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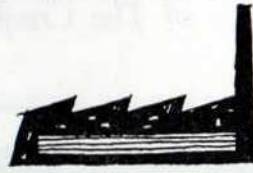


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### Handicapping Data

Some years ago a table was customarily included in the first issue of the magazine each year which summarised all the handicap singles games played in the preceding year, showing the total games won and lost for each handicap. One of our more statistically-minded Associates has during the past months bent his mind to compiling such a table for 1963 and the results of his wintry appraisal is shown elsewhere in this number. The more erudite of our readers can doubtless glean a great deal from the table and it occurs to us that an examiner for an advanced statistics degree could find considerable material therein for a searching question. Our approach is less esoteric. Looking at the results as a league table it will be seen that 4 of the first 5 places are filled by minus handicap groups, thus confirming what long bisquers know from practical experience—that an array of bisques soon fly forgotten as a dream.

The table also gives some guide as to the handicap constitution of present-day players. Handicap 2 players participated in no fewer than 175 games, but those on 2½ played only 43 which prima facie suggests that there are four times as many players handicapped at 2 as there are at 2½. Indeed those whose handicaps end in a half would appear to be in a definite minority since they only competed in a quarter of the total games played.

### Going Down

On researching through past numbers we found that the last time that the table referred to in the foregoing note appeared was exactly ten years ago, and that compared with the 1,074 handicap singles games played last year, ten years earlier the total was 1,432. This is a sobering thought. It is, of course, due mainly to the lower number of entries per tournament, but an additional reason is that some tournaments which were being held ten years ago have now disappeared from the calendar. Two of these, Sidmouth and Exmouth, have in a sense been taken over by their bigger brother at Budleigh since the May and July Non-Official fixtures now held there compensate for the former Sidmouth May and the Exmouth July tournaments. For the others whose names no longer appear, Bedford, Buxton, Leamington and Woking, there has been no compensating influence. In some cases deprivation of the requisite number of lawns may have been the reason for clubs ceasing to hold a tournament but a dwindling number of entries has certainly played its part. The cost of participating in tournament play away from one's home town has certainly increased over the years and when it is a choice between a tournament at a seaside resort and one at an inland town, no doubt the former starts with an advantage because of the greater holiday atmosphere. Cheltenham and Nottingham are now the only two non-seaside towns, other than London, which appear in the calendar: may they continue to flourish and attract more visitors from other centres.

### Working to Rule

It may seem a little odd to pose the question whether there are many associates who know anything about—still less claim to be well acquainted with—the Rules by which their association is (or at any rate ought to be) governed. Yet it is extremely unlikely that there are many such, and this for at least three reasons. In the first place, it is a full four years since these Rules appeared in print. Secondly, when they did it was in a publication which far too few associates take the trouble to obtain—the Official Handbook of the C.A., a new and revised edition of which is about to appear and will be on sale by—if not before—the date of our Annual General Meeting. But ignorance of our Rules as they now stand can be easily justified by the fact that they have only this winter had a thorough going over by some of the sharpest brains of the Council (which do not include the writer of this Note). They will appear in the new publication, along with much else in the Association's "Wisden", as we might reasonably describe it, and so we might well add, in the hackneyed phrase, it is something which no serious croquet player can afford to be without. Of course the Handbook was once the Year Book, and fifty years ago proved a stoutly bound book of over 200 pages with which the 2,300 associates of those days were annually supplied free of charge. Such times are no more, but the need to be well informed about our game is no less.

### After the Fire

Towards the end of January, we were shocked to hear that the Holmesdale Press, our printers, ever since the beginning in 1905, had been burnt out, and everything there lost. Undeterred by this, they immediately set about making alternative temporary arrangements, and were soon back in limited production. We are very grateful that they have been able to stand by us, and produce our

April number as usual. We were especially fortunate that there was no issue pending for two months, and that although the blocks from which our front cover photographs have been printed were destroyed, we had little else there for the fire to ravage.

It was felt that this would afford us a convenient opportunity for changing our front-page layout from the photographs which have been succeeding each other with, to some, depressing regularity. We therefore decided that Associates might like to see the more important of the trophies that are competed for each year reproduced in the appropriate months, with some explanatory matter furnished by our historically-minded Rover.

The other change in the journal was dictated not by circumstances but by the decision of Council. For the past few years the journal has printed the sometimes rather baffling, sometimes informative, Council Minutes as a report of what the Associates' representatives are doing. It has now been held that these Minutes are a confidential record for the use of Council alone. On the other hand, it is right and proper that some account of what happens in Council should be put before Associates, and so the Chairman will now submit a report, to contain all decisions of Council with such views expressed on either side as is felt to be appropriate.

### Questions and Answers

#### Question

In handicap play, in Doubles, red had already peeled yellow through four hoops. Later in the game yellow went into position to turn the rover hoop. Later, red, in hitting down to "A" baulk to give yellow a ball, hit yellow and sent it through the hoop in order. Was the hoop scored?

#### Answer

No, as yellow had already been peeled four times. Law 43(b). Please note also that Law 57(b) under modified games of 22 points or 18 points, only three hoops may be peeled by the partner and in games of 14 points only two hoops may be peeled by the partner.

#### Question

At what point is a ball deemed to come to rest?

#### Answer

Law 22 states that it has finally come to rest if the striker has taken his stance for the next stroke or has left the Court in the belief that the ball has come to rest.

### Tribute—1964 Season

Tribute is payable by Non-Associates who enter any Tournaments in the list of Calendar Fixtures published in "Croquet" except the All England Handicap, the Longman Cup, and the Inter-Counties Championship, at the following rates:—

- 25/- per Tournament, or 12/6d. for one event only per Tournament.
- 10/- per Evening, Weekend, or other Short Tournament, or 5/- for one event only per Tournament in this category.

#### Note

- Evening Tournaments are those which start at 4 p.m. or later and which do not last longer than one week.
- Weekend and other short Tournaments are those which do not exceed four days duration.
- Regarding category (b) above, the words "one event only" apply both to the player and to the Tournament itself, that is to say a non-Associate entering one event only in a multi-event Tournament is liable for Tribute at 5/-; and if a Tournament consists of one event only the liability of each non-Associate entrant is 5/-.
- Players are reminded of the once-for-all benefit by which no Tribute is payable by a non-Associate entering a Calendar Fixture for the first time.
- Levy is payable by all competitors in Official Tournaments and forms part of the entry fee charged. The rate is 3/6 per event.

## CALENDAR FIXTURES

1964

- Apl. 17-20—Hunstanton (American). (Non-official). *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. A. N. Rolfe, The Cottage, Heacham, Norfolk.
- .. 22-24—Junior Tournament (Cheltenham). *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- May 4-9—Budleigh Salterton. (Non-official). *Hon. Sec.*, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.
- .. 11-16—Peels Memorials. Roehampton. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- .. 16-18—Cheltenham. (Non-official). *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- .. 18-23—Southwick. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, W. H. Austin, Flat A, 3 Victoria Road, Southwick, Sussex.
- .. 26-29—Inter-County Championships. Hurlingham. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- June 1-6—Men's and Women's Championships. Evening Handicap Singles. Roehampton. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- .. 1-6—Ryde. *Hon. Sec.*, Miss K. A. Wade, 10 Partlands Avenue, Ryde, I.O.W.
- .. 8-13—Nottingham. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, G. Birch, 88 Cedar Road, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham.
- .. 13-20—Championship of Ireland. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly, Ballynamote, Carrickmines, Dublin.
- .. 15-20—Compton. *Hon. Sec.*, H. C. S. Perry, Hockington House, Willingdon, Eastbourne.
- .. 20-22—Cheltenham (American). (Non-official). *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- .. 22-27—Parkstone. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. M. McMordie, 4 Overbury Road, Parkstone.
- June 29- July 3—Budleigh Salterton. (Non-official). *Hon. Sec.*, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.
- .. 6-11—Budleigh Salterton. *Hon. Sec.*, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.
- .. 10-19—Challenge and Gilbey Cups, Ascot and Delves Boughton Cups. Roehampton. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- .. 20-25—Cheltenham. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- .. 20-25—Colchester. (Non-official). *Hon. Sec.*, E. P. Duffield, 5 Acland Avenue, Colchester.
- July 27- Aug. 1—Open Championships. Hurlingham. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- Aug. 3-12—Hurlingham. *Games Secretary*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6. (NOT *Secretary C.A.*).
- .. 13-16—Cheltenham. (Non-official). *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- .. 15-22—Championship of County Dublin. (Non-official). *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. B. O'Reilly, Ballynamote, Carrickmines, Dublin.
- .. 17-21—The Ladies' Field Cup. Roehampton. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- .. 17-22—Parkstone. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. M. McMordie, 4 Overbury Road, Parkstone.
- .. 24-29—Southwick. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, W. H. Austin, Flat A, 3 Victoria Road, Southwick, Sussex.
- Aug. 31- Sept 5—Hunstanton. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. A. N. Rolfe, The Cottage, Heacham, Norfolk.
- Aug. 31- Sept 5—Southwick. (Non-official). *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, W. H. Austin, Flat A, 3 Victoria Road, Southwick, Sussex.
- Sept. 7-11—Surrey Cup. (Cheltenham). *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- Sept. 8-12—President's Cup. (Hurlingham). *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- .. 17-19—All England Handicap. Area Finals. Roehampton. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- .. 12-13—Cheltenham (American). (Non-official). *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- .. 21-26—Roehampton. *Games Secretary*, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15. (NOT *Sec. C.A.*).
- Sept. 28- Oct. 10—Devonshire Park. Eastbourne. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.

