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TOURNAMENT FIXTURES

1961

- Aug. 7-16—**Hurlingham.** Games Secretary, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 12-19—**Dublin.** Hon. Sec., Mrs. O'Reilly, Ballynamote, Carrickmines, Co. Dublin.
- „ 17-26—**Challenge & Gilbey Cups, Ascot & Delves Broughton Cups (Roehampton).** Secretary, C.A., Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- Aug. 28 to Sept. 2—**Southwick.** Tourn. Sec., Miss M. J. Daldy, 10 Lansdowne Road, Hove 3.
- „ —**Hunstanton.** Hon. Sec., Mrs. J. A. Clarke, 49 Northgate, Hunstanton.
- Sept. 4-9—**Parkstone.** Hon. Sec., Mrs. McMordie, 4 Overbury Road, Parkstone, Dorset.
- „ 11-16—**President's Cup (Hurlingham), Surrey Cup (Roehampton).** Secretary C.A., The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 21-23—**All England Handicap. Area Finals (Roehampton).** Secretary C.A., Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 25-30—**Roehampton.** Games Secretary, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15.
- Oct. 2-14—**Devonshire Park (Eastbourne).** Secretary C.A., Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.

NON-OFFICIAL

- July 4-7—**Budleigh Salterton.** Hon. Sec., Major G. F. Stone, Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton.
- Sept. 4—**Southwick.** Tourn. Sec., Miss J. Daldy, 10 Lansdowne Road, Hove 3.
- „ 18—**Cheltenham.** Hon. Tourn. Sec., Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

LADIES' FIELD CUP

The following players were selected:—

Mrs. L. H. Ashton
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey
Miss D. A. Lintern
Mrs. W. Longman
Miss I. M. Roe
Mrs. E. Rotherham
Miss E. J. Warwick

Mrs. Ashton, Mrs. Elvey, Miss Lintern and Mrs. Longman having been unable to accept the following were invited:

Mrs. Turketine, Mrs. Chittenden, Mrs. Gasson, Mrs. Latham, Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. Buchanan. Mrs. Turketine and Mrs. Latham refused.

Reserve: Mrs. Turketine.

CROQUET ASSOCIATION NOTICES

The subscription of £1 10s. 0d. due on January 1st, 1961, should be sent to the Secretary, C.A., Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6. A number of subscriptions are still outstanding and it would assist the Secretary considerably if they were promptly paid.

It would also be appreciated if Associates who tender Subscriptions, Entry Fees, etc., when they see the Secretary away from her office would use an envelope and enclose a slip giving name and particulars of the payment.

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The following publications are available from the Secretary, C.A., Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.

Croquet Association Handbook, 1960/61, 4s. 6d.

The new edition of the Laws, 2s. 6d. (Non Associates 3s. 6d.) All Associates are strongly advised to purchase the new Laws.

12 Hints to Beginners, 1s. 0d. A very valuable booklet which contains much useful information.

Entry forms for C.A. Tournaments. Pads of 25 price 2s. 0d. Competitors are reminded that they must use the official entry forms when entering for C.A. tournaments.

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V. C. GASSON,
Secretary.

NOTES by ROVER

Compton then and now

One visiting the recent tournament at the Compton Club, Eastbourne (reported elsewhere in this number) who had not seen this lovely ground for many years was reminded once again of how fortunate croquet players are in being so often able to pursue their game in delightful surroundings. Standing as it does across the road from Compton Place, the Club seems to retain something of the aura spreading from a ducal seat on the lawns of which, at the turn of the century, the monarch of that day threaded a rather laborious way through the four-inch hoops of the period. King Edward VII was fond of croquet, and his patronage of the game no doubt contributed a good deal to its returning popularity in the heyday of the country house-party. He was not, however, if report be true, at all fond of being beaten at it, and one gathers that such an upshot was very seldom permitted to occur. Reminiscing on these matters beneath the tremendous trees of the Club, the writer's attention was diverted to contemporary events by overhearing an animated dialogue between an Oxford and a Cambridge undergraduate on the problems of Logical Positivism and its bearing on present-day metaphysics. A conversation so unusual at our tournaments led to the reflection that with such good brains at work amongst us the future of our game should be well assured. Not since Edwardian days have young men been taking up croquet with so much enthusiasm as they are doing now, and Compton at that moment suggested the happiest of links with our past.

