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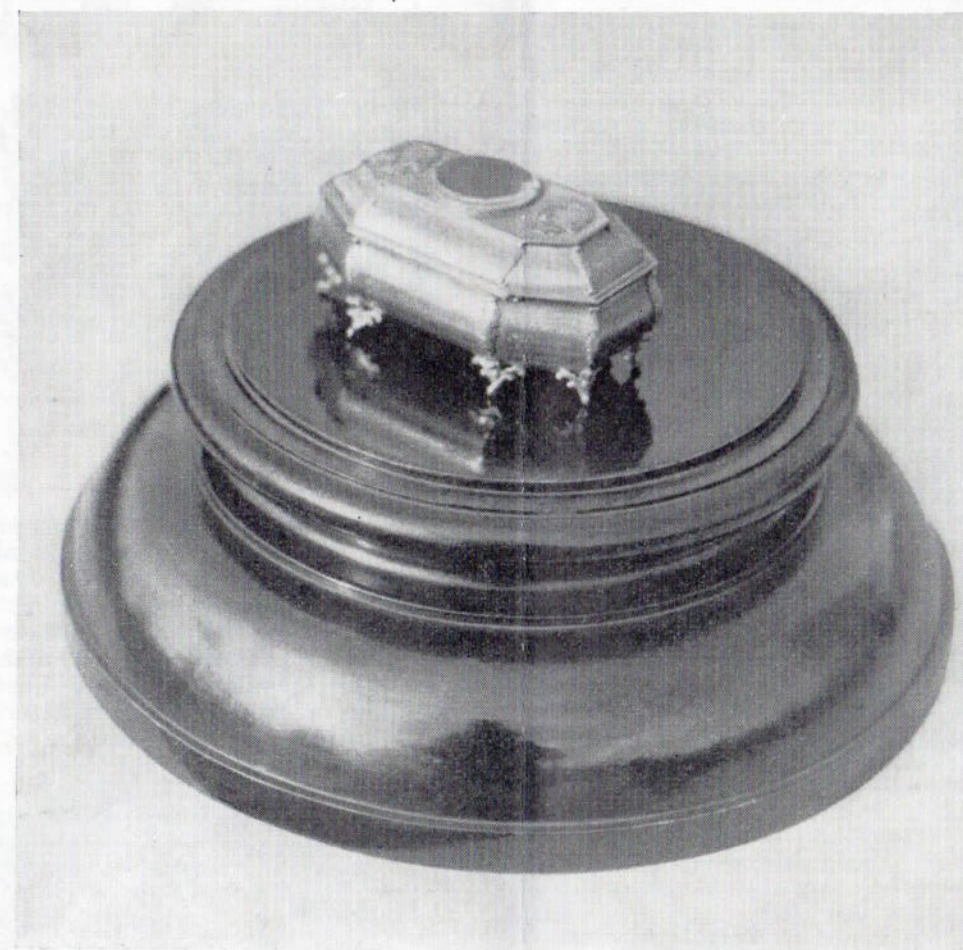
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## CALENDAR FIXTURES

1964

- June 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- Budleigh Salterton. (Non-official). *Hon. Sec.*, Lawn  
July 3 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- Open Championships. Hurlingham. *Secretary C.A.*  
Aug. 1 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- Hunstanton. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. A. N. Rolfe, The Cottage, Heacham, Norfolk.
- Aug. 31- 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.
- „ 12-13—Cheltenham (American). (Non-official). *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- „ 17-19—All England Handicap. Area Finals. Roehampton. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 21-26—Roehampton. *Games Secretary*, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15. (NOT *Sec. C.A.*).
- Sept. 28- Devonshire Park. Eastbourne. *Secretary C.A.*, The  
Oct. 10 Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.

Mr. and Mrs. Yoxall have returned to England, and their address is 28 Ledmore Road, Cheltenham, Glos.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Roper: Tel. No. Hurstpierpoint 2310.

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Please note Change of Address:—

The Sports Reporting Agency's address is now 41/42 Shoe Lane, London, E.C.4. FLE 0971.

V. C. GASSON, *Secretary*.

## CROQUET ASSOCIATION NOTICES

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

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### 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.

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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.

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The new Handbook is now out. 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 as soon as possible—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.

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### 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.

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### ADDENDA TO HANDBOOK

It is regretted that  
P. J. M. Fidler  
B. Lloyd-Pratt  
Miss E. J. Warwick  
were omitted from the list of Referees, and  
E. A. Roper  
J. G. Warwick  
E. L. Ward-Petley  
from the list of Handicappers.

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### GILBEY CUP

Attention of all Associates is drawn to the fact that the Gilbey Cup—open to all croquet players—is being played from FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 10th TO MONDAY, JULY 13th in the hope that business people may be able to play.

## NOTES by ROVER

### "Supreme Joy"

"The early stages of a new year almost inevitably bring to many golfers the reflection that the time for improvement is for them past and over. It is a saddening thought because, whatever the pastime, there is no fun comparable with that of improving at it. The moral would appear to be that we should periodically begin a new game so as to taste the supreme joy of emerging from abject dufferdom. Alas! the supply of suitable games is apt to run out." This advice was tendered by one of the greatest sportswriters of this century, Bernard Darwin, and how one wishes that it could be displayed in large letters in every golf club in the land, with the addendum, of course, that the moral is that to taste this supreme joy the golfer in his decline—or better still in preparation for it—should turn to croquet. We hear on the best authority that one of the greatest golfers of an earlier day, Cyril Tolley no less, has already done so and is to be found on the Compton lawns "emerging" with the utmost enthusiasm. Croquet has always had its converts from the links, and in the inter-war years quite a large and successful "croquet golfers" meeting was held each autumn at Roehampton with ladies taking a large share therein. We have no wish to steal golfers prematurely from their royal and ancient game, but we should always be ready to offer them the warmest welcome to ours. At least they should enjoy the experience of hitting a ball it is virtually impossible to miss altogether.

### Getting a Move On

Never a season passes without criticism about the length of games, and suggestions are never lacking for different variations, shortened games, modified sized courts, and so forth. More rarely is any fault attributed to those who play the game or the manner of their playing. There are, however, many ways in which players can speed up their games and save minutes which may be invaluable to the Manager. While one does not expect the octogenarian to be so brisk about the court as he was twenty years earlier (although we can think of one or two who show up the younger generation in their rate of progress), there are only too many players who are content to proceed too slowly. Some of us also think too slowly (or, it would seem, not at all); the game can be made far more interesting by anticipating the point at which your opponent is likely to concede the innings and to start making your plans accordingly. Indeed, how often do we see in advanced singles games the in-player about to finish his break and concede a lift shot with the standard leave, the out-player then rising slowly from his chair, walking slowly on to the court and deliberating for a minute or two before beginning his turn. In contrast, watch Cotter or Solomon, to name but two, whose plans are clear immediately they set foot on the court. Another fruitful source of time saving is to lay as constructively as possible for your next innings when finishing a turn, so that should the opponent fail to get in you can reap the reward of your forward planning.

### From Open Shot to Either Ball

Since the last of the six major changes which have brought it to its present stage of development occurred nearly twenty years ago, it would be quite natural for many—perhaps even the majority of—associates to think of tournament croquet as never having been much other than it is now. But if they do, how wrong they are! The first of these decisive changes had to overcome (as several others did) years of opposition until it reached the form in which we now know it half a century ago. This was the completely open shot to which the striker is entitled if placed where he finds himself in an adversary. For many seasons there was nothing too much that a player could do to his opponent at the end of a turn: he could be left quite helpless in or on a hoop. Then, in 1906, he was conceded the possibility of jumping it by the requirement that he must be placed at least a yard away. Soon afterwards there was the grudging concession of what was called an open shot, but was in fact no more than half a one. The truly open shot, as we now have it, came only in 1913, nearly twenty years after the C.A. was founded. The 3½ inch hoop only became universal after World War I, and a few diehards still fought a strong rearguard action to restore the 4 inch hoop for all but A-class players. But most important of all was the battle for the Either Ball game, and here again it was only after the war that the old sequence game, with its recognised, and all too widely practised, fear of the "live ball", was finally abolished.

### The Evolution of the Lift

In 1922 came the supersession of the old Hale setting with two pegs, by the Willis setting with only one. This had been generally adopted in the Antipodes many years before it was accepted here. But once tried, it was adopted with almost no opposition at all. But the problem of the one-sided game amongst first-class players became more and more urgent, and after 1927 the principle of the "lift" (in this case after 4-back only) was cautiously introduced, and with the Thirties became universal in first-class play. It provided an immense incentive to triple peeling, since by this means the concession of a lift could, of course, be evaded altogether. By cross-wiring one's opponent at the first hoop and allowing him a shot of more than thirty yards, games in good company continued to be much too one-sided until what began as the "Whichelo Variation" (after the name of its promoter) introduced a second lift after one-back, thus preserving—by 1946—the first-class game we now have.

