near B baulk; but Hicks ignored this, and hit one of a two-ball target in the fourth corner, from B baulk. Though this should have meant a break he failed at the first hoop. Solomon hit the long shot and laid for his hoop—the second. Hicks went to first corner, and, the break having been postponed, he again took up that position. Now the stage was set to Solomon's liking—Hicks shot but missed; again Solomon played a beautiful break, and the triple was started with a lovely peel through 4-back when he was for 1-back. Again, the peel through the penultimate, when for 3-back, was a great shot; there was a slight blemish on this triple of otherwise fine quality when the mallet-ball just touched its partner after making the rover hoop—though this did not affect the score, +26.

In the second game Solomon hit his tice and started a 2-ball break to the third hoop. Hicks missed a shot from B baulk, followed by a 4-yard shot missed by Solomon—and a 10-yard miss by Hicks on his opponent's ball. This was the key to a break of high quality from Solomon to 4-back (complete with the peel of his partner through the first hoop). Hicks went to the first corner, but Solomon, after making the second hoop, broke down. However, he hit one of his opponent's balls near the first hoop—a fine long shot. From this Solomon started a perfectly controlled break combined with a triple—the three peels were completed before 3-back was made—and Solomon became the Open Champion of 1953.

THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Though in this most important event the entries were not as good as last year there were several formidable couples—including the holders, Hicks and Wiggins, and the runners-up Cotter and Solomon. It was good to see the Longmans competing again in this event, and there were partnerships this year quite different from those of last.

We saw a very remarkable game in the first round when the Elveys were opposed to the holders. Last year they met in the semi-final and were decisively beaten. Now they started an uphill attack when their opponents' clips were on 4-back—Wiggins having failed there. Elvey, with a good break, also arrived at 4-back. Then Mrs. Elvey was allowed to play, and she played really well; but, after 3-back, she missed a short roquet when she seemed certain to be going to the peg. What, at one time, had all the appearance of a sensational reverse, ended in a very honourable defeat for the Elveys.

There was a quick game—especially for Doubles—when Cotter and Solomon beat Mrs. Rotherham and Mrs.

Reeve in three-quarters of an hour. Reckitt and Col. Clarke had a very narrow win over Miss D. D. Steel and Fisher; but they could make little impression on Cotter and Solomon in the next round. Miss Lintern and Mrs. B. Wiggins beat the Longmans as decisively as they were beaten in the next round—the semi-final—by the holders.

The final provided a most interesting game—Hicks and Wiggins *versus* Cotter and Solomon, as last year. Hicks soon had a clip on 4-back, Cotter missed the shot. Wiggins then played good croquet till he reached 2-back, where he only just made that hoop. The lift was threatening, for an enemy ball was close to baulk behind 2-back; Wiggins tried to hit this ball with his own which was only just on the non-playing side of 2-back—instead he hit the hoop only. This gave Cotter a ready-made 3-ball break, and he went to 4-back—peeling his partner through the first. The shot was missed. Solomon started his break from the second hoop and collected the balls for a triple, but after the fifth hoop he was baulked from hitting the assistant ball. Hicks hit in and went to the peg; Solomon first cornered. Wiggins made 3-back, but failed to progress further at once; later he made 4-back and removed the two balls from the first corner—but he sent one ball off. Solomon was in, but again, after the sixth hoop, he could hit nothing. Then very soon he collected the balls and pegged Hicks out. Cotter made 4-back but over-ran the penultimate; Wiggins was in from a ball in Baulk A from which he got, very cleverly, a good position for his penultimate hoop. He ran this, and the peg, having allowed the ball to pass it, he found himself in good—but rather remote—position for the rover. This he also ran to the boundary, and the next moment the click of ball on peg told him that he and his partner were again the holders of the Championship Doubles. A most sensational finish.

Reckitt here added the Association Plate to his successes in the "Du Pre" Cup and Handicap Singles at Hurlingham. Mrs. Reeve, however, kept the issue in doubt for some time and put up opposition of considerable quality.

Bernard Wiggins gave another example of good management—courtesy and firmness blended—when in charge of the Championships Meeting.

THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP.

FIRST ROUND.

C. G. Reid-Walker bt F. H. Fisher +4 —9 +2.
W. Longman bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +9 —12 +17.
Miss D. D. Steel w.o. G. V. Evans opponent scratched.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Capt. H. G. Stokes +17 —2 +26.
H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. E. Reeve +26 +20.
J. W. Solomon bt Miss D. A. Lintern +14 +26.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton +14 +26.
C. W. R. Hodges bt Major J. W. Cobb +11 —7 +10.
Mrs. B. H. Wiggins bt G. Williams +21 +26.
Col. C. C. Adams bt M. B. Reckitt +19 +13.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury bt Mrs. W. Longman —10 +13 opponent retired.
C. G. Reid-Walker bt Dr. N. Oliver —8 +8 +2.
Miss D. D. Steel bt W. Longman +17 +3.
H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +19 +16.
J. W. Solomon bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +11 +4.
C. W. R. Hodges bt Mrs. B. H. Wiggins +9 +14.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Col. C. C. Adams +12 +16.
Mrs. L. C. Apps bt Col. J. G. Clarke +14 +15.

THIRD ROUND.

C. G. Reid Walker bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury +1 opponent retired.
H. O. Hicks bt Miss D. D. Steel +26 +21.
J. W. Solomon bt C. W. R. Hodges +21 +10.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. L. C. Apps +19 +20.

SEMI-FINAL.

H. O. Hicks bt C. G. Reid-Walker +10 +25.
J. W. Solomon bt E. P. C. Cotter —26 +22 +26.

FINAL.

J. W. Solomon bt H. O. Hicks +26 +26.

THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

(8 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

M. B. Reckitt and Col. J. G. Clarke bt F. H. Fisher and Miss D. D. Steel by 4.
 E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. E. Reeve by 26.
 H. O. Hicks and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 7.
 Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. B. H. Wiggins bt W. Longman and Mrs. W. Longman by 20.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt M. B. Reckitt and Col. J. G. Clarke by 26.
 H. O. Hicks and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. B. H. Wiggins by 20.

FINAL.

H. O. Hicks and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon by 4.

THE ASSOCIATION PLATE.

(Variation "B").

(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Major J. W. Cobb bt Mrs. W. Longman by 11.
 Col. C. C. Adams bt Mrs. B. H. Wiggins by 11.
 M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 5.
 The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. E. Reeve bt G. Williams by 19.
 Major J. W. Cobb bt Col. C. C. Adams by 8.
 M. B. Reckitt bt F. H. Fisher by 17.
 Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. Reeve bt Major J. W. Cobb by 17.
 M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 9.

FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. E. Reeve by 15.

DRAWN—AND SLAUGHTERED

Round the courts for years I've potted,
 Being either Hicksed or Cotted.

Twenty-six and twenty-six;
 Two more flawless games by Hicks.

Cotter then performs his hat-trick;
 Two more triple peels to Patrick.

Where's the tournament there's not a
 Humphrey Hicks or Patrick Cotter?

Ah! here's one where neither plays;
 Put me in the Open "As."

Now I ought to get some fun . . .
 "You play Solomon—Court one!"

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I won't enter any more
 Till they let me seed the Draw.

M. BEAR

BEDFORD

I wonder why more people do not come and play in the Bedford Tournament, they would find a very warm welcome awaiting them. We are really spoilt—not only is coffee taken out to the players during the morning but at tea time tables are brought to the side of the court for them to enjoy a lovely tea.

There are five excellent courts in very pleasant surroundings and added to which we have Miss D. D. Steel's most efficient and considerate management. What more could one want?

I will not bore you with any details of the play, you can gather from the score sheets all that you require to know.

It was greatly regretted by everybody, that Mr. Wood-Hill, who has done so much to help the Club, had to leave early owing to illness. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

OPEN SINGLES.