## CROQUET ASSOCIATION NOTICES

Attention of all Clubs is drawn to Rule XVIII (b) re Club representation on the Council.

### OFFER OF TUITION

At the Representatives Conference Dr. H. J. Penny said that he would be willing to give tuition.

Individuals or clubs who would like to receive tuition from him should write to him at 7 Grove Road, Bourne-mouth.

Please note in Calendar Fixtures that the President's Cup will start on Tuesday, September 8th and continue till Saturday, 12th. This is because on Monday, September 7th the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club are allowing us to give exhibition games at their Club.

An opportunity not to be missed.

The new Handbook is due April. As well as a complete list of associates and addresses—it contains all the amended Rules of the C.A. It is hoped many associates will buy one. Price 7/6 (published every four years).

Available from Head Office—Laws, Hints to Beginners, "Croquet: Know the Game," pegging-down books, entry pads, and ladies badge brooches.

It would be a great help if Club Secretaries would take a stock of the above before the season starts—and order them on sale or return.

Also will Club Secretaries please let me know how many free posters they could use in the Season.

### INTER-COUNTIES

Mr. Birch, 88 Cedar Road, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham is collecting a team to represent Midlands Counties. Anyone willing and eligible to play please contact Mr. Birch without delay.

Hurlingham Club will be closed all day Monday, May 25th.

### VISITS TO CLUBS

The Council is anxious to maintain as close a relation with clubs as possible. One way in which this may be assisted is by visits from its members, either for the purpose of consultation or (where possible) instruction. The Council has smaller clubs particularly in mind, and if their officers will communicate with the Secretary of the C.A. indicating their wishes, she will endeavour to make such arrangements by seeking the aid either of individuals or of other clubs not too far from the scene from where the application comes.

### REFEREES

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 the examination.

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V. C. GASSON, *Secretary*.

# THE 1964 CROQUET SEASON

Associates are asked to study the Calendar Fixtures carefully, as there are a number of alterations in dates.

### Short and Week-end Tournaments

Hunstanton start the season as usual with their Week-end Tournament from April 17th to 20th.

Cheltenham are holding three short Tournaments during the season, suitable for players not able to join in longer meetings.

The Evening Handicap Singles held during the Men's and Women's Championships week at Roehampton last year proved very popular, and this will be held again.

The Junior Event is to be held, by kind permission, at the Cheltenham Club in April, and it is hoped that this will be a more convenient date.

The Council think these events are most important and hope they will be well supported, thus encouraging other Clubs to help in this way.

### Challenge and Gilbey Tournament

Owing to the small entry received in August for several years, this Tournament will be held this year in July, starting on Friday, July 10th. It will include a week-end event. The Gilbey Cup (Handicap) will start on Friday morning and be completed on Monday together with, it is hoped, an extra event. Workers should find this a pleasant week-end. The Gilbey will be open to all Associates and Non-Associates. The four open classes will start on Monday afternoon and Handicap Doubles on Wednesday morning: these are for Associates only. Golf Croquet events start on Thursday afternoon, July 16th and are open to all players. It is also hoped to include another extra event. This should prove to be a very attractive Tournament for all classes of players.

### Ladies Field Cup

This invitation event will be held, by kind permission, at the Roehampton Club from August 17th to August 21st. It is hoped that more of the minus players will, when invited, be able to compete and so raise the standard of play.

### Longman Cup

Letters have gone out to Clubs suggesting that if sufficient entries are received this competition will be played on a regional basis, for at least the first and second rounds. This is a competition well worth supporting, particularly as it helps Clubs to get very pleasant matches with other clubs.

### Devonshire Park

This Tournament in 1964 will be played in two separate weeks. The first week: Open events 1-5, an XY Handicap open to all, Open Doubles, and Handicap Doubles for those not entered for Open Doubles.

The second week: Men's and Women's Championships, Limited Handicap for those not playing in the

Men's and Women's Championships, XY Handicap open to all, and Handicap Doubles. This will be a very large programme for the Manager to get through and will need the players' co-operation at all times. Competitors should get their entries in early, as if no more lawns are available than last year, entries will have to be limited. Compton lawns will be used for part of both weeks.

### County Championship

It has been decided by the Council that the Inter-County matches will continue to be played under Laws of semi-advanced play, as it is not considered in the interest of the meeting to have all lifts: this would only widen the gap between the different classes of players in the competition and so put the weaker counties at a greater disadvantage.

### Surrey Cups

In the event of a tie in this competition a single game will be played, but in the event of a triple tie there will be a Bagnall Wild draw.

These conditions will also apply to the Ladies Field Cup.

### Full Bisque System

Associates should please find the August number of Croquet for 1963, and read the Chairman's splendid article on the above system. It would surely be helpful if a number of events in Tournaments were played under this system, as when players get used to it they will undoubtedly like it very much and it will help them to feel they are playing real croquet. Medium and long bisquers in particular should play it in their practice games, and if they persevere they will find that they will soon begin to play better croquet, the games will be quicker, more enjoyable and more satisfying, and older players will not get nearly as tired. It will also teach them how to use their bisques better when they meet A class players.

### Handicapping

The handicapping system is still under consideration, but no final conclusions have yet been reached. Managers are continuing to help the Chairman by keeping records at Tournaments.

### Leagues

It is hoped that Registered Clubs are meeting with some success in finding other clubs to join up with, and so form a league. This can be most useful in making the game more widely known, so in the end getting more Associates. This has proved a great success at Roehampton as there at least four out of seven clubs competing in the League competition are new to it. Thus completely new clubs are now finding a much wider interest in the game, and this must prove to be good for the Association. D.A.L.

NEW EDITOR

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Agenda for Annual General Meeting

at the ROEHAMPTON Club, on Monday, May 25th, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

- Minutes of meeting held on May 27th, 1963.
- Report and Balance Sheet.
- Election of Hon. Treasurer, Lt.-Cmdr. Style retires and offers himself for re-election.
- Election of Members of Council. The following retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election:—  
E. P. Duffield  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden  
G. V. Evans  
Mrs. E. Reeve  
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts  
Lt.-Cmdr. G. W. Style  
The following retire by rotation and do not offer themselves for re-election: A. D. Karmel and J. A. Hollweg.  
Revd. Canon Creed Meredith has also resigned. There are, therefore, three vacancies to be filled.
- Any other Business.
- Vote of thanks to Chairman.

Tea will be served.  
Hurlingham Club is closed all day on Monday, May 25th.