A great incentive to ambition has been the introduction of Invitation events, the earliest being that for the "Best Ten" (since 1946 Eight), first for the Beddow Cup, which Miss D. D. Steel won outright in 1932, and now for the President's Cup (which no one can). The Ladies' Field Cup for the best of that sex (then ten, now only seven), began to be played for in 1911, and the Surrey Cup (so-called because it belonged to the former Surrey County Union) in 1955. The MacRobertson Trophy for international teams was first played for in 1925.



We regret that the address was incorrectly given in the last number, it should read:

Mr. P. J. M. FIDLER, 38 Heath Hurst Road, London, N.W.3 (Tel. SW1 5377).

#### AMENDMENTS TO THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS APPROVED BY COUNCIL 7.11.63 for Ratification under Rule XIV of the Rules of the Croquet Association

Page 12. In Law 8 add new sub-section (d) "If two or more balls have to be replaced under this Law and the replacement of one will interfere with the replacement of another the order of replacement is at the option of the striker."

#### Amendment to Regulations for Official Tournaments

Page 37. In Regulation 6(e) substitute a comma for the full-stop after the word "committed" and add the following words: "or after consultation with another Referee who has himself observed the stroke."

#### NEW ASSOCIATES

Mrs. E. F. Narby	Oakhouse Hotel, 6 Carlton Drive, S.W.15.
E. G. Povey	100 North Rd., Hythe, Kent.
Miss G. Hopkins	Gortanore, Brighton Rd., Foxrock, Dublin.
Mrs. F. B. Stephens	Ebor House, 24 Gladstone Terrace, Grantham.
D. V. Rees	Dafen, 70 Station Rd., Flitwick, Beds.
J. Clark	295 Shillington Rd., Lower Stondon, Henlow, Beds.
F. Henshaw	Middle Copse, Carey, Wareham, Dorset.
Dr. R. R. Trall	West Ways, West Terrace, Budleigh.
Mrs. A. V. Rutland	17 Riley St., N. Sydney, Australia.
Dr. W. F. W. Bekenson	142 Portsmouth Rd., Lee-on-Solent, Hants.
W/Cdr. A. Montague-Smith	5 Ledmore Rd., Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, Glos.

#### REVIEW OF THE OFFICIAL RULES OF SPORTS AND GAMES

The Official Rules of Sports and Games published by Messrs Nicholas Kaye with illustrations by H. Radcliffe Wilson, sets out the rules of nearly every major game played today. In the Croquet Section the artist has resisted the possible temptation of poking fun at some of our strange rules; his illustration of a push stroke is masterly. In sports pavilions or bars, where games players dispute, a copy of this book should quickly decide the argument.

#### Questions and Answers

**Question:** Red, taking off from yellow from the "A" baulk, hit blue out of the middle of the second hoop (its own hoop in order), but the player owned he had made a fault by not moving yellow.

Are all the balls replaced including blue?

**Answer:** Yes. Law 32 (b) (i) definitely states that no points may be scored and all balls are replaced providing the fault is discovered before the next stroke but one.

**Question:** Is the limit of claims for all faults in Law 32 before the next stroke but one?

**Answer:** Yes. See Law 32 (b) (i) and (ii).

**Question:** What is the limit of claims for playing the wrong ball?

**Answer:** See Law 30 (c). "The error is condoned if it is not claimed before the first stroke of the next turn", etc. This is the same limit as in the previous laws.

#### Ogden Nash tries Association Croquet

Years ago I played croquet and there was lots of fun to it. But now I come back to it, and look what they've gone and done to it! The hoops were hoops then—you could even put a spaniel through. But now you scarcely dare try one without saying to yourself "dare to be a Daniel, do." There was a cagey thing in the middle there that had a little bell with it! But if you missed it you didn't mind—you just said "to hell with it." Now they've put a stick there which makes it difficult to hit shots. And if you do get the balls you find it bang in the way of your split shots. If once you get out you never scorn to get in again. For when they've been round the first time they've got it all set to begin again. And to make matters worse they have a trick that's quite crippling which means you don't get another shot at all, which is what they call "tripling". That sounds like campanology, only it's still subtler. But it wouldn't have been allowed in the old country house-parties when trays of drink were brought out by the butler. And one played with titled ladies dressed in luxurious confections Long enough to allow of the ball being secretly moved in more helpful directions. This isn't the way it's played now at Roehampton and Hurlingham. But all I can say is they can twirl their mallets as much as they like there, but you won't catch me twirling 'em. EMBER

#### LONGMAN CLUB TEAM CUP 1964

Area 1	Liverpool	}	.....
	v.		
	Edgbaston	}	.....
Area 2	Wrest Park		
	v.	}	..... Cambridge
	Colchester		
Area 3	Cheltenham	}	.....
	v.		
	Oxford	}	.....
	Budleigh Salterton		
	v.	}	.....
	Leamington		
Area 4	Hurlingham	}	.....
	v.		
	Woking	}	.....
	Parsons Green		
	v.	}	.....
	Roehampton		
Area 5	Southwick	}	.....
	v.		
	Ryde	}	..... Compton

Results of the Area Winners must be at the Croquet Association Office by Wednesday, July 15th. Immediately after this date a further draw will be sent to Clubs.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

DEAR SIR,

I have informed your readers through your columns on previous occasions of the progress of my task of compiling a History of Croquet since the revival of the game in the 'nineties.

I write now to say that a fourth file of the typescript, carrying the story down to the end of 1936, has been deposited at the C.A. office at the Hurlingham Club, and may be consulted by any who may be interested, on application to the Secretary. The work now runs to 573 pages.

Yours faithfully  
MAURICE B. RECKITT.

#### TALKING TO JOHN

Maurice Reckitt interviews the C.A.'s Youngest Chairman of Council

M.B.R. Associates know you in two capacities—as England's No. 1 player and as the youngest Chairman of Council the C.A. has ever had. You're showing no signs of ceasing to be the first, but now that you are ceasing to be the second, I'm sure we should all like to have, however briefly, your reflections, as champion or Chairman, of the game here at the moment.

J.W.S. It is fairly apparent that the present position of the game is the healthiest we have had for many years. Membership has been declining steadily since the War, but in the last two or three years we have seen a steady increase in our membership, and have witnessed, particularly in the last year or two, a much more positive and active approach to the game.

Where we go to from here in the future is obviously rather speculative, but I suppose if we can maintain this increase, obviously we are going to continue to progress.

What the reasons are for it is possibly anybody's guess, but I suppose the considerable amount of publicity we have had may have something to do with it. Of course, some wretched articles which have appeared in the newspapers fall into the category of "bad publicity" but bad publicity may be better than no publicity at all and it may be that even these have attracted people to the game and to see what croquet is about, and they have found that they like the look of what they see.

M.B.R. It is good to find you so optimistic about our prospects and I am sure you will agree that the most encouraging factor of all is the sudden and spontaneous advent of so many young men on our courts—something of which you were the harbinger a dozen years ago. Now how do you account for this? In particular, with the many young men coming in, why don't the young women follow suit?

J.W.S. I think the young men have come in solely on account of the very good work done by one or two devoted people who worked very hard in the field of the Universities. This started things going, and from this nucleus one again comes back to the old story of the snowball getting bigger and bigger.

Why the young ladies do not follow suit is an enigma. One would have thought that they would have enjoyed meeting the young men, but there seems to be something that perhaps does not attract young ladies in Croquet. I don't know. Maybe they think it is not glamorous enough. Perhaps it does not allow them to show off their dresses but I think it is up to the young men to attract not only young women but new members generally, as they should put into the game what they are getting out of it.

M.B.R. Don't you think it is rather significant that it is the bright young men at the Universities, with intelligence, who have taken up this game and this points to the fact that Croquet is a particularly worthwhile game for intelligent people.

J.W.S. I think it is entirely true. Obviously these young men are intelligent and have found in Croquet an outlet for their intelligence to get to work. I come back again to the point of putting something back into the game. If Clubs can be started it will not be enough to attract new members, it will still need in those Clubs several people with immense energy to encourage new members and increase membership—preferably people with the intelligence necessary to play the game.

M.B.R. The New Zealand Tour did, surely, give us reassuring evidence of the strength of British Croquet. Do you think it has any special weaknesses, and if so, what are they?

