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1961

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- .. 17-22—**The Ladies Field Cup (Southwick).** *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
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- .. 11-16—**President's Cup (Hurlingham), Surrey Cup (Roehampton).** *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
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On page 21 of the New Laws, in (b) (i) line 5, "Law 31" should read "this Law".

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V. C. GASSON,
Secretary.

NOTES by ROVER

"Let them re-learn the Law"

When in the dim distant past, this Rover was at the University he was sometimes asked whether he was 'reading law'. His first taste of this—an elementary study described as "Laws Prelim"—discouraged him from proceeding further, and it was with a sense of emancipation that he transferred his energies to the investigation of History. But he would not attempt to justify such a transference in the case of Croquet. Here the study of history would be a—seldom indulged—luxury, but to acquire a working knowledge of the Laws is in the nature of a moral obligation. With the issue of the new Code this obligation is one that ought most clearly to be accepted by all Associates who believe themselves to take the game seriously. It has been much too generally assumed that the Laws are a matter of esoteric interest concerning only referees. Actually, of course, a reasonably complete knowledge of these by all competitors would save a great deal of time and trouble at tournaments to all concerned. This is true not only of the Laws themselves, but of many of the Regulations by which these tournaments are (or should be) strictly controlled. The appearance of the new booklet which includes both Laws and Regulations is a challenge to all of us to 'do our homework' on these matters. It was one of the chief purposes of the revision to make our whole code both more logical in its lay-out and more easily understood in its wording. Associates have, therefore, no excuse whatever for remaining in the ignorance of which they have in the past been unashamed, and even boasted. They should now 'read, mark, learn, inwardly digest'—and outwardly conform.

Silver Medallists

The reference in last December's issue to the award of C.A. Silver Medals to five Associates during 1960 has prompted a few enquiries regarding the qualifications for this honour. The Handbook of the C.A. is silent on this point other than to refer the reader to the Regulations, and as these are not in the Handbook, though they will be found in the new Laws booklet, many may not bother to pursue their researches any further. The qualification is in fact for an Associate, in a first-class event, to reach the final stage when not less than 16, or the semi-final stage when not less than 32, bona fide competitors are drawn and actually play. No Associate may, however, receive more than one medal. The last entry in the Handbook is that of Colonel Cave who qualified in 1957 by virtue of his reaching the final of the South of England Championships at Eastbourne. Strangely enough, no Associate qualified in 1958 and 1959 but then in 1960 came no fewer than 5 qualifiers. The gap can, of course, have arisen for two reasons, that in 1958 and 1959 established players were monopolising the final stages of first class events, or because those events were attracting fewer than 16 competitors. The removal of either or both of these reasons in 1960 can be regarded as a healthy sign.

Oxbridge at Hurlingham

When the writer of the Survey of the 1960 season wrote that 'surely a Varsity Match must be a strong possibility in the near future' he is unlikely to have supposed that his 'future' would turn itself into a present within six months. It is hardly an exaggeration to say that this event is the most encouraging thing which has happened in the little world of croquet since the last war. Though owing something to a few kind sponsors, and in particular at Cambridge to the unflagging interest of Mr. S. Heley, the main development at both Universities has been due to the zest and enterprise of the undergraduates themselves.

That within a very few years the Cambridge students should have gathered together a membership for their club of 45, though still without a ground of their own, is a truly remarkable feat. Scarcely less remarkable perhaps is it that Oxford, with hardly a dozen players to draw upon, should have put up such a good fight when the teams met for this first of (we hope) many encounters on what proved, happily, to be the first day of Summer, May 11th. To see twelve flannelled figures engaged in the three doubles matches on this lovely afternoon was a heartening sight. The standard of skill was notably higher than might have been expected, and the sportsmanship of all engaged was impeccable. Arthur Reed, the Cambridge captain, is perhaps at present in a class by himself, but he will soon have his rivals, while Derek Watson's brilliant long shooting would have been notable, even in the President's Cup. All that is lacking now is the appearance of the undergradiette, and surely we may hope that, as in a current film, *Where the Boys Are*, the girls will soon be too.

The Peel Memorials

Congratulations to A. V. Camroux and Mrs. G. W. Solomon, the winners of the first Official Events of the season. Some Associates may wish to be reminded why this May tournament is so often spoken of as "The Peels". W. H. Peel it was who contributed so much to the revival of Croquet in the nineties and who with some other enthusiasts founded the Croquet Association in 1896. He was also mainly instrumental in initiating the first Official Organ of the Association which developed from a modest "Croquet Sheet" to the Gazette which started publication in 1904. A year after his death in 1897 the Peel Memorials were founded which regularly open the season at Roehampton and which carry the two handsome Silver Challenge Bowls. There was quite a sprinkling of overseas entries this year, including Commander Clark and Mrs. Gray from South Africa and Lady Stanham from Australia, quite apart from Robert and Claire Tingey and Ian Baillieu who alternate between here and the Antipodes and are ever welcome on our laws. It was pleasant to see two competitors from one of the lesser metropolitan clubs, Mrs. Showan and Mrs. Speer, doing so well, the former indeed going very close to winning the Women's Event.

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May 20th, 1961

CLUB RECOMMENDATIONS

HURLINGHAM

Mrs. A. W. Skempton 14 to 12.
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts 11 to 9.
Maj.-General Wilson Haffenden 7 to 6.

NOTTINGHAM

Mrs. N. Fabb 9 to 8.
NON-ASSOCIATES
Miss A. N. Bright 14 to 13.
Mrs. M. Dobson 13 to 11.
Mrs. M. Cherry 14 to 12.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

NON-ASSOCIATES
Peter Cooper 9.
J. Weston Martyr 6½ to 3.

BOWDON

W. Bell 5 to 5½.
Mrs. M. Briggs 2½ to 2.
Miss Ford Smith 5½.
P. L. Norrish 8 to 7.
Mrs. P. L. Norrish 10 to 9.
Mrs. Oxley 10 to 7.
P. Thompson 4½ to 3½.

NON-ASSOCIATES
Mrs. Curnick 3½ to 2½.

COMPTON

W. H. Austin 8.
Mrs. Buchanan 2½.
H. A. Hall 10½.
Dr. H. R. McAleenan 9.
R. Scott Page 8½.
Mrs. H. C. S. Perry 10.
Miss E. F. Rose 5½ (personal request).
C. J. Speer 3½ to 4.
Mrs. A. Topp 10 to 11.

NON-ASSOCIATES
Mrs. H. A. McAleenan 13 to 14.
C. N. Wiggins 12 (D 10).

HUNSTANTON (Non-official)

Mrs. L. Ormerod 14 to 12.
Mrs. H. F. Curtis 14 to 13.
A. A. Reed 5 to 4.

PEEL MEMORIALS

Mrs. M. E. Speer 7½ to 6½.
A. V. Camroux 3½ to 2½.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon 4 to 3.
Mrs. R. Tingey 2½ to 2.
Mrs. I. A. Showan 5½ to 4½.
Capt. H. G. Stoker 1 to ½.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON (Unofficial)

NEW HANDICAPS

ASSOCIATES
Major P. R. G. Atcherley 14.
Mrs. P. R. G. Atcherley 16 (D 14).
W. Trevor Johnson 14.

NON-ASSOCIATES
Lt.-Col. T. F. Lavery 10.
Mrs. T. F. Lavery 16 (D 14).

ALTERATIONS BEFORE PLAY

Capt. M. Buller 5 to 4.
Miss J. Cooper 8 to 7½.
Major G. C. Heathcote 5½ to 4½.
G. R. Mills 8 to 7.
Miss V. E. Mills 3½ to 3.
Dr. R. B. N. Smartt 5½ to 4½.
Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt 8½ to 7½.
Cmdr. A. Clark 2½ to 2.
Mrs. Newnham Davies 14 (D 12-BD 12).

AFTER PLAY

J. G. Warwick ½ to -1.
A. J. Cooper 2 to 1.
Mrs. A. Clark 3½ to 3.
G. Sidwell 6 to 5.
Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse 8½ to 7½.
Miss J. Cooper 7½ to 7.

NON-ASSOCIATE
Mrs. T. F. Lavery 16 (D 14) to 14 (D 13).