Report of the Council, 1964

While, as individuals, our time is occupied during the summer months with the challenging task of playing croquet, during the winter those of us on the Council have the even more difficult problem of talking about it, for it is then that the Council and its Committees hold their meetings.

Yet last summer things began to get moving rather earlier than usual, for the Council decided that it might be wise to revive the pre-war custom of a Conference of Club Representatives. This was held during the autumn and was undoubtedly a great success. But it is important to evaluate in what way the Conference was successful, for although a number of useful ideas came out of it, possibly the greatest single factor was the strengthening of relations between the Council and the Clubs.

The Council has been accused in the past, with some justification it must be admitted, of perhaps not being fully in touch with the clubs and their problems, and the representatives who attended the Conference, and whose support made it the success it was, clearly appreciated the revival of the Conference, and the chance to put their views to the Council. As a result the Council has been buzzing with activity, and it and its committees have been kept busy examining the report of the Conference and deciding what action should be taken to implement the ideas put forward.

The amount of work now involved in our office is quite enormous, for we have endeavoured to keep clubs informed of events, and our thanks are due to our Secretary and her assistant for coping so efficiently with the volumes of paper work which have been going out to the Clubs and members of Council.

Croquet is at a cross-roads in its post-war history and if the right road is now taken the benefit can be immeasurable. The Council is well aware of this fact and has taken a positive step in this direction with the support and encouragement it is giving to such ideas as weekend and evening tournaments, for it is in these ways that we can attract players to the game, especially the younger ones who have so much brightened it in the last few years.

Council Meetings

For a number of reasons, but principally owing to expense and a desire to make this magazine as interesting as possible, it has been decided that the Minutes of Council Meetings will no longer be published in "Croquet".

Since it is Council's wish that Associates should be aware of what is going on, and following a suggestion from one or two clubs, a brief report will be published from time to time explaining the principal decisions of Council, the first of which is given here.

On November 21st the main item before the Council was the report of the Tournament Committee regarding the arrangement of Tournaments in 1964. This is always a matter of considerable complication, particularly if any changes in the traditional dates is proposed by any of the clubs. These difficulties were overcome, however, and the general pattern of tournaments is very similar to previous years, and any differences are apparent from the list of Calendar Fixtures in this publication.

Some Associates will be relieved to know that the full bisques game will not be played in any C.A. events this year. Evening and weekend tournaments are becoming increasingly popular and more are being held this year, the lead from the clubs in this respect coming from Cheltenham who are holding 3 such tournaments. This club is also staging the Under 26 Tournament which we hope will really materialise on this occasion.

The Devonshire Park programme has again been varied. It is difficult to get a completely fair balance for all classes of players, but the present suggestion does guarantee 4 games in each week, at the same time allowing players to come either week if they so desire.

An item that may be of interest to Associates is that there is a possibility—and as yet it is no more than that—that the Devonshire Park Tournament may be held in July in 1965. More definite news of this is awaited with interest.

At its January meeting the Report of the Conference of Club Representatives was considered, following a meeting of the Publicity Committee, and the main suggestions which the Council hope to develop, or on which they would like the co-operation of Associates are:—

Smart turnout and appearance on the court are good publicity. There is no "elite club" who alone may wear whites.

Visits to clubs by Council members will be continued and it is hoped that clubs will inform the Secretary in good time if they would like a visit.

Exhibition games are being arranged at a number of clubs—not necessarily by the top flight of players. Any clubs which would like an exhibition, or tuition, should contact the Secretary.

Public courts could be a valuable form of publicity, but are too often ignored by members who understandably prefer to play on their own lawns. It is hoped that clubs having public courts nearby will play on them as often as possible.

The idea of a National Croquet Week which was received with such enthusiasm at the Conference was carefully considered, but such a big undertaking requires very detailed planning and forethought. More research was necessary before any positive action could be taken and a special committee was formed for this purpose. It might be possible however, that it could be combined with a Sports Festival to be held at the Crystal Palace in 1965, organised by the C.C.P.R., but arrangements for this were in a very preliminary stage.

It was hoped that B.B.C. 2 would produce programmes on minority sport.

The Conference was considered to have been a great success and it was decided that a similar conference should be held in the Autumn of 1965.

The Croquet Association Handbook would be published again in 1964 and thereafter every four years. The abridged list of addresses would be provided in the intervening years.

The main business of the February Council meeting was the consideration of the more detailed examination given by Committees of the Report of the Club Representatives Conference.

The Council were sorry to hear that the Holmesdale Press, who print this magazine, had been completely burnt down, but had had the assurance that they would be able to make arrangements to produce the April and subsequent issues on time.

The Editorial Panel reported on proposed changes in the production of "Croquet", some of which will be apparent in this issue. These were principally designed to economise in every way possible.

The Apps Memorial Award was given to the Bristol Club.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1963

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
31.12.62	147	0	0	31.12.62	3,488	5	0
Office Furniture at written down value	520	19	6	Accumulated General Fund as at 1st January, 1963	3,488	5	0
Trophies at valuation	3,135	4	10	Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year to 31st December, 1963, as per Schedule 2 attached	235	8	4
Investments as per Schedule 1 attached	3,803	4	4	Less: Allocation to Dominion Tour	3,721	13	4
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>							
163 Office Furniture at written down value	31	9	7	Life Membership Fund	3,721	13	4
520 Trophies at valuation	564	0	11	Apps Memorial Fund	348	0	0
3,123 Investments as per Schedule 1 attached	595	10	6	Life Membership Fund	115	10	0
3,807				Apps Memorial Fund	115	10	0
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				Life Membership Fund	12	7	10
63 Sundry Debtors and Prepayments	31	9	7	Life Membership Fund			
415 Cash at Bank and in Hand	564	0	11	Life Membership Fund			
478				Life Membership Fund			
<b>LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				Life Membership Fund			
20 Subscriptions Received in Advance	4	4	0	Life Membership Fund			
20 Accrued Expenses	191	3	5	Life Membership Fund			
26 Income Tax	5	16	3	Life Membership Fund			
336				Life Membership Fund			
<b>NET ASSETS</b>				Life Membership Fund			
	394	6	10	Life Membership Fund			
	£4,197	11	2	Life Membership Fund			
	£3,949			Life Membership Fund			

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, the Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account which are in agreement with the books, and the Income and Expenditure Account gives a true and fair view of the year ended on that date.

1st February, 1964.

32 SILVER LANE, BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

(Signed) CORNEY & Co. Chartered Accountants

INVESTMENTS HELD AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1963

Nominal Value	Quoted Investment	Cost	Market Value
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
25 0 0	Associated Fisheries Ltd. 5/- Stock Units	146 4 10	114
25 0 0	Associated Fisheries Ltd. 6 3/4% Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock 1977/82	24 10 0	27
250 0 0	Bay Hall Trust Ltd. 10/- Ordinary Shares	399 3 6	519
585 0 0	British Gas 4% Guaranteed Stock 1969/72	490 8 0	544
925 8 8	3% Funding Stock 1968/68	793 2 8	853
453 9 9	3 1/4% London County Consolidated Stock 1958/68	430 10 0	430
50 0 0	Midland Bank Ltd. £1 Ordinary Shares	204 0 4	193
136 0 0	Omnium Investment Co. Ltd. 5/- Deferred Shares	173 15 6	544
423 19 0	3% Savings Bonds 1965/75 (Held for the Life Membership Fund)	348 0 0	345
218 3 0	3 1/2% War Stock (Held for the Apps Memorial Fund)	115 10 0	129
		£3,125 4 10	£3,698
10 0 0	Roehampton Country Club £1 Shares		
		£3,135 4 10	

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1963

Year to 31.12.62	£	s.	d.	Year to 31.12.62	£	s.	d.
1,072	INCOME			1,080	INCOME		
25	Subscriptions			80	Affiliation Fees and Overseas Members		
80	Donations (including Mr. Bishop's legacy £100)			100	Levy and Tribute		
308	Levy and Tribute			331	Levy and Tribute		
89	Sale of Books, Laws, etc.			143	Dividends from Investments (Net)		
88	Dividends from Investments (Net)			85	Less: EXPENDITURE		
1,622				333	Tournaments—Expenses		
				204	Deduct: Entry Fees, excluding Levy and Tribute included above		
				129			
				646	Printing of Magazine		
				112	Deduct: Income from Advertisements		
				534			
				663			
				959			
				185	GENERAL OVERHEADS		
				17	Office Rent, Lighting, Heating and Cleaning		
				100	Hire of Room		
				93	Staff Salaries		
				145	Postages and Telephone		
				173	Printing and Stationery		
				32	Insurance		
				16	Sundry Expenses		
				10	Audit Remuneration		
				18	Accountancy of Office		
				800	Maintenance of Office Furniture and Equipment		
				159	Depreciation of Office Furniture and Equipment		
				23			
				£182	Surplus on Sale of Investments		
					EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		

# Notes from the Clubs

## Southwick

We are fortunate in having Major Dibley to manage our Spring and Summer Tournaments. A lot of work has been put into the courts during the past months including the application of a good winter dressing. We are hopeful that our extra court, making eleven in all, will be in use this summer.

