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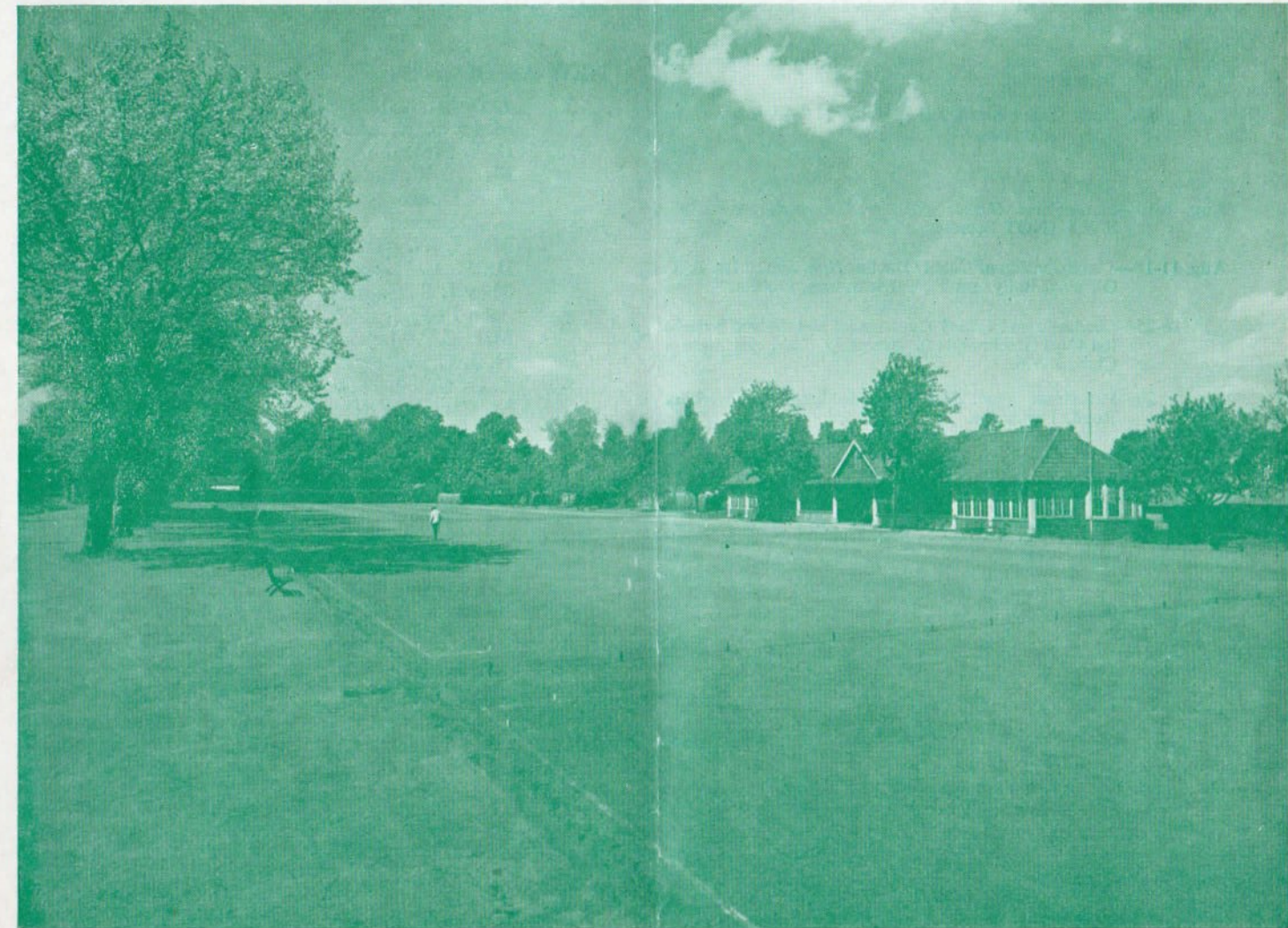
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## TOURNAMENT FIXTURES

1962

- June 4—Men's and Women's Championships (Roehampton). Secretary C.A., The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- " 4—Ryde. Hon. Sec., Mr. V. Rawlinson, "Bells," Market Street, Ryde, I.O.W.
- " 16-23—Championship of Ireland. Hon. Sec., Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly Ballynamate, Carrickmines, Dublin.
- " 18—Compton (Eastbourne). Hon. Tourn. Sec., H. C. S. Perry, Hockington House, Willingdon, Sussex.
- " 18—Nottingham. Hon. Tourn. Sec., G. Birch, 88 Cedar Road, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham.
- " 25—Parkstone. Hon. Sec., Mrs. M. McMordie, 4 Overbury Road, Parkstone.
- July 9—Budleigh Salterton. Hon. Sec., Mrs. M. H. Vincent, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton.
- " 16—The Ladies' Field Cup (Southwick). Secretary C.A., The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- " 23—Cheltenham. Hon. Tourn. Sec., Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- " 30—Open Championships (Hurlingham). Secretary C.A., The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- Aug. 6-15—Hurlingham. Games Secretary, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6. (NOT Secretary C.A.).
- Aug. 11-18—Championship of County Dublin. Hon. Sec., Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly, Ballynamate, Carrickmines, Dublin.
- " 16-25—Challenge and Gilbey Cups, Ascot and Delves Broughton Cups (Roehampton). Secretary C.A., Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- " 20—Parkstone. Hon. Sec., Mrs. McMordie, 4 Overbury Road, Parkstone.
- " 27—Southwick. Tourn. Sec., F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick.
- Sept. 3—Hunstanton. Hon. Sec., Mrs. J. A. Clarke, 49 Northgate, Hunstanton.
- " 10—President's Cup (Hurlingham), Surrey Cup (Cheltenham). Secretary C.A., The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- " 20-22—All England Handicap. Area Finals (Roehampton). Secretary C.A., The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- " 24—Roehampton. Games Secretary, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15. (NOT Secretary C.A.).
- Oct. 1—Devonshire Park (Eastbourne). Secretary C.A., The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.

### NON-OFFICIAL

- June 9-11—Cheltenham (American). Tourn. Sec., Mrs. B. de C. Mathews, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- July 3-6—Budleigh Salterton (American). Hon. Sec., Mrs. M. H. Vincent, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton.
- Sept. 3—Southwick. Tourn. Sec., F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick.

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Associates who wish to become Referees should send their names to the Chairman of the Laws Committee (c/o. The Secretary, C.A.), who will arrange for their examination.

The club holding the New Zealand Plaque for the All England Handicap is Budleigh Salterton, and not Southwick as stated last month.

The Championship of Ireland Tournament to be held at Dublin in June was inadvertently included last month in the Non-Official Fixtures. It should of course be shown among the Official Tournaments.

The Edinburgh Croquet Club would be very pleased to have visits from Associates who may be in the neighbourhood. Please contact Mrs. R. Hall, Rock House, Calton Hill, Edinburgh 7.

V. C. GASSON,  
Secretary

## NOTES by ROVER

### For services rendered

The honour bestowed upon Maurice Reckitt at this year's Annual General Meeting when he was elected a Vice-President of the Association provided the opportunity, long overdue, of paying tribute to one whose services to croquet have been well nigh immeasurable. Much of his work is, to draw a parallel with the iceberg, unseen by the majority of Associates, and if only because the subject is this year's croquet theme we must mention his enthusiasm for, and tireless promotion of, the forthcoming "Triangular Tests" series, without which the project would very likely have not developed beyond the blue print stage.

It is thirty-three years since Maurice became a member of Council and with our other two vice-presidents, Handel Elvey and William Longman, he bridges the period before and since the two World Wars in his wealth of experience of the game. A letter in this issue serves to remind us of his abiding interest in croquet. Space does not permit an adequate recital of all he has done to further the game, but mention must be made of his authorship of *Croquet Today*, published eight years ago and an essential part of the equipment of any player wishing to better his game. He is well known at most C.A. tournaments outside London, particularly at Brighton, where he has competed for a full 50 years, Devonshire Park and Budleigh Salterton. It is a pity that his commitments do not enable him to embrace resorts such as Cheltenham, Nottingham, Ryde and the like so that many to whom Maurice Reckitt is only a name could have the privilege of meeting one who will ever be honoured in the annals of our game.