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TOM DICKSON CHALLENGE CUP.

THE DRAW.

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. A. G. Stephens bt F. H. Fisher by 7.
 Miss E. Steel bt T. Wood-Hill by 1.
 Canon A. J. W. Pym bt Miss M. C. Macaulay by 23.
 G. H. Mason bt H. C. Davey by 17.

SECOND ROUND.

Rev. H. B. W. Denison bt E. V. Carpmael by 17.
 Mrs. A. G. Stephens bt Miss E. Steel by 8.
 Canon A. J. W. Pym bt G. H. Mason by 3.
 J. G. Warwick bt Miss M. J. Daldy by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

Rev. H. B. W. Denison bt Mrs. A. G. Stephens by 12.
 J. G. Warwick bt Canon A. J. W. Pym by 8.

FINAL.

Rev. H. B. W. Denison bt J. G. Warwick by 16.

PROCESS.

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

F. H. Fisher bt Miss M. J. Daldy by 23.
 G. H. Mason bt E. V. Carpmael by 17.
 J. G. Warwick bt Canon A. J. W. Pym by 15.
 Rev. H. B. W. Denison bt H. C. Davey by 22.

SECOND ROUND.

F. H. Fisher bt Miss M. C. Macaulay by 12.
 T. Wood-Hill bt G. H. Mason by 3.
 Mrs. A. G. Stephens bt J. G. Warwick by 18.
 Miss E. Steel bt Rev. H. B. W. Denison by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

F. H. Fisher bt T. Wood-Hill by 11.
 Miss E. Steel bt Mrs. A. G. Stephens by 2.

FINAL.

F. H. Fisher bt Miss E. Steel by 10.

PLAY-OFF.

F. H. Fisher bt Rev. H. B. W. Denison retired.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "B").

(4 Bishes and over).

THE STEEL CUP.

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) bt Miss D. N. Towle (6) by 12.
 Miss H. D. Parker (7) bt Mrs. K. F. I. Eakin (7) by 12.
 Miss J. Warwick (7½) bt Mrs. K. Fyleman (14) by 10.
 Canon G. A. Green (9) bt W. J. Dixon (9) by 16.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. P. E. Heley (6½) bt Mrs. F. England-Smith (9) by 18.
 Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) bt Miss H. D. Parker (7) by 12.
 Miss J. Warwick (7½) bt Canon G. A. Green (9) by 15.
 Mrs. F. A. Ellard (10) bt Mrs. J. F. Bliss (10) by 15.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. P. E. Heley (6½) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) by 8.
 Miss J. Warwick (7½) bt Mrs. F. A. Ellard (10) by 5.

FINAL.

Mrs. P. E. Heley (6½) bt Miss J. Warwick (7½) by 6.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(Unrestricted).

(22 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss M. C. Macaulay (3½) bt Mrs. F. A. Ellard (10) by 2.
 Rev. H. B. W. Denison (0) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) by 11.
 Mrs. K. F. I. Eakin (7) bt Miss J. Warwick (7½) by 4.
 Miss M. J. Daldy (—1) bt Mrs. K. Fyleman (14) by 15.
 Mrs. P. E. Heley (6½) bt Mrs. J. E. Bliss (10) by 26.
 Mrs. A. G. Stephens (1½) bt H. C. Davey (2) by 14.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. F. England-Smith (9) bt E. V. Carpmal (1½) by 3.
 Miss E. Steel (1) bt F. H. Fisher (—1½) by 8.
 G. H. Mason (—½) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (3½) by 8.
 Rev. H. B. W. Denison (0) bt Mrs. K. F. I. Eakin (7) by 9.
 Mrs. P. E. Heley (6½) bt Miss M. J. Daldy (—1) by 15.
 T. Wood-Hill (1½) w.o. Mrs. A. G. Stephens (1½) scratched.
 Miss H. D. Parker (7) bt Canon A. J. W. Pym (½) by 8.
 Canon G. A. Green (9) bt Miss D. N. Towle (6) by 6.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss E. Steel (1) bt Mrs. F. England-Smith (9) by 14.
 G. H. Mason (—½) bt Rev. H. B. W. Denison (0) by 2.
 Mrs. P. E. Heley (6½) w.o. T. Wood-Hill (1½) scratched.
 Miss H. D. Parker (7) w.o. Canon G. A. Green (9) scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. H. Mason (—½) bt Miss E. Steel (1) by 12.
 Mrs. P. E. Heley (6½) bt Miss H. D. Parker (7) by 3.

FINAL.

Mrs. P. E. Heley (6½) bt G. H. Mason (—½) by 13.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Combined Handicaps not less than 1 Bisque).

THE BARRON CUPS.

(9 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. A. G. Stephens and Miss M. C. Macaulay (5) bt E. V. Carpmal and Mrs. F. A. Ellard (11½) by ???.

SECOND ROUND.

Canon A. J. W. Pym and Miss D. N. Towle (6½) bt J. W. Dixon and Mrs. C. M. Turner (18) by 15.
 Mrs. A. G. Stephens and Miss M. C. Macaulay (5) bt Miss E. Steel and Mrs. K. Fyleman (13) by 8.
 Rev. H. B. W. Denison and Canon G. A. Green (9) bt G. H. Mason and T. Wood-Hill (1) by 21.
 Miss M. J. Daldy and Miss H. D. Parker (6) bt F. H. Fisher and Mrs. K. F. I. Eakin (5½) by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. A. G. Stephens and Miss M. C. Macaulay (5) bt Canon A. J. W. Pym and Miss D. N. Towle (6½) by 3.
 Miss M. J. Daldy and Miss H. D. Parker (6) bt Rev. H. B. W. Denison and Canon G. A. Green (9) by 8.

FINAL.

Mrs. A. G. Stephens and Miss M. C. Macaulay (5) bt Miss M. J. Daldy and Miss H. D. Parker (6) by 5.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

Budleigh Salterton is a long way from the other Croquet centres and yet, year after year, it attracts croquet enthusiasts from everywhere. Why? The answer surely is that it is such a happy jolly tournament. The recruit is quickly made to feel at home, and the old hand meets his or her friends, and under the sure touch of Mrs. Edmund Reeve's able management, every player is certain of a "square deal."

The lawns this year showed marked improvement, and after the rain, were appreciably easier than they often have been.

The entry this year was well up to the mark, and thoroughly representative: it is pleasing to record that there were many "C's", for the "C" Class is the recruit Class.

There were many interesting and exciting matches and near finishes as a glance at the score sheet will show. Games won by 1, 2, 3, etc., were numerous, indicating real good fights. Sometimes such games are a greater joy to the spectators than the players: in any case close finishes add to the fun, especially in the Handicap Doubles.

In order to introduce a spice of criticism, we would suggest that such a habitually high class "A Opens" as Budleigh Salterton attracts, merits the game as played in the championships, instead of the somewhat insipid Variation B. The suggestion that this game takes much longer does not appear to be supported by facts, and it certainly gives much more encouragement to good play.

It is pleasing to record that the Budleigh Salterton Club's croquet section, thanks to the energy of Mrs. Rotherham, Major Stone, Colonel Cave, and others is strongly on the up-grade. There are new and young enthusiasts and others strongly attracted to the game, and likely to take it up.

As to the play in the tournament, H. O. Hicks showed his accustomed brilliance. He has a wonderful way of treating six-yarders as short roquets, and picking off long shots at the psychological moment. Then Major Stone has not lost his capacity to run a hoop to the opposite boundary and continue his break with a long roquet of terrifying distance. Others who distinguished themselves by playing excellent croquet were, among the women, Mrs. Ashton, Mrs. Elvey and Miss Ault who won the large "C" Event, and among the men, Major Abbey, Brigadier-General Fellows, M. B. Reckitt and Commander G. V. G. Beamish who won the "B" Singles. This is just to pick out a few names, but there were many others who played extremely well.