All this, added together, means that we are looking forward to a successful and enjoyable season. Will visitors playing in our tournaments please note that the Tournament Secretary for the season is: W. H. Austin, Flat A, 3 Victoria Road, Southwick, Sussex. Telephone: 2607 and not Miss Parker as advertised in the December "Croquet".

Many members were able to enjoy Indoor Croquet on the court laid in the canteen. Its size is 26 by 16 and people who had never played this game before found it unexpectedly interesting. During the last week of January an American Tournament was held under the able management of Mr. W. H. Austin, who, indeed, organised all the arrangements for Indoor Croquet throughout the season.

The Club will be open for play on Saturday, April 11th.

## Hunstanton

It was with much regret that we heard, just before Christmas, of the death of C. B. Bird. He was a very staunch friend of this Club and helped many of us when we first started playing. He was made an Hon. Life Member a few years ago, and was very generous with his gifts to the Club.

Our season opens at Easter and we are hoping for a good one—good weather, good lawns and good play.

Our American Tournament in April is good practice to get your eye in, and we hope it will be well supported.

## Cheltenham

Owing to the milder winter more work has been done on the courts and we hope they will show improvement this season.

We are looking forward to welcoming the under 27's in April, and hope that, this year, there will be sufficient entries to enable it to take place.

We are playing our annual match against Oxford University on Saturday, May 2nd. This year we are playing Cambridge for the first time on June 18th and 19th during their tour of various Clubs; this match is followed by our June week-end, and it is hoped they might be persuaded to play in it.

The September weekend follows the Surrey Cup, so that competitors could stay on for it should they so desire.

We are experimenting this year with more weekend tournaments, hoping to draw players who are unable to spare the time for a full week.

## Parkstone

The Committee is making a big effort this year to improve courts and amenities. Over £300 is being expended on the courts thanks to the generosity of the Croquet Members. New huts are being erected at courts 4 and 6.

A list is being prepared of hotels and guest houses and the Hon. Sec. will try to arrange accommodation for visitors if she has good notice.

It is hoped players will make a special effort to encourage us by coming to our tournaments, June 22nd and August 17th. On June 21st Cambridge is sending a team to play the club.

## Colchester

The season commencing on April 16th must surely be quite out of the ordinary for the club. Now possessed of four standard courts, each of equal merit and devoid of any semblance of a "roll", the club proposes to organise an Unofficial Tournament in the week commencing July 20th. Entries will have to be limited to the capacity of the four courts but the events will consist of Level Singles (Two Lives), X Y Z Handicap Singles and Doubles. It is

encouraging to report that two players in the "minus" category have already expressed their intention of playing in the Level event. A number of players in the area will have their first experience of Tournament Croquet.

The courts are looking really good, some influx of new members has occurred, club finances are satisfactory and a spirit of optimism prevails.

## Rochampton

The A.G.M. took place on November 30th and was well attended. Mrs. Spencer-Ell presented the prizes. We were delighted to welcome back the Club Captain Miss D. A. Lintern after her operation and to see her looking so well. She reviewed the past year's play. In particular she said that 9 members of the Club played in the Counties, Mr. R. Hicks and Mr. Camroux played in the Surrey Cup and Mrs. Longman had a very good season ending by playing brilliantly to win the Championship of the South of England in both the Open and Women's Events. She also said how pleased we were to have with us again last year the Tingeys who played well up to their usual form. After the meeting Miss Lintern entertained the members to a magnificent tea.

Indoor Croquet has been played all winter twice a month and has been greatly enjoyed.

The usual Tournaments have been organised with a special team tournament in late April; we hope to try doubles on the full bisque system and a new competition to try to speed up the game for which Colonel Miller has promised to provide a special prize.

The Rochampton League Matches have all been arranged. Last year's winners were Beechams who were presented at a meeting last year with the fine cup donated by the C.A.

The usual Club Matches have been organised so all in all it looks like a busy season. We only want the sun to shine regularly.

### HANDICAPS CONFIRMED OR ALTERED BY THE HANDICAP CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE CLUB RECOMMENDATIONS

#### HURLINGHAM

B. H. Bliss 14.  
A. G. Blunt 12.  
Mrs A. G. Blunt 16.  
M. A. Blunt 12.  
J. N. Blunt 14.  
Mrs M. Cane 14.  
Mr V. L. Robins 13.  
C. B. Sanford 10.  
P. E. M. Shaw 11 (D.10).  
Miss B. Duthie 6½—6  
S. S. Townsend 1 to 0  
G. Williams ½ to 0

#### CHELTEHAM

W. Green 9 to 8.  
G. E. P. Jackson —½ to —1.  
P. W. Lowe-Holmes 8½ to 8.

#### BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

Mrs G. E. Cave 10 (D.8).  
A. J. Cooper —2 to —2½.  
Mrs S. Cruden 12 (D.10) to 10 (D.8).  
Col. W. Healing 10 to 6.  
Lt.-Col. T. F. Lavery 4 to 3½.  
J. Lee 7 to 6.  
Mrs W. Nash 14 (D.12) to 13 (D.11)

#### SOUTHWICK

Mrs W. P. H. Roe 8 to 7.  
Mrs C. M. Gibson 9 to 8.  
Miss M. M. L. Morgan 7 to 6.  
Mrs H. Well 16 to 14.  
L. E. Brooks 9 to 8.

#### NOTTINGHAM

P. Thomson 2 to 1½.  
Miss E. C. Brumpton 8 to 6½.

#### NON C.A.

Mrs P. L. Collinson 7½ to 7.  
P. L. Collinson 7 to 6.  
W. Haynes 10 to 9.  
Mrs L. Richardson 13 to 12.  
Mrs D. Harris 15 to 12.  
Mrs E. W. Ward 14 to 13.

## OBITUARY

### C. B. BIRD

The sudden death of Charles Bird occurred in Cambridge on December 22nd.

To those who only started to play Croquet within the last 10 years or so, the name will probably mean nothing, but to those of us who have played longer, the news of his death will bring a feeling of sadness and loss, for Charles was an amusing and charming person, and it was generally regretted when he ceased to play Croquet. He had a very individual, free-swinging style, and at his best was a good —1½ and an enthusiastic player. He loved to get hold of someone for a day's croquet, starting early in the morning, and playing until dark—I think mainly of "Brack", who was a great friend of his, and of Guy Warwick at Hunstanton early in the season.

Unfortunately he developed the most horrible of all Croquet diseases—"Hoopitis", and this, in the end, caused him to give up croquet. His style made it extremely difficult for him to overcome it. Charles was awarded the Military Cross during the first World War, but his health was never very good afterwards. He used to say, jokingly, that he spent his summers playing croquet, his winters in hospital, and it was only too often correct.

He served on the Council for many years, and there was general regret when he finally went out of croquet.

### MRS. L. H. ASHTON

Winifred Ashton who was formerly Mrs Kingsford, died rather suddenly recently. Parkstone Club remember her long service as Hon. Secretary, a post she held for 20 years. Recently ill health and partial blindness had robbed her game of its brilliance, but in her prime she was one of the best women players. She won many trophies and her play was rewarded when she was chosen to go to New Zealand in 1950. Our sympathy is extended to her husband whose own health is very poor. They were great benefactors of the Parkstone Club and will long be remembered.