Courts of Chivalry

It is only too often that those who know no better—and sometimes those who do—convey the impression that croquet players are a set of grasping, ungenerous individuals who snatch at every opportunity of taking advantage of one another. A recent tournament has afforded this Rover an opportunity for observing examples of the very opposite. In one game in an A open event, a case of wiring—or more precisely 'pegging'—having arisen, one competitor immediately 'conceded' a lift, while the other refused to make any claims for this at all. A referee had almost to force his way on to the court to insist on a decision of what proved to be a pretty close thing. In another game a player having left his balls together as yard line balls, his opponent took a shot at the balls and missed them. The other competitor thereupon sprang to his feet saying he feared that he had not adjusted the yard line balls as accurately as he should have done and begged his opponent to have his shot again, which, albeit somewhat reluctantly, he did and on this occasion was successful. While all the spectators applauded the chivalry thus displayed, a few actually defended the legal correctness of his gesture. In this, however, they were wrong, as a reference to Law 28 will show. A player may question the accurate placing of a yard line ball before he aims at it and his adversary should 'forestall the stroke' if he becomes aware that he has not placed his balls correctly. But in no case can the striker have two bites at the cherry.

Questionable pass rolls

At a recent tournament a player was observed to make a particularly ambitious pass roll from the second corner, whereby his own ball finished near the first hoop and the croqueted ball near the second hoop. An onlooker ventured the opinion that the stroke should have been watched on the footing that with a difficult shot of this nature it was likely that a fault would be committed. The law in this respect is that a fault is made if the striker pushes or pulls his ball without first striking it audibly or distinctly, and a very useful explanatory note appears in the new Laws to the effect that a "push" or "pull" consists in maintaining contact for an appreciable period, irrespective of the stance or attitude of the striker. Any acceleration following a check of the mallet after its initial contact with the ball should be regarded as pushing.

As to the onlooker's opinion the Laws are quite clear. If the striker is about to play a stroke of which he suspects either the fairness or the effect may be doubtful, he must consult with his adversary before playing. It is for the striker to take the initiative but if he fails to do so, the adversary should interrupt for the purpose of having the stroke specially watched. The difficulty from the adversary's standpoint is that while he might well interrupt a 10 bisquer who was about to attempt a difficult pass roll, he would be reluctant to do so for a minus 3 player who might have been perfecting this particular stroke for some weeks previously.

Nineteenth century pass rolls

Those who may have thought that the pass-roll is a stroke of comparatively recent creation will perhaps be interested to read the following description of it taken from "The Complete Croquet Player" by James D. Heath, and published in 1874. He calls it "The Passing Stroke".

"In this, the striker's or rear ball passes, and goes a longer distance than the other or croqueted ball. This is effected by dwelling on, or following the striker's ball with the mallet more than in an ordinary rolling stroke, so as to send it further than the croqueted ball. Great care must be taken not to make a double tap, and the 'roll' or pressure of the mallet must not send the rear ball so as to catch or 'kiss' the front one. If the mallet be held firmly, and brought down and made to follow steadily, there ought to be no danger or making a foul stroke, and a proper laying of the balls (so as not to follow in exactly the same line) will preclude the undesirable 'kiss'. The pass stroke is sometimes very useful and many players find particular satisfaction in doing it neatly."

The author of the book from which this description of "The Passing Stroke" is taken was winner of the Open Championship in 1873 and 1874.

HANDICAPS CONFIRMED OR ALTERED BY THE
HANDICAP CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

July 25th, 1961

PARKSTONE

NEW
Lt.-Col. R. L. de Brisay 14.
AFTER PLAY
Rev. H. L. Ormerod 6½ to 5.
Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish 1 to ½.
Miss M. Chancellor 8* to 8.
A. F. Rash 8 to 7½.
Miss Rose 5½ to 6½.