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Our Patron and the New Laws

To the Private Secretary,
Buckingham Palace,
from Brigadier Stokes-Roberts.
To Her Majesty the Queen.

Members of the Croquet Association on the occasion of the publication of the New Laws of the game, which have been fully agreed by Australia and New Zealand, present their humble duty and offer loyal greetings to their Patron, Her Majesty, the Queen.

From Buckingham Palace.
To Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts.

Please convey to the Members of the Croquet Association my sincere thanks for their kind and loyal message, which I, as Patron, much appreciate.

On the occasion of the publication of the New Laws of the game, I send them all my best wishes.

ELIZABETH R.

CORRESPONDENCE

N.Z. Croquet through an English Player's Eyes

Dear Sir,
'Now the day is over', for a time for N.Z. croquet, the morning wakens on this activity in England, and my thoughts naturally turn to my friends there, and I reminisce from Southwick to Devonshire Park. My first year in this beautiful country was mostly one of sightseeing, but during this second season, I have taken part in seven tournaments, Gisborne, Nelson, Christchurch, Invercargill, Dunedin, Ashburton and Alexandra. I have met with the greatest kindness and good fellowship everywhere. The N.Z. Croquet scene is an attractive one, all competitors wearing white, a large expanse of lawn divided into 4 or 6 courts with nothing to separate each from other, to which one has to become accustomed. Surfaces varying from heavy lawns to bowling greens flood lighted and used until 11 o'clock at night. Handicapping system similar to our own.

The Ross's, Kirks, Rowlings, Mesdames Watkins and McKenzie Smart all send kind messages and eagerly await the arrival of the English team.

Yours faithfully,

DORIS LOCKS LATHAM

Know the Game

Dear Sir,
The name of the writer of Know the Game—Croquet has been mentioned several times in past issues of your journal. No reference has yet been made to Mr. Maurice Reckitt's big part in its production. In the first place it was through him that the idea of producing a Croquet book in this series originated. He also read and corrected the original manuscript and finally spent much time with Educational Productions Ltd. arranging for its publication. I think we ought to thank him and the firm for the book's final presentation.

Yours faithfully,

G. L. ORMEROD

WHY YOU MISS YOUR ROQUETS

By COL. D. W. BEAMISH

If you are in normal health, in a normal frame of mind, and if you are an average or reasonably good shot, it should not be a difficult matter to correct, immediately, a sudden onset of bad shooting. The players who are normally good shots know full well how on some days they are in good form, and on other days shoot badly right through a game.

The reason for this is because on the bad days they depart from one or more of the basic principles of straight shooting. Now there really are basic principles, and there can be little doubt that if we could only obey them all, we should be able, provided the lawn was true, to hit or near miss almost all our long roquets.

First of all, here are the principles:

1. Approach the shot from well behind your own ball, at least eight yards. From this position, take your aim by squaring the shoulders to a line running from where you are standing, through the centre of your own ball, right through to the distant ball. In the case of a long roquet, this line becomes readily apparent in a matter of seconds.
2. Walk up to your own ball and place the centre of the mallet head opposite the CENTRE of the back of the ball on the imaginary line you have already made.
3. Adopt a comfortable stance, neither stiff nor floppy; heels well in contact with the ground and toes pointing approximately towards the object ball.
4. Take back the mallet head slowly and firmly, at the same time keeping your head directed to that centre spot on the ball.
5. Hit the correct (centre) spot on the ball and allow the mallet and arms to go right through on the imaginary line.
6. Throughout the stroke, the head AND BODY must be kept absolutely still, without an inch of sway in any direction.

All things considered, very few players could be expected to carry out all of the above all the time, but the point I wish to make is that when one is inexplicably missing roquets, one or more of these points is being neglected.

In my own case, it is usually No. 4, in particular not keeping my eye on the centre of the ball, and this is the first one I attempt to correct. If this fails, I concentrate on No. 6 and try to stand my ground firmly. I seldom have to go further, as attention to these two points generally affects a cure.

Short roquets, and especially 2 to 4 yard return roquets after making a hoop, require, in general, the same procedure, though you need not approach them from quite so far behind. But, no matter how short the roquet, it is still essential to come up in line with the shot from behind your ball.

If I miss a short roquet, it is generally due to either No. 1 or No. 6 principle being at fault. One must never consider the shot so short or so easy that it is not worth thinking of those two principles. You may of course only miss one short roquet in the course of the game,

but that one miss may well cause the loss of the game. How many times have you so nearly missed a 2 yarder that it has only just shaken the object ball?

In hoop running, the same principles apply plus one extra; that is not to allow your mind to wander away from the shot, particularly thinking ahead of the rush to be obtained, or the tactics for the next hoop, or, worse still, of the evil consequences of a missed hoop. This latter is nearly always fatal.

If I get an attack of "hoopitis", it is usually due to this last cause or neglect of Nos. 4 or 5 of the principles. In hoop running, or in short roquets, I do not think it is possible to make the back swing too slow, definitely the slower the swing, the better.

If you are shooting straight and running your hoops well, do not alter anything. When things go wrong, I suggest you follow the plan of corrections I have indicated above, and I am sure there will be an improvement.

Old Boys' Croquet

DULWICH v. MARLBOROUGH

In the October 1960 issue of *Croquet*, a pungent but constructive letter, entitled "FAIR SHARES FOR ALL", suggested *inter alia*, that an "Old Boys (and Girls) inter-school competition should be examined with intensity and vision by the C.A. Council". Whether this has taken place is not known. But "private enterprise" moved two Old Alleynians (David Curtis and D. C. Caporn) to issue a challenge to any two Marlburians, for a match—on handicap—at Roehampton. And Dr. G. L. Ormerod and General Davidson duly faced these two stout Alleynians on 12th April.

We arrived to find that two of the lovely Roehampton Lawns had been specially mowed and marked, thanks to the typical forethought and kindness of Miss Lintern, who also graced the match with her presence.

In the morning, singles began with Ormerod—playing for the first time in 1961—faced by Curtis, in typical form. And despite stout Marlburian resistance, Curtis played in his best Surrey Cup form and ran out winner (+15).

In the other singles a long drawn out contest took place. After about an hour's near-perfect exhibition of hoop-sticking, short-roquets missed and other such headaches, Caporn found his game and, by a telling and accurate series of strokes got both his clips on "penultimate". His opponent, struggling with limited success, was on 4th Hoop and 2 Back—some 10 hoops in arrears: and things looked black for Marlborough. The General then suddenly found his form and after a tense struggle ran out to win an exciting finish by +4.

So to a late lunch—one match all.

After lunch, doubles were played, starting at the 3rd Hoop in view of the time factor. This time Davidson continued his form and was on penultimate, before anyone else had done much. Dulwich then staged a come-back, led by Curtis who hit in superbly and both players reached the 3 Back and 4 Back zone, with Ormerod apparently faced with a gremlin at his second hoop (No. 4).

However, when all again looked black for Marlborough he defeated the gremlin and made a fine run to 3-Back.

Then followed a real dog-fight with Marlborough mostly on top and running out winners by +7.

Thus ended a hard fought and most enjoyable match.

The "final last words"—from Dulwich—In the write-up please mention that we are ready to meet a challenge from any other school!

Readers please note.

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New Zealand

Dominion Championships: 1961

The Championship: Winner, Mrs. Purdy; Runner-up, Mrs. Jarden.

Women's Championship: Winner, Mrs. Jarden; Runner-up, Mrs. Browne.

Men's Championship: Winner, J. Tucker; Runner-up, A. Stephens.

Doubles Championship: J. Tucker and Mrs. Watkins; Runner-up; Mrs. Jarden and Mrs. Collins.

Hurlingham Cup (Handicap). Winner: Mrs. K. Ellis (0).

Wellington Invitation Tournament: Eight competitors; Winner, Mrs. Jarden, Runner-up, H. Ford.

Others competing included A. G. F. Ross, A. Stephens, Mrs. Purdy and Mrs. Wadsworth.

Ashley Heenan has had no time to play competitive croquet this season.