### SUMMARY OF ALL HANDICAP SINGLES GAMES RECORDED IN CROQUET 1963

Player's Handicap	Number of Games		Percentage of games won
	Won	Lost	
½	21	12	63.6
—1½	40	24	62.5
—2	13	8	61.9
—½	29	18	61.7
—1	27	17	61.4
1	43	29	59.7
5½	61	43	58.7
3	54	42	56.3
1½	51	40	56.0
6	53	44	54.6
—3	14	12	53.9
5	73	64	53.3
13	19	17	52.8
2	92	83	52.6
4	85	79	51.8
2½	23	20	51.2
4½	15	15	50.0
9	47	51	48.0
11	31	34	47.7
7	76	86	46.9
3½	14	16	46.7
8	60	78	43.5
10	32	42	43.2
0	17	25	40.5
7½	18	27	40.0
6½	32	53	37.7
12	25	60	29.4
14	6	19	24.0
16	3	13	18.8
15	0	3	—
	1074	1074	

### 1963-64 RETURN OF ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Laws	Tournament	Finance and General Purposes	Publicity	Council	Total Attendances	Total Possible Attendances	
J. W. Solomon ( <i>ex officio</i> , all meetings)	0	2	1	0	8	11	14	
J. M. Rivington ( <i>ex officio</i> , all meetings)	1	1	0	0	7	9	13	
G. Birch	..	1	..	..	5	6	10	
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury	..	..	..	..	3	3	9	
D. C. Caporn	..	0	1	..	5	7	11	
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden	..	1	..	..	4	5	10	
Col. J. G. Clarke	..	1	1	..	6	8	11	
Maj. H. F. Dibley	..	2	1	1	7	11	13	
E. P. Duffield	..	0	2	..	3	5	11	
G. V. Evans	..	..	2	1	7	10	11	
A. D. Karmel	..	..	..	..	..	1	9	
Miss D. A. Lintern	..	1	1	1	6	9	13	
H. C. S. Perry	..	1	2	0	6	9	13	
Mrs. E. Reeve	..	0	2	..	..	9	13	
E. A. Roper	..	..	1	1	3	5	12	
Mrs. E. Rotherham	..	..	2	..	7	9	12	
Lt. Col. F. E. Stobart	..	..	1	..	6	7	11	
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts	..	..	..	1	8	9	9	
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts	..	2	2	..	1	6	11	13
Lt. Comdr. D. W. Style	..	..	2	..	6	8	9	
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins	..	1	..	..	7	8	9	
Mrs. R. R. Williams	..	..	0	4	4	4	9	

## NEW ZEALAND DOMINION CHAMPIONSHIPS

January 21st to February 4th

The championships were this year played at Hamilton and commanded a good entry including most of those who represented New Zealand in the Test Matches. Albert Saalfeld of Australia, William Ormerod and David Curtis also competed. It was unfortunate that Tony Stephens was not able to be present to swell the ranks of the youthful champions, and also unfortunate that Ormerod was able to enter only for the Open Championships.

The weather was excellent throughout, having been preceded by a spell only too reminiscent of an English summer. Surfaces were very different on the lawns at the four clubs used and adjustment was difficult; fiery surfaces later in the tournament added to the necessity for accurate play.

John Prince was again in devastating form although he did miss occasional shots this year, while Ashley Heenan played steadily and improved as the tournament went on. Jean Jarden stood out among women although there were others climbing quickly.

There were the usual social gatherings during some evenings and an exhibition of indoor croquet was included.

Mrs Church managed the tournament most ably and the ladies provided the sort of meals which can only be appreciated by a visit to New Zealand.

### OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (29 Entries)

Most of the leading players were found together in the lower part of the draw, and even the forbidden word "seeding" was faintly muttered. Immaculate croquet was not really seen in this event, although many of the games brought out the best in tactics, and some exciting finishes resulted.

Ashley Heenan was a thoroughly deserving winner. He had recently returned to New Zealand after taking up a music bursary abroad, and his fine win reminded players of the blow N.Z. Test hopes suffered last year because of his unavoidable absence. Mrs Wadsworth, whose cheerful personality may hide her ability as an astute tactician, was the other finalist. She had a good win over Ralph Browne, aged 19, in the semi-final, but in the final Heenan won the match before lunch.

## FIRST ROUND

Heenan bt Wadsworth +2 +20.  
Ormerod bt Ross +5 +17.  
Curtis bt Ford -12 +20 +17.

## SECOND ROUND

Mrs Wadsworth bt L. Middlemiss +15 -11 +12.  
Heenan bt Ormerod -7 +7 +22.  
Curtis bt Lt-Col. Saalfeld +1 +9.  
Prince bt Mrs Gerrard +25 +26.

## THIRD ROUND

Mrs Wadsworth bt Mrs Ellis +13 -11 +22.  
Browne bt Kirk +2 +6.  
Heenan bt Mrs Jarden +15 -16 +7.  
Prince bt Curtis -1 +26 +13.

## SEMI-FINAL

Mrs Wadsworth bt Browne +8 +5.  
Heenan bt Prince -14 +3 +25.

## FINAL

Heenan bt Mrs Wadsworth +15 +15.

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP  
(12 Entries)

John Prince, aged 18, has a remarkable tactical grasp of the game. Last year, as a newcomer to Test Croquet, he convincingly beat John Solomon. This year he already plays like a veteran.

The final was a memorable match, between Prince and Heenan. The first game could well have gone either way, and the second was even closer. Prince, unable to peg out his partner ball, pegged out Heenan's rover and his own, leaving his partner by the peg; Heenan's remaining ball was for the rover hoop. He hit the 20 yd shot from the 4th corner, approached rover, ran the hoop from 1½ yd at an angle, hit the awkward return roquet, and pegged out—almost literally! In the third game Prince just failed to complete a triple peel, but victory was soon his for the second year running.

## RESULTS (FINAL STAGES)

Prince bt Curtis +22 -9 +2.  
Heenan bt Ross +26 +18.  
Prince bt Heenan +4 -1 +24.

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP  
(45 Entries)

Mrs Jarden was quite outstanding in this event and won both lives. The Jardens are a fine sporting family. Their son Ron Jarden was the hero three-quarter of the 1953 All Blacks. Ben, the father, is a keen spectator; well known in racing circles, he always has a tip handy.

## DRAW

Miss Gibbs bt Mrs Hight +7.  
Mrs Jarden bt Mrs McClymont +23.  
Mrs Jarden bt Miss Gibbs +17.

## PROCESS

Mrs Molloy bt Mrs Wadsworth +17.  
Mrs Jarden bt Mrs Elliott +26.  
Mrs Jarden bt Mrs Molloy +19.

DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP  
(30 pairs)

This was one of those events where A beats B who beats C who beats A during the course of the two lives. However one life was all that Heenan and Prince needed to achieve victory. Ross and Mrs Collins collected some good scalps including the Middlemisses' (this year's North Island champions) and Ford/Curtis.

## RESULTS (FINAL STAGES)

Heenan and Prince bt Mrs Jarden and Mrs Hight +25.  
Ross and Mrs Collins bt Mr and Mrs Middlemiss +3.  
Heenan and Prince bt Mr and Mrs Middlemiss +9.

## OTHER WINNERS

Level Singles: Mrs Nicholls.  
Handicap Singles (English Rose Bowl): Mrs Leitch.  
Handicap Singles (Hurlingham Cup): Prince.  
Handicap Singles (Heenan Trophy): Mrs Bugden.

## TOURNAMENTS

## GENERAL CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION

The following conditions apply to all tournaments advertised below unless specified to the contrary in any advertisement:

1. The tournament will be played under the Laws of Association Croquet and the Regulations for Official Tournaments.

2. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse an entry without giving a reason. In particular, entries will not be accepted in excess of the capacity of the courts.

3. If there are very few entries for an event, the Manager may play it on the American system, even though otherwise advertised.