COMPTON

ASSOCIATES
NEW
C. J. E. Dashwood 9*.
P. J. M. Fidler 9*.
Miss Rose 5½ to 6½.
DURING PLAY
P. J. M. Fidler 9* to 8.
AFTER PLAY
C. J. E. Dashwood 9* to 5½.
F. E. M. Puxon 9* to 8.
Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon 12* to 12.
W. H. Austin 6½ to 5½.
NON-ASSOCIATE
P. J. M. Fidler 8 to 5½.
NEW HANDICAP
D. Temple Page 9*.

SOUTHWICK

Omitted in error
Mrs. I. H. Turketine 3 to 2.
Miss M. Tower 14 to 10.

BOWDON

Ratification
W. Bell 5.
Mrs. M. Briggs 2½.
P. L. Norrish 8.
Mrs. P. L. Norrish 10.
Mrs. Oxley 10.
P. Thompson 4½.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON UNOFFICIAL

NEW HANDICAPS GIVEN TO ASSOCIATES
F. R. Meacham 5*.
Mrs. J. Povey 14*.

ALTERATIONS TO HANDICAPS

BEFORE PLAY
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore 4½ to 5.
AFTER PLAY
A. J. Cooper 1 to 0.
Mrs. A. Clark 3 to 2½.
Mrs. M. H. Vincent 5 to 4.
F. R. Meacham 5* to 8.
Mrs. J. Povey 14* to 14.
G. B. Horridge 9 to 7.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON OFFICIAL

NEW HANDICAPS
R. B. Nelson 9*.
R. S. Green 9.
AFTER PLAY
A. J. Cooper 0 to ½.
R. B. Nelson 9* to 8.
R. S. Green 9* to 8½.
Lt.-Col. J. F. Laverty 10 to 7½.
G. Mills 6 to 5.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard 1 to ½.
Major E. C. Heathcote 4½ to 3.

CARRICKMINES

ASSOCIATES
R. J. Leonard 2 to 1.
T. V. Murphy 4 to 3.
H. M. Read 8 to 7.
Mrs. H. M. Read 7.
NON-ASSOCIATES
D. Campbell 5½ to 5.
A. Robinson 3 to 2.
Miss I. Haire 10 to 9.
CLUB RECOMMENDATION
Miss F. Joly 10 to 9.

HURLINGHAM RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. F. J. Bentley 12 to 10.
F. W. Byrne —1.

IPSWICH RECOMMENDATIONS

ASSOCIATES
Miss C. Allen 9½ to 9.
Miss M. E. Day 12.
NON-ASSOCIATES
Mrs. D. M. Brownlee 10.
Mrs. H. A. Zinn 13.

PERSONAL REQUEST

G. Victor Evans 1½ to 2½.

Questions and Answers

Question: With reference to the Questions and Answers in July *Croquet*, in the second answer does Law 32 (b) (i) refer *only* to the fault of "failing to move or shake the croqueted ball, etc." 32 (a) (xii) ?

Answer: No, "if during a croquet stroke the turn would have ended under Law 19 (c)" (the striker's ball having been sent off the court) the adversary may waive *any fault* under Law 32, and has the option of having the ball replaced or the ball, off the court, replaced on the boundary and the turn ends in either case.

Question: How does the limit of claims vary in the new Laws ?

Answer: In Law 32 (faults during the striking) the fault must be claimed before the next *stroke* but *one*.

In Law 29 (a), (b) and (c), taking croquet from the wrong ball, taking croquet when not entitled to do so and failing to take croquet when entitled to do so,

The mistake must be claimed before the next *stroke* but *one*.

In Law 27. Playing when not entitled to do so; the error must be claimed *before* the *first* stroke of the *adversary's* turn, otherwise the error is condoned and all play, etc., during such period shall be scored.

In Law 30. Playing the wrong ball.

The error must be claimed before the *first* stroke of the *next turn* (this might be a *bisque* turn or the adversary's next turn). This is the same limit of claims as in the old Law 36.

In Law 35 (c) and (d). Placing of clips misleading the adversary.

The claim must be made before the *second* stroke of the *offending party's next turn*. This is the same limit of claims as in the old Law 31 (c).

CORRESPONDENCE

Is there an option?

Dear Sir,

In playing a croquet stroke I fail to shake the croqueted ball and confess the fault. My opponent claims a right to have the balls replaced. Is this claim justified under the new Laws? If so, which Law?