### The Peels

The main feature of Peels' week—if the inclement weather be excepted—was the third win by G. N. B. Huskinson in the men's event. The final stages must have been particularly exciting since, had his opponent, Captain Stoker, beaten him in the play-off, it would have been the third victory for the former submariner. We do not see much of Huskinson in London tournaments, but he impresses on every occasion he appears, and his cheerful bonhomie adds to the enjoyment of tournaments in which he participates. By a strange coincidence one of the finalists in the women's event would also have recorded her third victory had she won. Miss Lintern, however, just failed to concede the necessary number of bisques in her tussle against Mrs. Davidson. With the vast accumulated array of bisques opposing her throughout the week, it would indeed have been a meritorious effort for Miss Lintern to have won.

This event usually sees a sprinkling of entries from overseas, but this year they were lacking, although we were pleased to see Mrs. Gray from South Africa competing. Particularly missed were the Tingeyes and Ian Baillieu, who are regular attenders at the Peels when in this country. In view of the weather conditions perhaps it was as well that they were not here.

### Fifty years back

If you had been an enthusiastic croquet player in June 1912 what would you have been talking about and speculating upon then? Well, almost certainly you would have been discussing hoops and joining the great debate about whether the 4 inch hoop should be abolished altogether. If you played most of your croquet at Roehampton or Hurlingham you would probably think that it should be. But if you belonged to a small provincial club, or went round to tournaments in the country played on cricket grounds and borrowed tennis lawns, you might have been more doubtful. With all these plantains about and the holes and bumps to be coped with you might be considering how you would ever get near enough to the "narrow" hoops to run them at all. Or you might be talking about balls: Excelite, Stadium, Glis-glos, and the new "Championship" ones which all the experts said were far the best, but which you found rather difficult to negotiate without making "double taps". Or you might be talking over with your friends the extraordinary idea that was beginning to be discussed of abolishing the traditional order of play altogether and allowing the player to play with "either ball," so that you had no "dead ball" to lay your breaks with and if your opponent went into a corner you couldn't "counter finesse" by sending your partner's ball to join his. Why, you might ask, were people always wanting to change things? Surely croquet was all right as it was.

### Courtside topics

Of course it was nice to be sure of a really open shot now, but half the time it wasn't much use because when you did get your lift your opponent could send you to whichever baulk he liked and you might have only a hopelessly long shot. It was you who ought to choose the baulk (and in fact next season you were going to be allowed to). Were there any more of those "Irish Terrors" coming over—there seemed to be no end to them—but anyway they wouldn't be more "terrible" than C.L. (by which of course you meant Leslie O'Callaghan), who seemed to have been winning "simply everything" for three years now (and was again to win the Championship and Gold Medal this year). Would that dashing and rather fascinating young man from New Zealand come back again and stir things up? (Keith Izard did in fact return this season.) What about the weather—would it be like last year (it wasn't!) when of course it was glorious to have all that sunshine week after week, but it did get a bit much at Hurlingham at the end of July when the thermometer went up to 100 degrees and "Brookie" brought all the competitors in the Ladies' Field Cup in for the whole afternoon one day as they were nearly dying of heat. And talking of the "Ladies' Field", shall I (if I am one of the many personable young ladies then decorating the courts) get my photograph into their croquet article this year? Of course I ought to have been in last year but they put in that wretched Flapper instead!

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1961

	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
31.12.60						
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>						
Office Furniture at written down value	201	181 0 0				
Trophies at valuation	821	520 19 6				
Investments as per Schedule 1 attached	2,811	4,142 12 0				
	3,583	4,844 11 6				
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>						
Sundry Debtors and Prepayments	60	53 4 0				
Cash at Banks and In Hand	978	554 13 2				
	1,038	607 17 2				
<b>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>						
Subscriptions Received in Advance	20	10 10 0				
Accrued Expenses	181	123 17 0				
Income Tax	2	9 11 8				
	203	143 18 8				
	835	463 18 6				
	4,368	4,368				
		£5,308 10 0				
						£5,308 10 0

We have received all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept. We have examined the Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account which are in agreement with the books. In our opinion and to the best of information and the explanations given to us the Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the Association's affairs at 31st December, 1961, and the Income and Expenditure Account gives a true and fair view of the excess of income for the year ended on that date.

18 ARAGON AVENUE, THAMES DITTON, SURREY

24th February, 1962

CORNEY & Co., Chartered Accountants

SCHEDULE 1  
INVESTMENTS HELD AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1961

Nominal Value	Quoted Investments	Cost	Market Value
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
25 0 0	Associated Fisheries Ltd. 5/- Stock Units	146 4 10	165 0 0
250 0 0	Bay Hall Trust Ltd. 10/- Ordinary Shares	440 9 6	425 0 0
585 0 0	British Gas 4% Guaranteed Stock 1969/72	490 8 0	491 8 0
925 8 8	3% Funding Stock 1966/68	793 2 8	772 14 9
453 9 9	3½% London County Consolidated Stock 1958/68	430 10 0	385 12 10
200 0 0	Midland Bank Ltd. £1 Ordinary Shares	816 1 6	900 0 0
112 10 0	Omnium Investment Co. Ltd. 5/- Deferred Shares	150 5 6	400 17 6
218 3 0	3½% War Stock (Held for the Apps Memorial Fund)	115 10 0	104 8 9
		£3,382 12 0	£3,645 1 10
	<b>Unquoted Investments</b>		
10 0 0	Rochampton Country Club £1 shares	10 0 0	
750 0 0	United Dominions Trust Ltd.—Deposits (held for the Dominion Tour Fund)	750 0 0	
		£4,142 12 0	

SCHEDULE 2  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1961

Year to 31.12.60	Income	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
£	£	£	£
767	Subscriptions	755 10 0	
16	Affiliation Fees, Overseas Clubs	14 6 0	
142	Donations	9 16 0	
	Levy and Tribute		779 12 0
925	Sales of Laws		349 16 0
330	Less Cost of Printing		
	General Sales of Books		111 9 11
58	Dividends from Investments (Net)		61 18 1
92			173 8 0
£1,405			81 17 7
			£1,384 13 7
	<b>LESS EXPENDITURE</b>		
346	Tournaments—Expenses	347 3 7	
245	Deduct: Entry Fees excluding Levy and Tribute included above	241 6 6	
			105 17 1
101	Printing of Magazine	591 0 11	
	Deduct: Income from Advertisements and Sundry Sales	153 5 0	
547			437 15 11
648			543 13 0
757	<b>GENERAL OVERHEADS</b>		
170	Office Rent, Lighting, Heating and Cleaning	176 6 9	
15	Hire of Room	16 16 0	
100	Secretary's Salary	100 0 0	
90	Postage and Telephone	98 18 0	
176	Printing and Stationery	94 15 7	
209	Sundry Expenses	142 14 5	
26	Auditor's Remuneration	26 5 0	
	Accountant's Charges	15 15 0	
22	Maintenance of Office Furniture and Equipment	16 10 3	
	Depreciation of Office Furniture and Equipment	20 6 6	
817			716 8 7
	Surplus on Sale of Investments		124 12 0
	Excess of Income over Expenditure		28 1 1
	(Deficiency)		£152 13 1

LOOKING BACK TO 1950

Dudley Hamilton-Miller, who captained the last touring team to visit New Zealand, has recaptured in the following article some of the highlights of the tour.

The DC6, after a seemingly interminable struggle to reduce speed in the teeth of a fierce buffeting wind, dived at last through the swirling clouds and with a screeching of high-powered brakes came to a standstill, somewhat uncomfortably near the end of the runway at Whenuapai, Auckland's airport. With feelings of relief and thankfulness I stepped down the gangway to the welcoming touch of solid ground under my feet once more. The last half-hour had been anything but pleasant. It was seven o'clock on the evening of Sunday, November 18th, 1950. Twenty-four hours ago I had been midway over the Pacific on that long ten-hour flight from San Francisco to Honolulu. Twenty-four hours before that I had been sitting in a cinema on Broadway, watching a Fred Astaire film and sheltering from the heat-wave which had hit New York. And twenty-four hours before that I had just taken off from London Airport on a calm beautiful November evening, climbing smoothly up into a dark blue sky studded with stars. During the course of this rapid journey through the hemisphere in a westward direction, one experienced the queer sensation of breaking through the time barrier—that is to say, Greenwich Mean Time—with the clock going back and back, until finally one crossed the International Date Line and jumped straight from November 16th into November 18th.