4. Hoops will be 3½ in. wide. Jaques "Eclipse" balls will be used.

5. Flat-soled footwear must be worn on the lawns.

6. In C.A. tournaments no leave will be granted before the draw has been made. Applications for leave on the first day will be considered immediately after the draw by the Manager or a deputy authorised by him. Leave on other days may be given by the Manager only. In other tournaments leave may be granted by the Manager or his authorised deputy, if the needs of the tournament permit.

7. Entries for C.A. tournaments must be made on Official Forms and must be accompanied by the entrance fee (which includes levy) and any Tribute due. 25s. per tournament or 12s. 6d. for one event only, must be paid for all Calendar Fixtures, Official or Non-Official, by all except those competitors paying the standard rate of subscription—i.e. 50s.—and Junior Members. It is helpful if entries for other tournaments are made on the Official Forms. In any case entrants should give the address and telephone numbers if possible, which will find them during the tournament: entrance fees and any Tribute due must be paid before the draw.

8. Winners of Trophies will hold them for one year or until next competed for, whichever period is shorter.

9. Play will normally commence at 10 a.m. each day, but the Manager may arrange an earlier start if he feels it desirable.

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

THESE CONDITIONS APPLY TO ALL TOURNAMENTS EXCEPT WHEN OTHERWISE STATED.

## CLUB TEAM CUP

(Handicap)

Presented by William Longman, Esq.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—Miss D. A. Lintern.

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

Holder: Cambridge University

Open to Associates and bona fide members of Registered Clubs. Competitors *must* be members of the C.A. and of the Club for which they play. No individual may play for more than one Club during the Competition in any year.

The teams shall normally consist of 4 players who will play 2 Doubles and 3 Singles. By mutual consent, however, the teams in any match may consist of 6 players. In this case the match will include as a minimum 3 Doubles, which must be completed, and 2 Singles.

This Competition is to be played under C.A. handicap. The gross handicap of any team of four players must be at least 16 bisques or 24 bisques for a team of 6 players. The gross handicap of any pair in a team must be at least 8 bisques. Every competitor must have a C.A. handicap of at least 1½ bisques.

To be played under the same general arrangements and conditions as those for the All-England Handicap in so far as they apply.

Competing Clubs will play on mutually agreed grounds. Full results of matches must be sent by the winning teams to the Secretary, C.A.

There are no entry fees.

Entries must reach the Secretary, C.A., by the 30th April.

## HUNSTANTON

## NORFOLK

## AN AMERICAN TOURNAMENT

(Unofficial)

will be held in

## THE CLUB GROUNDS

from APRIL 17th to 20th 1964

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Club.

Tournament Secretary.—Mrs. A. N. Rolfe, The Cottage, Heacham, Norfolk.

## EVENT 1

HANDICAP SINGLES. Competitors will be arranged in blocks according to handicap and the number of entries received.

Winners of blocks will play off semi-final and final.

Entrance fee, 10s. 6d.

An Extra event will be arranged if time permits.

Entries on official forms please must reach the Tournament Secretary by the first post on Wednesday, 15th April.

## ALL ENGLAND HANDICAP

1963 Winner—J. P. R. Bolton (—½)

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

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

General.—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. Matches of single games throughout.

Club Secretaries are asked to notify the Secretary, C.A., that they are entering their Club for the competition by **May 29th**.

The winners as well as the Club Secretaries are responsible for sending the winner's name to the C.A. Secretary, to reach her by 25th August.

Preliminary Stage.—Club competitions to be finished by the 22nd 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 17th to 19th.

Qualification to hold a competition.—A Club must have an entry of not less than four competitors to be eligible. In any match of the final stages a competitor shall play on the C.A. handicap that he would have been playing in at 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.

Matches of single games throughout.

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

## THE INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

will be played for at the

HURLINGHAM CLUB on TUESDAY, MAY 26th and during the week

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—Mrs. G. E. Cave.

Referee.—Mrs. E. Reeve.

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

Holders—Middlesex

## CONDITIONS

1. The team for each County consists of three pairs, and the qualifications to represent a County are:—

- Birth in the County, or
- Present residence in the County of two years standing, or
- A previous residence in the County for an uninterrupted period of five years, other than as a pupil in a school or college.
- No one is qualified to represent a County who has represented a different County in the year immediately preceding the competition unless he has previously represented that County, or except in the case of a County which has not competed during the past five years, or unless the County he has represented in the previous year is not competing.
- A playing member of a registered Croquet Club, of not less than two years standing, not being invited to play for a County for which he is eligible, or being eligible for a County which does not enter a team may play for the County in which his Club is situated.

2. A player living in a house other than as an owner or occupier shall only be eligible on satisfying the Council that he or she is a bona fide resident in the County.

3. All qualifications must be accurately defined when the names of the teams are submitted.

4. Each County shall appoint a duly qualified Captain.

5. The Collector of a team shall send to the Secretary, C.A., before April 30th, a list of the names of not more than eight players, from which the playing team of three pairs for any match must be selected, and the name of the Captain. In a match the players may be combined to form pairs in any manner that the Captain thinks fit, but the pairs must be arranged in the order of the joint number of bisques, the lowest amount corresponding to the "A" pair, the highest to the "C" pair. The constitution of the team must be given to the Manager before any match. If in any match only two pairs from a team should be available for play, these pairs must be matched against the "A" and "B" pairs of the opposing team.

6. If the number of Counties entering is too large to permit each County to play all the others, they will be so drawn as to allow any County to play as many other Counties as time permits.

7. The winning County shall be that which wins the greatest percentage of any matches played. In the event of a tie between two or more Counties the County which has won the greatest number of games shall be the winner. Provided that in the event of all Counties not being drawn to play the same number of matches the Manager shall have power in the later stages of the competition to withdraw matches unplayed which have no material influence in the result and substitute others if thereby an equal number of matches are ensured to the leading Counties. If there still be a tie the Challenge Cup shall be held jointly.

9. Entries must reach the Secretary, C.A., by **April 27th, 1964**.

10. A limit of 3½ hours will be imposed on all games. Two rounds a day will be played. Play will not normally extend beyond 6.30 p.m.

11. Law 37 will operate.

No Entrance Fee.

Nine courts will be provided.

## BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

LAWN TENNIS AND CROQUET CLUB

### A CROQUET TOURNAMENT

(Unofficial)

will be held in

### THE CLUB GROUNDS

on MONDAY, MAY 4th, 1964 and following days

(Standard Conditions will apply)

Manager and Handicapper.—Miss A. E. Mills.

Referee of the Tournament.—J. G. Warwick.

Tournament Committee.—Mrs. E. Rotherham (Chairman), J. K. Brown, Miss V. E. Mills, A. J. Cooper, D. J. Bird, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave.

Tournament Secretary.—Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton (Tel. 548).

### EVENTS

1.—AN AMERICAN TOURNAMENT (Handicap Singles). Competitors will be arranged in blocks according to handicap and the number of Entries received. It is hoped to arrange four or more blocks and guarantee each player a minimum of five games. Winners of blocks will play off semi-final and final. The winner to hold the Godfrey Turner Challenge Cup, and the winner of the longest Handicap block to hold the L. G. Walters Long Handicap Challenge Trophy.

Note.—C Block will commence at 3rd Hoop. D and E Blocks will commence at 5th Hoop. It is hoped to avoid Time Limited Games. Entrance Fee, 14s.

2.—HANDICAP DOUBLES (Knock-out). Combined Handicaps not to be less than 6 Bisques. Start at Third Hoop. Entrance Fee, 6s.

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

ENTRIES (on Official Entry Forms PLEASE)

Entries for Event 1 must reach the Secretary not later than first post on Wednesday, April 29th. (DRAW, 11 a.m. that day).

Entries for Event 2 must reach the Secretary by 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 5th. (DRAW, 2 p.m. that day.)

### JULY TOURNAMENTS

The usual OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT will be held on Monday, July 6th, 1964, and days following. (See June "Croquet".)

An UNOFFICIAL AMERICAN TOURNAMENT (Handicap Singles), will be held the previous week commencing on Monday, June 29th to Friday, July 3rd. Entrance Fee 12s. 6d. Entries must reach the Secretary by Wednesday, June 24th.