Many thanks are due to Mrs. Reeve for her excellent management, to that able Secretary Col. Cave, and to the charming ladies who produced such appetising lunches and teas. Altogether a most enjoyable week.

By the way, it was extremely pleasing to see our old friend, Mr. Horsley, recovered from his recent illness, among the spectators. Still more pleasing to hear him say that he hopes to play later on.

OPEN SINGLES.

THE COLMAN CUP.

THE DRAW.

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Major G. F. Stone bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 7.
 M. B. Reckitt bt Major J. R. Abbey by 7.
 Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 23.
 Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey by 23.
 W. W. S. Escott bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 15.
 J. K. Brown bt C. B. Bird by 20.

SECOND ROUND.

Major G. F. Stone bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 21.
 Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt M. B. Reckitt by 9.
 W. W. S. Escott bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows by 13.
 H. O. Hicks bt J. K. Brown by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major G. F. Stone bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 14.
 H. O. Hicks bt W. W. S. Escott by 26.

FINAL.

H. O. Hicks bt Major G. F. Stone by 26.

PROCESS.

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

C. B. Bird bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 13.
 Major G. F. Stone bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 19.
 Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 4.
 J. K. Brown bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey by 8.
 H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 24.
 Mrs. E. Rotherham bt W. W. S. Escott by 7.

SECOND ROUND.

Major G. F. Stone bt C. B. Bird by 21.
 Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows bt M. B. Reckitt by 2.
 Major J. R. Abbey bt J. K. Brown by 9.
 H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 24.

SEMI-FINAL.

Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows w.o. Major G. F. Stone opponent retired.
 H. O. Hicks bt Major J. R. Abbey by 25.

FINAL.

H. O. Hicks bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows by 4.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

THE LONGMAN CUP.

(1 to 5 Bisques).

(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. D. H. C. MacArthur bt Dr. G. L. Stanley by 13.

SECOND ROUND.

Comdr. D. W. Roe bt Mrs. S. Phillips by 10.
 Miss A. E. Mills bt Capt. G. R. Bald by 22.
 Mrs. D. E. Chorlton bt Miss J. Birch by 19.
 Miss V. E. Mills bt Mrs. D. H. C. MacArthur by 3.
 Mrs. H. J. Philpot bt Mrs. W. A. Traill by 2.
 Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmores by 1.
 Lady Ursula Abbey bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs by 4.
 Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin bt Miss M. K. Haslam by 23.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss A. E. Mills bt Comdr. D. W. Roe by 13.
 Mrs. D. E. Chorlton bt Miss V. E. Mills by 5.
 Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot by 21.
 Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin bt Lady Ursula Abbey by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss A. E. Mills bt Mrs. D. E. Chorlton by 26.
 Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin by 14.

FINAL.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Miss A. E. Mills by 24.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(5½ Bisques and over).

(21 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss S. Gough (14) bt Mrs. H. C. Willock-Pollen (7) by 19.
 Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) bt Lt.-Col. Picton-Turbervill (12) by 11.
 Mrs. K. Eakin (7) bt Mrs. H. T. Farris (6½) by 4.
 Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) bt W. J. Dixon (10) by 15.
 G. Alexander (10) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (8½) by 10.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss K. Ault (5½) bt Major L. Price-Harris (7) by 4.
 Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) bt Mrs. W. L. Machell (8) by 3.
 G. A. Black (11) bt Miss S. Gough (14) by 4.
 Mrs. K. Eakin (7) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) by 10.
 Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) bt G. Alexander (10) by 1.
 Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (8½) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7½) by 18.
 Mrs. R. Jones Bateman (14) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (8) by 10.
 Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (6) bt Mrs. D. W. Roe (7) by 5.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss K. Ault (5½) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 7.
 G. A. Black (11) bt Mrs. K. Eakin (7) by 2.
 Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (8½) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) by 10.
 Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (6) bt Mrs. R. Jones Bateman (14) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss K. Ault (5½) bt G. A. Black (11) by 7.
 Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (8½) bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (6) by 10.

FINAL.

Miss K. Ault (5½) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (8½) by 12.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

THE OLIVER CHALLENGE BOWL.

(49 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (6) bt Miss A. E. Mills (3) by 10.
 G. A. Black (11) bt Lt.-Col. I. Picton-Turbervill (12) by 13.
 Comdr. D. W. Roe (2) bt Mrs. D. H. C. MacArthur (3) by 6.
 Miss K. Ault (5½) bt Capt. G. R. Bald (7) by 1.
 Major G. F. Stone (—3½) bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) by 13.
 Mrs. L. G. Waters (7) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) by 10.
 Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2) bt Mrs. K. Eakin (7) by 6.
 M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7½) by 5.
 Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (3½) bt Mrs. H. T. Farris (6½) by 2.
 Miss V. E. Mills (3½) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot (3) by 7.
 Dr. G. L. Stanley (2) bt Miss M. K. Haslam (1½) by 19.
 Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (4) bt Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (3½) by 15.
 Lady Ursula Abbey (5) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) by 15.
 W. W. S. Escott (—½) bt Major L. Price Harris (7) by 8.
 Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (7½) bt Miss S. Gough (14) by 20.
 Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (—1) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) by 10.
 Mrs. W. A. Traill (4) w.o. Mrs. W. L. Machell (8) opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

Col. D. W. Beamish (—½) bt Mrs. D. W. Roe (7) by 9.
 Mrs. L. H. Ashton (—2) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) by 19.
 Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (3) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (2) by 8.
 Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (6) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (8½) by 14.
 G. A. Black (11) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe (2) by 6.
 Miss K. Ault (5½) bt Major G. F. Stone (—3½) by 23.
 Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2) bt Mrs. L. G. Walters (7) by 11.
 M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (3½) by 6.
 Miss V. E. Mills (3½) w.o. Dr. G. L. Stanley (2) opponent scratched.
 Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (4) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (5) by 5.
 Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (8½) bt W. W. S. Escott (—½) by 20.
 Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (—1) bt Mrs. W. A. Traill (4) by 2.
 G. Alexander (10) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (8) by 6.
 Miss M. S. Carlyon (½) bt Miss J. Birch (4½) by 8.
 J. K. Brown (½) w.o. Mrs. H. C. Willock-Pollen (7) opponent scratched.
 Major J. R. Abbey (1) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 20.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton (—2) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (—½) by 7.
 Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (3) bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (6) by 9.
 G. A. Black (11) bt Miss K. Ault (5½) by 2.
 M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2) by 9.
 Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (4) bt Miss V. E. Mills (3½) by 11.
 Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (8½) bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (—1) by 7.
 G. Alexander (10) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (½) by 12.
 Major J. R. Abbey (1) bt J. K. Brown (½) by 17.

FOURTH ROUND.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton (—2) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (3) by 8.
 M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt G. A. Black (11) by 4.
 Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (4) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (8½) by 10.
 Major J. R. Abbey (1) bt G. Alexander (10) by 3.

SEMI-FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton (—2) by 16.
 Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (4) bt Major J. R. Abbey (1) by 17.

FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (4) by 11.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

LE MESSURIER CHALLENGE CUPS.

(No two minus players to play together).

FIRST ROUND.