I made my way across the tarmac towards the airport buildings. The wind was blowing in sharp, boisterous gusts and the rain poured down incessantly from the dark storm-clouds overhead. So this was New Zealand! An hour later the airways bus set me down at the city centre, where I was greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Urquhart, who were to be my hosts for the next fortnight. Mrs. Urquhart at this time was the secretary of the Auckland District Association, which contained 41 affiliated clubs and a total membership of 1,194 players. I remember her with affection and admiration. She was one of those people who never seemed to sit down and rest for a single moment. She presided with tact, kindness and quick, thorough efficiency over her home and family and also over the vast network of the Auckland croquet-playing arena. Always on her feet, always busy, yet always ready and glad to find time to help and serve her fellow-creatures.

Next day saw the return of summer and sunshine, which stayed with us for the remainder of the tour, except for two bleak days of wind and rain, which coincided—all too unhappily—with the second test match in Wellington. The other members of our team had arrived at Wellington by ship on November 5th, and had travelled by easy stages up the west coast via Palmerston, Wanganui, New Plymouth and Hamilton, until they reached Auckland at the same time as myself. In the three test matches we were to play five singles and two doubles, our team being made up as follows: Humphrey Hicks, Ward-Petley, John Solomon, Mrs. Ashton (at that time, Mrs. Kingsford) and myself, with Mrs. Ozanne standing by as reserve. Our eight-weeks' itinerary had been planned in such a way that we were to have a half-time interval of rest and relaxation in Wellington during the early part of December and were to spend Christmas in Christchurch, where the New Zealand Championship meeting was later to be held.

Unfortunately, I was unable to prolong my stay and compete in this event, and so it is for this reason that Auckland plays the major part in my own personal recollections of the croquet that we played and the people whom we met. And, similarly, when I look back, the first test, which was held in brilliant weather in the beautiful setting of the Remuera Club grounds, will, for me, always be the highlight of the tour.

Eight hundred spectators were assembled to witness the contest; and I must pay tribute here, both to their impeccable manners and their enthusiastic and impartial applause in between the turns. For the first time in my life the phrase "playing to the gallery" took on a new and positive meaning. And I think that both teams rose to the occasion, for what a "needle" match it turned out to be! At lunch-time on the third and final day, New Zealand were leading 3-2, with the top two singles in progress. The doubles had been shared, with Ward-Petley and John Solomon defeating C. Bryan and Miss M. Cloughton in straight games, while Arthur Ross and Heenan, after two close and exciting games against Humphrey Hicks and myself, had gone away in irresistible style to take the third. Of the three singles already played, Ward-Petley had lost to Miss Cloughton and Mrs. Kingsford to Bryan, while John Solomon had opened his account with a brilliant win over Clem Watkins in straight games. When one remembers that at this time John Solomon had had practically no experience in "A" class tournament play, this achievement is seen to be even more remarkable. He showed no sign of match "nerves" and combined sound tactics with an extremely accurate touch and a high proportion of long shots straight on target. At lunch-time, then, on the third day the position was as follows. Hicks was a game down to Arthur Ross but all set for the "kill" in the second; I was a game up on Heenan, who was round to 4-back with one ball in the second game. By 3.30 p.m. Hicks had won his second and third games, virtually unopposed, and Heenan had squared accounts with me, so that our final game would now decide the issue of the match. It was a tremendous struggle, with no clear-cut all-round breaks on either side, if I remember aright. I kept the lead from the beginning until the closing stages, when three consecutive thirty-yard shots turned the scales in his favour and he ran out the winner by 10 points. This was certainly a test match to be remembered by all of us who took part in it!

From Auckland we motored up to Whangerei in Northland, a distance of some 90 miles, where we played against the local club and were entertained for the night with the welcoming hospitality which we met everywhere during this tour. In this up-country district the heat was extreme and the scenery rich with a tropical beauty that recalled Andrew Marvell's lines, "annihilating all that's made to a green thought in a green shade." It would have been a wonderful experience to have had the time to continue our journey northwards and visit the Bay of Islands, where the earliest mission settlement was established, and Ninety Mile Beach beyond, where the motor road ends at Cape Van Diemen light-house, the northern extremity of New Zealand. This, however, was not possible. We returned to Auckland and on the next day began our journey south in gradual stages by

motor coach. In the late afternoon we reached Rotorua and breathed into our lungs that strange, pungent but health-giving sulphur which pervades the whole air. Here we stayed two nights, visiting the unique and awe-inspiring boiling mud pools and Pohutu geyser in the geyser valley of Whakarewarewa (pronounced Wocher Ree-wa-Ree-wa). Our stay here coincided with the visit of Dr. Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury, who had come to consecrate the first Maori bishop; and in the evening after this ceremony we were treated to an unforgettable spectacle of Haka dancing by Maori warriors, followed by their women-folk in the Poi dance, a graceful and enchantingly beautiful dance in slow movement. On the next day we had a long drive south-eastwards, stopping for lunch at an hotel by the vast expanse of Lake Taupo and then climbing in a series of zig-zag twists and turns up into the Huiaran mountain range and finally down to Napier on the eastern sea board. After a visit to Hastings, where we were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Watkins and played a match, we set off once more via Palmerston to Wellington.

Here we relaxed for a few days and then prepared ourselves for the second test. Now that the first encounter was behind us, I was able to weigh up the possibilities and probabilities of the outcome of the seven games, which lay ahead, with an infinitely clearer judgment. I decided to keep the same order of play both in singles and doubles, my hopes resting on the ability of Ward-Petley to notch an all-important win for us against Margaret Claughton. Then, if the other games should finish as in Auckland, this would ensure victory. Alas, it was not to be! On the opening day, which was one of grey clouds and considerable wind, the doubles were once again shared, Ward-Petley and John Solomon winning a thrilling first game by a single point and going on to take the second by a comfortable margin. Meanwhile, Humphrey Hicks and myself were engaged in neck-and-neck finish in our first game against Ross and Heenan. With two clips on the peg and the other two on the rover hoop, we were laid up on the boundary behind the first hoop with a direct rush for me to make the rover, our opponents' balls being, respectively, near the third and the fourth corner. Heenan (I think) took the long shot and hit. He proceeded to peg Hicks out and left me a similar long shot. This missed—and the game and match were over in the next turn! On the second day, the tide of fortune went against us. A stronger wind was now sweeping over the Lower Hutt grounds and all the players were finding these conditions harassing. Ward-Petley was having difficulty with his hoops and while Margaret Claughton was also by no means at her best, she proved the winner in two close and drawn-out games. The weather conditions gave Bryan a distinct advantage over Mrs. Kingsford and he gave her few chances, though she made a spirited and fighting rally in the second game. And, finally, an epic struggle between Clem Watkins and John Solomon resulted in the former gaining his revenge with the match points telling their own story, minus 2, plus 3, plus 5! On the final day, the weather brought a cold, driving rain in addition to a high wind. I seldom remember playing in worse conditions than these. Humphrey Hicks again defeated Arthur Ross in straight games and Heenan, getting off to a good start, scored an easy win against me. And so, by this victory of 5-2 in the second test, New Zealand had won the Rubber. Yet, in its own fashion, this test, too, had been as closely contested as the first.

(To be continued)

## Notes from the Clubs

### Hurlingham

The season opened at the end of April with our Golf Croquet day. Captain Stoker contested the singles final with Brigadier Stokes-Roberts and prevailed at the 19th. These two were partnered in the doubles and won narrowly. Results of our matches against Roehampton and Oxford University appear elsewhere in this issue. A feature of the first was the success of the military alliance between the two Generals, Davidson and Wilson-Haffenden. Members were very warmed to learn that the Hurlingham Club Committee had donated £50 to the Dominion Tour Fund, a generous gesture indeed.

### Southwick

The annual general meeting was held at the end of March, with Mr. F. E. Corke, Vice-President, in the chair, in the absence of the President. The Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer submitted their respective reports, which were considered most satisfactory and passed. A unanimous and very pleasing gesture was shown to Miss M. J. Daldy, who was elected as a second Vice-President. Miss Daldy has been associated in all activities of the club management for many years, and her courtesy and tact has endeared her to everyone. Truly this was a well merited and deserved recognition.

The croquet courts opened on 7th April, and in spite of adverse weather conditions, Adams had nine in readiness, and the tenth court was marked and playing by 9th April. This was quite an achievement for a single-handed groundsman, and the Club appreciate all his interest and work involved.

### Roehampton

The opening of the croquet courts was delayed for two weeks owing to the condition of the grass following the long period of dry and bitter winds during March. Play commenced on 20th April.

The weather was still cold on 28th April when the annual Golf Croquet tournament was held. Col. C. C. Adams won the singles beating A. J. Oldham in the final. The doubles winners were Miss D. Lintern and Mrs. Staub who after leading as much as 6 up were gradually caught up by J. B. Gilbert and G. H. Bamford. The ladies, however, won after an exciting finish.