Mrs. Kirk to whom we owe this information adds some interesting comments. She selects Mrs. Jarden as 'the outstanding player of the year'; in addition to her victories recorded above she won the North Island Open Women's and (with Mrs. Collins) Doubles. This writer has seen all the players mentioned above and is reminded of the formidable task our team will be faced with in 1963. 'At present,' Mrs. Kirk remarks 'it would be most difficult to select a N.Z. team;' and we can well believe this. Associates will be particularly interested to find Rene Watkins emerging again to win a championship, and Mrs. Ellis, who tied for the Women's 'Peels' here last year, winning a Handicap event. It is very interesting too to find N.Z. initiating a 'Best Eight', and we wonder whether this will become a regular event in the future.

M.B.R.

OXFORD v CAMBRIDGE

First Inter-Varsity Match

Played at Hurlingham—May 11th

(Cambridge players named first)

SINGLES:

A. A. Reed bt J. E. Andrews by 23.

D. R. Watson bt R. B. Nelson by 13.

E. A. L. Sulley lost to P. J. Fisher by 1 (on time).

J. MacLachlan lost to R. H. M. Hargreaves by 6 (on time).

DOUBLES:

A. A. Reed and A. P. R. Clive bt J. E. Andrews and P. W. Fry by 5 (on time).

D. R. Watson and J. MacLachlan bt R. B. Nelson and R. H. M. Hargreaves by 5.

E. A. L. Sulley and C. J. E. Dashwood bt P. J. Fisher and R. S. Green by 5 (on time).

Cambridge won 5-2.

Undergraduate clubs having now been formed at both Universities, it is hoped, and expected, that the Match will now become an annual fixture.

Questions and Answers

Question: In a handicap game in doubles, red had already peeled yellow through four hoops, later in the game red roqueted yellow through its hoop in order. Was the hoop scored?

Answer: No, yellow had already peeled four times. This, however, does not exclude the pegging out, it is only the limit of the hoops which is affected.

Question: A player is wired from black, cannot hit red and claims that red prevents him from hitting yellow. Has he a lift?

Answer: No, it is only a ball which prevents him from hitting yellow. See Law 21. Only a hoop or a peg can wire a ball. (Refer to Law 21 in the 1957 Law book.)

M.M.R.

Notes from the Clubs

Hurlingham

We have a number of new members this season and the entry for our internal competitions is easily a record for post-war years. We played off the Golf Croquet event on April 29th, when Monty Spencer Ell beat a promising newcomer, Nelson Baldwin, in the final, from a field of 20. We were pleased to welcome the Varsity Match played on May 11th, an account of which appears elsewhere in this issue.

The lawns look in perfect condition for the Inter-Counties Championship which is due to start at the time of writing.

Roehampton

The new season opened on Good Friday, 31st March, with a number of members playing on the lawns, which are in good condition. The croquet section very much appreciate having six courts this season, but in spite of this a Lawn List is necessary at the week-ends when the majority of members are available for play.

The first Match of the season was a contest held for the first time between representatives of Marlborough and Dulwich Schools. This Match is fully reported elsewhere in this issue.

The Golf Croquet Day took place on Saturday, 29th April, and was enjoyed by everyone. There were sixteen entrants for the Singles and fourteen for the Doubles. The players were of very varied handicaps, and we especially congratulate Mr. G. H. Bamford who won three rounds in the Singles before having his handicap reduced from 3 to 2 in the Doubles, where partnered by J. H. Gilbert he was only beaten in the Final Round. The winners were Singles, Col. C. C. Adams who beat Mrs. Adler 5 up and 3 to play; and Doubles, S. M. Adler and Mrs. Curtis who beat J. H. Gilbert and G. H. Bamford by 1 up.

Fifteen members competed in The Trevelyan Bowl Competition which was played during the week 8th-14th May. Miss D. A. Lintern beat Col. Adams in the final round, so winning the Bowl, and Col. Adams as runner-up received the Tankard.

The Club Competitions are now drawn, and it is hoped that members will keep their games well up to the dates stated on the Notice Board.

Compton (Eastbourne)

The season has started rather slowly and coldly, but the sun shone for our President's Tea Party. All the lawns were filled and there were two or three tables of Bridge as well. Once again we thank Mrs. Irwin for making the afternoon such a success and for providing such a delightful meal. Those who said, "We never eat afternoon tea" ate their words—and not a few sandwiches and cakes.

The next day we had a friendly match against Southwick on our ground. The sun again shone, but the wind seemed rather keen. The visitors found our lawns a good deal faster than their own and Compton were successful by 5 matches to 1. Mrs. Chittenden entertained both teams to lunch and tea, which were greatly appreciated. Mrs. Owen and our Secretary laboured nobly behind the scenes.

Entries for our Annual Tournament are coming in well, but at the time of writing we can still accept plenty more.

Brighton (Southwick)

Opening our Club on April 15th we were pleased to welcome nine new members, with a special welcome to Mrs. Turketine who has come to live in Southwick. We should like to offer our grateful thanks to those of our members who are devoting much of their time and shall we say patience, in helping those who have no knowledge of the game. In this connection may we mention Miss G. Forbes Cowan.

A word of praise and thanks must be given to our Groundsman Adams who has provided us with ten lawns in first class condition.

Our Committee, as an innovation arranged that the Club competitions instead of running all through the Summer should be played as a Tournament in one week in May, Mr. F. E. Corke being asked to manage. This really proved a great success, and was enjoyed by all. May it continue in future years.

The new fence along the Kingston Lane boundary is a great asset as it breaks the wind.

Bristol

The Bristol Club started its playing season in mid-April.

It is with much sorrow that we have to report the recent death of our much loved and oldest member Dr. F. deC. Veale. He had been a member of the club for nineteen years and had always been a great support to it. Last season after his ninetieth

birthday he was frequently down at the ground and often playing. He and Mrs. Veale who is leaving Bristol will be much missed by us all. We will also miss a few other members and may we through this column send our best wishes to Dr. Greta Hartley who we hope will be joining the Reigate Club and to Henry Ormerod who is now a curate at Chigwell, Essex.

Ryde, Isle of Wight

Very little news of our Club has appeared in these columns during the past months. But now we are able to make up for our silence by reporting something which we have recently achieved and which has given us all a great thrill.

Hitherto, since the opening of the Club in 1907, we have leased the premises by an annual rental. But now, owing to a splendid grant from the Ministry of Pensions, augmented by a grant and a loan from the National Playing Fields, with the addition of a loan from the Lawn Tennis Association, we have been able to purchase the whole of our land.

Over and above this great achievement, we have been able to lay down two hard tennis courts which will be a great boon to our tennis members, especially during the winter months.

We are grateful to members and also to kind friends from other clubs who have sent subscriptions amounting, in all, to £145. A very handsome sum.

Our grateful thanks must also go to our hardworking and enthusiastic Honorary Secretary, Commander Radford, without whose unsparring and unselfish efforts this great success could never have been achieved.

Our warmest thanks are extended to our Hon. Solicitor, Mr. Fardell, for all the legal advice and help he has given. Also to the General Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Leigh-Thomas for their splendid support.

To celebrate this great event we had a gala opening of the season on Saturday, April 29th, at which many distinguished guests were present, including the Member of Parliament for the Isle of Wight, Mr. Mark Woodnutt, Mrs. Woodnutt, Sir Leonard Vavasour R.N. representing the L.T.A.; Chief Superintendent Paddon, representing the N.P.F. Association and Mrs. Paddon.

Major Dibley, our President, made a short speech in which he said that this occasion would be the second red-letter day in the history of our Club. The first occurred in July, 1907, when the Courts were first opened. 300 people were present on that occasion and the band of the 1st Royal Fusiliers played appropriate music.

He wished the Club and its Members every success and thanked all concerned who had made feasible this great project of buying the Club premises.

He also wished to thank the Club volunteers under the aegis of Commander and Mrs. Radford who had, in the winter months and in their spare time, re-painted the Club Pavilion green and white, making it look extremely smart and attractive.

Bridge Drives and two very successful Bring-and-Buy Stalls had enabled a new sink to be installed in the kitchen.

Major Dibley was presented with a cheque by Superintendent Paddon on behalf of the N.P.F. and Mr. Fardell handed over to him the deeds of the property.

KNOW THE GAME

This very useful little book has recently been published by Educational Productions Limited at 2s. 6d. and copies are available from the Secretary, the Croquet Association. It is a remarkable bargain at the price.