J.W.S. I think we should be very careful not to be too complacent following our wonderful victory. I think we can learn one or two things from New Zealand and Australia. First, I think we are inclined to be a little cautious here in our play. We are not quite ambitious enough. Technically I think New Zealand and Australia can teach us quite a lot, particularly in long shooting, at which the Australians are absolute wizards; probably too in the roll stroke. May I hasten to say that, not in its execution so much as at the times they choose to use it, as in building up a break. So often we give up a position as not being one from which a break can be made. They will always go out to make a break from almost any position, which they do by a much more judicious use of the court; and they are not afraid to make a difficult stroke—if it doesn't come off—well, it doesn't come off. Their shooting I attribute to one factor—they are not afraid to hit the ball. A single ball they hit very well and I think we could learn from them in this way.

M.B.R. As one who has been an Associate for nearly 60 years and sat on the Council for 35 years, I have seen all the developments which have transformed Croquet since its revival—the open shot, the 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " hoop, the either ball game, the one peg setting and the introduction of first one and then two lifts. Are you satisfied that the game as we have it now is as good as it needs to be or can be made?

J.W.S. I am not entirely satisfied that this is so. The effects of the changes that have been made over the years, rather perhaps the purpose of them, was to even up the balance between the players, and in so doing I think it has made the game steadily more and more difficult. This I do not object to, in fact I like it and approve of it, but the one drawback it has brought with it is that it has made the game too long. The one thing we must do, I am sure, is that in order to attract new players particularly, we need to make it much faster and easier to play in a short time. How we are to do this is a very difficult question and one to which I have not found an answer, but I am sure we have got to find one. Particularly, I think, the beginning of the game is too difficult and in itself tends to make the game much longer than it need be. I think there is room for change, and that we should continue to experiment, not in shortened games but in playing the full game in an average of an hour or an hour and a half.

M.B.R. I think you will agree that the revival of the Conference of Club representatives was a useful step towards a closer liaison between the Council and the Clubs. Do you think there is anything further to be done to improve this from either side?

J.W.S. Yes, I think the Conference has been very valuable. First, it has undoubtedly brought Clubs and the Association a little closer together. This must be a good thing. I think it is good from the point of view that the Clubs can see a little more closely what the Association is doing, or wants to do, for them, and it is also very valuable from the Council's point of view because they learn from Clubs with which they do not normally have



contact what the Clubs need from the Council. It would be a pity if we do not have similar conferences from time to time and I think probably future conferences could be very much simpler than the one we have had: probably six or eight subjects to be discussed at greater length than we were able to provide for in the Agenda last time.

Some good things have come out of it—the great interest that is being shown in weekend and evening tournaments is one, and it is an example I think of how the Council will have to adapt its ways of thinking in the future, because there are not now the leisured classes that there used to be and people cannot now popularise tournaments in the way they used to be able to do, and these weekend and evening tournaments are what is needed to allow working men and women to play in competitive Croquet at times they can manage. We want more of them and I think the Conference brought this out.

M.B.R. Since most Croquet players are likely to be more

interested in you as a champion than a Chairman, are there any suggestions you can give them on their approach to the game and their playing of it?

J.W.S. This is very hard because every individual is different, and what is right for one person is not right for another. I can therefore only speak personally and what I think myself may apply to other people, but of course may well not. I find that Croquet is more than anything just a frame of mind. By this I mean that if one approaches it in the right way one will play well. I am quite sure that an equable temperament is a great advantage to anybody and that you have to play Croquet rather dispassionately. Here again, I think, I am repeating something I said earlier, do not be too cautious (although I admit I go the other way too much) as I think it is rather important to be ambitious. More than anything, I think, do not be afraid to hit the ball and do not worry if you make a bad shot because if you do worry you will make a second bad shot.

#### ALTERATIONS TO HANDICAPS

##### Club recommendations

##### COLCHESTER

Mrs. D. W. Clark 10 to 9.  
R. J. Hinnell 6½ to 6.  
Mrs. R. J. Hinnell 11 to 10.  
Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon 12 to 11.  
C. S. Ratcliffe 5½ to 5.

##### ALL ENGLAND CLUB

H. F. David 3.  
B. G. Neal 2 to 1.

##### WREST PARK

##### NEW HANDICAPS

D. V. H. Rees 8.  
A. C. W. Davies 8.  
J. Clark 9.  
L. J. Moulsey 12.

##### NOTTINGHAM

Miss E. M. Brumpton 8 to 6½.  
(Not Miss E. C. Brumpton as stated in April)

##### BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

##### NEW HANDICAPS

G. V. Jervis 11.  
Mrs. G. V. Jervis 13.  
Mrs. N. Kitchin 12 (D14).  
Dr. R. R. Traill 12.  
F. Henshaw 12.

##### ALTERATIONS TO HANDICAPS

##### (Before Play)

Mrs. A. S. C. Ross 12 to 11.

##### (After Play)

Mrs. E. C. Gatehouse 7 to 8 (by request).  
J. G. Warwick —1½ to —2.  
R. A. Godby 1½ to ½.  
Col. T. F. Laverty 3½ to 3.  
G. R. Mills 5 to 4½.  
R. A. Simpson 5½ to 5.  
Col. W. R. Healing 6 to 4½.  
Mrs. S. S. Cruden 10 (D8) to 8 (D7).  
Mrs. R. C. Hawkin 10 to 9.  
Mrs. W. Nash 13 (D11) to 11 (D10).

##### HUNSTANTON

Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe 5 to 4½.

##### PEEL MEMORIALS

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller —2 to —2½.  
Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe 4½ to 3½.  
Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot 3½ to 3.  
Mrs. P. D. Showan 3½ to 3.

##### PERSONAL REQUEST

M. Spencer-Ell 0 to 1½.  
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts 2 to 3.

##### LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY

J. Hoare 12.  
M. Barnes 13.  
R. J. R. Mitchell 14.  
N. G. Harris 15.

## OBITUARY

### Mrs. H. J. COLLINS

Many Associates will much regret to learn of the death of Mrs. H. J. Collins from a coronary on Thursday, March 12th. She was a valued member of the Roehampton Club, had served on the Committee for many years and had been the Club's correspondent for the C.A. magazine.

Mrs. Collins unfortunately had to have operations on both hips: one proved very successful but the other not so good, which meant she could only get about on crutches and this was a great blow to her as she had hoped very much to be back playing croquet again, and Roehampton members looked forward to seeing Mrs. Collins on the lawns again.

She was a keen tournament player. In 1954 she won the Peels, and in partnership with Mrs. Longman won the Ladies Field Candlesticks in 1951.

Professor Collins died just before Christmas so it is a double loss for Mr. John Collins. Roehampton members would like to send him their sincere sympathy.

### N. F. BLACKWOOD

The death of Neville Blackwood in a Hove Nursing Home on April 25th will come as a great shock to his many friends. Though he had been ailing for some time, he had been present at the opening of Southwick Club a fortnight before, and had spoken quite vigorously at the A.G.M. He was universally liked, and his interest in and generosity to the Club were quite outstanding. He was in every sense a gentleman—with the accent on the gentle—and men of his courtesy are far too rare nowadays.

Neville's first introduction to serious croquet was at Sidmouth in 1938 when on holiday with his family. On moving to Hove in the early 1950's and finding the Southwick Club so near, he became a great enthusiast, and on retiring from the City he was able to devote much time to the game, and quickly made his mark by winning the All England Handicap in 1958. He worked very hard for the well-being of Southwick and was their Chairman for a number of years.

His many croquet friends at Southwick, Eastbourne, Budleigh and Cheltenham in whose Tournaments he regularly played will sadly miss his ever gay and cheerful company.

G.H.B., E.A.R.

### W. A. KIRK

News of the death of Bill Kirk has just reached us, and will fill all who met him when he was over here as Manager of the New Zealand Team in 1956 with deep regrets and with the greatest sympathy for Mrs. Kirk. The amount of work which Bill took part in for Croquet in the Dominion, and not only in the South Island, was prodigious, and there is no doubt that the standing of the game in New Zealand, so high by comparison with the status here, owes very much to both of them.

When Bill Kirk was over here his cares as Manager of the New Zealand Team somewhat impeded his opportunity to shine as a player, but when encountered on the courts at Christchurch he was a much tougher proposition, as this writer found to his cost.

The kindness which Bill and Ada showed to visitors will never be forgotten by those who experienced it, and stands out in the memory, even in recollections of what must be one of the most hospitable countries in the world.

M.B.R.

## Notes from the Clubs

### Hunstanton

The death of our Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Clarke has been a very sad blow for the Club, and her loss will be felt by all members and visitors. Although not a croquet player herself, she did so much for us all, and for the Club, that she will certainly be long remembered, and with affection.