Col. D. W. Beamish and Mrs. L. G. Walters (6½) bt Mrs. W. A. Traill and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (11½) by 4.
 Major G. F. Stone and Miss V. E. Mills (0) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon and Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2½) by 8.
 Mrs. H. J. Philpot and Mrs. C. A. Bishop (11) bt G. A. Black and F. Liversey (21) by 5.
 W. W. S. Escott and Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (2½) bt H. O. Hicks and Miss K. Ault (0) by 1.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Col. G. E. Cave (5½) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Lady Ursula Abbey (3) by 4.
 Miss M. K. Haslam and Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (5½) bt Mrs. D. E. Chorlton and Miss W. L. Stevenson (12½) by 1.
 M. B. Reckitt and W. J. Dixon (7) bt Mrs. D. H. C. MacArthur and Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (9) by 10.
 Major G. F. Stone and Miss V. E. Mills (0) bt Col. D. W. Beamish and Mrs. L. G. Walters (6½) by 10.
 W. W. S. Escott and Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (2½) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot and Mrs. C. A. Bishop (11) by 8.
 Mrs. L. H. Ashton and Dr. G. L. Stanley (0) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe and Mrs. D. W. Roe (9) by 1 on time.
 J. K. Brown and Miss A. E. Mills (3½) bt Capt. G. R. Bald and G. Alexander (17) by 9.
 Major J. R. Abbey and Capt. M. Buller (9) bt Mrs. K. Eakin and Mrs. C. M. Turner (16) by 10.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. M. K. Haslam and Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (5½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Col. G. E. Cave (5½) by 5.
 Major G. F. Stone and Miss V. E. Mills (0) bt M. B. Reckitt and W. J. Dixon (7) by 3.
 Mrs. L. H. Ashton and Dr. G. L. Stanley (0) bt W. W. S. Escott and Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (2½) by 3.
 J. K. Brown and Miss A. E. Mills (3½) bt Major J. R. Abbey and Capt. M. Buller (9) by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major G. F. Stone and Miss V. E. Mills (0) bt Miss M. K. Haslam and Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (5½) by 15.
 Mrs. L. H. Ashton and Dr. G. L. Stanley (0) bt J. K. Brown and Miss A. E. Mills (3½) by 2.

FINAL.

Major G. F. Stone and Miss V. E. Mills (0) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton and Dr. G. L. Stanley (0) by 3 on time.

BUXTON

The North of England Tournament at Buxton last week was played in lovely weather, with the exception of a thunderstorm on the Friday afternoon which stopped play for two hours.

The lawns, in their very beautiful setting, were looking their best.

There were some very interesting and closely fought-out matches, and although the entry was a reasonably good one, some disappointment was felt that more players from the South had not ventured North this year.

Excellent teas and elevenses were provided by Mrs. Dean and her helpers, to whom we were all grateful, and the thanks of the players are due to Miss Steel for her able management of the Tournament, and also to Mrs. Chorlton for all her hard work as Secretary.

D. SCHOFIELD,

Southport.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE NORTH OF ENGLAND.

OPEN SINGLES.

("Two Lives" System).

THE DRAW.

(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Dr. Sandiford bt Mrs. Briggs by 17.
 J. N. Lovett bt H. O. Hodgson by 25.
 Mrs. Curnick bt R. H. Newton by 13.
 Brig.-Gen. Fellows w.o. Mrs. Fotiadi scratched.
 J. K. Brown bt T. Wood-Hill by 11.

SECOND ROUND.

R. Faulkner bt Dr. Sandiford by 9.
 J. N. Lovett bt Mrs. Curnick by 10.
 Brig.-Gen. Fellows bt J. K. Brown by 3.
 Miss D. D. Steel bt W. T. Bell by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.

J. N. Lovett bt R. Faulkner by 2.
 Miss D. D. Steel bt Brig.-Gen. Fellows by 22.

FINAL.

J. N. Lovett w.o. Miss D. D. Steel retired.

PROCESS.

(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. Curnick w.o. Miss D. D. Steel scratched.
 Dr. Sandiford bt T. Wood-Hill by 26.
 R. Faulkner bt Brig.-Gen. Fellows by 15.
 Mrs. Fotiadi bt W. T. Bell by 7.
 J. K. Brown bt Mrs. Briggs by 26.

SECOND ROUND.

Dr. Sandiford bt Mrs. Curnick by 26.
 R. Faulkner bt H. O. Hodgson by 24.
 J. N. Lovett bt Mrs. Fotiadi by 18.
 J. K. Brown bt R. H. Newton by 15.

SEMI-FINAL.

R. Faulkner bt Dr. Sandiford by 11.
 J. K. Brown bt J. N. Lovett by 1.

FINAL.

R. Faulkner bt J. K. Brown by 24.

PLAY-OFF.

R. Faulkner bt J. N. Lovett by 23.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

(3½ Bisesques and over).

(7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. A. L. Megson bt N. L. Bright by 1.
 J. Hunter bt Miss A. Lockton by 24.
 Miss Schofield bt Mrs. Wallwork by 18.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. A. L. Megson bt J. Hunter by 22.
 Miss D. Schofield bt Mrs. D. E. Chorlton by 7.

FINAL.

Miss D. Schofield bt Mrs. A. L. Megson by 12.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

("X.Y.Z." System).

EVENT "X".

(24 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

T. Wood-Hill (1½) bt Mrs. Fotiadi (2) by 1.
 A. L. Megson (1½) bt N. L. Bright (4) by 3.
 Mrs. Wallwork (7) bt Miss Ruthven (14) by 10.
 Mrs. Curnick (1½) bt W. T. Bell (3) by 1.
 Miss Roebuck (7) bt Mrs. Oram (5) by 19.
 Mrs. Briggs (2) bt H. O. Hodgson (½) by 15.
 R. H. Newton (3) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson (4½) by 1.
 J. K. Brown (½) bt Miss Lockton (4) by 8.

SECOND ROUND.

J. Hunter (5*) bt J. N. Lovett (0) by 14.
 Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (4) bt Miss D. Schofield (3½) by 14.
 T. Wood-Hill (1½) bt A. L. Megson (1½) by 17.
 Mrs. Curnick (1½) bt Mrs. Wallwork (7) by 13.
 Mrs. Briggs (2) bt Miss Roebuck (7) by 3.
 J. K. Brown (½) bt R. H. Newton (3) by 14.
 Dr. Sandiford (2) bt Miss D. D. Steel (—4) by 26.
 Brig.-Gen. Fellows (—1) bt Mrs. Robinson (9) by 7.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (4) bt J. Hunter (5*) by 5.
 T. Wood-Hill (1½) bt Mrs. Curnick (1½) by 5.
 J. K. Brown (½) bt Mrs. Briggs (2) by 3.
 Dr. Sandiford (2) bt Brig.-Gen. Fellows (—1) by 24.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (4) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 14.
 J. K. Brown (½) bt Dr. Sandiford (2) by 24.

FINAL.

J. K. Brown (½) bt Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (4) by 11.

EVENT "Y".

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. Fotiadi (2) bt N. L. Bright (4) by 15.
 W. T. Bell (3) bt Miss Ruthven (14) by 8.
 H. O. Hodgson (½) bt Mrs. Oram (5) by 4.
 Mrs. A. L. Megson (4½) bt Miss A. Lockton (4) by 18.

SECOND ROUND.

J. N. Lovett (0) bt Miss D. Schofield (3½) by 20.
 Mrs. Fotiadi (2) bt W. T. Bell (3) by 15.
 Mrs. A. L. Megson (4½) bt H. O. Hodgson (½) by 6.
 Mrs. Robinson w.o. Miss D. D. Steel retired.

SEMI-FINAL.

J. N. Lovett (0) bt Mrs. Fotiadi (2) by 22.
 Mrs. A. L. Megson (4½) bt Mrs. Robinson (9) by 22.

FINAL.

J. N. Lovett (0) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson (4½) by 16.

EVENT "Z".

(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. Wallwork (7) bt J. Hunter (5) by 3.
 Miss A. Lockton (4) bt Miss M. Roebuck (7) by 16.

SECOND ROUND.

N. L. Bright (4) bt Miss Ruthven (14) by 1.
 Mrs. Wallwork (7) bt Miss Lockton (4) by 22.
 Miss D. Schofield (3½) bt A. L. Megson (1½) by 2.
 Brig.-Gen. Fellows (—1) bt R. H. Newton (3) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. Wallwork (7) bt N. L. Bright (4) by 14.
 Brig.-Gen. Fellows (—1) bt Miss Schofield (3½) by 5.