Separate entry forms should be used for these two tournaments, please.

## THE PEEL MEMORIALS

will be played for at the  
ROEHAMPTON CLUB on MONDAY, MAY 11th, and five following days

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—J. B. Gilbert.

Referees and Handicappers.—Miss D. A. Lintern and M. B. Reckitt.

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

### EVENTS

Open to Associates only

1.—PEEL MEMORIAL SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL. Handicap Singles for Men. Entrance Fee, 11s. This Event will be played under the "Two Life" system. Holder: I. C. Baillieu.

2.—PEEL MEMORIAL SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL. Handicap Singles for Women. Entrance Fee, 11s. This Event will be played under the "Two Life" system. Holder: Mrs. A. Neville-Rolfe.

3.—HANDICAP DOUBLES (combined handicaps two or over). THE LADY MURRAY MEMORIAL SILVER CHALLENGE CUPS. Entries must be made in pairs. Entrance Fee, 11s. each person. Holders: I. C. Baillieu and Mrs. G. W. Solomon.

At least five courts will be provided.

Entries on official forms accompanied by the entrance fee for Events 1 and 2 must reach the Secretary, C.A., not later than the first post on Wednesday, May 6th, and for Event 3 by noon on Tuesday, May 12th. Entries will be limited. Competitors wishing to play in Doubles are advised to enter on their official entry forms.

### THE DRAW

The Draw for Events 1 and 2 will take place at the Croquet Association Offices, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6., on Wednesday, May 6th, at 11 a.m.

## UNDER-27 TOURNAMENT

Open to players under 27 years of age

It will be held at

CHELTENHAM CROQUET CLUB

and will begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 22nd April

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the C.A. in conjunction with the Tournament Committee of the Cheltenham Club.

Manager.—Mrs. H. F. Chittenden.

Referee.—Miss W. Adye.

Handicapper.—Miss M. M. Pembley.

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

### EVENTS

1.—OPEN SINGLES. Providing there are sufficient entries this Event will be played in two blocks, divided according to handicaps. Block A will play under the laws of semi-advanced play; Block B will play under the laws of ordinary Level Singles. Entrance fee, 7s. 6d.

2.—THE FELIXSTOWE CUP. Handicap singles, to be played under the laws of handicap singles play. Entrance fee, 10s. 6d.

Light Lunches and Teas will be provided.

Entries accompanied by the entrance fee must reach the Secretary C.A., by first post on Monday, 20th April.

The Draw will be on Monday, 20th April at 11 a.m. at the C.A. Office.

## CHELTENHAM

THE UP-AND-COMING PLAYERS STAY AT THE

# MONTPELLIER HOTEL

BATH ROAD

Tel. 24139

Last year there was a triple tie for The Surrey Cup.

All three were staying at The Montpellier.

Host and Hostess:—ERIC and GWEN MEREDITH

## BRIGHTON

ANNUAL SPRING CROQUET TOURNAMENT,

VICTORIA ROAD, SOUTHWICK

MONDAY, MAY 18th, 1964 and five following days

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Club.

Manager and Handicapper.—Major J. H. Dibley, m.c.

Referee.—E. A. Roper.

Tourn. Secretary.—W. H. Austin Esq., Flat A, 3 Victoria Road, Southwick, Sussex. Phone 2607.

### EVENTS

1.—OPEN SINGLES. "THE ABBEY" CHALLENGE CUP. Presented by W. H. Abbey, Esq. Entrance Fee 12s. 6d. Draw and Process, Law 36.

2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. THE JELICORSE CUP. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. "X.Y." Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.

4.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d. each player. Combined handicap not less than 4.

All games to start at No. 3 hoop in Event No. 4 and a time limit of 3½ hours.

Competitors may enter for three out of four Events.

Extra event, time permitting.

### ENTRIES

Entries must be on official forms please, with Entry Fees for Events 1, 2 and 3 to reach the Tournament Secretary by the first post on Wednesday, May 13th; those for Event 4 may be made on the ground up to 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 19th.

The Draw for Events 1, 2 and 3 will take place at Southwick on Thursday, May 14th, at 2.30 p.m. Event 4 on Tuesday, May 19th, 2.30 p.m.

Players coming from a distance requiring leave should notify it on their Entry Form. No leave will be granted later than 12 noon Monday, unless the exigencies of the Draw permit.

Prizes according to Entries.

Ten Courts will be available.

Light Luncheons and Teas will be obtainable.

Motor Bus Service from BRIGHTON every 10 minutes. Train Service to Southwick Station.

Free parking for Cars on the Ground.

## RYDE

Forty-sixth Annual

OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held on

MONDAY, JUNE 1st, 1964, and following days

at the CLUB GROUND, PLAY STREET LANE, RYDE, I.O.W.

(Tel. RYDE 2095)

Committee.—Croquet Committee of the Club.

Manager and Handicapper.—Major J. H. Dibley, M.C.

Referee.—Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith.

Hon. Secretary.—Miss K. A. Wade, 10 Partlands Avenue, Ryde, I.O.W. (Tel. Ryde 2512).

### EVENTS

1.—ISLE OF WIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP. Open Singles. THE CHALLENGE TROPHY. Draw and Process. Present Holder: H. O. Hicks. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.

2.—LEVEL SINGLES (Class B). THE CHAPMAN CUP. Open to players of 3 to 7 bisques. Entrance Fee, 10s. Present Holder: Dr. C. A. Boucher.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (Class C). THE HUTTON CUP. Open to players of 7½ bisques or more. Entrance Fee, 10s. Present Holder: Mr. A. Burrell.

No player may enter for more than one of the above Events.

4.—HANDICAP SINGLES (X.Y.). X—THE DIBLEY CUP. Present Holder: Dr. C. A. Boucher. Entrance Fee, 11s. Y—THE BENEST CUP. Present Holder: Major J. H. Dibley.

5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. THE BIRCH CUPS. Restricted to combined handicap of 2 and over. Commencing at No. 3 hoop. Time limit 3½ hours. Present Holders: Dr. C. A. Boucher and Mrs. K. M. Lowein. Entrance Fee, 9s. each player.

Prizes—Two each Event if sufficient entries.

### ENTRIES

For Events 1 to 4, together with Fees and C.A. Tribute of 25/- where payable, must reach the Hon. Secretary by first post on Thursday, May 28th, 1964. Entries for Doubles, Event 5 close on the Ground at noon, Tuesday, June 2nd.

The Draw for Events 1 to 4 will take place at the Club Pavilion at 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 28th. For Doubles at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2nd.

Five lawns provided.

Luncheons and Teas provided in Pavilion. A Motor Bus from the Pier sets down passengers close to the Club.

HOTELS.—Spencer's Inn, Squadron Hotel and Yelf's Hotel (all in Union Street). Osborne Hotel, The Esplanade. Dean House, Dover Street. NOTE: Mrs. Lovell's Guest House in Pellhurst Road is no longer available.

## The Men's and Women's Championships

will be played at the

ROEHAMPTON CLUB on MONDAY, June 1st, and following days

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager and handicapper.—E. A. Roper.

Referee.—Mrs. E. Reeve.

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

### EVENTS

Open to Associates only

- 1.—THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP. Entrance Fee, 13s. Matches best of three games. Prizes: The winner holds for the year the Gold Challenge Casket presented by the late Viscount Doneraile, and a Challenge Trophy presented by the late Sir Francis Colchester-Wemyss, K.B.E., and the late Col. C. E. Wilson, and will receive a medal. Holder: E. P. C. Cotter.
- 2.—THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP. Entrance Fee, 13s. Matches best of three games. Prizes: The winner holds for the year the Gold Challenge Casket presented by the late Viscount Doneraile, a Silver Challenge Bowl presented by "The Ladies' Field", the Gold Challenge Badge and Gold Locket, and will receive a medal. Holder: Mrs. E. Rotherham.
- 3.—THE MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP. Entrance Fee, 13s. each person. Matches of single games. Prizes: A pair of Silver Challenge Cups presented by the All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. Holders: D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. E. Rotherham.
- 4.—THE "DU PRE" CUP. Open to competitors in Events 1 and 2 who have not qualified for the third round "or at the discretion of the Manager." Matches of single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d. Level play. Prize: A Challenge Cup presented by the late Lt.-Col. W. B. Du Pre. Holder: J. G. Warwick.
- 5.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For Associates and Non-Associates who have not entered for any other Event and whose croquet is normally restricted to evening and week-end play, except for holidays. Entrance Fee, 5s. Competitors will not be required to play before Tuesday, June 2nd, 6 p.m. (except in semi-finals on Saturday afternoon), but it is suggested that they should arrive before this hour if possible, so that if courts become available an earlier start can be made or if not some good croquet can be watched. At the same time it must be realised that the exigencies of other events may necessitate a later start. Play will continue until dusk. Competitors will be advised which days they must attend.