The book is from the pen of Dr. G. L. Ormerod and is designed for the beginner. Vital as are the works of Cotter, Elvey, Reckitt and Ross, to name but four, the raw recruit may feel that he is being pulled along rather too fast. There is no such risk with Dr. Ormerod's sequence and style: the game is presented in just about as simple a manner as can be imagined and should whet the beginner's appetite to get on the lawn and put what he has read into practice.

A welcome feature is the liberal use of figures which add point to the author's descriptions. Whether the illustrator had been watching John Solomon and Hope Rotherham I do not know but there is a marked resemblance to their styles in some of the diagrams—and what better?

The book can be confidently recommended not only to beginners but to middle bisquers who haven't bothered latterly to refresh their minds on some of the basic book work of the game. If they should read and absorb all that Dr. Ormerod has to say they could well lose a bisque or two this season.

BRIDGE

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

The remaining answers to our Christmas competition are shown below.

Question 4. Partner bids One Spade and East passes. You hold.

- S—
- H—7, 6, 5, 3.
- D—A, 9, 6, 4, 3.
- C—J, 8, 7, 5.

What do you bid?

The suggested answer is NO BID.

At first sight it would appear that anything is better than playing in 1 Spade. Not, I would point out, Two Spades Doubled. We admit that there are times when partner might be itching to bid hearts on the second round, but it will be found that a pass bids off in this situation in the long run. If West re-opens the bidding your subsequent action will be much easier and will not deceive your partner.

Question 5.

- S—J, 5.
- H—K, Q.
- D—A, K, Q, J, 6, 4.
- C—A, 10, 2.

- S—Q, 9, 7, 2.
- H—J, 7, 3.
- D—8, 3, 2.
- C—Q, 6, 4.

You are playing Three No Trumps and West leads the Five of Hearts. The Queen wins.

How should you now play?

This is a simple elimination. You must play off enough Diamonds to exhaust both East and West. Then play the King of Hearts. The opponents cannot now avoid giving you the ninth trick. The trap is to play back the Heart immediately. If you do this the opponents will cash Hearts A and Spades A and K, and throw you into dummy with a Diamond and now you are employed, and will lose two Clubs.

This hand came up in an international match and both declarers fell into the trap!

Question 6.

- S—6, 3.
- H—Q, 8, 4.
- D—K, Q, 7, 5.
- C—Q, 8, 5, 3.

- S—A, K, J, 7, 4, 2.
- H—7, 5, 3.
- D—A, 10, 9.
- C—A.

Your final bid of Four Spades is doubled by West, who leads King, Ace and then Knave of Hearts. To the fourth trick you play a small Spade to the Ace, East following with the Five and West with the Eight.

How should you now play? Make clear what is the point at issue.

It is clear that West must hold the rest of the Spades. The only way to avoid losing two trump tricks is to endplay West. For you to do this West must hold exactly three cards in Diamonds and in Clubs. This is the point at issue. You play Club Ace and lead to the Diamond Queen. Ruff a Club. Into dummy with the Diamond King and ruff another Club. Play Ace of Diamonds and then lead your small Spade. West must take this and give you the last two tricks. An example of the Sucker's Double. Without it you would go down.

WANTED, second-hand croquet set and hoops. Write, quoting price, to E. F. Bozman, 502 Broadway, Letchworth, Herts.

The account and results of the Hunstanton Unofficial Tournament and of a match at Hunstanton between Cambridge University and David Curtis's team will appear in our July issue.

OBITUARY

W. E. C. COTTON

Many associates will deeply regret to learn of the death of this fine player which occurred in March. Mr. Cotton was the son of croquet players well known in their day, first at Lewes and then at Bude, and played in tournaments occasionally in the inter-war years. But returning to the game at the end of the forties, he came rapidly to the front, winning his Silver Medal in 1948 and appearing in the President's Cup in the three following years, being runner-up to Mr. Cotter in 1950. In the previous year he had won both the Challenge Cup and the Gilbey Cup, but soon afterwards he retired from the game. He was a player with a particularly delicate touch resulting from a notably slow swing and a gentle hitting of the ball. Some of our readers may remember him as an interested spectator at Devonshire Park last year, when he held out some hope of returning to our tournaments—but it was not to be.

M.B.R.

W. B. PHILLIPS

The death of W. B. Phillips brings to mind some of the palmy days of croquet in the Manchester area, and particularly in connection with his own club, the Northern, which was, and is, mainly a lawn-tennis club, with a croquet section. In the pre-war days, 1914 and for a period afterwards, it had a quartette of well-known players, comprising W. B. Phillips, Christopher Spafford, Thomas Claye and George C. Branthwaite. Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Branthwaite were also keen playing members. T. Claye also acted as manager of several tournaments at Buxton, Carlisle and Sleaford and W. B. Phillips acted as Joint Manager for some years at Buxton. The Northern Club had not sufficient croquet courts available for a large tournament, but it ran a smaller one each year at the August Bank Holiday weekend which was very popular with local players, and for which Mrs. H. Franc very hospitably provided an extra lawn at her nearby residence.

W. B. Phillips was a regular player in the Buxton tournaments and I remember seeing him in a match when his opponent had become a rover with both balls before he had scored a point. In pegging out his opponent missed with the first ball and left both balls on the court. Phillips then hit in and the lady only had one more shot (the lift) between his two innings before he won by 2!

W.T.B.

HANDICAPPING CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE, 1961

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THE INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

Played at the Hurlingham Club, May 30th–June 2nd, 1961

The following were the players nominated to play:—

County Teams

DEVON.—Mrs. E. Rotherham (Capt.), Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave, A. J. Cooper, Miss A. Mills, Dr. R. N. B. Smartt, Mrs. M. H. Vincent, Miss E. J. Warwick, J. G. Warwick.

EASTERN COUNTIES.—Mrs. E. Reeve (Capt.), E. P. Duffield, I. C. Baillieu, Mrs. P. E. Heley, C. W. R. Hodges, A. D. Karmel, Mrs. A. D. Karmel, B. Lloyd-Pratt.

HANTS AND DORSET.—Maj. J. H. Dibley (Capt.), Mrs. J. H. Dibley, Mrs. V. C. Gasson, V. A. de la Nougerede, T. A. Chignell, Major F. Hill Bernhard.

MIDDLESEX.—Miss D. A. Lintern (Capt.), E. P. C. Cotter, J. A. Hollweg, J. W. Solomon, Capt. H. G. Stoker, Maj. R. Tingey, Mrs. R. Tingey, S. S. Townsend.

OXFORD, BUCKS AND BERKS.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (Capt.), Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, Col. J. G. Clarke, Mrs. J. G. Clarke, Miss H. D. Parker, R. F. Rothwell, Dr. C. A. Boucher.

SURREY.—M. B. Reckitt (Capt.), Col. C. C. Adams, D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller, H. O. Hicks, Mrs. G. W. Solomon, Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins.

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

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON AMERICAN

TOURNAMENT

May 8th–13th, 1961

Budleigh Salterton gave of its best to those fortunate enough to be playing in the opening Tournament of the season.

Wonderful weather, lovely lawns and a very efficient band of organisers ably led by Miss Aggie Mills, made certain that Budleigh is keeping up its reputation of staging one of the best weeks of the croquet season.

The play somewhat naturally suffered from the beginning of the season atmosphere, but nevertheless was at times as exciting as anything seen later on when players are normally at their best.

Heathcote and Buller provided a grandstand finish on the "centre court" in one game, the former winning by 2 after the match had swung each way in the last eight turns. The Cooper family have by now learnt the hard way how to play the pegged out game. In the Doubles, John was pegged out by Guy Warwick in their first round, but Joan Cooper managed to win for her side eventually. In the next, John pegged out Heathcote and Joan gallantly came through from 1-back to win again for the family.

In the semi-finals and finals the Cooper brother and sister duly demolished their opponents and proved they were a very good combination.

The winners of the seven sections of singles all had to work hard to win. Guy Warwick won Section "A", after a tie with his sister and gaining the verdict on points. He then went on to beat the winners of "G" and "F" before meeting George Mills in the final. Mills had showed very good form all the week and his win against John Cooper, section "B" was a fine effort. Mrs. Clark of S. Africa and E. Sidwell had a very close game in the other semi-final.