FINAL.

Mrs. Wallwork (7) bt Brig.-Gen. Fellows (—1) retired.
 (Brig.-Gen. Fellows retired when Mrs. Wallwork was 11 points ahead with 1 bisque in hand.)

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Unrestricted).

(11 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Dr. Sandiford and Mrs. Wallwork (9) bt R. H. Newton and Miss Lockton (7) by 8.
 Mrs. A. L. Megson and Mrs. Fotiadi (6½) bt N. L. Bright and Mrs. Robinson (13) by 10.
 Brig.-Gen. Fellows and T. Wood-Hill (½) bt H. O. Hodgson and Mrs. Dean (10½) by 7.

SECOND ROUND.

J. N. Lovett and J. K. Brown (½) bt Mrs. Curnick and Mrs. Briggs (3½) by 1.
 Dr. Sandiford and Mrs. Wallwork (9) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson and Mrs. Fotiadi (6½) by 14.
 Brig.-Gen. Fellows and T. Wood-Hill (½) bt J. Hunter and Miss Ruthven (17) by 3.
 Mrs. Chorlton and Miss Schofield (7½) w.o. A. L. Megson and Miss Roebuck (7½) scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

Dr. Sandiford and Mrs. Wallwork (9) bt J. N. Lovett and J. K. Brown (½) by 4.
 Brig.-Gen. Fellows and T. Wood-Hill (½) bt Mrs. Chorlton and Miss Schofield (7½) by 1.

FINAL.

Brig.-Gen. Fellows and T. Wood-Hill (½) bt Dr. Sandiford and Mrs. Wallwork (9) by 3.

COMPTON, EASTBOURNE

It is a great pleasure to record the revival of this tournament after the lapse of 14 years. The writer has the pleasantest recollections of the annual tournament held before the second world war, when the friendly welcome and hospitality of the members were greatly appreciated by visitors who were wise enough to compete. The same atmosphere of friendliness has characterized the present tournament and one feels sure that all who were fortunate enough to take part in it hope that the Club will go from strength to strength in future years and the tournament never be allowed to lapse again.

Those responsible for the lawns are to be congratulated on bringing all five courts into good tournament condition and the Committee generally on the success resulting from their strenuous efforts to re-introduce this most enjoyable of meetings. An entry of twenty-seven may be considered very satisfactory, and hope this number will be increased to well over thirty next year.

It would be invidious to mention individuals when a host of charming ladies vied with each other to supply our creature comforts. No mention had been made in the notice in *The Croquet Gazette* of luncheons or teas being provided, and we wondered whether we would have to disperse in various directions to obtain our necessary food. We might have known our Compton better; what a delightful surprise we had; words fail us to describe the plentiful supply of beautifully prepared dishes which were set before us daily.

Pleasant as these gastronomic reminiscences are we must not forget that we really came to play croquet, so a few words on the subject will not be out of place.

In the open event the redoubtable Kirk-Greene won both Draw and Process with Victor Evans and N. Oddie as respective runners-up.

The Level Singles event was won by Miss Elphinstone-Stone who vanquished Mrs. Chittenden in the final. We congratulate the winner on this crowning climax to a week's good play.

Mrs. Irwin's win in the big Handicap was very popular. She is no time waster and her free and open game was a pleasure to watch. N. Oddie was the runner-up in this event; the accuracy of his long shots and rushes had been a feature of his play during the week, but the winner's irresistible form was too devastating and he succumbed at last after several gallant battles.

Miss Metcalfe's consistent form carried her through to her final triumph over Sir Crawford Douglas-Jones in the Handicap (6 bisques and over).

Victor Evans and Mrs. Roper won the Doubles, beating Wiggins and Mrs. Irwin in this final after a dour struggle by one point on time.

The Management was in the hands of the Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury—a model of quiet efficiency and courteous firmness.

The arrangements for the tournament were carried out by the Hon. Secretary, Col. R. A. Irwin, ably assisted by his wife; he may rest in the satisfaction of a job well done.

Our thanks to all concerned for a most enjoyable time.

OPEN SINGLES.

THE DRAW.

(6 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

G. V. Evans bt S. F. Sopwith by 2.
 Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury bt R. N. V. Wiggins by 19.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. V. Evans bt N. Oddie by 12.
 L. Kirk-Greene bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury by 14.

FINAL.

L. Kirk-Greene bt G. V. Evans by 18.

PROCESS.

(6 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

N. Oddie w.o. Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury opponent retired.
 L. Kirk-Greene bt R. N. V. Wiggins by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

N. Oddie bt G. V. Evans by 9.
L. Kirk-Greene bt S. F. Sopwith by 12.

FINAL.

L. Kirk-Greene bt N. Oddie by 23.

LEVEL SINGLES.

(3 Bisques and over).

(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

E. A. Roper bt J. C. Bullock by 13.
Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone w.o. J. R. Bickersteth opponent retired.
Miss G. Metcalfe bt Mrs. E. A. Roper by 10.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. C. M. Irwin bt Sir Crawford Douglas-Jones by 21.
Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone bt E. A. Roper by 7.
Mrs. B. M. Chittenden bt Miss G. Metcalfe by 23.
Mrs. H. Franc bt Y. B. Last by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone bt Mrs. C. M. Irwin by 17.
Mrs. B. M. Chittenden bt Mrs. H. Franc by 17.

FINAL.

Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone bt Mrs. B. M. Chittenden by 6.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(25 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Y. B. Last (3½) bt H. D. Pryor (14*) by 10.
J. C. Bullock (5) w.o. Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) opponent scratched.
Miss M. White (9) bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (3½) by 5 on time.
Mrs. C. M. Irwin (4) bt Sir Crawford Douglas-Jones (6) by 4.
Miss D. L. Latham (9) bt Dr. H. R. Mc'Aleenan (9) by 12.
R. V. N. Wiggins (1) bt Miss E. M. Palmer (12) by 7.
Miss G. Metcalfe (6) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) by 8.
S. F. Sopwith (1½) bt Lord Tollemache (—1) by 13.
Mrs. H. R. Mc'Aleenan (14*) w.o. Mrs. H. D. Pryor (14*) opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

H. A. Hall (9) bt G. Victor Evans (1) by 3.
Mrs. Franc (4) bt Y. B. Last (3½) by 3 on time.
J. C. Bullock (5) bt Miss M. White (9) by 13.
Mrs. C. M. Irwin (4) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 8.
R. V. N. Wiggins (1) bt Miss G. Metcalfe (6) by 9.
S. F. Sopwith (1½) bt Mrs. H. R. Mc'Aleenan (14*) by 11.
N. Oddie (1) w.o. J. R. Bickersteth (1½) opponent scratched.
L. D. P. Swift (8) bt Mrs. B. M. Chittenden (5) by 5.

THIRD ROUND.

H. A. Hall (9) bt Mrs. H. Franc (1) by 17.
Mrs. C. M. Irwin (4) bt J. C. Bullock (5) by 3.
S. F. Sopwith (1½) bt R. V. N. Wiggins (1) by 6.
N. Oddie (1) bt L. D. P. Swift (8) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. C. M. Irwin (4) bt H. A. Hall (9) by 2.
N. Oddie (1) bt S. F. Sopwith (1½) by 16.

FINAL.

Mrs. C. M. Irwin (4) bt N. Oddie (1) by 24.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(6 Bisques and over).

(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

H. A. Hall (9) bt Miss E. M. Palmer (12) by 10.
Miss G. Metcalfe (6) bt H. D. Pryor (14) by 20.
L. D. P. Swift (8) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) by 1 on time.
Dr. H. R. Mc'Aleenan (9) w.o. Mrs. H. D. Pryor (14) opponent retired.
Miss D. L. Latham (9) bt Mrs. H. R. Mc'Aleenan (14) by 16.