In my view, the note by M.M.R. in *Croquet* for July, 1961, only confuses the issue. It refers to an option; but there is no mention of an option in Law 32 (b) (i) which reads "... in all cases, except for a fault made during a croquet stroke, the balls are replaced." Surely, by implication this means that if the fault is made during a croquet stroke the balls are *not* replaced.

The old Law 27 is quite explicit in giving an option.

Yours truly,

E. C. ALLBERRY

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Golf Croquet . . . Tactics

Without some recognised plan of attack and defence this pleasant game—perhaps the "prep" school for croquet itself—is hardly worth playing. Yet the tactics are not very difficult to acquire—at least in theory, though the practice may not always follow the theory precisely.

It is obvious that position for each of the hoops must be the aim of the first and third players; they not only have the advantage of playing for—concentrating on, is better—a perfect position, but they should retain command of the hoops, even if they fail to get position. In theory, the first and third players should, one or other of them, score the hoop. What could stop them, you may ask. The answer is the judicious use of the stop-shot by the second and fourth players. Before bringing in these second and fourth players, let us return to the attackers, the first and third players.

The value of getting a perfect position for each hoop is so great that, if attained, and the hoop is run smoothly and with the right strength, the player should, so to speak, be able to usurp the right of the opponents to be first at the next hoop. Let us suppose that Blue and Black are the first two balls to play for the first hoop, and, though harassed by Red and Yellow, have played so cleverly—perhaps stymied Red from Black—that Black is in a perfect position for the first hoop. Black runs it with the right strength to be down by the second hoop before Yellow. Yellow dare not take position for the hoop or Black, in his next turn, will stop-shot Yellow away, retaining the position which Yellow had unwisely taken up.

Here we may now say something about Red and Yellow when playing second and fourth for the first hoop. They are on the defensive from the attack on the hoop of Blue and Black. If Blue gets a position straight away for this hoop, then Red must shoot to remove it—and if Red fails, Yellow must also shoot at the Blue ball in

position. Suppose that there is no ball in position for the first hoop, what are Red and Yellow to do? They must then take up some position in the 7-yard square—the corners of which are the first hoop and the first corner flag.

The reason of this is obvious, for, if they were to come up short of the first hoop, or to the right of its playing side, Blue or Black could stop-shot Red or Yellow to the other end of the court. This 7-yard square is therefore to be looked upon as the safety zone for the second and fourth players when one or other of the corner hoops are being played for. When playing for either of the two middle hoops, there is of course, no such protection; but the second and fourth players must use their judgement as to where they take up position, and avoid going too close to a ball of the other side. Obviously, if there is an enemy ball in good position for, say, the fifth hoop, it must be removed by one of the second or fourth players.

The stop-shot is the most valuable stroke in the game of golf croquet, and, if not learnt, a player is under a great disadvantage. Contrariwise, if acquired, this stroke can, literally, remove a ball in position for its hoop quite 15 yards while the ball of the "stop-shotter" takes the removed ball's place. The shot requires practice and is well worth it. The mallet is checked when making the stroke so that the object ball goes yards away and the striker's ball hardly moves. It is obvious that the only other removal of an enemy ball in position, namely, the long shot, has nothing like the same value as the stop shot; for both balls will be scattered by the impact of the long shot, whereas the stop-shot can retain position for the hoop while driving the enemy far away.

These, then, are the elements of the game of golf croquet, and it is hoped that this short description of them will be found helpful, especially to players in the forthcoming event at Roehampton this month.

Notes from the Clubs

Ipswich

We have been pleased to welcome a few new members this year. Although these are mainly recruits to our Saturday Golf Croquet section, we hope that our new scheme of setting aside a lawn on one afternoon a week for tuition and practice for all members will soon entice some of them to the other code.

We were very pleased to hear that the Naval Officers at H.M.S. Ganges had once again revived the game there and enjoyable matches have been held with them both at home and away.