We are arranging several matches with not too distant clubs, and hope to be able to call on some new players in the near future.

### Cambridge University

Cambridge faces a busy season of matches this year, for ten have now been arranged, and we must also play in the Longman Cup, which we won last year for the first time. To organise all this is not easy, for examinations are ever present in our thoughts until June (o tempora, o mores), and thereafter our members tend to disperse to various parts of the country, if not of the globe, and to collect together six people is always a hard task. However, thanks to the kindness of our opponents, who have readily adapted themselves to our requests, all is set.

From Cambridge we shall sally forth during the term to Wrest Park, Colchester and Hunstanton; and on June 18th, when the rigours of May Week and its accompanying Balls are over, we start on a tour to play matches against Cheltenham, Budleigh Salterton, Parkstone, Compton and Roehampton on successive days. After a day's rest we play Oxford at Hurlingham on June 25th, when we shall hope to retain the Edmund Reeve Cup. The tour should produce some exciting Croquet, and we are looking forward to seeing the various clubs and meeting as many of their members as possible.

Meanwhile, at Cambridge itself 16 colleges have entered for "Cuppers", a knockout competition which was held last year for the first time. The standard last year was not high, and there are no really good lawns in Cambridge, but as the event becomes established, and the existence of Croquet as a University sport becomes more widely recognised and accepted, we hope that this competition too will improve, and encourage colleges to improve facilities. The University team depends heavily on Mrs. Heley for the use of her lawn, and we can never adequately express our gratitude to her for her kindness in suffering us to invade her garden almost daily for University trials and practice games.

### Hurlingham

We welcome among new members this year Peter Fidler, last year's Oxford University captain, who has already turned out in two matches for the club. We are also pleased to see Brian Lloyd-Pratt back after a year's absence following his Test tour in New Zealand. We beat a strong Roehampton team in our customary three-doubles match early in May by two games to one. Particularly gratifying was the form of the Skempton husband-and-wife partnership, who beat the strong Lintern-Adler combination in a close tussle. The following Wednesday we played Oxford University, the results of which appear elsewhere in this issue. We have 8 lawns in use at present, together with a full-size lawn converted into 2 small lawns for the aid of beginners.

### Compton

The A.G.M. was held on March 20th and the Hon. Treasurer was able to report for 1963 a modest excess of income over expenditure. Cyril Tolley was welcomed to the Committee and Victor Evans, an old friend and benefactor of the Club, was elected an honorary life member.

The season opened on March 26th, though, in fact, a lawn was in use throughout the winter. New Year's Day had proved exceptionally pleasant and one has played in much worse conditions in May.

This year our first week-end American started on April 9th—David Dibley flew back from N. Africa in time to compete, but having had no sleep for many hours lost his first game. However that was the only game he did lose and he proved the winner of an event in which he has always done well. He found in Eastbourne the sunshine which had eluded him in Africa, though it must be admitted that the Sunday afternoon was a period of almost continuous rain.

The traditional "President's Tea Party" was for the first time combined with a Croquet Gymkhana and this proved a popular innovation. Mrs. Chittenden is to be thanked for a very happy afternoon.

### Roehampton

The first club event was a competition played on a Saturday in late April with all courts being used. The teams were Black and Blue captained by Brian Gilbert, and Red and Yellow led by Daisy Lintern. Each member of the team was paired against his opposite number and after 20 minutes a horn was blown and all Black team moved clockwise on to the next court and continued the game in progress there. After a further 20 minutes Red team moved anti-clockwise and so on. There were no bisques. This was an excellent competition, was great fun, and can be strongly recommended to other clubs. Gilbert's team won by five to one. The next event was the Trevelyan Bowl in which Caporn defeated Mrs. Adler in the final. The League matches are getting under way and we shall be reporting results later. Are there any other clubs running a league? In addition to the usual Club competitions we are hoping to hold a Doubles competition played with full bisques; four people tried this last year and had a most enjoyable game which finished in 2½ hours. We feel this is maybe the answer to drawn-out doubles. Other clubs may like to try it.

We held our usual Doubles Match against Hurlingham which we lost by two to one. Details appear elsewhere.

### Ryde, Isle of Wight

Our club's social activities included a very successful dance at Christmas and also a bridge party in February at which thirty-two people took part.

It is sad that we shall no longer see John Bolton performing so gracefully and so efficiently on our croquet courts. His parents have moved to Newmarket. He did extremely well in all the competitions which he entered and is, indeed, at the age of sixteen a youthful prodigy. One can only hope that he will not have to give up his croquet activities in his new home and that our loss will be some other club's gain. We wish him all success.

Unfortunately these notes will not appear until all arrangements for our Croquet Tournament are completed. But we are hoping to welcome all our own friends and several new ones besides.

### Hove Lawns Croquet Club

On Friday, 1st May, this club was officially opened by the Deputy Mayor of Hove Corporation, with a good attendance of members present.

It was to be regretted that the late N. F. Blackwood, who had been largely responsible for the revival of this club and who had done so much of the preliminary organisation, did not see the result of his labours.

W. H. Austin (Assistant Secretary at Southwick) welcomed the Deputy Mayor, and has been untiring in carrying on the formation of the Hove Club. There are two lawns available for play, slightly smaller in size than a standard lawn, and over thirty new members including some of the players from Southwick, who have promised their help in teaching the new-comers.

Miss D. A. Cockshott has kindly undertaken to be the Hon. Secretary, and Mrs. Paxon (member of the former Hove Club) was unanimously elected as Chairman, and in due course a small committee will be appointed to assist these two enthusiastic officers.

## CLUB MATCHES

### HURLINGHAM v. WREST PARK, MAY 9th 1964

#### LEVEL SINGLES

Maj.-Gen. D. J. Wilson-Haffenden bt D. V. H. Rees +13.  
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson lost to A. C. W. Davies —4 on time.  
Maj.-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson bt L. J. Moulsey +14.  
Miss B. Duthie bt J. Clark +15 on time.

#### HANDICAP DOUBLES

Maj.-Gen. D. J. Wilson-Haffenden and Miss B. Duthie (10) lost to D. V. H. Rees and A. C. W. Davies (16) —4 on time.

### ROEHAMPTON v. HURLINGHAM, May 2nd 1964

J. B. Gilbert and A. V. Camroux bt M. B. Reckitt and P. J. M. Fidler by 8.  
J. A. Hollweg and Mrs. G. W. Solomon lost to S. S. Townsend and R. A. Godby by 8.  
Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. S. M. Adler lost to Professor and Mrs. A. W. Skempton by 3.  
Hurlingham bt Roehampton by two matches to one.



## THE PEEL MEMORIALS

May 11th—16th

*That was the Peels, that was;  
It's over—let it go!*

But of course we can't, any more than the sparkling Millicent Martin could let go "the week that was" which she and her colleagues of TW3 were preparing to satirize, for our readers will be anxious to know what transpired at this historic meeting.

It was favoured by what most Associates will believe to be an unprecedented "blaze of summer sunshine" for this notoriously chilly fixture. But in fact it was not so wholly without precedent, for the phrase in quotes is taken from an account of this tournament in 1936: "glorious weather throughout . . . the sinister 'Buchan' forgot to weave his cold spell." We will quote further: "the courts were in splendid condition . . . despite some whispers of risk from impending drought." The reporter, though satisfied by the quality, was less happy about the quantity of the entry: there were "only" 37 in the Men's event and 51 in the Ladies'. "We should have liked to have found the longer bisquers better represented." So indeed should we—and particularly from players in the London area.

Visitors from the provinces arrived to find the sixty-years-old pavilion in a sorry state with notices of "Danger" placarded here and there, and parts of the structure fenced off altogether. The club authorities proclaimed themselves in a sorry state too, asking players "to be as tolerant as possible." The problem, we understand, is constituted by the delay imposed on the club's ambitious plans for large reconstructions of the old stables area, of which a new pavilion will form part.

The hero of the meeting was Mr. Hamilton-Miller, who was playing in a manner recalling his greatest days, and simplified the Manager's task by winning both Draw and Process. He had been chiefly threatened by Bryan Lloyd-Pratt, whom it was a last-minute pleasure to find playing here, with a full season of competition before him; Captain Stoker who carries his years so lightly and whose best is as good—and as often forthcoming—as ever; and Derek Caporn who was favoured by some to win the event; he has greatly improved, but needs further meditation on—or possibly instructions in—tactics. To these names should be added that of a minus-three from Australia, but Mr. Paynter, welcomed here after three years of absence, was allowed to play at the handicap with which he left these shores. He did well enough at it in 1960 to win a place in the Surrey Cup, and is not at all unlikely to do so again this season. It would be unfair to describe his methods as "hit and miss", for this unusually rapid player may often look as if he were going to miss, but in fact very seldom does.