SECOND ROUND.

E. A. Roper (8) bt H. A. Hall (9) by 14.
Miss G. Metcalfe (6) bt L. D. P. Swift (8) by 7.
Miss D. Latham (9) bt Dr. H. R. Mc'Aleenan (9) by 2.
Sir Crawford Douglas-Jones (6) bt Miss M. White (9) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss G. Metcalfe (6) bt E. A. Roper (8) by 13.
Sir Crawford Douglas-Jones (6) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 8.

FINAL.

Miss G. Metcalfe (6) bt Sir Crawford Douglas-Jones (6) by 13.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(7 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

R. V. N. Wiggins and Mrs. C. M. Irwin (5) bt Miss G. Metcalfe and Mrs. M. E. Jenkins (18) by 15.
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (4½) bt S. F. Sopwith and Mrs. B. M. Chittenden (6½) by 3 on time.
Sir Crawford Douglas-Jones and Miss E. M. Palmer (18) bt Dr. H. R. Mc'Aleenan and Mrs. H. R. Mc'Aleenan (21) by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

R. N. V. Wiggins and Mrs. C. M. Irwin (5) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (4½) by 22.
G. V. Evans and Mrs. E. A. Roper (9) bt Sir Crawford Douglas-Jones and Miss E. M. Palmer (18) by 13.

FINAL.

G. V. Evans and Mrs. E. A. Roper (9) bt R. N. V. Wiggins and Mrs. C. M. Irwin (5) by 1 on time.

PARKSTONE

JUNE 22nd—25th

Parkstone tournament is one that needs no artificial boosting, because entries had to be refused, and that is something to be remembered for another year if players do not wish to miss one of the most enjoyable meetings of the season.

The heat-wave followed on from New York, as it always seems to do, and so the days, except for Monday were hot and sunny. In spite of this and because of much previous rain, the courts were a little heavy and therefore easier for the longer bisquers, as it generally takes the skill of the minus player to overcome fast courts.

Seven of the A Class competitors were ladies who had played in the "Best Eight Ladies" at some time, in fact one couldn't get away from them! We missed several regular male competitors, however, and hope they will return another year.

The standard of play was generally very good, though not always of the players from whom one most expected it, and there was nearly always a good game with a close finish when both players really became inspired and produced marvellous long shots at the crucial moments. All classes of players do this and so the question is asked "What is inspiration?" and why cannot it be produced more often?

Mrs. Ashton makes a wonderful Tournament Secretary and Hostess of the Club with her willing Committee members, and her unselfish efforts for us all especially in providing delightful lunches, teas and morning coffee, succeed in making every competitor feel happy and welcome. I am sure Mrs. M. Harding, over from New Zealand for six months, would confirm this, and we were all very pleased to have her with us and we hope her impressions of croquet in England will be good ones.

The tournament was so quietly and effectively managed by Mr. Ashton that one feels it was an easy job, but was it? Let those who really want a difficult and thankless task, try for themselves. What a pity that there are not more people ready to do their share of work in the croquet world. It is always the same willing few, who do the managing, run the clubs, write the tournament reports, try to know the laws and coach the beginners. We are none of us too old to learn some of these jobs.

The Final of the Process in the Open Singles, was played on Friday afternoon, between Mrs. E. Rotherham, Lady Champion for the second year, and V. de la Nougere the very efficient and genial Club Secretary. There

was some in and out play for the start, but Mrs. Rotherham produced her best form and soon settled down to a perfect break to 4-back. The second break began after the missed lift shot, but came to an end quite quickly on missing a forced rush on a rather heavy court. A short display of excellent hoop running by V. de la Nougerede was finished by a long shot from Mrs. Rotherham, and the second break, perfectly played, took her yellow to the peg. The lift shot was missed and in quite a short time Mrs. Rotherham had beaten her opponent by 14 points. In the play-off of the Draw and Process between Mrs. Elvey and Mrs. Rotherham, there was some in and out play—victory finally to the latter.

In Event II, Mrs. McMordie and Dr. Ormerod had a long tussle, both players getting the innings with good long shots, but neither side being able to make breaks of any length. At the last Dr. Ormerod failed to put out the forward ball, giving the audience some extra thrills before he hit the peg with his second ball.

Both Mrs. Ellard and Mrs. Hotchkiss are to be congratulated on the consistency of their play throughout the week, as these players were responsible for the downfall of several "tigers."

The groundsman carried out his job most excellently, every detail was perfect, especially the setting of the hoops and the clearly defined boundary lines. We are very grateful to him.

OPEN SINGLES.

THE DORSET SALVER.

"Two Lives."

(2 Bisesques and under).

Variation "B."

THE DRAW.

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt J. Hewitt by 13.
Mrs. Reeve bt Dr. G. L. Stanley by 11.
Mrs. L. H. Ashton w.o. Mrs. E. Rotherham opponent scratched.
Rev. G. F. H. Elvey bt Col. V. N. Johnson by 18.
Mrs. M. Harding bt Miss M. K. Haslam by 15.
J. G. Watwick bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 16.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt V. de la Nougerede by 17.
Mrs. Reeve bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 8.
Rev. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. M. Harding by 8.
Mrs. G. J. Turkentine bt J. G. Warwick by 15.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. E. Reeve by 11.
Rev. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. G. J. Turkentine by 7.

FINAL.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey w.o. Rev. G. F. H. Elvey opponent scratched.

PROCESS.

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton bt J. G. Warwick by 17.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. M. Harding by 24.
V. de la Nougerede bt Col. V. N. Johnson by 3.
Rev. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 17.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. G. J. Turkentine by 10.
J. Hewitt bt Miss M. K. Haslam by 24.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 2.
V. de la Nougerede bt Dr. G. L. Stanley by 16.
Rev. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. E. Reeve by 2.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt J. Hewitt by 7.

SEMI-FINAL.

V. de la Nougerede bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 22.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey by 3.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt V. de la Nougerede by 14.

PLAY-OFF.

Mrs. Rotherham bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 12.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

THE EVANS TROPHY.

(2½ to 7 Bisesques).

(7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. J. A. McMordie (4) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (7) by 9.
Miss A. E. Mills (3) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6½) by 10.
Dr. L. Ormerod (7*) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (4) by 17.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. J. A. McMordie (4) bt Miss A. E. Mills (3) by 5.
Dr. L. Ormerod (7*) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (3½) by 18.

FINAL.

Dr. L. Ormerod (7*) bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie (4) by 10.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

THE COPE CUP.

(7½ Bisesques and over).

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) w.o. Major C. T. Carfrae (7½) opponent scratched.
Mrs. I. Hotchkiss (8½) bt P. Eliot Scott (9) by 14.
Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (10) bt Mrs. F. A. Ellard (10) by 11.
Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8½) bt Mrs. M. L. Thom (9) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. I. Hotchkiss (8½) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) by 17.
Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8½) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (10) by 8.

FINAL.

Mrs. I. Hotchkiss (8½) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8½) by 8.

HANDICAP SINGLES "X.Y."

(Unrestricted).

THE BISHOP CUP AND EVANS ROSE BOWL.

EVENT "X."