Warwick beat Mills in the final on a glorious afternoon and prizes were presented by the Vice-President of the club, Brigadier E. C. Peters at 6 p.m.

Mrs. Daniels then beat N. V. Snell in the extra event final after a close game.

One of the outstanding achievements of this Tournament was the fact that, although there were 157 matches, no game was put on a time limit, and this includes the Doubles.

F.E.S.

HANDICAP SINGLES

BLOCK "A"

NAMES	Handicap	Mrs. E. Rotherham	Miss E. J. Warwick	J. G. Warwick	Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey	Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave	Mrs. A. M. Daniels
Mrs. E. Rotherham	-3	—	5	3	1	26	26
Miss E. J. Warwick	-1	26	—	26	26	0	26
J. G. Warwick	-½	26	13	—	26	26	26
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey	0	26	12	18	—	10	26
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave	½	11	26	15	26	—	26
Mrs. A. M. Daniels	2	16	6	2	16	9	—

Block Winner: J. G. Warwick

BLOCK "B"

NAMES	Handicap	A. J. Cooper	Cmdr. A. Clarke	Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart	Mrs. F. R. Briggs	I. C. Baillieu	Capt. K. B. Millar
A. J. Cooper	2	—	26	26	26	26	26
Cmdr. A. Clarke	2	13	—	26	26	16	26
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart	2½	16	22	—	18	26	26
Mrs. F. R. Briggs	3	8	8	26	—	13	26
I. C. Baillieu	3	23	26	16	26	—	26
Capt. K. B. Millar	7	7	22	10	22	8	—

Block Winner: A. J. Cooper

BLOCK "C"

NAMES	Handicaps	Miss I. Roe	Mrs. A. Clarke	T. A. Chignell	Miss K. Ault	Capt. M. Buller	Maj. E. C. Heathcote	Dr. R. B. N. Smartt
Miss I. Roe	3½	—	10	16	26	26	21	15
Mrs. A. Clarke	3½	26	—	26	26	7	26	25
T. A. Chignell	4	26	24	—	9	11	22	19
Miss K. Ault	4½	16	17	26	—	14	11	26
Capt. M. Buller	4½	23	26	26	26	—	24	26
Major E. C. Heathcote	4½	26	15	26	26	25	—	22
Dr. R. B. N. Smartt	4½	26	10	26	17	11	26	—

Block Winner: Mrs. A. Clarke

BLOCK "D"

NAMES	Handicaps	Mrs. Chorlton	E. G. Bantock	Mrs. R. G. Michelmore	Mrs. M. McMordie	E. Sidwell	G. A. Black
Mrs. Chorlton	4½	—	26	26	6	14	25
E. G. Bantock	4½	24	—	26	26	18	26
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore	4½	18	18	—	26	5	9
Mrs. M. McMordie	5	26	21	11	—	20	19
E. Sidwell	6	26	26	26	26	—	26
G. A. Black	7	26	17	27	26	8	—

Block Winner: E. Sidwell

BLOCK "E"

NAMES	Handicaps	G. R. Mills	Sir H. Prior	Miss J. Cooper	Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt	G. Scott Page	Mrs. Rolfe
G. R. Mills	7	—	26	22	26	26	26
Sir H. Prior	7½	21	—	26	18	15	13
Miss J. Cooper	7½	26	9	—	15	26	24
Mrs. R. N. B. Smartt	7½	14	26	26	—	26	24
G. Scott Page	8½	8	26	18	12	—	26
Mrs. Rolfe	9½	10	26	26	26	17	—

Block Winner: G. R. Mills

BLOCK "F"

NAMES	Handicaps	Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse	R. A. Godby	N. V. Snell	Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty	Mrs. J. M. Purves	Mrs. W. Newnham Davies
Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse	8½	—	26	26	26	26	26
R. A. Godby	9	24	—	18	26	14	26
N. V. Snell	9	10	26	—	6	18	8
Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty	10	17	21	26	—	15	26
Mrs. I. M. Purves	12	21	26	26	26	—	20
Mrs. W. Newnham Davies	13	17	12	26	14	26	—

Block Winner: Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse

BLOCK "G"

NAMES	Handicaps	Miss S. C. Gough	W. Trevor Johnson	Mrs. N. Kitchin	Maj. R. S. G. Atchley	Mrs. R. S. G. Atchley	Mrs. T. F. Laverty
Miss S. C. Gough	13	—	26	26	26	26	13
W. Trevor Johnson	14	23	—	23	24	26	16
Mrs. N. Kitchin	15	17	26	—	19	12	10
Major R. S. G. Atchley	14	22	26	26	—	16	18
Mrs. R. S. G. Atchley	16	20	6	26	26	—	17
Mrs. T. F. Laverty	16	26	26	26	26	26	—

Block Winner: Mrs. T. F. Laverty

Play-off of Block winners

FIRST ROUND
 G. R. Mills (7) bt A. J. Cooper (2) by 12.
 E. Sidwell (6) bt Mrs. A. Clarke (3½) by 8.
 J. G. Warwick (—½) bt Mrs. Laverty (16) by 10.
 SEMI-FINAL
 G. R. Mills bt E. Sidwell by 3.
 J. G. Warwick bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse by 14.
 FINAL
 J. G. Warwick bt G. R. Mills by 15.

HANDICAP DOUBLES

Combined Handicap to be not less than 7 bisques (19 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND
 Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs A. N. Rolfe (7½) bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt and Sir Harry C. Prior (12) by 5.
 Mrs. M. McMordie and Major R. S. G. Atchley (17) bt T.A. Chignell and Mrs. R. N. B. Smartt (11½) by 3.
 Miss I. M. Roe and E. G. Bantock (8) bt J. K. Brown and Mrs. L. G. Walters (7) by 5.
 SECOND ROUND
 Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart and Major E. C. Heathcote (7) bt Capt. K. B. Millar and Capt. M. Buller (7½) by 8.
 A. J. Cooper and Miss J. Cooper (9½) bt J. G. Warwick and Mrs. Newnham Davis (11½) by 3.
 Mrs. A. M. Daniels and E. Sidwell (8½) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and G. A. Black (7½) by 12.
 Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. A. N. Rolfe (7½) bt Mrs. M. McMordie and Major R. S. G. Atchley (17) by 12.
 Miss I. M. Roe and E. G. Bantock (8) bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs and Mrs. R. S. G. Atchley (16½) by 4.
 G. R. Mills and Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty (17) bt G. Scott Page and N. V. Snell (17½) by 5.
 Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (8½) bt Miss K. Ault and W. Trevor Johnson (18½) by 7.
 Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. R. Jones Bateman (14) bt Ian C. Baillieu and R. A. Godby (12) by 7.

THIRD ROUND
 A. J. Cooper and Miss J. Cooper (9½) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart and Major F. C. Heathcote (7) by 3.
 Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. A. N. Rolfe (7½) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels and E. Sidwell (8½) by 5.
 G. R. Mills and Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty (17) and Miss I. M. Roe and E. G. Bantock (8) by 8.
 Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (8½) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. R. Jones Bateman (14) by 2.

SEMI-FINAL
 A. J. Cooper and Miss J. Cooper (9½) bt Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. A. N. Rolfe (7½) by 20.
 Mrs. G. F. Elvey and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (8½) bt G. R. Mills and Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty (17) by 7.
 FINAL
 A. J. Cooper and Miss J. Cooper (9½) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (8½) by 13.

EXTRA EVENT

HANDICAP SINGLES

(18 Entries)

SEMI-FINAL
 Mrs. A. M. Daniels (2) bt Cmdr. A. Clarke (2) by 4.
 N. V. Snell (9) bt R. A. Godby (9) by 4 on time.

FINALS
 Mrs. A. M. Daniels (2) bt N. V. Snell (9) by 4.

THE PEEL MEMORIALS

May 15th-20th

Ne'er cast a clout
 Till Peels be out

must be an established maxim for all experienced croquet players, and few can have been tempted to do so on the present occasion. After three lovely summer days at the end of the previous week, the wind returned characteristically to a northern quarter in obedience to ancient tradition and obstinately remained there throughout the tournament. From time to time the sun emerged however, and scarcely a drop of rain fell during the week.