The Trevelyan Bowl was competed for during the week commencing 5th May. The final played on Saturday, 12th May, was between Mr. and Mrs. Adler. Mrs. Adler won by 5 hoops and we congratulate her on winning the Bowl; we also congratulate Mr. Adler on winning the Tankard, and on his very improved play, and hope to see him in some more finals during the season.

Hurlingham beat Roehampton by 2-1 in the doubles match held at Hurlingham on Saturday, 5th May. The game for Roehampton was won by J. B. Gilbert and his partner Mrs. Adler. It was a pleasure to see Mr. Gilbert playing so very well after his absence last season. The winners for Hurlingham were General Davidson and Major Wilson-Haffenden who played a very good game to beat A. V. Camroux and A. J. Oldham, and Maurice Reckitt and S. S. Townsend who beat Miss Lintern and Col. C. C. Adams by 4 after a closely fought game.

### Compton

The beginning of our season has been overshadowed by the death of our Honorary Secretary, Charles Speer. He was a man of large good nature, who endeared himself both to our guests and our members. So genial a soul would have been forgiven, if he had been somewhat lax in carrying out the details of his duties, but in fact no one could have been more meticulous than Charles. As he would have wished, the opening day was marked as usual by the President's tea party, and a very pleasant and well-attended occasion it was. Mrs. Irwin and her husband, who has still to be persuaded to take up the game, are to be thanked for once again getting us off to a good start.

Last year these notes ended by saying "Entries for our Annual Tournament are coming in well, but at the time of writing we can still accept plenty more." This year these notes must regretfully record that already—on May 15th—our list is full.

### BRIDGE

E. P. C. Cotter, who has contributed Bridge Notes for the past seven years, has written a book "Tackle Bridge this way" in the "Tackle" series, which is being published in mid-June, price 12s. 6d. He is of course already the author of "Tackle Croquet this way".

## B. LLOYD PRATT'S TEAM v. CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY C.C.

This match was arranged by Brian Lloyd-Pratt in conjunction with the C.U.C.C. as an interesting match in itself and also as excellent practice for the Cambridge team prior to the Varsity match. The Cambridge team enjoyed the hospitality of the Hunstanton Club and the only disappointment was the weather. In spite of the cold wind that persisted throughout the two days, often necessitating a quick retreat to the pavilion between turns, there were many good games.

On paper B. Lloyd Pratt's team looked much the stronger and as all games were being played level, few people thought the University would win. Most of the University players, however, did have the advantage of having had more recent practice, five of them having played at the Hunstanton tournament a fortnight earlier. Undoubtedly this partly explains the University's win. An interesting feature of the match was that the first singles game was played under the laws of advanced play and the second singles game under those of semi-advanced play. This was introduced as it is intended to play the Varsity match under the same conditions.

Perhaps the most successful person in the match was David Miller who is improving very quickly. Playing against Henry Ormerod he came from behind, completing the single peel without any difficulty to win by 8 and in the doubles playing with Arthur Reed against B. Lloyd Pratt and D. Jesson Dibley, he again had a good game, Cambridge winning this game by 20. In the second doubles game C. Dashwood and J. Laursen worked up a large lead against Prof. Skempton and C. Penny and they were both for the peg before their opponents had made many hoops. However, with the final peg-out rush laid in mid-court, C. Penny hit in diagonally from corner to corner and proceeded to go around to the peg. Thus the game was suddenly alive again but the Cambridge pair managed to finish it before their lead had been reduced much further.

Everyone enjoyed the excellent teas that Hunstanton always manages to provide, these being particularly welcome as they helped keep out the cold.

What of the future of the Cambridge Club? Unfortunately a large number of the Cambridge team are in their third year and will be going down at the end of the Easter Term. However, it appears that there will be several first and second year undergraduates who will be able to keep the club going. Finally this would be a most inopportune moment to make a forecast as to the result of the Varsity match as it will have been played by the time this is printed.

### Match Result

Cambridge University Croquet Club 7 matches.

B. Lloyd-Pratt's team 4 matches.

Mr. Lloyd Pratt's team named first.

### SINGLES

Bryan Lloyd Pratt bt Christopher Dashwood by 18.

David Jesson-Dibley lost to Arthur Reed by 13.

Christopher Penny bt Derek Watson by 14.

Rev. Henry Ormerod lost to David Miller by 8.

Prof. Alec Skempton lost to Ted Sulley by 22.

Jane Neville-Rolfe bt David Ogilvie by 19.

Sarah Hampson lost to the Hon. James Dugdale by 4.

### DOUBLES

B. Lloyd Pratt and D. Jesson-Dibley lost to A. Reed and D. Miller by 20.

C. Penny and Prof. A. Skempton lost to C. Dashwood and J. Laursen by 11.

Mrs. P. E. Heley and Mrs. G. D. Perowne bt D. Watson and M. Murray by 6.

Mrs. A. Neville-Rolfe and Miss S. G. Hampson lost to E. Sulley and D. Ogilvie by 2.

### Varsity Match

Cambridge won by five games to four. Full details will appear in July Croquet.

## HURLINGHAM v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY

9th May, 1962

As a pipe-opener before the Varsity match the Oxford team visited Hurlingham and contested a match of six singles and three doubles. In order to provide a suitable practice for the more serious encounter it was agreed to play level, although had handicap play been the order of the day the visitors would have received a pot of bisques. The combined handicap of the top half of the Hurlingham team was in fact scratch, while that of the first three Oxford players was of the order of a score. The results should be regarded in that light and when it is seen that Captain Stoker, Maurice Reckitt and Jim Townsend won their singles by the narrow margins of 11, 7 and 10 respectively, it will be appreciated how well the Oxford players contested the issue. Indeed, any of these three games could easily have gone in Oxford's favour. In the remaining three singles Vera Gasson and Lew Stokes-Roberts had the edge on their opponents but, with lunch intervening, the games were pegged down and were not resumed owing to the exigencies of the doubles. Molly Thom was in one of her shattering moods against Peter Fry and gave him little opportunity and short shrift, winning by 23.

The afternoon saw Reckitt and Townsend beating Nelson and Green fairly comfortably, more by good play on their part than any lack of it on their opponents! Stoker and Molly Thom had a good tussle against Fidler and Fry, while the only Oxford victory of the day was narrowly secured by Miller and Farrington who will have learnt much from the day's play. Indeed one can see all these young men visibly improving with each game.

We must mention the handsome fare supplied by the Hurlingham Club, to whom the thanks of all is gratefully recorded. Luncheon was enriched by the anecdotes of Maurice Reckitt who was in a reminiscent mood.

### Results

(Hurlingham players first)

### SINGLES

Capt. H. G. Stoker bt P. J. M. Fidler by 11.

M. B. Reckitt bt R. B. Nelson by 7.

S. S. Townsend bt R. S. Green by 10.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson v. C. G. Miller unfinished.

Mrs. M. L. Thom bt P. W. Fry by 23.

L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts v. R. W. Farrington unfinished.

### DOUBLES

M. B. Reckitt and S. S. Townsend bt R. B. Nelson and R. S. Green by 17.

Capt. H. G. Stoker and Mrs. M. L. Thom bt P. J. M. Fidler and P. W. Fry by 11.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson and L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts lost to R. W. Farrington and C. G. Miller by 3.

Hurlingham won by 6 games to 1, with 2 unfinished.

## OBITUARY

Mrs. C. F. RAND

It is with deep regret that the Southsea Croquet Club has to report the death of Mrs. C. F. Rand. She was the last of the original members of this Club, and remained a loyal and faithful one to the end. She had been Treasurer since 1945.

Lt.-Col. A. M. DANIELS, O.B.E.

The Cheltenham Croquet Club suffered a great loss during the Easter weekend by the death of its President. Col. Daniels had played the game only since 1948, but he found time to become a sound and determined player and to serve the Club successively as Secretary, Treasurer and President. During the last two years his activity was curtailed by a severe stroke and recurring minor ones which gradually reduced him from a full-game to a "one-clip" player and finally to a benign spectator of other people's efforts.

"Leno's" death has removed a warm presence from the croquet lawns; a man who always seemed to be smiling or on the point of breaking into a smile. His wife, Dorothy, is not the only person in the croquet world who will find the lawns a little emptier this year.

D. C. WOODHAMS

Members of the Sussex County Croquet and L.T. Club were sorry to learn of the death, at the end of April, of Douglas Woodhams. Owing to failing health he had not played croquet recently, but those of us who remember his kind, genial manner regret his passing.