(30 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. I. Hotchkiss (8½) bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod (7*) by 2.
Mrs. J. A. McMordie (4) bt J. G. Warwick (—1) by 3.
J. Hewitt (—½) bt Mrs. M. Harding (1) by 12.
Mrs. R. A. Hill (6½) w.o. Rev. G. F. H. Elvey (—1) opponent scratched.
Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (3½) bt Col. V. N. Johnson (1½) by 13.
Miss A. E. Mills (3) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2) by 10.
Mrs. M. L. Thom (9) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (10) by 7.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt V. de la Nougerede (1) by 5.
Mrs. F. A. Ellard (10) bt Miss M. K. Haslam (1½) by 7.
Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8½) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) by 19.
Dr. G. L. Stanley (2) bt Miss G. L. Weston (11) by 10.
Mrs. L. H. Ashton (—1½) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2) by 5.
Mrs. I. Turkentine (—½) w.o. Major C. T. Carfrae (7½) opponent scratched.
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (4) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (7) by 11.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. I. Hotchkiss (8½) bt Mrs. E. Reeve (—2) by 14.
Mrs. J. A. McMordie (4) w.o. J. Hewitt (—½) opponent scratched.
Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (3½) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6½) by 18.
Miss A. E. Mills (3) bt Mrs. M. L. Thom (9) by 1.
Mrs. F. A. Ellard (10) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) by 22.
Dr. G. L. Stanley (2) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8½) by 7.
Mrs. L. H. Ashton (—1½) bt Mrs. G. J. Turkentine (—½) by 16.
P. Eliot Scott (9) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (4) by 14.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. J. A. McMordie (4) bt Mrs. I. Hotchkiss (8½) by 6.
 Miss A. E. Mills (3) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (3½) by 4.
 Mrs. F. A. Ellard (10) bt Dr. G. L. Stanley (2) by 12.
 Mrs. L. H. Ashton (—1½) bt P. Eliot Scott (9) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. J. A. McMordie (4) bt Miss A. E. Mills (3) by 7.
 Mrs. L. H. Ashton (—1½) bt Mrs. F. A. Ellard (10) by 12.

FINAL.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton (—1½) bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie (4) by 14.

EVENT "Y."

(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. Reeve (—2) bt Dr. L. Ormerod (7*) by 6.
 J. G. Warwick (—1) w.o. Mrs. M. Harding (1) opponent scratched.
 Col. V. N. Johnson (1½) w.o. Rev. G. F. H. Elvey (—1) opponent scratched.
 Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2) bt Mrs. F. N. Thornewill (10) by 9.
 V. de la Nougerede (1) bt Miss M. K. Haslam (1½) by 15.
 Miss G. L. Weston (11) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) by 12.
 Mrs. D. Attfield (7) bt Major C. T. Carfrae (7½) by 15.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. E. Reeve (—2) bt J. G. Warwick (—1) by 7.
 Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2) bt Col. V. N. Johnson (1½) by 6.
 V. de la Nougerede (1) bt Miss G. L. Weston (11) by 16.
 Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (7) by 1.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2) bt Mrs. E. Reeve (—2) by 16.
 V. de la Nougerede (1) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2) by 10.

FINAL.

V. de la Nougerede (1) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2) by 3.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Unrestricted).

(11 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss M. K. Haslam and Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (11½) bt Mrs. Edmund Reeve and Mrs. J. A. McMordie (2) by 1 on time.
 V. de la Nougerede and P. Eliot Scott (10) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. M. L. Thom (7) by 3 on time.
 Dr. G. L. Stanley and Dr. L. Ormerod (9) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (15) by 15.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss A. E. Mills (scr.) bt Col. V. N. Johnson and Mrs. F. A. Ellard (11½) by 5.
 Miss M. K. Haslam and Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (11½) bt V. de la Nougerede and P. Eliot Scott (10) by 4 on time.
 Dr. G. L. Stanley and Dr. L. Ormerod (9) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton and Mrs. M. Harding (—½) by 1 on time.
 J. G. Warwick and Mrs. D. Attfield (6) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (6) by 5 on time.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss A. E. Mills (scr.) bt Miss M. K. Haslam and Mrs. F. N. Thornewill (11½) by 4 on time.
 Dr. G. L. Stanley and Dr. L. Ormerod (9) bt J. G. Warwick and Mrs. D. Attfield (6) by 10 on time.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss A. E. Mills (scr.) bt Dr. G. L. Stanley and Dr. L. Ormerod (9) by 12.

INTER-CLUB MATCH

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON *versus* SIDMOUTH.

Played at Budleigh Salterton on June 30th, 1953.
 Budleigh Salterton players named first.

SINGLES.

Mrs. E. Rotherham lost to H. O. Hicks by 3.
 Col. D. W. Beamish bt W. W. Sweet-Escott by 23.
 Miss M. S. Carlyon bt V. C. Cave by 17.
 Miss A. E. Mills bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmores by 8.

DOUBLES.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and M. S. Carlyon bt H. O. Hicks and V. C. Cave by 3.
 Col. D. W. Beamish and Miss A. E. Mills bt W. W. Sweet-Escott and Mrs. R. G. Michelmores by 6.

RESULT.—Budleigh Salterton bt Sidmouth by 5 games to 1.

LONGMAN (CLUB TEAM) CUP

WOKING *versus* BEDFORD.

Played at The Hurlingham Club on Thursday, 9th July, 1953. Woking players named first.

SINGLES.

T. F. Dalton (2) bt Rev. Canon A. J. W. Pym (½) by 15.
 A. M. McClure Williams (2) *versus* Miss E. Steel (1) unfinished.
 R. Whitham (9) *versus* Miss D. Neville Towle (6) unfinished.

DOUBLES.

A. McClure Williams and Mrs. R. Whitham (13) bt Miss E. Steel and Mrs. K. Eakin (7) by 10.
 T. F. Dalton and R. Whitham (11) bt Rev. Canon A. J. W. Pym and Miss D. Neville Towle (6½) by 16.

RESULT.—Woking bt Bedford by 3 games to 0. 2 games unfinished.

HURLINGHAM *versus* RYDE.

Played at Hurlingham on Wednesday, July 15th, 1953. Hurlingham players named first.

SINGLES.

D. E. Buckland (3½) lost to Major J. H. Dibley (2) by 1.
 I. W. Cheavin (3½) lost to Miss E. Walker (3½) by 5.
 T. E. Miles (3½) lost to Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 3.

DOUBLES.

D. E. Buckland and T. E. Miles (7) bt Major J. H. Dibley and Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (9½) by 22.
 I. W. Cheavin and S. S. Townsend (10½) bt Miss E. Walker and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (9½) by 15.

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

MEN v. WOMEN

Match held at Parkstone, East Dorset Club.

SINGLES.

Mrs. H. D. Wooster lost to J. Hewitt by 26.
 Mrs. I. Hotchkiss lost to V. de la Nougerede by 23.
 Mrs. L. H. Ashton bt H. Wilson Smith by 14.
 Mrs. V. C. Gasson lost to Commander G. V. G. Beamish by 8.
 Mrs. J. A. McMordie lost to Major C. T. Carfrae by 10.
 Mrs. R. A. Hill lost to Commander S. D. Wilson by 2.

DOUBLES.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton and Miss G. L. Weston lost to V. de la Nougerede and Commander Beamish by 7.
 Miss M. K. Haslam and Mrs. F. N. Thornewill bt Col. F. E. W. Baldwin and Commander Wilson by 5.
 Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Mrs. H. D. Wooster lost to Major C. T. Carfrae and P. Eliot Scott by 2 on time.

RESULT.—Men bt Women by 7 games to 2.

GOLF CROQUET

THE ASCOT CUP

and

DELVES BROUGHTON CHALLENGE CUPS

will be played for at

THE ROEHAMPTON CLUB

On THURSDAY, AUGUST 13th, 1953

and following days

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. L. E. G. Nickisson.

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.

1.—**GOLF CROQUET SINGLES.** The "Ascot" Challenge Cup. Open to all. Entrance Fee, 4s. 6d. The competition will be played under the Official Rules of Golf Croquet. Prizes: The "Ascot" Challenge Cup and the number of other prizes will be

according to the number of entries. Matches best of three games. This Event will be played under Alternative "Y.", in two blocks according to handicaps; the winners of the blocks playing off to decide the winner of the cup. Holder.—I. W. Cheavin.