We never remember finding the courts at Roehampton in such an excellent condition so early in the season as they are this year. Moreover, by an adroit transposition the club authorities have succeeded, as our Chairman gratefully noted in his speech at the prize-giving, in making two courts grow where one grew before on the upper bank. These are a bit short of grass at the top end as yet but they promise very well, and this addition of a sixth lawn will be of the greatest assistance to tournament managers. Despite this, some courts at Hurlingham were—or were deemed to be—necessary to the successful accomplishment of the programme on the first few days. When these transits are unavoidable it is not for competitors to complain of them, but most of us vastly prefer to remain at the site of the tournament for which we have entered.

The entry was almost precisely equal in numbers to that of last year, and seems to be settling down at this figure—an improvement on that of the years immediately following on the War, though still in strong contrast to the hundred entries which, at any rate for the Women's event, were often recorded in the years before World War I. In the Men's event on this occasion the play of three competitors stood out, these being Colonel Prichard, the winner last year, Captain Stoker and Mr. Camroux. It was unfortunate that Stoker, who had in effect reached the final, felt it necessary to retire on the peg to the Colonel, since he had the final of the Doubles to play in the Afternoon. Few players have so steadily advanced with advancing years as he has, and he is playing better now than he ever was. Colonel Prichard seemed to tire somewhat on the closing days and his excellent shooting was less in evidence. But Mr. Camroux thoroughly deserved his win. His hitting of his own ball is an object-lesson to all of us, and in particular in the matter of the rush up to the hoop, a shot about which most of us are far too careless. He is prepared to go to no end of trouble in all he does, and his tactics have noticeably improved. He looked to some of us like a Surrey Cup player for the near future.

A feature of the Women's event was the play of two competitors from a small metropolitan club, Parsons Green. Mrs. Showan and Mrs. Speer have still, very naturally, a good deal to learn about tactics; they are at present far too apt to roll up to distant hoops when they would be doing much better to prepare a promising situation for the following turn. Mrs. Speer has something to learn too about the execution of the croquet stroke, but they both thoroughly deserved the successes which they won. The final of this event was a prolonged, and at the end an exciting game, but it was not a good one, neither player doing herself justice. The chief feature of Mrs. Solomon's game throughout the week was her long shooting and it won her a second victory in the event after an interval of a dozen years.

In the Doubles Mrs. Gasson and Mrs. Davidson reached the final after three hair-raising finishes of +1, +2 and +1, all 'on time'. Their opponents there had come through somewhat more easily, playing well within themselves and with the unflinching cheerfulness which characterises them both. For some time it looked as though the ladies might win, but they were gradually overhauled and the handsome Murray Cups were carried off by Captain Stoker and Mr. Huskinson, both of whom are wont to win a good prize of some sort at this tournament.

An Extra Event was won with impressive ease by Mr. Lawrence Stokes-Roberts who will surely soon be playing at a much lower handicap than 9.

We were all extremely grateful to Miss Daldy for her handling of her first official C.A. tournament and hope to see her in charge of many more in the future. It was 9 o'clock one night before she left the ground, so fidelity was added to efficiency in the discharge of her duties.

The week was occupied by many on the ground in the study of a small green booklet—though 'small' is a relative term in this case, since the new 'Laws of Association Croquet and Golf Croquet and the Regulations for Official Tournaments' runs to 52 pages. In the light of this prolonged revision we ought surely to regard our Laws, as the Lord Chancellor in Iolanthe regarded the Laws of England, as "the true embodiment of everything that is excellent," and to assume that they now "have no possible fault nor flaw"—though a few specks were believed to be detected by some earnest students. But there can be no doubt that Mr. Ian Baillieu, like the aforesaid Lord Chancellor, now 'embodies the Law', and was found to be happily expounding it at this tournament, as he will no doubt continue to do at many future ones.

MEN'S HANDICAP SINGLES

A SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL

("Two Life" System)

THE DRAW

(19 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

T. E. Ryves (5) bt I. C. Baillieu (3) by 10.
 A. V. Camroux (3½) bt G. N. B. Huskinson (3) by 10.
 R. A. Stigant (7½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (2) by 1.

SECOND ROUND

Major R. Tingey (—1½) bt Cmdr. A. Clark (2) by 13.
 N. F. Blackwood (2½) bt Col. C. C. Adams (—1) by 23.
 L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (9) w.o. M. Spencer Ell (0) opponent scratched.
 A. V. Camroux (3½) bt T. E. Ryves (5) by 6.
 R. A. Stigant (7½) bt Major J. R. Abbey (1½) by 1.
 Major J. H. Dibley (2½) bt H. J. Penny (3½) by 4.
 H. G. Stoker (1) bt M. B. Reckitt (—1) by 14.
 Col. D. M. C. Prichard (1½) bt G. H. Blackett (5) by 15.

THIRD ROUND

N. F. Blackwood (2½) bt Major R. Tingey (—1½) by 7.
 A. V. Camroux (3½) bt L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (9) by 11.
 Major J. H. Dibley (7½) bt R. A. Stigant (7½) by 13.
 Col. D. M. C. Prichard (1½) bt H. G. Stoker (1) by 4.

SEMI-FINAL

A. V. Camroux (3½) bt N. F. Blackwood (2½) by 7.
 Col. D. M. C. Prichard (1½) bt Major J. H. Dibley (2½) by 7.

FINAL

A. V. Camroux (3½) bt Col. D. M. C. Prichard (1½) by 24.

PROCESS

(19 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Col. D. M. C. Prichard (1½) bt Col. C. C. Adams (—1) by 26.
 Major R. Tingey (—1½) bt M. B. Reckitt (—1) by 16.
 Cmdr. A. Clark (2) bt G. H. Blackett (5) by 5.

SECOND ROUND

H. J. Penny (3½) bt T. E. Ryves (5) by 13.
 Col. D. M. C. Prichard (1½) bt R. A. Stigant (7½) by 11.
 Major J. R. Abbey (1½) bt L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (9) by 2.
 Major R. Tingey (—1½) bt A. V. Camroux (3½) by 6.
 H. G. Stoker (1) bt I. C. Baillieu (3) by 18.
 Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) bt N. F. Blackwood (2½) by 3.
 Major J. H. Dibley (2½) w.o. M. Spencer Ell (0) opponent scratched.
 G. N. B. Huskinson (3) bt Cmdr. A. Clark (2) 3.

THIRD ROUND

Col. D. M. C. Prichard (1½) bt J. H. Penny (3½) by 10.
 Major R. Tingey (—1½) bt Major J. R. Abbey (1½) by 6.
 H. G. Stoker (1) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) by 11.
 G. N. B. Huskinson (3) bt Major J. H. Dibley (2½) by 6.

SEMI-FINAL

Col. D. M. C. Prichard (1½) bt Major R. Tingey (—1½) by 6.
 H. G. Stoker (1) bt G. N. B. Huskinson (3) by 7.

FINAL

Col. D. M. C. Prichard (1½) bt H. G. Stoker (1) opponent retired.

PLAY-OFF

A. V. Camroux (3½) bt Col. D. M. C. Prichard (1½) by 19.

LADIES' HANDICAP SINGLES

A SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL

("Two Life" System)

DRAW

(20 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. R. Tingey (2½) bt Mrs. F. Stanley Smith (10) by 4.
 Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) bt Lady Stanham (12) by 13.
 Mrs. S. M. Adler (2½) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (7) by 6.
 Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (9) by 14.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. G. W. Solomon (4) bt Mrs. K. Gray (10) by 23.
 Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8) by 2.
 Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (10) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (6½) by 3 on time.
 Mrs. R. Tingey (2½) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) by 11.
 Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) bt Mrs. S. M. Adler (2½) by 4.
 Mrs. L. A. Showan (5½) bt Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) by 13.
 Mrs. M. E. Speer (7½) bt Mrs. G. Fitter (7½) opponent scratched.
 Mrs. P. E. Heley (3) bt Miss E. H. Fisher (2½) by 18.

THIRD ROUND

Mrs. G. W. Solomon (4) w.o. Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) opponent scratched.
 Mrs. R. Tingey (2½) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (10) by 6.
 Mrs. L. A. Showan (5½) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) by 12.
 Mrs. M. E. Speer (7½) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (3) by 15.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. R. Tingey (2½) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (4) by 10.
 Mrs. L. A. Showan (5½) bt Mrs. M. E. Speer (7½) by 7.