### ENTRIES

The Entries, accompanied by the Entrance Fees for Events 1, 2 and 5 must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., Hurlingham Club, S.W.6., so as to reach her not later than the first post on **Wednesday, May 27th**, and for Event 3 by noon on **Tuesday, June 2nd**. Entries for Event 4 can be received on the ground.

The Draw for Events 1, 2 and 5 will take place at the Hurlingham Club, on Wednesday, May 27th at 6 p.m., and for Events 3 and 4 on the ground.

Play daily unless otherwise notified. The semi-finals and finals will be so arranged that play in them will extend over the afternoons of Friday and Saturday.

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## NOTTINGHAM

### CROQUET CLUB

University Boulevard, Nottingham

(by kind permission of the Parks Committee of the Nottingham Corporation)

will hold their

### CROQUET TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, JUNE 8th to SATURDAY, JUNE 13th

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

PATRON—HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

President.—H. O. Hodgson, Esq.

Manager, Referee, Handicapper.—Miss D. D. Steel (Bedford) assisted by G. Birch (Nottingham).

Assistant Referees and Umpires may be appointed under Reg. 14. Hon. Tournament Secretary.—Mr. G. Birch, 88 Cedar Road, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham. Telephone 62737.

### EVENTS

- 1.—"ROBIN HOOD" GOLD CUP CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP. Presented to the Club by the All England Croquet Association for Associates only. Entrance Fee 12/-.
- 2.—OPEN SINGLES Draw and Process. Silver Challenge Bowl, presented by the Nottingham Croquet Club. The Final of this event will be the best of three games, time permitting. Regulation 13(b) will be applied if considered necessary or advisable. Entrance Fee 12/6.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES 5 Bisches and over. Silver Challenge Bowl, presented by the late L. L. Bright. Single Games—Law 44 suspended. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES X and Y. Silver Challenge Bowl for each event. Entrance Fee, 12s.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES (unrestricted). Twin Challenge Trophies, presented by the late Mrs. Hitchin. Entrance Fee, 10s.

First and Second Prizes will be given in each event.

Entry Fees include C.A. Levy

### CONDITIONS AND FACILITIES

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 should reach the Hon. Secretary not later than Saturday, 6th June.

The Draw for events 1, 2, 3 and 4 will appear on the Club's Notice Board on Sunday afternoon, June 7th.

Lunches and Teas will be served each day in the Pavilion at a moderate charge. Morning Coffee will be available.

Eight lawns will be available and choice of lawn will be determined by draw. A Pavilion will be available for Bridge.

Ample Car Park accommodation is available. Buses pass the gates leading to the Club every few minutes, the Route Numbers being 4, 4a and 5a. These may be boarded from City Centre.

List of Hotels and Guest Houses will be supplied on application to the Hon. Secretary.

## COMPTON, EASTBOURNE

### ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 15th to Saturday, June 20th

The five lawns of the Compton Club at the Saffrons will be used.

Entrance, Compton Place Road

Manager and Handicapper.—Maj. J. H. Dibley.

Referee.—The Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Compton Croquet Club.

### EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES (Draw and Process). Challenge Cup. Holder: Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.

2.—LEVEL SINGLES. For players of 3-7½ bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.

3.—LIMITED HANDICAP SINGLES. For players of 8 bisques or over. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.

4.—HANDICAP SINGLES (X. Y.). Challenge Cup. Holder: Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt. Entrance Fee, 13s. 6d.

5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 4 bisques. Games will start at 3rd hoop. Time limit 3½ hours. Entrance Fee, 10s. per player.

AN EXTRA EVENT will be arranged if possible.

Event 1 will be played under the Laws of Advanced Play, Event 2 under the Laws of Ordinary Level Singles Play and the other Events under the Laws of Handicap Play.

The Club courts only will be used.

Players may enter for only one of the first three events.

Two prizes will be given in each event if the number of entries warrants it.

Lunch and Tea will be available at the Club and there will be a Licensed Bar.

Entries to be sent to H. C. S. Perry, Hockington House, Willington, Eastbourne. Tel.: Eastbourne 52656. Those for Events 1 to 4 will not be accepted after first post on Wednesday, June 10th. Entries for Event 5 will be accepted up to 4 p.m. on June 15th, if the list is not already full.

The Draw for Events 1-4 will take place at the Club at 10.30 a.m. on **Wednesday, June 10th**.

## CARRICKMINES

### CROQUET AND LAWN TENNIS CLUB

### CROQUET TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, 13th JUNE to SATURDAY, 20th, JUNE, 1964

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

- 1.—CHAMPIONSHIP OF IRELAND. SILVER SALVER (perpetual). For players of 3 bisques and under. Entrance 12s.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. STEEL CUP (perpetual). For players of 3½ bisques and over. Single games. Entrance 8s.
- 3.—LEVEL SINGLES. GREEN CUP (perpetual). For players of 6 bisques and over. Single games. No lifts. Entrance 8s.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. FOUNDERS CUP (perpetual). Single games. Entrance 8s.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. STONEBROOK CUPS (perpetual). Combined handicap not less than 2. Entrance 8s. each player. Time Limit may be enforced in this event.

Entries for all events close on Saturday, 6th June at 6 p.m.

The draw will take place in the Club on Tuesday, 9th June at 6 p.m.

Play will commence on Saturday, 13th June at 10 a.m. Players residing in Eire must be available on that day.

Competitors from overseas will be required for play on Monday, 15th June at 10 a.m.

All Competitors must be ready to play when required by the Manager.

## PARKSTONE

### (EAST DORSET) CROQUET TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, JUNE 22nd-27th, 1964

(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.—Mrs. McMordie, Yapton, Delhi Close, Parkstone, Poole.

### EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. Draw and Process. Dorset Salver. Entrance fee 12/-.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Law 36 operates. For players of 2½-6 bisques inclusive. Evans Trophy. Entrance fee 10/-.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players of 6½ bisques and over. Cope Cup. Entrance fee 10/-.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. X.Y. (Unrestricted). Bishop Cup and Evans Rose Bowl. Entrance fee 10s. 6d.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicaps not to be less than 2 bisques. Starting at 3rd hoop. Entrance fee 10/- each player.

### CONDITIONS

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 must reach the Hon. Secretary by midday **Thursday, June 18th**.

Entries for Event 5 will close on Monday, June 22nd. This Event will start on Tuesday morning, June 23rd.

The Draw will take place at the Club on Thursday, June 18th, at 3 p.m.

No player may enter for more than one Event of Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

Five or six courts will be provided.

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

Lunch and Tea is provided by the Club at moderate prices.

## CHELTENHAM

### AN (UNOFFICIAL) AMERICAN HANDICAP SINGLES TOURNAMENT

will be held in the Club Grounds

MAY 16th—MAY 18th INCLUSIVE.

WHITSUN WEEKEND

Entrance Fee 9s.

Entries to reach the Tournament Secretary not later than first post Friday, May 15th

### AN (UNOFFICIAL) AMERICAN HANDICAP SINGLES TOURNAMENT

will be held in the Club Grounds

SATURDAY 20th—MONDAY, JUNE 22nd,

INCLUSIVE

Entrance Fee 9s.

Entries to reach the Tournament Secretary not later than first post Friday, June 19th.

Thirteen