## LONDON v. BUDLEIGH SALTERTON MATCH

April 21st, 22nd and 23rd

**Saturday.** Four Singles Matches. Best of three games. Rain and cold winds made the lawns heavy but this did not prevent Solomon and Wiggins completing well executed triple peels.

**Details**  
J. Solomon bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +26 +24.  
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins lost to Miss E. J. Warwick +14 -3 -2.  
A. D. Karmel bt J. G. Warwick +9 +17.  
D. Curtiss lost to A. J. Cooper +24 -14 -18.

**Sunday.** Four Doubles Matches of single games. Conditions were much better than Saturday and there was lovely weather. Mrs. Longman was unfortunately suffering from a chill and unable to play, Budleigh provided a substitute for Doubles (Major E. C. Heathcote) and A. D. Karmel played two singles matches. The home team surprised their supporters by winning all four doubles.

**Details**  
P. Cotter and J. Solomon lost to Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss E. J. Warwick by 26.  
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and B. Lloyd Pratt lost to Major G. F. Stone and Col. D. W. Beamish by 18.

D. Curtiss and A. D. Karmel lost to J. G. Warwick and A. J. Cooper by 11.  
Mrs. G. W. Solomon and Major E. C. Heathcote lost to Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Miss A. E. Mills by 12.

**Monday.** Remaining four Singles Matches. Best of three games. London won the first game in three of these but failed to win any of the four matches which finished in time for some of the players to see themselves in action on Television both on B.B.C. and I.T.V. (Westward) at 6.15 and 6.45 p.m.

**Details**  
P. Cotter lost to Major G. F. Stone +24 -16 +3.  
B. Lloyd Pratt lost to Col. D. W. Beamish +10 -12 -23.  
A. D. Karmel lost to Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +17 -3 -22.  
Mrs. G. W. Solomon lost to Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave -23 -18.

**Final Result**  
Budleigh Salterton, 10 matches. London, 2 matches.

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## HUNSTANTON

(Unofficial Tournament)

April 27th-30th

Those who attended this first tournament of the season found the usual warm welcome awaiting them, a comfort when faced by the arctic wind which blew for three days of the tournament. Fourteen players, including five undergraduates from Cambridge, took part and the range of handicaps was wide.

Everybody's play seemed to vary a great deal and there were some unexpected results, very often caused by long bisquers playing well above themselves. There was a surprising number of pegged-out games especially in the B Group and several exciting finishes resulted.

Memories of the tournament include the wide range of clothing worn, including fur hats and snow boots; President's Cup players sitting huddled in front of bisquers which they never had a chance to extract; pegged-out long bisquers calmly playing a single ball from 1-back to victory.

Arthur Reed having won this tournament last year was an obvious danger man and our hopes, raised by the news that he had hardly played since then, were soon to be dashed by his steady play. Derek Caporn seemed to get into the rut of losing by 3-4 four times in six games.

In B Group Mrs. Rolfe emerged a worthy victor but not without some competition from Mrs. Caporn. David Miller found the experience of giving bisques all the time a wearying task while David Ogilvie, a new player, showed much potential.

The tournament was ably managed by Miss Steel to whom we are most grateful for her encouragement and counsel.

Sterling work was done by Mrs. Clarke and her band of helpers behind the scenes and their provision of hot coffee and splendid teas did much to keep us all going. To them and to others who helped to give us such an enjoyable tournament, our thanks.

### American Tournament

#### BLOCK "A"

NAMES	Handicaps	B. Lloyd Pratt	D. W. Curtis	C. Dashwood	A. A. Reed	Mrs. G. D. Perowne	D. R. Watson	D. C. Caporn
B. Lloyd Pratt	-1½	—	26	26	26	1	26	26
D. W. Curtis	0	16	—	14	4	26	17	26
C. Dashwood	3	22	26	—	8	26	26	3
A. A. Reed	4	16	26	26	—	26	26	26
Mrs. G. D. Perowne	5½	26	7	19	16	—	17	26
D. R. Watson	6	19	26	15	6	26	—	26
D. C. Caporn	6½	23	23	26	4	23	23	—

Block winner: A. A. Reed.

#### BLOCK "B"

NAMES	Handicaps	D. W. Miller	Miss S. G. Hampson	F. H. Curtis	Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe	Mrs. D. F. Caporn	Mrs. F. H. Curtis	D. Ogilvie
D. W. Miller	7	—	26	24	26	25	19	13
Miss S. G. Hampson	8	13	—	26	20	14	26	26
F. H. Curtis	8	26	5	—	8	19	12	26
Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe	8½	14	26	26	—	26	26	23
Mrs. D. F. Caporn	12	26	26	26	12	—	26	23
Mrs. F. H. Curtis	13	26	15	26	20	21	—	18
D. Ogilvie	*14	26	4	14	6	26	26	—

Block winner: Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe.

#### PLAY-OFF

Play off: A. A. Reed beat Mrs. A. N. Rolfe by seven.

## Questions and Answers

**Question:** If the striker is about to take croquet with the correct ball off the wrong ball what should the adversary do if no referee is around?

**Answer:** Stop the striker before his croquet stroke; that is called *forestalling* (Law 26).

**Question:** If the striker actually takes croquet from the wrong ball with the correct one, what should the adversary do?

**Answer:** If he observes this he should stop the striker before the next stroke but one and he has the option of deciding whether there should be a replay or not. If he elects this, the striker shall place the balls in a lawful position for the croquet stroke and play shall continue. If he elects otherwise the two balls involved in the irregularity shall be interchanged from where they lay after the croquet stroke and play shall continue as if croquet had been taken from the correct ball. If the adversary fails to forestall before the next but one stroke play shall continue as if the striker had made no mistake. See Law 29 (a).

**Question:** What may the striker do when adjusting his ball for taking croquet?

**Answer:** He may touch or steady his ball or apply pressure with hand, foot or mallet. (Law 18 (c).)

**Question:** What may the striker do or not do, to the ball off which croquet is taken?

**Answer:** He may touch or steady that ball with hand or foot, but not by the mallet. (Law 18 (c).)

## HANDICAPS

### HUNSTANTON

(Non-Official)

ASSOCIATES

✓ Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe 8½ to 8.

✓ A. Reed 4 to 3.

✓ Mrs. D. J. Caporn 12 to 11.

✓ Mrs. F. H. Curtis 13 to 12.

NON-ASSOCIATE

✓ D. Ogilvie 14 to 12.

### BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

ASSOCIATES

✓ R. A. Godby 8½ to 7.

✓ Miss V. E. Mills 2 to 1½.

✓ Mrs. M. H. Vincent 4 to 3½.

✓ Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty 6½ to 6.

✓ Major R. St. S. Atchley 14 to 12.

✓ W. Trevor Johnson 14 to 13.

✓ N. V. Snell 9 to 8½.

NON-ASSOCIATES

✓ Mrs. R. C. Hawkins 14 (D12) to 12 (D10).

✓ Mrs. T. F. Laverty 10 to 9.

### CLUB RECOMMENDATIONS

BRISTOL

ASSOCIATE

✓ C. Brent-Smith 12 to 10.

NON-ASSOCIATES

✓ Mrs. C. Brent-Smith 13 to 11.

✓ Miss Chuman 15 to 13.

✓ A. C. Jupe 16 to 14.

✓ Mrs. A. C. Jupe 16 to 14.

### NOTTINGHAM

ASSOCIATES

✓ P. Thompson 3½ to 3.

✓ Dr. H. M. Browning 15 to 13.

✓ Miss K. M. Elliott 16 to 15.

NON-ASSOCIATES

✓ A. J. Bucknell 7 to 6.

✓ Mrs. A. Collinson 9 to 8.

✓ Miss E. M. Garratt 11 to 10.

✓ Mrs. M. Dobson 11 to 10.

✓ Mrs. G. N. Bright 12 to 11.

✓ Mrs. D. Stephens 14 to 12.

✓ Mrs. L. Richardson 15 to 14.

### PERSONAL REQUESTS

✓ M. Vlasto 10 to 11.

✓ Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury 3½ to 4½.

✓ Maj.-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson 7 to 7½.

✓ R. H. Newton 3 to 4.

### PEEL MEMORIALS

✓ Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson 6½ to 5½.

✓ G. N. B. Huskinson 3 to 2.

# CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of *Croquet*.

Dear Sir,

Some of your readers may possibly be interested to know that I am now at work on "A History of Croquet and of the Croquet Association" from the revival of the game in the Nineties down to the present time. The publication of such a compilation is not of course feasible, at any rate at present, but files containing instalments of the work in typescript will be deposited in the C.A. office as they become ready. The first of these, covering the period 1896-1909, is now there and may be consulted at Hurlingham, or in suitable cases borrowed for short periods, by arrangement with the Secretary. The length of time needed to complete the project cannot yet be clearly foreseen, but it is hoped to finish the work before the opening of the 1964 season.

Yours faithfully,

MAURICE B. RECKITT

## BUDLEIGH SALTERTON AMERICAN TOURNAMENT

May 7th-12th, 1962

Glorious Devon failed to live up to its reputation in so far as the weather was concerned during this week, and although there was one day of beautiful sunshine, for the most part the contestants were treated to a mixture of rain and wind. However, what the weather lacked was more than compensated by the warmth and hospitality of the club members who made the week most enjoyable for all the visitors.

Although so early in the season the standard of play was surprisingly high and a glance at the results reveals that there were a number of close and exciting matches in an all handicap Tournament.

Block "A" was won by Miss Warwick who lost only one game and played consistently well throughout the week.

Mrs. Rotherham most sportingly played through the tournament although suffering from a painful back unhappily prevented her from producing her real form.

In Block "B" Miss Violet Mills lost only one game and played extremely well throughout, as did Mrs. Vincent similarly placed in Block "C".

Block "D" was won by Laverty who came through undefeated and whose game has improved considerably since last season.

Block "E" produced the most exciting finish as both Godby and Mrs. Laverty registered four wins and Godby became the winner on a count of points.

Blocks "F" and "G" were won respectively by Atchley and Mrs. Hawkins, each of whom was undefeated and incidentally will no doubt catch the handicapper's eye.

The semi-finals produced good games and it was a pity that Mrs. Hawkins had to scratch owing to being in the Doubles final.

Godby emerged as the eventual winner after a hard battle with Miss V. Mills and is to be congratulated on a fine display.

The Doubles produced some very close finishes; in the marathon semi-final between the Caves and Stone and Mrs. Laverty all four clips were on the rover hoop when the game was pegged down and alas Stone had to scratch on the following day as his leg was giving him considerable trouble.

The final was a hard fought game all the way ending in a spectacular win for Cooper and Mrs. Hawkins. Cooper was attempting the peg-out, missed the peg with his partner's ball and inadvertently pegged his own ball out, leaving Mrs. Hawkins the sort of distance from the peg that would leave most low bisquers in a state of trepidation. However, nothing daunted, Mrs. Hawkins settled the issue with her first shot.

While congratulating the winners praise must also be given to the losers for the way in which Cave nursed Mrs. Cave round and for the way in which she did all that was asked of her.

The extra event was worthily won by Snell.

It remains only to state that under the capable management of Miss Agnes Mills, assisted by Mrs. Vincent and the committee, all went like clockwork; the lawns were in splendid condition and a credit to the efforts of West the groundsman. The thanks of all the players went out to those kindly and hardy souls who braved the elements to provide them with steaming coffee and to Ivy who provided the lunches and teas.

A.D.K.

### BLOCK "A"

NAMES	Handicaps	Mrs. E. Rotherham	Miss E. J. Warwick	J. G. Warwick	A. J. Cooper	Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave	Can. R. C. Meredith	A. D. Karmel
Mrs. E. Rotherham ..	-3	—	0	14	2	13	8	0
Miss E. J. Warwick ..	-2	26	—	26	26	26	26	2
J. G. Warwick ..	-1	26	13	—	13	26	26	10
A. J. Cooper ..	-1	26	13	26	—	23	26	26
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave ..	0	26	15	21	26	—	26	26
Can. R. Creed Meredith	0	26	12	9	8	16	—	26
A. D. Karmel ..	0	26	26	26	18	20	24	—

Block Winner: Miss E. J. Warwick.

### BLOCK "B"

NAMES	Handicaps	Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey	J. K. Brown	Major E. C. Heathcote	Miss I. M. Roe	Miss V. E. Mills	Mrs. F. R. Briggs
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey ..	0	—	20	26	26	23	26
J. K. Brown ..	1	26	—	22	26	15	26
Major E. C. Heathcote ..	1½	22	26	—	26	26	21
Miss I. M. Roe ..	2	23	15	10	—	6	21
Miss V. E. Mills ..	2	26	26	14	26	—	26
Mrs. F. R. Briggs ..	2½	5	14	26	26	21	—

Block Winner: Miss V. E. Mills

### BLOCK "C"

NAMES	Handicaps	Dr. R. B. N. Smartt	Mrs. R. G. Michelmore	Mrs. M. H. Vincent	Miss K. Ault	Mrs. M. McMordie	G. R. Mills
Dr. R. B. N. Smartt ..	3½	—	26	17	26	26	24
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore ..	4	18	—	26	14	22	26
Mrs. M. H. Vincent ..	4	26	24	—	26	26	26
Miss K. Ault ..	4½	20	26	24	—	23	26
Mrs. M. McMordie ..	5	13	26	14	26	—	26
G. R. Mills ..	5	26	19	24	14	20	—

Block Winner: Mrs. M. H. Vincent.

### BLOCK "D"

NAMES	Handicaps	Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt	Miss J. Cooper	Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty	Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse	Mrs. D. M. Owen	G. Scott Page
Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt ..	5½	—	16	10		26	26
Miss J. Cooper ..	6	26	—	5		18	26
Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty ..	6½	26	26	—		26	26
Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse ..	7	Ret	ired				
Mrs. D. M. Owen ..	8	18	26	17		—	26
G. Scott Page ..	8	16	24	14		13	—

Block Winner: Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty

### BLOCK "E"

NAMES	Handicaps	F. H. M. Maynard	R. A. Godby	D. Temple Page	N. V. Snell	Mrs. T. F. Laverty	Miss M. Bryan
A.V.M. F. H. M. Maynard ..	8	—	12	14	12	24	14
R. A. Godby ..	8½	26	—	26	26	26	19
D. Temple Page ..	9	26	15	—	26	21	26
N. V. Snell ..	9	26	18	17	—	17	26
Mrs. T. F. Laverty ..	10	26	10	26	26	—	26
Miss M. Bryan ..	11	26	26	14	17	14	—

Block Winner: R. A. Godby.

### BLOCK "F"

NAMES	Handicaps	Mrs. I. M. Purves	Mrs. G. L. Ormerod	Miss S. C. Gough	Mrs. C. Devitt	Maj. R. St. S. Atchley	Mrs. N. Kitchin
Mrs. I. M. Purves ..	12	—	16	26		20	20
Mrs. G. L. Ormerod ..	12	26	—	22		16	26
Miss S. C. Gough ..	13	13	26	—		21	18
Mrs. C. Devitt ..	13	Ret	ired				
Maj. R. St. S. Atchley ..	14	26	26	26		—	26
Mrs. N. Kitchin ..	14	26	18	26		21	—

Block Winner: Major R. St. S. Atchley.

### BLOCK "G"

NAMES	Handicaps	Mrs. R. St. S. Atchley	W. Trevor Johnson	Mrs. R. C. Hawkins	Mrs. R. C. Meredith	Mrs. G. W. Saunders	Mrs. H. Cruden
Mrs. R. St. S. Atchley ..	14	—	16	24	26	26	26
W. Trevor Johnson ..	14	26	—	23	26	26	26
Mrs. R. C. Hawkins ..	14	26	26	—	26	26	26
Mrs. R. Creed Meredith ..	16	15	10	11	—	26	26
Mrs. G. W. Saunders ..	16	23	16	9	17	—	18
Mrs. H. Cruden ..	16	22	16	18	25	26	—

Block Winner: Mrs. R. C. Hawkins.

### PLAY-OFF OF BLOCK WINNERS

#### FIRST ROUND

R. A. Godby (8½) w.o. Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (14) scratched.  
Miss E. J. Warwick (-2) bt Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty (6½) by 13.  
Miss V. E. Mills (2) bt Major R. St. S. Atchley by 10.

#### SEMI-FINAL

R. A. Godby (8½) bt Mrs. M. H. Vincent (4) by 16.  
Miss V. E. Mills (2) bt Miss E. J. Warwick (-2) by 6.

#### FINAL

R. A. Godby (8½) bt Miss V. E. Mills (2) by 11.

### EXTRA EVENT HANDICAP SINGLES (19 Entries)

#### SEMI-FINAL

N. V. Snell (9) bt Mrs. D. M. Owen (8) by 11.  
Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (5½) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) by 7.