Mrs. Rolfe arrived with honours from Hunstanton in her luggage and the memory of victory here last year. There was no great surprise when this latter success was repeated, for here is a lady of real potentiality, with a beautiful slow and accurate swing. More experience of tournament play is likely to bring her still greater triumphs, especially if she gains a little more tactical skill—an observation which would apply equally well to others competing in this event. It is out of Ireland (not Africa) that there is "always something new" at croquet, and the "novelty" on this occasion was Mrs. Lightfoot. She won a courageous game against the wiles of Miss Lintern to bring her a close victory in the Draw. We were very glad to welcome her and her companion, Lady Fitzgerald, after all too many years of absence from our shores, as later on we hope to welcome several more of those who are contributing to produce a revival of the game in the country from which, over a century ago, it was brought, in primitive form, to the sister island. May those leading this renaissance have as tonic an effect on English croquet as the great invaders of sixty years ago so notably achieved.

When it was seen that Captain Stoker had paired up with Mrs. Rolfe it was widely believed that the Murray Cups would go to them, and so they did, though only after four hours of the sort of "toil and trouble" so frequently characteristic of Doubles finals.

We hear often of metaphorised rabbits on the croquet courts, but it was surprising to see a real one—and black at that—scoot across the lawns at a furious speed on Tuesday evening from the links to the stables. It returned in the opposite direction on Friday evening having, one supposed, spent a rewarding three days among the fodder provided there.

Mr. Brian Gilbert once again sacrificed the opportunity of playing at this tournament to accept the burden of managing it. This he carried lightly and to the satisfaction of all experiencing the quiet efficiency of his direction. We felt ourselves lucky to be so well served.

That was the Peels, that was; and all those who had the good fortune to enjoy this radiant week will not soon "let it go" from their memory.

## MEN'S SINGLES

### DRAW

(14 entries)

#### FIRST ROUND

B. Lloyd-Pratt (—2) bt M. Spencer Ell (0) by 20.  
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—2) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (4) by 17.  
W. B. C. Paynter (0) bt Maj.-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7) by 7.  
D. C. Caporn (4½) bt Maj. J. H. Dibley (2½) by 10.  
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (6½) bt Rev. C. W. Wordsworth (8) by 18.  
A. G. Sadler (2) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) by 16.

#### SECOND ROUND

B. Lloyd-Pratt (—2) bt M. B. Reckitt (—½) by 11.  
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—2) bt W. B. C. Paynter (0) by 12.  
D. C. Caporn (4½) bt L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (6½) by 18.  
Capt. H. G. Stoker (—1) bt A. G. Sadler (2) by 15.

#### SEMI-FINAL

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—2) bt B. Lloyd-Pratt (—2) by 12.  
Capt. H. G. Stoker (—1) bt D. C. Caporn (4½) by 12.

#### FINAL

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—2) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (—1) by 15.

### PROCESS

(14 entries)

#### FIRST ROUND

W. B. C. Paynter (0) bt A. G. Sadler (2) by 7.  
M. Spencer Ell (0) w.o. Rev. C. W. Wordsworth (8) opp. scr.  
M. B. Reckitt (—½) bt Maj. J. H. Dibley (2½) by 7.  
D. C. Caporn (4½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) by 20.  
Capt. H. G. Stoker (—1) bt Maj.-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7) by 8.

B. Lloyd-Pratt (—2) bt L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (6½) by 13.

#### SECOND ROUND

W. B. C. Paynter (0) bt M. Spencer Ell (0) by 24.  
M. B. Reckitt (—½) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (4) by 4.  
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—2) bt D. C. Caporn (4½) by 1.  
Capt. H. G. Stoker (—1) bt B. Lloyd-Pratt (—2) by 17.

#### SEMI-FINAL

W. B. C. Paynter (0) bt M. B. Reckitt (—½) by 11.  
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—2) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (—1) by 11.

#### FINAL

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—2) bt W. B. C. Paynter (0) by 12.

#### PLAY OFF for 2nd place

Capt. H. G. Stoker (—1) bt W. B. C. Paynter (0) by 13.

## WOMEN'S SINGLES

### DRAW

(16 entries)

#### FIRST ROUND

Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) bt Lady G. Fitzgerald (2) by 4.  
Mrs. P. D. Showan (3½) bt Mrs. G. D. Perowne (5½) by 5.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (—½) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (5) by 13.  
Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (3½) w.o. Mrs. V. C. Gasson opp. scr.  
Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (4½) bt Mrs. S. M. Adler (2) by 20.  
Miss H. D. Parker (3) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (6½) by 8.  
Mrs. J. W. Speer (5) bt Miss G. W. Bartlett (10) by 2.  
Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) bt Mrs. R. Whitham (8) by 12.

#### SECOND ROUND

Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) bt Mrs. P. D. Showan (3½) by 4.  
Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (3½) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (—½) by 9.  
Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (4½) bt Miss H. D. Parker (3) by 18.  
Miss D. A. Lintern (0) bt Mrs. J. W. Speer (5) by 13.

#### SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (3½) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) by 13.  
Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) bt Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (4½) by 6.

#### FINAL

Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (3½) bt Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) by 4.

### PROCESS

(16 entries)

#### FIRST ROUND

Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (3½) bt Miss G. W. Bartlett (10) by 17.  
Mrs. G. D. Perowne (5½) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (6½) by 10.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (—½) bt Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) by 5.  
Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (4½) bt Lady Fitzgerald (2) by 4.  
Miss H. D. Parker (3) w.o. Mrs. V. C. Gasson opp. scr.  
Mrs. P. D. Showan (3½) bt Mrs. R. Whitham (8) by 10.  
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (5½) bt Mrs. J. W. Speer (5) by 7.  
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) bt Mrs. S. M. Adler (2) by 17.

## SECOND ROUND

Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (3½) bt Mrs. G. D. Perowne (5½) by 14.  
Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (4½) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (—½) by 14.  
Mrs. P. D. Showan (3½) bt Miss H. D. Parker (3) by 3.  
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (5) by 15.

#### SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (4½) bt Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (3½) by 14.  
Mrs. P. D. Showan (3½) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) by 23.

#### FINAL

Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (4½) bt Mrs. P. D. Showan (3½) by 14.

#### PLAY OFF

Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (4½) bt Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (3½) by 12.

## MIXED DOUBLES

(8 Pairs)

#### FIRST ROUND

Mrs. G. W. Solomon and Mrs. J. W. Speer (7) bt W. B. C. Paynter and Maj.-Gen. Davidson (7) by 8.  
Dr. T. E. Ryves and Miss D. A. Lintern (3) bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. M. H. Carrington (4½) by 7.  
Capt. H. G. Stoker and Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (3½) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss H. D. Parker (2½) by 9.  
Lady Fitzgerald and Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (5½) bt B. Lloyd-Pratt and Miss G. W. Bartlett (8) by 3.

#### SEMI-FINAL

Dr. T. E. Ryves and Miss D. A. Lintern (3) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon and Mrs. J. W. Speer (7) by 8 on time.  
Capt. H. G. Stoker and Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (3½) bt Lady Fitzgerald and Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (5½) by 19.

#### FINAL

Capt. H. G. Stoker and Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (3½) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves and Miss D. A. Lintern (3) by 14.

## UNIVERSITY CROQUET

The fourth annual Varsity match will be played at Hurlingham on Thursday, June 25th.

Below are reports of some of the games already played by the two Universities.

## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v. WREST PARK

Played at Wrest Park on May 2nd, 1964

The new lawns were being used for the first time, and though at the moment they are a bit heavy, in time they should be very good, and an asset to the Club. The games were played on handicap, and proved to be very exciting, with many close finishes. Cambridge, in spite of sending down a strong team, were held to a draw, with each side scoring four wins—though only one game was actually finished inside the time limit. For Wrest Park, the play of A. C. W. Davies was notable, and he recorded two good victories; while on the Cambridge side, David Miller established a reputation as the Trevor Bailey of Croquet by scoring at the rate of one hoop per hour throughout the five hours' play.

Wrest Park are to be thanked for their kind hospitality, and for a most enjoyable afternoon's Croquet.

#### Results

(Wrest Park players first)

#### SINGLES

A. C. Davies (8) bt R. F. Thorp (2) +13 (on time).  
B. Fox (12) lost to P. D. Hallett (6) —17.  
J. Clark (12) lost to I. E. Banks (10) —11 (on time).  
D. V. H. Rees (8) bt M. Scutt (12) +4 (on time).