Hurlingham

The chief happening in July was our victory over Roehampton in the Longman Club Cup. This was a very closely contested match and particularly meritorious was Ian Baillieu's win against Camroux. With Mrs. Gasson successful both in her Singles match against Mrs. Solomon and in the Doubles partnered by Miss Duthie we just managed to gather the spoils. The dry conditions of June had caused some worrying moments for Tom Grey in view of the imminence of the Open Championships and our August Tournament but the rain of early July has eased his problems.

Roehampton

A Golf Croquet Match was held on 4th July against the Heathfield Club. After a pleasant afternoon's play, and tea in the Club Restaurant, Roehampton won by 7 games to 2.

On 27th June a croquet Doubles Match was held at Roehampton against a team from Southwick. 4 Singles were played in the morning which Roehampton won by 3 games to 1. Two Doubles were arranged after lunch. Roehampton won one, but the second game remained unfinished owing to an unfortunate accident to Mr. Blackwood, who tripped over the wire surrounding the court falling heavily on his shoulder. A doctor attended to him on the ground and he was then sent to Putney Hospital, and later driven to Southwick where his dislocated shoulder was put into place. The Roehampton players were very sorry that this should have happened, which marred the pleasure of a very pleasant day.

On 30th June a team from Roehampton played the first round of the Longman Team Cup competition against Hurlingham at the Hurlingham Club, the result being Hurlingham 3 and Roehampton 2. It was a hot day, and perhaps because of this the games were long. The last doubles which was the deciding game, and which was won for Hurlingham by Mrs. Gasson and Miss Duthie against Mrs. Solomon and A. J. Oldham by 6 on time, was not finished until 8 p.m. We congratulate Hurlingham on their win.

Croquet members will be glad to hear that the Chairman of the Croquet Committee, Mr. J. B. Gilbert, is making a very good recovery from his recent illness. He is expecting to leave Hospital quite shortly, and we wish him a speedy convalescence. We are also pleased to know that Brigadier Omond is very much better after his recent operation. He and Mrs. Omond were at Roehampton last week, and everyone was pleased to see them back.

THE SURREY CUP

Presented to the C.A. in 1955 by the Officers of the former Surrey County Union
Holder—D. W. Curtis
To be played for at the ROEHAMPTON CLUB on Monday, September 11th and following days
Manager.—Mrs. E. Haigh Smith.
Referees.—M. B. Reckitt and Miss D. A. Lintern.
Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the C.A.
For eight players invited by the Council to compete.
Conditions as for the President's Cup except that 3½ in. hoops will be used.

PARKSTONE (East Dorset)

CROQUET TOURNAMENT
will be held on
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th, 1961,
and the following five days
(Under the Laws and Regulations of the C.A.)
Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Parkstone Club.
Manager and Handicapper.—V. A. de la Nougerède.
Referee.—The Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith.
Hon. Secretary (Croquet).—Mrs. M. McMordie, 4, Overbury Road, Parkstone, Poole.

- EVENTS
- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. (Draw and Process). Bournemouth Bowl and Ashton Trophy. Entrance fee, 12s. 6d.
 - 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. For players of 2½ to 6 bisques inclusive. Law 36 suspended. Deshon Cup. Entrance fee, 10s. 6d.
 - 3.—LEVEL SINGLES. For players of 6½ to 9½ bisques inclusive. Halse Salver. Entrance fee, 10s. 6d.
 - 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players of 10 bisques and over. Starting at the third hoop. Halse Cup. Entrance fee, 10s. 6d.
 - 5.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Unrestricted. Gold Cup. Entrance fee, 10s. 6d.
 - 6.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicaps not to be less than 2 bisques. Starting at third hoop. Time limit 3½ hours. Entrance fee, 10s. 6d. each player.

CONDITIONS
Entries for Events 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 must reach the Hon. Secretary (Croquet) by midday Thursday, 31st August. The Draw will take place at the Club on that date.
No player may enter for more than one Event of Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4.
Handicap Doubles will be played on Tuesday. The Draw will take place on Monday, September 4th, at 4 p.m.
Five or six courts will be provided and Jaques "Eclipse" balls will be used. Standard 3½ in. hoops.
Play will commence at 10 a.m. or earlier if necessary and players must be prepared to play until 7 p.m.
Lunch and Tea provided at the Club at moderate prices.
Flat soled shoes must be worn.