#### FINAL

N. V. Snell (9) bt Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (5½) by 12.

## BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

(Unofficial)

### DOUBLES HANDICAP

(Combined handicaps not less than 6 bisques)  
(22 Pairs)

#### FIRST ROUND

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss M. Bryan (8) bt Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty and Miss S. C. Gough (17½) by 21.  
A. J. Cooper and Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (11½) bt Miss I. M. Roe and Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (14) by 12.  
J. G. Warwick and W. Trevor Johnson (13) bt D. Temple Page and Major R. St. S. Atchley (23) by 17.  
Dr. R. B. N. Smartt and A.V.M. F. H. M. Maynard (11½) bt D. Temple Page and N. V. Snell (17) by 2 on time.  
Canon R. Creed Meredith and Mrs. C. Devitt (12) bt Mrs. M. H. Vincent and Mrs. L. G. Walters (10) by 2.  
Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. T. F. Laverty (7) bt Miss V. E. Mills and Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (7½) by 1.

#### SECOND ROUND

A. D. Karmel and Mrs. A. D. Karmel (9) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. N. Kitchin (12) by 7.  
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore and G. R. Mills (9) bt Miss E. J. Warwick and R. A. Godby (6½) by 9.  
Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse and G. A. Black (14) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss M. Bryan (8) by 2 on time.  
A. J. Cooper and Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (11½) bt J. G. Warwick and W. Trevor Johnson (13) by 6.  
Canon R. Creed Meredith and Mrs. C. Devitt (12) bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt and A.V.M. F. H. M. Maynard (11½) by 1.  
Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. T. F. Laverty (7) bt Major E. C. Heathcote and Miss K. Ault (6) by 13.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. G. E. Cave (14) bt J. K. Brown and Miss J. Cooper (7) by 13.  
Mrs. F. R. Briggs and Mrs. R. St. S. Atchley (16½) bt Mrs. M. McMordie and Mrs. D. M. Owen (13) by 8 on time.

THIRD ROUND

Mrs. R. G. Michelmore and G. R. Mills (9) bt A. D. Karmel and Mrs. A. D. Karmel (9) by 2.  
A. J. Cooper and Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (11½) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse and G. A. Black (14) by 7.  
Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. Laverty (7) bt Canon R. Creed Meredith and Mrs. C. Devitt (12) by 13.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. G. E. Cave (14) bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs and Mrs. R. St. S. Atchley (16½) by 8 on time

SEMI-FINAL

A. J. Cooper and Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (11½) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore and G. R. Mills (9) by 11.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. G. E. Cave (14) w.o. Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. T. F. Laverty (7) opponents retired.

FINAL

A. J. Cooper and Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (11½) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. G. E. Cave (14) by 5.

THE PEEL MEMORIALS

May 14th-19th

In 1914 there were 88 entries in the men's Peel and 104 in the women's (the latter event was won, for the first of two occasions, by Mrs. Nickisson, a lady very pleasantly remembered still by many of us). Forty-eight years later there were only 28 entries in the two events combined. Even taking account of the fact that there are only about a quarter as many associates today as there were then, it is something of a mystery that entries in C.A. Handicaps at Roehampton—for much the same is true of the Gilbey Cup—should have fallen off so markedly. Reasons can, of course, be suggested; a primary one no doubt is that there is a much smaller leisure class today, and the "Affluent Society" includes far fewer croquet players than did the "governing class" of that day. And, of course, far fewer residents in the metropolis are now in a position to offer hospitality to provincial friends than was the case in "Georgian" times.

It may be significant too perhaps that in those days the "Peels" were played for at the end and not in the middle of the month. If associates steer clear of this tournament for fear of what the weather may do to them, it has to be said that they were this year only too right. There was some bright but rather chilly weather at the beginning of the week, but towards the end an unusually cold west wind sprang up, and conditions on finals day reached a climax of frigid and tempestuous hostility, the draughts on the verandah of the pavilion being nearly as piercing as those encountered on the courts. Inside it was too chilly to sit down, and outside it was too gusty to stand up.

The four main courts have had their south boundaries raised, and considering the very adverse weather of what we are supposed to call Spring, the result is extremely satisfactory. The two courts on the upper tier are coming along well, though number 5 is very much a two-speed surface at present, and distinctly tricky in consequence. The hoops on all the courts were very tightly set and in some instances were more suggestive of the President's Cup than of the Peel Memorials. No doubt it was largely for this reason that breaks, with or without bisques, were singularly few. Mr. Camroux did better in this respect than most, and Miss Lintern went round on a beauty in her game against Mrs. Speer before this formidable player had a chance to take any of the bisques with which she is liberally provided. When she gets a better grip on the tactical side of the game and masters the roll stroke, she should come down quickly, for no-one at this tournament was hitting their own ball better. She brought off a great coup in the Doubles semi-final when, her partner having been pegged out while she was for the rover hoop, she hit a full length shot into the second corner and proceeded to go out on the ball which Major Dibley had left at the rover hoop for a similar purpose, and won the game by 3.

Perhaps the most consistent player throughout the week was G. N. B. Huskinson from Nottingham, who has so often done well at this tournament. He won the Draw, and easily defeated his partner, Captain Stoker, in the play-off. Playing with him, they were victorious in the Doubles, and he was on this occasion the most effective player on the court. They have won the Murray Cups before and Mr. Huskinson has now won the Peels three times in five years, the only player of his sex with so many victories to his credit. One would like to see him in "A" class croquet, for he has both the execution and the temperament for the first-class game. The same may be said of Mr. Camroux who was only narrowly defeated by the winner in an earlier round. He is a very persevering player, never losing an opportunity for practice, and is ripe for entry into a higher class of croquet.

A particularly interesting game in this event was one between Mr Hamilton-Miller and Captain Stoker. The latter was for the peg and the rover hoop when his opponent hit and went round,

pegging out the Captain though his own ball was only for the fourth hoop. This looked to be rather a gamble but it came off, Stoker being left very few shots, though from one of them it did look as if his having hit it would lead to victory.

Miss Lintern always does well in this event, hypnotizing her opponents by her prestige and bewildering them by her clever tactics, but one lady refused to be dazzled in this way, and Mrs. Davidson, having already beaten her minus opponent once, did so again in the play-off. She started particularly well in this match, but the hostile weather was later to tell on her effectiveness and it began to look as if the expert would catch up. But Miss Lintern was having one of her off-days with hoops, and the situations she ingeniously worked for could not be successfully exploited. There is no doubt, however, that Mrs. Davidson has improved very much since last year; she has always looked as if she were going to be a good player and now it seems clear that she is well on the way to become one.

In the eight matches which Miss Lintern played she had to concede 59½ bisques. Not many competitors would get so far against such odds as this. In everything but her hoop running she looked like the masterly player we knew her to be half-a-dozen years ago.

Mr. J. B. Gilbert managed the tournament as if to the manner born and earned the thanks and admiration of all. The Association is fortunate to have found so capable a recruit to its all too attenuated ranks of Managers, and everyone will hope that he may find it possible to appear in this role on many future occasions.

MEN'S HANDICAP SINGLES  
(Two Life System)

SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL  
DRAW

(14 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

M. B. Reckitt (—1½) bt R. Stigant (7½) by 6.  
A. V. Camroux (2) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (2) by 11.  
Major J. H. Dibley (2½) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (—½) by 10.  
D. J. V. Hamilton Miller (—1½) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (—½) by 2.  
Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) by 17.  
G. N. B. Huskinson (3) bt M. F. Buller (3) by 13.

SECOND ROUND

M. B. Reckitt (—1) bt L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (7) by 6.  
A. V. Camroux (2) bt Major J. H. Dibley (2½) by 16.  
D. J. V. Hamilton Miller (—1½) w.o. Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7).

SEMI-FINAL

A. V. Camroux (2) bt M. B. Reckitt (—1) by 16.  
G. N. B. Huskinson (3) bt D. J. V. Hamilton Miller (—1½) by 11.

FINAL

G. N. B. Huskinson (3) bt A. V. Camroux (2) by 7.

PROCESS

(14 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Major J. H. Dibley (2½) bt M. F. Buller (3) by 2.  
M. B. Reckitt (—1) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7) by 12.  
D. J. V. Hamilton Miller (—1½) bt L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (7) by 14.  
Capt. H. G. Stoker (—½) bt G. N. B. Huskinson (3) by 4.  
Major J. R. Abbey (1½) bt Col. D. M. C. Prichard (—½) by 6.  
Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) bt R. Stigant (7) by 10.