2.—**GOLF CROQUET DOUBLES.** The "Delves Broughton" Challenge Cups. Open to pairs with combined Croquet handicaps of not less than scratch. Entrance Fee, 4s. 6d. each player. The competition will be played under the Official Rules of Golf Croquet. Entries must be made in pairs. Prizes: The Challenge Cups presented by the late Sir Delves Broughton, Bart., and the number of other prizes will be according to the number of entries. Matches of single games. This Event will be played under Alternative "Y." Holders—D. E. Buckland and Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton.

CONDITIONS.

Standard Setting, with Hoops 3½ in. wide, and "Brento" Balls will be used.

The winners will 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 Court.

ENTRIES.

The Entries, accompanied by the Entrance Fees, must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1., as so to reach her not later than the first post on Friday, August 7th.

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

DRAW.

The Draw for Event 1 will take place at 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1., at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, August 10th.

Draw for Event 2 on the ground at noon on Saturday, August 15th.

PLAY.

Afternoon and evening play. Postal notification will be sent to competitors not playing in the Challenge and Gilbey Cups events.

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 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 MONTEITH 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, 3¼ 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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will be played for at

THE ROEHAMPTON CLUB

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 1953
AND FOUR FOLLOWING DAYS.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Mrs. G. J. Turketine.

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.

OPEN TO ASSOCIATES ONLY.

THE SILVER JUBILEE CUP, HANDICAP SINGLES.

An Event open only to Associates who are classed at scratch or more. Entrance Fee, 6s. Matches of single games throughout. Prizes, the Challenge Cup and other prizes according to the number of entries. The Event will be drawn in two or more approximately equal Blocks, the winners of which will play off as for the Gilbey Cup.

CONDITIONS.

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

The winner will hold the Challenge Cup 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.

ENTRIES.

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, 2nd September.

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

DRAW.

The Draw will take place at 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1., on Wednesday, September 2nd, at 2.30 p.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.

ROEHAMPTON CLUB

OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st, and Five Following Days

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association)

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Roehampton Club.

Manager.—Miss D. A. Lintern.

Referee.—Mr. T. Wood-Hill.

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

Secretary.—The Games Secretary, Roehampton Club, London, S.W.15.

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

EVENTS.

1.—THE RANELAGH GOLD CUP. Holder, Mr. J. G. Warwick. Draw and Process. Entrance Fee, 10s.

2.—OPEN SINGLES (CLASS B). Open to Competitors with a handicap of 1 bisque or more. Variation B. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS C). Open to Competitors with a handicap of 4 bisques or more. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.

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

4.—X & Y HANDICAP SINGLES. In this event shortened games may be played in accordance with Reg. 12 at the discretion of the Manager. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.

5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicaps not less than 1 bisque. Entrance Fee, 5s. each person.

CONDITIONS.

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4, must reach the Games Secretary, accompanied by the Entrance Fee, by first post on Thursday, September 17th, 1953. Entries for Event 5 close on Tuesday, September 22nd. The Draw will take place at 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 17th.

Play will commence at 10 a.m. Eight Courts will be provided and Eclipse Balls used. Standard $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. Hoops.

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

Competitors will be made Honorary Members of the Club during the Tournament.

DEVONSHIRE PARK, EASTBOURNE

SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS THE FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

will start on
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, 1953

and continue during the following two weeks.
(Held under the Laws and Regulations of the C.A.)

Committee.—The Entertainments Committee of the County Borough of Eastbourne, the Tournament Committee of the Council of the C.A., and the following local representatives of the C.A.—The Lord Tolemache, Lt.-Col. R. A. Irwin, L. D. P. Swift, Esq., Capt. H. C. Davey and N. Oddie, Esq.

Manager.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.

Referee.—Mrs. E. Reeve, who will nominate Assistant Referees under Regulation 15 (a).

Handicapper.—M. B. Reckitt.

Secretary.—The Secretary, The Croquet Association, 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1 (to whom all entries should be sent before Tuesday, September 22nd).

EVENTS.

- 1.—**OPEN SINGLES. THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND.** Open to all competitors. (See Conditions below.) Entrance Fee, 12s. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by the late Mrs. A. C. Ionides—Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins.
- 2.—**MEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND.** Open to all men competitors. (See Conditions below.) Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Gold Challenge Cup presented by the late Capt. C. L. O'Callaghan.—W. Longman.
- 3.—**WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND.** Open to all women competitors. (See Conditions below.) Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by Mrs. H. Franc.—Miss D. D. Steel.
- 4.—**"B" LEVEL SINGLES.** Open to competitors handicapped at 1½ to 4½ bisques inclusive. (See Conditions below.) Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Silver Challenge Salver presented by the Devonshire Park Company.—Mrs. V. C. Gasson.
- 5.—**"C" LEVEL SINGLES.** Open to competitors handicapped at 5 to 8½ bisques inclusive. (See Conditions below.) Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Holder of the Challenge Trophy presented by the late E. Sydney Luard, Esq.—N. L. Bright.
- 6.—**"D" LEVEL SINGLES.** Open to competitors handicapped at 9 bisques or over. (See Conditions below.) Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Cup presented by the late Trevor Williams, Esq.—Mrs. C. M. Turner.
- 7.—**UNRESTRICTED LEVEL DOUBLES.** (See Conditions below.) Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each competitor. Played under Variation "B."
- 8.—**RESTRICTED HANDICAP DOUBLES.** Open to pairs with combined handicaps of not less than 1 bisque. (See Conditions below.) Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each competitor.
- 9.—**HANDICAP SINGLES.** To be drawn in one block. THE "SUSSEX" PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP. (See Conditions below.) Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 10.—**LIMITED HANDICAP SINGLES.** Limited to competitors handicapped at 1½ bisques or over. Competitors in this event may not enter for Events 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

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 28th; in Events 5 and 9 on Tuesday, September 29th; in Event 7 on Wednesday, September 30th; in Event 6 on Thursday, October 1st; in Events 2 and 3 on Friday, October 2nd; in Event 8 on Monday, October 5th; in Event 10 at the discretion of the Manager.

5.—Events 1 and 7 will be completed by Monday, October 5th.

Players in Events 2, 3 or 6 may enter for Event 9 on the understanding that they will not be called upon to play in that event before Friday, October 2nd.

INFORMATION.

ENTRIES.—Entries accompanied by Entrance Fees for all Events except 7 and 8 must reach the Secretary, The Croquet Association, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, by Tuesday, September 22nd (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 10s. to the C.A., as this is an Official Tournament, or 5s. 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 subscriptions.

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

DRAW.—The Draw for all Events, except Events 7 and 8, will take place at the C.A. Office, 4 Southampton Row, at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 23rd. The Draw for Event 7 will take place at Devonshire Park at noon on Tuesday, September 29th, and for Event 8 at Devonshire Park at noon on Saturday, October 3rd.

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. Jaques' Eclipse balls and hoops, 3¼ inches 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 hour, on Monday, September 28th.

All competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival at the ground each day and must ascertain if they have not been notified previously, at what hour they are required to play; if they wish to leave the ground before the conclusion of play, they must first obtain the permission of the Manager.

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 play at the time stated.

Before leaving the ground for the day, competitors should not fail to consult the order of play announced on the board for the following day.

A competitor who is not present or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so, will be liable to be scratched under Regulation 24 (a) (i).

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

HEELS.—In accordance with Regulation 24 (a) (iv) competitors are liable to be scratched if they do not wear such flat-soled boots or shoes as cannot damage the courts.

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 winners for one year or until the next Tournament, whichever is the shorter period.

ACCOMMODATION.—The following hotels are recommended:—

Licensed.—Alexandra, Beaulieu, Burlington, Caversham, Cumberland, Grand, Hydro, Kenilworth Court, Queen's and Sussex.

Unlicensed.—Devonshire Court, Lansdowne, New Wilmington and Westrocks.

CATERING.—Morning coffee and afternoon teas will be provided daily at Devonshire Park.

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

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