BRIGHTON

[Unofficial]

An unofficial tournament will be held on
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th, and FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS
(Under C.A. Laws and Regulations)
Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Miss D. D. Steel.
Hon. Tournament Secretary.—Miss M. J. Daldy, 10 Lansdowne Road, Hove 3, Sussex.

- EVENTS
- 1.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 3½ bisques and under. Entrance Fee, 10s.
 - 2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 4-7 bisques. Entrance Fee, 10s.
 - 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 7½-10 bisques. Entrance Fee, 10s.
 - 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 10½ bisques and over. Shortened games, first hoop to two-back and peg. Entrance Fee, 8s.
 - 5.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Entrance Fee, 10s.
 - 6.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicap not less than 5. All games start at number 3 hoop. Entrance Fee, 10s.
- Entries, on official forms, please, for Events 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 must reach the Hon. Secretary not later than first post Thursday, August 31st.
Event 6 will be drawn at 2.30 p.m. Tuesday, September 5th.
Luncheons and teas will be obtainable in the Club canteen.

CHELTENHAM

N.O. Tournament, 1961

To be held on the Club lawns, Old Bath Road,
on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th and FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS
Manager.—Mrs. Reeve.
Referee.—Miss Adye.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. 2 lives. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
 - 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. 3½ bisques or more. Entrance Fee, 6s. (Law 37.)
 - 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 6½-10½ bisques. Entrance Fee, 6s.
 - 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. THE CALTHROP CUP. Entrance Fee, 6s. 11 bisques or more. Holder, Miss E. M. Leonard.
 - 5.—HANDICAP SINGLES. "X.Y." Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. DANIELS CUP. Holder, Commander D. W. Roe.
 - 6.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Entrance Fee, 6s.
- Entries to Tournament Secretary, Cheltenham Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham, by midday, September 14th. Draw 2 p.m. same day. Cheques to be made payable to the Cheltenham Croquet Club. Play will begin daily at 10 a.m. or earlier if necessary. Light luncheons and teas available.

ROEHAMPTON CLUB

A CROQUET TOURNAMENT
will be held on
MONDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER, 1961
and five following days

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association)
Committee.—Mr. J. B. Gilbert (Chairman), Miss D. A. Lintern (Captain), Col. C. C. Adams, M.C., Mrs. H. J. Collins, Mrs. Haigh Smith, Mr. J. A. Hollweg.
Manager.—Miss D. A. Lintern, assisted by the Committee.
Referee.—Col. C. C. Adams, M.C.
Handicapper.—The Croquet Handicapping Committee of the Roehampton Club.
Secretary.—Miss M. C. Adams (Games Secretary), Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. Draw and Process. The winner to hold the Ranelagh Gold Cup for one year. Entrance fee, 11s. 6d.
 - 2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Single games. Open to Competitors with a handicap of 3½ or more. Entrance fee, 10s. Winner to hold the Brooke Challenge Cup for one year.
 - 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Open to Competitors with a handicap of 9 bisques or more. Entrance fee, 10s.
- N.B.—No Competitor may enter for more than one of the above events.
- 4.—X AND Y HANDICAP SINGLES. In this event there will be a time limit of 3 hours in accordance with Reg. 8. Entrance fee, 10s. The winners of X and Y hold the Creyke Cups for a year.
 - 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicap not less than scratch. Entrance fee, 6s. 6d. each. Games start at the 5th Hoop.
- N.B.—The above Entrance Fees include the C.A.'s 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 Tournaments promoted by their own Club, when they pay such C.A. tribute, if any, as the local Committee may determine), but on becoming an Associate any tribute paid during the current year is refunded, or credited against subscription.

CONDITIONS

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 must reach the Games Secretary, accompanied by the Entrance Fee, by the first post, Wednesday, September 20th, 1961. Entries for Event 5 close at mid-day on Tuesday, September 26th, 1961. The draw for Events 1 to 4 will take place at the Club at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 20th, 1961.
Play will commence at 10 a.m. daily.
Six courts will be provided and Eclipse Balls used. Standard 3½ in. Hoops.
Competitors will be made Honorary Members of the Club for the duration of the Tournament.
All Competitors must wear such flat-heeled boots or shoes as cannot damage the ground.
There are facilities for playing Bridge at the Croquet Pavilion.