FINAL

Mrs. L. A. Showan (5½) bt Mrs. R. Tingey (2½) by 3.

PROCESS
(20 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. P. E. Heley (3) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8) by 7.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (4) bt Mrs. G. Fitter (8½) opponent scratched.
Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) bt Miss E. H. Fisher (2½) by 3.
Mrs. M. E. Speer (7½) bt Mrs. K. Gray (10) by 19.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. R. Tingey (2½) bt Mrs. L. A. Showan (5½) by 6.
Mrs. S. M. Adler (2½) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (3) by 3.
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (6½) opponent scratched.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (4) bt Lady Stanham (12) by 12.
Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) bt Mrs. F. Stanley Smith (10) by 6.
Miss K. D. Hickson (7) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) by 16.
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (10) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (9) by 21.
Mrs. M. E. Speer (7½) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) by 20.

THIRD ROUND

Mrs. R. Tingey (2½) bt Mrs. S. M. Adler (2½) by 5.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (4) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) by 11.
Miss K. D. Hickson (7) bt Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) by 6.
Mrs. M. E. Speer (7½) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (10) by 16.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. G. W. Solomon (4) bt Mrs. R. Tingey (2½) by 6.
Mrs. M. E. Speer (7½) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (7) by 6.

FINAL

Mrs. G. W. Solomon (4) bt Mrs. M. E. Speer (7½) by 1 on time.

PLAY-OFF

Mrs. G. W. Solomon (4) bt Mrs. L. A. Showan (5½) by 3.

HANDICAP DOUBLES

LADY MURRAY SILVER CHALLENGE CUP
(Combined Handicaps two and over)
(15 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. L. A. Showan and Mrs. M. E. Speer (13) bt H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (11) by 16 on time.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (9½) bt M. B. Reckitt and R. A. Stigant (6½) by 1 on time.
A. V. Camroux and T. E. Ryves (8½) bt N. F. Blackwood and G. H. Blackett (7½) by 14.
Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. F. Stanley Smith (8) bt Commander and Mrs. A. Clark (5) by 11.
Brig. and L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (11) bt Major R. Tingey and Lady Stanham (10½) by 14.
Mrs. R. Tingey and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (6½) bt Major J. H. Dibley and Mrs. P. E. Heley (5½) by 16.
Col. and Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (11½) bt I. C. Baillieu and Mrs. K. Gray (13) by 18.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (9½) bt Mrs. L. A. Showan and Mrs. M. E. Speer (13) by 2 on time.
A. V. Camroux and T. E. Ryves (8½) bt Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. F. Stanley Smith (8) by 7.
Brig. and L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (11) bt Mrs. R. Tingey and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (6½) by 13.
H. G. Stoker and G. N. B. Huskinson (4) bt Col. and Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (11½) by 11.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (9½) bt A. V. Camroux and T. E. Ryves (8½) by 1 on time.
H. G. Stoker and G. N. B. Huskinson (4) bt Brig. and L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (11) by 6.

FINAL

H. G. Stoker and G. N. B. Huskinson (4) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (9) by 5.

EXTRA EVENT

HANDICAP SINGLES
(Aimee Reckitt variation)

(10 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Col. C. C. Adams (—1) bt R. A. Stigant (7½) by 16.
M. B. Reckitt (—1) bt Miss E. Fisher (2½) by 4.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. F. Stanley-Smith (10) bt Mrs. M. Carrington (8) by 1.
Col. C. C. Adams (—1) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (10) by 1.
M. B. Reckitt (—1) bt Major J. H. Dibley (2½) by 2.
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (9) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (9) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL

Col. C. C. Adams (—1) bt Mrs. F. Stanley-Smith (10) by 6.
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (9) bt M. B. Reckitt (—1) by 15.

FINAL

L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (9) bt Col. C. C. Adams (—1) by 16.

ALL-ENGLAND HANDICAP

1960 Winner—E. Whitehead (5½)

Committee and Secretary.—The Tournament Committee and Secretary of the Croquet Association.

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Miss D. A. Lintern.

Competitors must be members of the C.A. or members of a Registered Croquet Club. A member of the C.A. not being a member of a Registered Club must arrange to play at a Registered Club. A Competitor may not play in more than one Registered Club's Competition.

Preliminary Stage.—Club competitions to be finished by the 25th August. Clubs entering 16 to 31 competitors will be entitled to have two representatives in the Final Stage.

Final Stages.—The Club representatives will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild System and will meet in London during the period extending over September 21st to 23rd.

Qualification to hold a competition.—No Club with an entry of less than four competitors is eligible to be represented. In any match of the final stages a competitor shall play on the C.A. handicap that he would have been playing at in an Official Tournament.

Entry Fees.—Entry fee for each competitor 3s., to be paid to the Club Secretary. 1s. of the Entry Fee will be retained by the Competitor's Club, and 2s. will be sent to the Secretary, C.A., by the Club Secretary.

The results of Club Competitions must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., to reach her not later than 29th August. Matches of single games throughout.

Prizes.—Winner and Runner-up: The Tingey Trophies, and Bronze Medals, others in the last eight: Bronze medals. Winner's Club holds the New Zealand Plaque. Holder: Colchester.

CARRICKMINES

CROQUET AND LAWN TENNIS CLUB

CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING
OF IRELAND

SATURDAY 17th June to SATURDAY, 24th June, 1961

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Club.

Manager.—Lady FitzGerald.

Referee.—To be appointed.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly, Ballynamote, Carrickmines, Co. Dublin.

1.—CHAMPIONSHIP OF IRELAND. Silver Salver (Perpetual). Presented by the late P. D. Mathews, Esq. Rule 44. Entrance Fee 12s.

2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Challenge Cup (Perpetual). Presented by the late J. W. Green, Esq., 5 bisques and over. Single games, no lifts. Entrance Fee 8s.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Founders Cup (Perpetual). Entrance Fee 8s.

4.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Stonebrook Cups (Perpetual). Presented by the late Col. Cooke. Single games. Entrance Fee 8s. each player.

Entries for all events will close on **Tuesday, June 13th**, at 6 p.m. and the Draw will then take place.

Play will commence at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday, June 17th.

Competitors residing over 25 miles distance from Dublin will not be required for play till 10 a.m. on Monday, June 19th.

Standard setting and Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used.

Flat-soled shoes must be worn.

The Committee reserve the right of refusing any Entry without assigning a reason.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

A CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held in

THE CLUB GROUNDS on **MONDAY, 10th JULY, 1961**
and following days

(Under the Rules and Regulations of the Croquet Association)
Tournament Committee.—Miss E. J. Warwick (Chairman), A. J. Cooper, Major G. F. Stone, Miss A. E. Mills, Dr. R. B. N. Smartt and Mrs. M. H. Vincent.

Manager and Handicapper.—Major J. H. Dibley, M.C.
Referee of the Tournament.—J. G. Warwick, Esq.
(Assistant referees and umpires may be appointed under Reg. 14.)

Tournament Secretary.—Major G. F. Stone, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton. (Tel. 548).

EVENTS

1.—OPEN SINGLES. Draw and Process. The Winner to hold the Colman Challenge Cup until the next Competition or for one year, whichever is the shorter period.

(Note.—Except in the case of a BYE, Competitors in this Event will not be granted Leave after 2 p.m. on Monday, 10th July.)
Full Game to be played.
Entrance Fee 14s.

2.—LEVEL SINGLES (Class B). Single Games. The winner to hold the Longman Cup for one year or until the next competition, whichever is the shorter period. Open to players of 2½ to 6 bisques. Full Game to be played. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (Class C). Single Games. Open to players of 6½ bisques and over. All Games start at 3rd Hoop. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.

N.B.—NO COMPETITOR MAY ENTER FOR MORE THAN ONE OF THE ABOVE EVENTS.

4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Single Games. The Winner to hold the Oliver Bowl for one year or until the next Competition, whichever is the shorter period. Open to all. Full Games to be played. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.

5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Single Games. The winners to hold the Le Messurier Cups for one year or until the next Competition, whichever is the shorter period. No two players of Handicap 1½ or lower may play together. All Games start at the 3rd hoop. Time limit 3½ hours. Final Full Game. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. each player.