#### DOUBLES

Davies (8) and Fox (12) bt Thorp (2) and Hallett (6) +7 (on time).  
A. Kingston (12) and L. J. Mouseley (12) lost to D. W. Miller (2) and J. T. Laurenson (3) —2 (on time).  
Rees (8) and Clark (12) bt Miller (2) and Banks (10) +2 (on time).  
Kingston (12) and Mouseley (12) lost to Laurenson (3) and Scutt (12) —4 (on time).

## CHELTENHAM v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY

On Saturday, May 2nd we had our annual match against Oxford University. Unfortunately, only four out of the team of six found themselves able to come. The four singles were played in the morning, these were followed by lunch in the Club, then the two doubles were played in the afternoon. Owing to one singles match having to be pegged down, play finished at 8.30 p.m.

We were delighted to see Miller and Townsend playing for Oxford again, and to welcome the two newcomers, Ross and Shewan, the latter has joined the Club as a Country Member. We are very glad to have such a very promising new member.

## SINGLES

(Oxford players first)

C. Miller lost to Miss I. M. Roe by 10 (opens).  
R. G. S. Shewan lost to Miss R. M. Allen by 16 (levels).  
C. H. Townsend lost to H. A. Sheppard by 25 (levels).  
K. A. Ross (10\*) bt G. Borrett (6) by 4 (h'cp.).

#### DOUBLES (level)

C. Miller and C. H. Townsend lost to Miss K. M. O. Sessions and H. A. Sheppard by 22.  
R. G. S. Shewan and K. A. Ross bt Miss I. M. Roe and W. Green by 8.  
Result: Cheltenham bt Oxford University by four games to two.

## HURLINGHAM v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY

May 5th

Oxford University came to Hurlingham again this year for what we hope has now become an annual match. It is much appreciated by the undergraduates as giving them valuable experience in their preparations for the varsity match.

In the top singles, Capt. Stoker was in the devastating form that he usually shows in these matches: Miller never quite managed to get going, and the captain won by a large margin. Fidler, appearing this year for Hurlingham against his old team was soon well behind, as Shewan hit in regularly, went fearlessly and accurately for his roquets, and made several fine hoops, but Fidler finished strongly to win before lunch. Reckitt met an "unknown"—surely not for long!—Ross (a good croquet name) and though progress was slow in this game Ross fully deserved to be on level terms at lunch. Mrs. Gasson, who had not had much play before, gave Townsend more chances than he could normally expect from her, and he made good use of them. Robinson and Smith, both rather inexperienced, not surprisingly found Mrs. Thom and Miss Duthie a little too much for them.

The doubles were played on handicap. Shewan and Ross unbelievably received 6½ from Fidler and Mrs. Gasson, and used them to such profit that their victory would have been much larger had the peg-out not failed partially, allowing Fidler to make seven hoops off the remaining balls before Shewan hit a long shot to finish. The shooting of these two was quite remarkable, and while neither has had much experience, it was clear from overheard remarks to partner that they do think about tactics: with a little more expertise in the early stages of break-laying they will both become formidable players, particularly Ross: neither finds any difficulty in getting through doubtful hoops. Oxford is fortunate to have two such promising freshmen. In the second doubles, neither side did anything spectacular, but Miller and Townsend gave their opponents a hard fight: but the other game was not so close—Stoker and Mrs. Thom are always very steady.

As the appointed time drew near, rain began to fall, and we were all grateful to adjourn to another place. Hurlingham is to be thanked for its generous hospitality.

#### SINGLES

Capt. H. G. D. Stoker bt C. G. Miller +24.  
P. J. M. Fidler bt R. G. S. Shewan +16.  
M. B. Reckitt and R. A. Ross level\*.  
Mrs. V. C. Gasson lost to C. H. Townsend —1\*.  
Mrs. M. L. Thom bt P. W. Robinson +12\*.  
Miss B. Duthie bt M. G. Smith +6\*.

#### DOUBLES

P. J. M. and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2) lost to R. G. S. Shewan and R. A. Ross (15) —18.  
M. B. Reckitt and Miss. B. Duthie (5½) bt C. G. Miller and C. M. Townsend (15) +3\*.  
Capt. H. G. D. Stoker and Mrs. M. L. Thom (4) bt M. G. Smith and P. W. Robinson (22) +7\*.  
Result: Hurlingham 6½ Oxford University 2½. \* on time.

## THE PLEIADES v. THE TROGLODYTES

at Budleigh Salterton, April 22nd and 23rd.

J. G. Warwick bt Miss V. E. Miles +21.  
A. J. Cooper lost to Major G. F. Stone +9.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham lost to H. O. Hicks +25.  
Miss E. J. Warwick bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave +9.  
Dr. R. B. M. Smartt bt Miss A. Mills +8.  
Col. D. W. Beamish bt Mrs. G. H. Elvey +12.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham and Col. D. W. Beamish lost to Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Miss A. Mills +10.  
A. J. Cooper and J. G. Warwick lost to H. O. Hicks and Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave +22.  
Miss E. J. Warwick and Dr. R. B. M. Smartt bt Major G. F. Stone and Miss V. E. Miles +5.  
Pleiades won by 5 matches to 4.



## HUNSTANTON

April 17th—20th

The opening tournament of the season took place at Hunstanton between April 17th and 20th in typical early spring weather with its sunshine and rain. Blue skies and grey alternated over the Wash and influenced, or so it seemed, the standard of croquet during the tournament—which, to say the least, was variable. With two exceptions, in the American Tournament, everybody beat somebody, but lost to someone else, who, etc. etc.—one knows how it goes. Indeed it was a credit to our handicappers.

Playing an attractive and unruffled game Mrs. A. N. Rolfe, the winner of Block "B", had no difficulty in defeating the winner of Block "A", G. N. B. Huskinson. The beautiful cup given to the Club by Mr. J. (Billy) Butlin in 1936 was presented by Major-General Cotterell Hill.

Mrs. Perowne managed the tournament with tact, efficiency and firmness, and the players were drawn from the Eastern Counties, London, Kent, Hampton Court, Cambridge and Nottingham.

It would hardly be fair to single out the play of any competitor for special mention for all were short of practice, but it was a pleasure to see playing on the courts Mrs. Solomon whose name is one to conjure with in the croquet world; Mrs. Heley who has done so much for the game at Cambridge University and trained players who are now, or about to be, first class; Mr. D. Caporn a member of the council who does much pioneer work for the game in London and the home counties: then without Miss Cecily Brumpton, what would the Nottingham Club do? If the results of the Tournament proved a little disappointing to them, they can comfort themselves with the adage: "They also serve who only stand and wait."

The lawns were in good condition, and the hoops firm and "just right". A very happy and enjoyable long weekend, and certainly a "must" for all those who enjoy their croquet in a serious but lighthearted way.

### BLOCK "A"

Winner: G. N. B. Huskinson (1½).  
He beat D. C. Caporn (4½), Mrs. P. E. Heley (4½), A. A. Reed (—1½), Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2), R. F. Thorp (2) and G. Williams (0).

### BLOCK "B"

Winner: Mrs. A. N. Rolfe (5).  
She beat Dr. H. M. Browning (12), Miss E. M. Brumpton (6½), Miss M. E. Day (11), Mrs. D. C. Caporn (11), M. Murray (5) and lost to Miss E. C. Brumpton (5).

### PLAY-OFF

Mrs. A. N. Rolfe (5) bt G. N. B. Huskinson (1½) +11.

## BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

(Unofficial)

May 4th—9th

Forty-six enthusiasts—about 150 games to play—eleven beautiful lawns—and Budleigh Salterton in May: what more can any croquet player want to start another season?

There were seven blocks, arranged according to handicap. Congratulations to Guy Warwick, Robin Godby and Mesdames Hawkins, Nash and Cruden, who won all their games in their respective blocks.

In the play-off, Godby and Col. W. R. Healing emerged as the finalists, and after a tense battle, Healing won by 8. Godby has now achieved the remarkable feat of being in the final 3 years running, winning in 1962 from 8, and 1963 from 3, and now only just failing to win again from 1½. Healing on the other hand only started last year, and is obviously making very rapid progress.

In the doubles, there were 19 pairs. One notable game was played by Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, who beat Mrs. Vincent and Miss Cooper by 2 after Simpson had hit in with his last chance, the two ladies being laid up to peg out.

The final between R. A. Godby and Mrs. Gerald Cave, against Col. Laverty and Col. Healing was another game of varying fortunes, and was eventually won by the colonels.