SECOND ROUND

Major J. H. Dibley (2½) bt M. B. Reckitt (—1) by 23.  
D. J. V. Hamilton Miller (—1½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (2) by 6.  
Capt. H. G. Stoker (—½) bt A. V. Camroux (2) by 4.  
Major J. R. Abbey (1½) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL

D. J. V. Hamilton Miller (—1½) bt Major J. H. Dibley (2½) by 5.  
Capt. H. G. Stoker (—½) bt Major J. R. Abbey (1½) by 7.

FINAL

Capt. H. G. Stoker (—½) bt D. J. V. Hamilton Miller (—1½) by 14.

PLAY-OFF

G. N. B. Huskinson bt Capt. H. G. Stoker by 14.

LADIES' HANDICAP SINGLES

SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL  
(Two Life System)

DRAW

(14 entries)

Miss I. M. Roe (2) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (9) by 20.  
Mrs. M. H. Carrington (7½) bt Mrs. K. Gray (12) by 6.  
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) bt Mrs. L. A. Showan (4) by 16.  
Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (2½) by 11.  
Mrs. S. M. Adler (2½) bt Mrs. E. M. Speer (6½) by 18.  
Mrs. V. E. Wheeler (16) w.o. Mrs. R. R. Williams.

SECOND ROUND

Miss I. M. Roe (2) w.o. Mrs. W. Longman.  
Mrs. M. H. Carrington (7½) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) by 14.  
Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) bt Mrs. S. M. Adler (2½) by 8.  
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) bt Mrs. V. Wheeler (16) by 7.

SEMI-FINAL

Miss I. M. Roe (2) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (7½) by 6.  
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) bt Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) by 9.

FINAL

Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) bt Miss I. M. Roe (2) by 4.

PROCESS

(14 Entries)

Mrs. L. A. Showan (4) w.o. Mrs. R. R. Williams.  
Mrs. S. M. Adler (2½) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (9) by 10.  
Lady Ursula Abbey (2½) w.o. Mrs. W. Longman.  
Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) bt Mrs. V. E. Wheeler (16) by 7.  
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) by 13.  
Mrs. E. M. Speer (6½) bt Miss I. M. Roe (2) by 4.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. S. M. Adler (2½) bt Mrs. L. A. Showan (4) by 3.  
Mrs. K. Gray (12) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (2½) by 6.  
Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (7½) by 7.  
Mrs. E. M. Speer (6½) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. S. M. Adler (2½) bt Mrs. K. Gray (12) by 19.  
Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) bt Mrs. E. M. Speer (6½) by 10.

FINAL

Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) bt Mrs. S. M. Adler (2½) by 6.

PLAY-OFF

Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) bt Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) by 10.

MIXED HANDICAP DOUBLES

THE LADY MURRAY MEMORIAL SILVER CHALLENGE CUPS

(Combined handicaps 2 or over)  
(8 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. L. A. Showan and Mrs. E. M. Speer (10½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (9) by 11.  
Major J. H. Dibley and Miss I. M. Roe (4½) bt Major J. R. Abbey and M. F. Buller (4½) by 7.  
Capt. H. G. Stoker and G. N. B. Huskinson (2½) bt Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. Carrington (4½) by 8.  
Dr. T. E. Ryves and Col. Prichard (4½) bt R. Stigant and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (9½) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL

Capt. H. G. Stoker and G. N. B. Huskinson (2½) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves and Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (4½) by 16.

FINAL

Capt. H. G. Stoker and G. N. B. Huskinson (2½) bt Mrs. L. A. Showan and Mrs. E. M. Speer (10½) by 3.

LONGMAN CLUB TEAM CUP

DRAW

COLCHESTER }  
HURLINGHAM }  
EDGBASTON }  
ROEHAMPTON or }  
RYDE }  
CAMBRIDGE }  
COMPTON }  
OXFORD }  
SOUTHWICK }

First and Second rounds to be completed by July 3rd. Semi-final to be completed by August 4th.

Final to be completed by September 8th.

ROEHAMPTON v. HURLINGHAM

Played at Roehampton on Saturday, 5th May

M. B. Reckitt and S. S. Townsend bt Col. C. C. Adams and Miss D. A. Lintern by 4.

A. D. Karmel and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson lost to J. B. Gilbert and Mrs. S. M. Adler by 10.

General D. J. Wilson-Haffenden and General F. H. N. Davidson bt A. V. Camroux and A. J. Oldham by 15.

Result: Hurlingham won by 2 games to 1.

CARRICKMINES

CROQUET TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, 16th JUNE, to SATURDAY, 23rd JUNE, 1962

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

1.—CHAMPIONSHIP OF IRELAND. Silver Salver (Perpetual). Rule 44. Entrance Fee, 12s.

2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Challenge Cup (Perpetual). Open to Associates handicapped at 5½ bisques and over. Single games. No lifts. Entrance Fee, 8s.

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

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Founder's Cup (Perpetual). Single games. Entrance Fee, 8s.

4.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Stonebrook Cups (Perpetual). Entrance Fee, 8s. each player.

Entries for all events will close on Tuesday, 12th June, at 6 p.m., and the draw will then take place.

Play will commence at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday, 16th June.

Competitors residing over 25 miles distance from Dublin will not be required for play till 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 18th June.

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

LAWN TENNIS AND CROQUET CLUB

### A CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held in  
The Club Grounds

on **MONDAY, 9th JULY, 1962**

and following days

(Under the Rules and Regulations of the Croquet Association)  
Tournament Committee.—Miss E. J. Warwick (Chairman),  
Miss A. E. Mills, Mrs. E. Rotherham, Mrs. M. H. Vincent, J. K.  
Brown and Dr. R. B. N. Smartt.  
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.—Mrs. M. H. Vincent, 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. Holder: Miss E. J. Warwick. (Note.—Except in the case of a Bye, Competitors in this Event will not be granted leave after 2 p.m. on Monday, 9th 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. Holder: Major E. C. Heathcote. 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. Holder: Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard. 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. Holders: Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and G. R. Mills. 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 35s. to the C.A. when playing in an Official Tournament, or 17s. 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, 5th July**; and for Event 5 by 3 p.m. on **Tuesday, 10th 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, 5th July, at 11 a.m.; and for Event 5 on Tuesday, 10th July, in the Club Pavilion.

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

Bridge Rooms are available.

Standard Setting, 3½in. 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, 3rd July, to Friday, 6th July. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.

Entries must reach the Secretary by Friday, 29th June.

Twelve

## 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 16th**, and following days

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Southwick Club.

Manager.—F. E. Corke.

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 3½in. 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-sole 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.

## PARKSTONE (EAST DORSET)

### CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held on

**MONDAY, 20th AUGUST, 1962, 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 Nougerede.  
Referee.—The Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith.  
Hon. Secretary (Croquet).—Mrs. 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.—**HANDICAP 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. Time limit 3½ hours. Starting at 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, 16th 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 start on Tuesday morning. The Draw will take place on Monday, 20th August, at 4 p.m.

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

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

Lunch and Tea provided at the Club at moderate prices.

Flat-soled shoes must be worn.

## CHELTENHAM

### THE FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

will be held on the

Club Lawns, Old Bath Road

On **Monday, July 23rd, 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 be the shorter period. "Two Life System." Holder, Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard. Entrance Fee, 13s.
- 2.—**LEVEL SINGLES. MONEY SALVER.** To be held for one year or till the next competition, whichever be the shorter period. For players with three or more bisques. Law 36 suspended. Holder, Mrs. B. de C. Mathews. 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 be the shorter period. Holders, Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Group Captain P. W. Lowe-Holmes. 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 18th**. Draw for Singles Events in Pavilion at 2 p.m. same day.

Entries for Doubles close on Tuesday, July 24th.

Cheques for entrance money should be made payable to the Cheltenham Croquet Club.

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

## ALL-ENGLAND HANDICAP

1961 Winner—Major E. C. Heathcote (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.

Secretaries of Clubs must notify the C.A. Secretary by June 1st if their Club intends to participate. The responsibility of sending in name/s of winner/s belongs to both the Secretary of the Club and the player himself.

**Preliminary Stage.**—Club competitions to be finished by the 24th 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 20th to 22nd.

**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 28th 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: Budleigh Salterton.

## THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

will be played for at the

**HURLINGHAM CLUB, on JULY 30th, and following days**

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—Maj. General F. H. 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, J. W. Solomon.
- 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, E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon.
- 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, B. Lloyd Pratt.

#### CONDITIONS

Hoops 3½in. 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 25th**, and for Event 2 by noon on **Tuesday, July 31st**. 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 25th, and for Event 2 at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31st, 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 3rd and 4th.