DEVONSHIRE PARK, EASTBOURNE

SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Fifty-fourth Annual Open Tournament will start on Monday, October 2nd, and continue during the following two weeks
(Held under the Laws and Regulations of the C.A.)

Committee.—The Entertainment Committee of the County Borough of Eastbourne, the Tournament Committee of the Council of the C.A.

Manager.—Major J. H. Dibley.
Referee.—Mrs. E. Reeve.
Handicapper.—Major J. H. Dibley.
Assistant Referees will be appointed under Reg. 3 (a).

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

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 15s. 0d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by the late Mrs. A. C. Ionides: L. Kirk-Greene.
- 2.—MEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all men competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Gold Challenge Cup presented by the late Capt. C. L. O'Callaghan: L. Kirk-Greene.
- 3.—WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all women competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by the late Mrs. H. Franc: Mrs. E. Rotherham.
- 4.—DEVONSHIRE PARK SALVER. LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 1½ to 4 bisques inclusive (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual challenge Silver Challenge Salver presented by the Devonshire Park Company: Mrs. P. E. Heley.
- 5.—LUARD CUP. LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 4½ to 7½ bisques inclusive (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the Challenge Trophy presented by the late E. S. Luard, Esq.: G. A. H. Alexander.
- 6.—TREVOR WILLIAMS CUP. LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 8 to 10½ bisques or over (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Cup presented by the late Trevor Williams, Esq.: Mrs. G. Fitter.
- 7.—THE FELIX CUP. Level play. Open to competitors handicapped at 11 bisques and over (see conditions below). Entrance fee, 11s. 6d.
- 8.—UNRESTRICTED LEVEL DOUBLES (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each competitor.
- 9.—RESTRICTED HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 2 bisques (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each competitor.
- 10.—HANDICAP SINGLES. To be drawn in one block. The Sussex Perpetual Challenge Cup (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
- 11.—LIMITED HANDICAP SINGLES. THE SUSSEX UNION CHALLENGE CUP. Limited to competitors handicapped at 3½ bisques or more. Competitors in this event may not enter for Events 1, 2, 3 or 7. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.

CONDITIONS

- 1.—In Event 1, matches best of three games will be played throughout. Time limit 7½ hours. 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, 6 and 7.

3.—Law 44 will be suspended in Events 4, 5, 6 and 7.

4.—Play in Events 1 and 4 will begin on Monday, October 2nd; in Events 5 and 10 on Tuesday, October 3rd; in Events 8 and 11 on Wednesday, October 4th; in Events 6 and 7 on Thursday, October 5th; in Events 2 and 3 not before Friday, October 6th; in Event 9 on Monday, October 9th.

5.—Events 1 and 8 will be completed by Monday, October 9th.

INFORMATION

ENTRIES.—Entries accompanied by Entrance Fees for all Events except 8 and 9 must reach the Secretary, The Croquet Association, Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6, by Tuesday, September 26th. (Do not send Entries to Devonshire Park.) Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to the Croquet Association.

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

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

DRAW.—The Draw for all Events except Events 8 and 9 will take place at the C.A. office, Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6, at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 27th. The Draw for Event 8 will take place at Devonshire Park at noon on Tuesday, October 3rd, and for Event 9 at Devonshire Park at noon on Saturday, October 7th.

A number of shelter tents will be provided.

COURTS AND EQUIPMENT.—Ten courts will be provided at Devonshire Park and in order to avoid shortened games this year it has been decided to use the Compton Courts and Mr. Perry will be in charge. Jaques' "Eclipse" balls and hoops 3½ in. wide will be used.

PLAY.—Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily, or earlier if necessary, and will continue until daylight fails. Competitors in Events 1 and 4 will be notified, and must be prepared to play if they are required at 10 a.m. or some later time on Monday, October 2nd.

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

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

Before leaving the ground for the day, competitors should not fail to consult the order of play announced on the board for the following day. A competitor who is not present or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so will be liable to be scratched under Regulation 12 (a) (i).

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

HEELS.—Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

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

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

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

PRACTICE AND FRIENDLY GAMES

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