AN EXTRA Event will be arranged if time and Entries permit.

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

PRIZES

First and Second Prizes will be given in each Event, and two equal Third Prizes where Entries are sufficient.

ENTRIES

(On Official Entry Forms ONLY please)

Entries, as above, must reach the Secretary by the following dates: For Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 by first post on **Thursday, 6th July**; and for Event 5 by 3 p.m. on **Tuesday, 11th July**, but the Committee reserves the right to close the Lists earlier should they find it necessary to do so.

THE DRAW

The Draw for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 will take place in the Club Pavilion on Thursday, 6th July, at 11 a.m.; and for Events 5 on Tuesday, 11th July, in the Club Pavilion.

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

Bridge Rooms are available.
Standard Setting, 3½ in. Hoops.

Play will commence each day at 10 a.m. or earlier if necessary. Every Competitor shall wear flat-soled boots or shoes, so as not to damage the Courts.

At least nine Lawns will be provided.

AN UNOFFICIAL AMERICAN TOURNAMENT (Handicap Singles), will be held the previous week commencing on Tuesday, 4th July to Friday, 7th July. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.

Entries must reach the Secretary by Friday, 30th June.

THE "LADIES' FIELD" CUP

Holder: Miss E. J. Warwick

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

No Entrance Fee

Will be played for at the **Southwick Club** (by kind permission of the Committee of the Club) on **Monday, July 17th**, and following days

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Southwick Club.

Manager.—Miss M. J. Daldy.

Referee.—E. A. Roper.

Secretary.—The Secretary of the C.A., The Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6., in conjunction with the Secretary, Southwick Club.

CONDITIONS

Hoops 3¼ in. wide. Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used.
Each competitor meets each of the other competitors twice in each competition.

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

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

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

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

PLAY

Play will commence at 10.0 a.m. on Monday and at 10.0 a.m. on other days, unless otherwise notified.

CHELTENHAM

THE FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

will be held on the

Club Lawns, Old Bath Road

On **Monday, July 24th**, and five following days

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association)

Committee of the Cheltenham Croquet Club.—G. E. P. Jackson (Chairman).

Manager.—Mrs. H. F. Chittenden.

Referee.—Miss Adye.

Tournament Secretary.—Cheltenham Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

EVENTS

1.—OPEN SINGLES. CHELTENHAM CHAMPIONSHIP CUP. To be held for one year or till the next competition, whichever is the shorter period. "Two Life System." Holder, V. de la Nougerede. Entrance Fee, 13s.

2.—LEVEL SINGLES. MONEY SALVER. To be held for one year or till the next competition, whichever is the shorter period. For players with three or more bisques. Law 44 suspended. Holder, D. M. C. Prichard. Entrance Fee, 10s.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players with six and a half or more bisques. Entrance Fee, 10s.

No players may enter for more than one of the above events.

4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Open to all. Entrance Fee, 10s.

5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. BARWELL SALVERS. Unrestricted. To be held for one year or till the next competition, whichever is the shorter period. Holders, E. P. Duffield and T. E. Ryves. Entrance Fee, 10s. each player.

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

Buses run to and from town hourly.
 Entries must reach Secretary by **Midday, Wednesday, July 19th**.
 Draw for Singles Events in Pavilion at 2 p.m. same day.
 Entries for Doubles close on Tuesday, July 25th.
 Cheques for entrance money should be made payable to the Cheltenham Croquet Club.

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

THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

will be played for at the
HURLINGHAM CLUB, on JULY 31st, and following days.
 Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.
 Manager.—Maj. General F. A. N. Davidson.
 Referee and Handicapper.—J. G. Warwick.
 Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.

EVENTS

- 1.—THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP. Open to any Competitor (subject to Regulation 22). Entrance Fee, 13s. Matches best of three games. Prize: The Coronation Gold Challenge Cup and a medal. Runner-up, a Silver Challenge Cup. Holder, Mrs. E. Rotherham.
- 2.—THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP. Open to any competitor (subject to Regulation 22). Entrance Fee, 13s. Matches of single games. Prizes: A Pair of Silver Challenge Cups presented by M. B. Reckitt and the late G. L. Reckitt. Holders, H. O. Hicks and W. P. Ormerod.
- 3.—THE ASSOCIATION PLATE. Open to competitors who have entered for Event 1 and have not qualified for the third round or at the discretion of the Manager. Matches of single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d. each entry as they qualify. Level play. Prize: A Challenge Cup presented by W. Longman. Holder, W. P. Ormerod.

CONDITIONS

Hoops 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. wide. Jaques' "Championship" balls will be used.
No leave can be granted until after the Draw.
 The winners hold the respective trophies for one year, or until the next competition whichever is the shorter period. Other prizes according to number of entries.
 The Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason. Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

ENTRIES

The Entries accompanied by the Entrance Fees for Event 1 must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., so as to reach her not later than the first post on **Wednesday, July 26th**, and for Event 2 by noon on **Tuesday, August 1st**. The competitors must give with their entries the address at which messages will reach them during the Tournament.

DRAW

The Draw for Event 1 will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 26th, and for Event 2 at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 1st, and for Event 3 as will be announced on the ground.

PLAY

Play will begin at 10.30 a.m. on Monday and 10 a.m. on other days. Competitors will report themselves to the Manager on arrival. Any competitor who is not present, or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so will be liable to be scratched.

The semi-finals and finals of the Championships will be so arranged that play in them will extend over the afternoons of Friday and Saturday, August 4th and 5th.

HURLINGHAM

THE ANNUAL CROQUET TOURNAMENT

including the
"LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS
 (Under the direction of the C.A.)

will be held from

Monday, August 7th, to Wednesday, August 16th, 1961

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Club.
 Manager, Handicapper and Referee.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.
 Secretary.—Lieut.-Col. R. F. J. Hayward, V.C., M.C.

EVENTS

- 1.—THE HURLINGHAM CUP. Holder, E. P. C. Cotter. Level Singles. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d. Draw and Process.
- 2.—THE TURNER CUP. Holder, D. W. Curtis. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 1 bisque or over not entered for Event 1. Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Ernest Turner. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 10s.
- 3.—THE HURLINGHAM DOUBLES. Holders, Major and Mrs. R. Tingey. Level Play. Mixed Pairs. Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Henry Franc. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 10s. each player.
- 4.—THE YOUNGER CUP. Holder, C. H. R. Penny. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ bisques and over not entered for Events 1 or 2. Challenge Cup presented by Lt.-Col. J. A. C. Younger. Singles games throughout. Entrance Fee, 10s. **Law 44 suspended.**

Play in this event will not commence before Wednesday, August 9th, and competitors can enter on the understanding that they will not be called upon to play in this or any other event before August 9th.

- 5.—THE LONGWORTH CUP. Holder, Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 8 bisques and over not entered for Events 1, 2 or 4. Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. R. C. Longworth. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 10s. All games to start at the third hoop. **Law 44 suspended.**

Play in this event will not commence before Thursday, August 10th, and unless they have entered for event 3 competitors can enter on the understanding that they will not be called upon to play in this or any other event before August 10th.

- 6.—THE PINCKNEY SIMPSON CUP (HANDICAP SINGLES). Holder, V. A. de la Nougerede. Entrance Fee, 10s.
- 7.—THE "LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS (Ladies' Handicap Doubles). Holders, Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. M. L. Thom. Open to Lady Members of the C.A. only. Entrance Fee, 10s. each player.
- 8.—MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES. Entrance Fee, 10s. Holders, J. G. Warwick and J. M. Rivington.

Tournament Plant by Messrs. John Jaques and Son Ltd., 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. Hoops and Standard Setting.

PRIZES

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

ENTRIES AND DRAW

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

GENERAL

The Committee reserves the right of altering the conditions and refusing entries without assigning a reason.
 Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

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

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

At least six Lawns will be provided.

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

DIRECTORY OF CLUBS

- A.E.R.E. Croquet Club—Secretary, Mr. D. Pepper, Chem.Eng.Div., Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, Didcot, Berks.
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 British Rayon Research Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, E. M. Holroyd, 9 Lawrence Road, Hazel Grove, Stockport, Cheshire.
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 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.
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