Competitors owe a great deal to the groundsmen, Messrs West and Hunt, who did their usual excellent job and deserve our congratulations and grateful thanks. Thanks also to "The Coffee Ladies" and to Ivy for looking after the lunches.

The newly elected Chairman, Lt.-Col. J. Preston presented the prizes.

Special mention must be made of the kindness of the Bowls Committee, who put their green at our disposal, an unprecedented kindness for the May Tournament, and one greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Rotherham expressed the thanks of us all to Miss A. Mills for her able and genial management and to Col. Cave for his enthusiastic work as Tournament Secretary.

The prize-giving ceremony came to an end with some graceful remarks by A. D. Karmel, thanking members of the Budleigh Salterton Croquet Club for all their efforts to make this Tournament such a happy event.

### BLOCK "A"

Winner: G. Warwick (—1½) 6/6 games.  
He bt Mrs. Rotherham (—3), A. J. Cooper (—2), Miss E. J. Warwick (—2), Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (—1) and A. D. Karmel (—1).

### BLOCK "B"

Winner: R. A. Godby (1½) 6/6 games.  
He bt Miss V. E. Mills (1), R. B. N. Smartt (1½), Maj. E. C. Heathcote (1½), M. F. Buller (1½), Mrs. M. H. Vincent (2), Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (2).

### BLOCK "C"

Winner: G. R. Mills (5) 5/6 games.  
He bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2½), E. Sidwell (3), Miss K. Ault (3½), Col. T. F. Laverty (3½), Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (4) and lost to R. A. Simpson (5½).

### BLOCK "D"

Winner: Col. W. R. Healing (6) 4/5 games.  
He bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (5), Mrs. R. A. Simpson (5½), N. V. Snell (7), Prof. A. S. C. Ross (7½) and lost to Miss J. Cooper (5).

### BLOCK "E"

Winner: Mrs. S. S. Cruden (10) 5/5 games.  
She bt Miss D. L. Latham (7½), W. B. Franklin (18), A/V/M F. H. M. Maynard (8), G. Scott Page (8½), Mrs. T. F. Laverty (9).

### BLOCK "F"

Winner: Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (10) 5/5 games.  
She bt Mrs. Newnham Davis (10), Miss M. Page (10), Miss M. Bryan (10), G. V. Jervis (11), Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (11).

### BLOCK G

Winner: Mrs. W. Nash (13) 5/5 games.  
She bt Maj. R. St G. Atchley (12), Dr. R. R. Traill (13), Mrs. G. V. Jervis (13), Mrs. N. Kitchin (14), and F. Henshaw (12).

### PLAY-OFF

#### QUARTER-FINAL

Col. W. R. Healing (6) bt G. R. Mills (5) +15.  
Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (10) bt Mrs. W. Nash (13) +3.  
R. A. Godby (1½) bt Mrs. S. S. Cruden (10) +11.  
J. G. Warwick (—1½) Bye.

#### SEMI-FINAL

Col. W. R. Healing (6) bt Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (10) +13.  
R. A. Godby (1½) bt J. G. Warwick (—1½) +14.

#### FINAL

Col. W. R. Healing (6) bt R. A. Godby (1½) +8.

#### HANDICAP DOUBLES

Combined Handicaps to be 6 or over.  
(19 Pairs)

#### FIRST ROUND

Col. T. F. Laverty and Col. W. R. Healing (9½) bt A. J. Cooper and Mrs. R. Hawkins (6½) by 10.  
A. D. Karmel and Mrs. A. D. Karmel (6½) bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs and Maj. R. St G. Atchley (14½) by 8.  
Miss V. E. Mills and G. R. Mills (6) bt N. V. Snell and G. Scott-Page (15½) by 6.

#### SECOND ROUND

Mrs. M. H. Vincent and Miss J. Cooper (7) bt Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt and G. A. Black (9) by 24.  
R. A. Simpson and Mrs. R. Simpson (11) bt Mr. G. F. H. Elvey and Miss M. Bryan (10) by 8.

Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. W. Nash (9) bt Prof. A. S. C. Ross and Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (18½) by 8.  
Col. T. F. Laverty and Col. W. H. Healing (9½) bt A. D. Karmel and Mrs. A. D. Karmel (6½) by 17.  
Miss V. E. Mills and G. R. Mills (6) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and W. B. Franklin (6) by 17.  
R. A. Godby and Mrs. G. E. Cave (9½) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow and Mrs. S. S. Cruden (13) by 6.  
E. Sidwell and Miss K. Ault (6½) bt J. G. Warwick and Miss M. Page (8½) by 7.  
Dr. R. B. N. Smartt and Mrs. T. F. Laverty (10½) bt G. V. Jervis and Mrs. G. V. Jervis (24) by 11.

#### THIRD ROUND

R. A. Simpson and Mrs. R. A. Simpson (11) bt Mrs. M. H. Vincent and Miss J. Cooper (7) by 2.  
Col. T. F. Laverty and Col. W. R. Healing (9½) bt Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. W. Nash (9) by 10.  
R. A. Godby and Mrs. G. E. Cave (9½) bt Miss V. E. Mills and G. R. Mills (6) by 11.  
E. Sidwell and Miss K. Ault (6½) bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt and Mrs. Laverty (10½) by 22.

#### SEMI-FINAL

Col. T. F. Laverty and Col. W. R. Healing (9½) bt R. A. Simpson and Mrs. R. A. Simpson (11) by 6.  
R. A. Godby and Mrs. G. E. Cave (9½) bt E. Sidwell and Miss K. Ault (6½) by 5 on time.

#### FINAL

Col. T. F. Laverty and Col. W. R. Healing (9½) bt R. A. Godby and Mrs. G. E. Cave (9½) by 13.

## CHELTENHAM

May 16th—18th

The first of the holiday week-end tournaments was an unqualified success and will undoubtedly gain in popularity as those players who are unable to manage full week tournaments appreciate what good value they are.

Twelve visitors and twelve local players were divided into four groups of six so each player had a minimum of five full games in the three days. Block winners played off and there was an extra knock-out handicap singles on the third day for those who did not win their blocks.

Block "A" winner P. J. M. Fidler (—½) disposed of Block "B" winner Dr. C. A. Boucher (2) by 19. Fidler playing excellent croquet went out on a double peel after Dr. Boucher had shown considerable reluctance to take his bisques which in fact he never did. Fidler admitted that this was the first occasion in competition play that he had finished a match with a double peel. The writer is confident that this will not be the last nor of triples galore in the future from this talented young player.

Block "C" winner R. A. Godby (½) appeared to be a certain winner against Block "D" winner Miss K. M. O. Sessions (3) but the latter with two faultless breaks won by 3.

In the final another "first" for Fidler—26'd by Miss Sessions who played very well, making good use of her bisques, and went out with a single peel, giving her opponent little chance.

The extra handicap singles was won by Mrs. A. M. Daniels (1) who beat M. A. Sheppard (6) in the final.

Wonderful continuous sun, able management by Mr. Thorp and typical friendly Cheltenham hospitality all contributed to a most successful little tournament. Those who did not come missed a treat.

#### BLOCK "A"

Dr. C. A. Boucher (2) 4 games  
bt R. F. Rothwell (—½), Mrs. A. M. Daniels (1), Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) and Mrs. K. M. Lowein (13) and lost to R. H. Newton (4).

#### BLOCK "B"

P. J. M. Fidler (—½) 5 games  
bt G. E. P. Jackson (—1), Miss R. M. Allen (4), Miss M. A. Posford (6), W. Green (8) and Miss C. Templeton (8).

#### BLOCK "C"

R. A. Godby (½) 5 games  
bt Miss I. M. Roe (1½), E. Sidwell (3), F. W. Meredith (3½), Miss M. McKean (10) and Miss M. Lacey (12).

#### BLOCK "D"

Miss K. M. O. Sessions (3) 5 games  
bt P. Thompson (1½), H. A. Sheppard (6), Miss S. G. Hampson (7), W. Comdr. E. M. Smith (10) and Miss M. D. Horton (10).

#### PLAY-OFFS

P. J. M. Fidler (—½) bt Dr. C. A. Boucher (2) +19.  
Miss K. M. O. Sessions (3) bt R. A. Godby (½) +3.

#### FINAL

Miss K. M. O. Sessions (3) bt P. J. M. Fidler (—½) +26.

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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. 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. For rates of tribute (i.e. non-Associates only) see p. 1, April 1964.

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.



## BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

### A CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held in

#### THE CLUB GROUNDS

on **MONDAY, 6th JULY, 1964**

and following days

(Under the Rules and Regulations of the Croquet Association)

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.

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

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

(Assistant referees and umpires may be appointed under Reg. 14.)

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

#### EVENTS

1.—**OPEN SINGLES.** Draw and Process. The Colman Challenge Cup. 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, 6th July.)

Entrance Fee, 14s.

2.—**LEVEL SINGLES (Class B).** Single Games, to be played under Laws of Semi-advanced play. The Longman Cup. Open to players of 2 to 6 bisques. Holder: Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt. 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 Oliver Bowl. Open to all. Holder: D. F. Strachan. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.

5.—**HANDICAP DOUBLES.** Single Games. The Le Messurier Cups. Combined Handicap not to be less than 3 bisques. All Games start at the 3rd Hoop. Time Limit 3½ hours. Final—Full Game. Holders: Lt.-Col. and Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard. 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 25s. to the C.A. when playing in an Official Tournament, or 12s. 6d. if they compete in one Event only, 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 Form ONLY please).

Entries for the above must reach the Secretary by the following dates:—

For Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 by first post on Thursday, 2nd July; and for Event 5 by 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 7th July.

#### THE DRAW

The Draw for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 will take place in the Club Pavilion on Thursday, 2nd July, at 11 a.m., and for Event 5 on Tuesday, 7th July, in the Club Pavilion, at 3 p.m.

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

Bridge Rooms are available.

At least nine Lawns will be provided.

**AN UNOFFICIAL AMERICAN TOURNAMENT (Handicap Singles)**, will be held the previous week commencing on Monday, 29th June to Friday, 3rd July. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.

**ENTRIES** must reach the Secretary by Wednesday, 24th June, on separate entry forms, please.

## THE CHALLENGE CUPS, GILBEY CUP and GOLF CROQUET CUPS

will be played for at the

**ROEHAMPTON CLUB** on **FRIDAY, July 10th** to **SUNDAY, July 19th, 1964**

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

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

Assistant Manager.—J. B. Gilbert.

Referee.—To be appointed.

Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.  
*Open to Associates only*

1.—**FIRST DIVISION. THE ROEHAMPTON CHALLENGE CUP (Open).** Entrance Fee, 13s. This Event will be played on the "Two-Life" system, and under the Laws of Advanced Singles Play. Holder: Major R. Tingey.

2.—**SECOND DIVISION. THE COUNCIL CHALLENGE CUP.** Open to Associates handicapped at 2½ to 5½ bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 11s. Level Play. Matches of single games throughout. To be played under the laws of semi-advanced play. Holder: Mrs. J. W. Speer.

3.—**THIRD DIVISION. THE RECKITT CHALLENGE CUP.** Open to Associates handicapped at 6 to 8½ bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 11s. Matches of single games throughout. Level Play. Law 36 suspended. Holder: Miss B. Duthie.

4.—**FOURTH DIVISION. THE STEVENSON CHALLENGE CUP.** Open to Associates handicapped at 9 bisques or over. Entrance Fee, 11s. Matches of single games throughout. Level Play. Law 36 suspended. Holder: P. D. Hallett.

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

5.—**HANDICAP DOUBLES.** Combined handicaps of 4 bisques or over. Entries should be made in pairs if possible. Entrance Fee, 11s. each person. Matches of single games throughout. Winners 1963 M. F. Buller and Mrs. J. A. Davey.

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6.—**THE "GILBEY" CUP.** Handicap Singles. This Event will be drawn in four blocks "A", "B", "C", "D" according to handicaps. Entrance Fee, 11s. Matches of single games throughout. To qualify for the "Gilbey" Cup the winner of "A" v. "B" will play the winner of "C" v. "D". Holder: P. D. Hallett. Supplementary Cups: Block "A", D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller; Block "B" Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson; Block "C" Miss B. Duthie.

7.—**GOLF CROQUET SINGLES. THE ASCOT CHALLENGE CUP.** Entrance Fee, 6s. The competition will be played under the Official Laws of Golf Croquet. Played in two blocks according to handicaps: the winners of the blocks playing-off to decide the winner of the Cup. Holder: R. O. Hicks.

8.—**GOLF CROQUET DOUBLES. THE "DELVES BROUGHTON" CHALLENGE CUPS.** Presented by the late Sir Delves Broughton. Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 4 bisques. Entrance Fee, 6s. each person. The Competition will be played under the Official Laws of Golf Croquet. Holders: P. D. Hallett and Mrs. M. H. Carrington.

#### INFORMATION

Play in the "GILBEY CUP" will be from Friday, July 10th to Monday, July 13th inclusive.

Play in the "CHALLENGE CUPS" will start on Monday, July 13th.

Play in the **HANDICAP DOUBLES** will start on Wednesday, July 15th.

Play in the **GOLF CROQUET EVENTS** will start on Thursday afternoon, July 16th.

Competitors who are not members of the Roehampton Club will be made Hon. Members of the club for the duration of the tournament.

Entries for Events 1 to 4 and 6 must be received by the Secretary before 11 a.m. on Monday, July 6th. Entries for other Events by Tuesday, July 14th. The draw for Events 1 to 4 and 6 will take place at the Croquet Office, Hurlingham Club, S.W.6 on Monday July, 6th at 11 a.m. The Draw for Events 5, 7 and 8 at the Roehampton Club on Tuesday, July 14th at 2.30 p.m.

## CHELTENHAM

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.

#### THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

will be held on the

**Club Lawns, Old Bath Road**

**On Monday, July 20th, 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 W. Adye.

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

#### EVENTS

1.—**OPEN SINGLES. CHELTENHAM CHAMPIONSHIP CUP.** "Two Life System." Holder, Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard. Entrance Fee, 14s.

2.—**LEVEL SINGLES. MONEY SALVER.** For players with three or more bisques. Law 36 suspended. Holder, E. Sidwell. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.

3.—**HANDICAP SINGLES.** For players with six-and-a-half or more bisques. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.

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

4.—**HANDICAP SINGLES.** Open to all. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.

5.—**HANDICAP DOUBLES. BARWELL SALVERS.** Unrestricted. Holders, E. Sidwell and F. H. Pugh. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. 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. 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 15th.**

Draw for Singles Events in Pavilion at 2 p.m. same day.

Entries for Doubles close on Tuesday, July 21st.

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

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

## The Championship and Doubles Championship

will be held at the

**HURLINGHAM CLUB, on JULY 27th, 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, A. A. Reed.

#### 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 22nd**, and for Event 2 by noon on **Tuesday, July 28th.**

#### DRAW

The Draw for Event 1 will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 22nd, and for Event 2 at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28th, 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, July 31st and Saturday, August 1st.



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Chelmsford and Mid-Essex Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Miss G. Metcalfe, Yoredale, Finchley Avenue, Chelmsford.  
Cheltenham—Hon. Secretary, W. H. Thorp, Cheltenham Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.  
Colchester—Hon. Secretary, E. P. Duffield, Acland Lodge, Acland Avenue, Colchester.  
Compton (Eastbourne)—Hon. Secretary, H. C. S. Perry, Hockington House, Willingdon, Eastbourne, Sussex.  
Crouch Hill Recreation Club (85a Crouch Hill, N.4.)—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. H. S. Webb, 55 Roseberry Gardens, Crouch End, N.8.  
Dulwich Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Miss E. M. King, 26 Lancaster Avenue, West Norwood, S.E.27.  
Ealing Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, J. Chappell, Ealing Grammar School for Boys, The Green, Ealing.  
East Dorset Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club (Parkstone)—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. J. A. McMordie, East Dorset Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Salters Road, Parkstone, Dorset.  
Edinburgh Croquet Club (Lauriston Castle)—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. R. V. Hall, Rock House, Calton Hill, Edinburgh 7.  
Exmouth Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club—Hon. Secretary, Lt.-Col. C. S. Lazenby, The Club House, Cranford, Exmouth.  
Folkestone Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. J. Povey, 100 North Road, Hythe, Kent.  
Glasgow Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, c/o Dr. J. O'D Alexander, 42 Mansewood Road, Glasgow, S.3.  
Heathfield (Lyford Road, London, S.W.18)—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. I. K. Hoare, 35 Herndale Avenue, Wandsworth Common, S.W.18.  
Hove Lawns Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Miss D. A. Cockshott, 83 Wilbury Crescent, Hove 4, Sussex.  
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Ipswich (Arboretum)—Hon. Secretary, Miss H. R. Allen, 101 Constable Road, Ipswich, Suffolk.  
Lampeter—Hon. Secretary, I. Jones, St. David's College, Lampeter, Cardiganshire.  
Leamington Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, R. A. Lewty, Guys Cliffe Avenue, Leamington Spa.  
Littlehampton Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Miss Weston, 48b Norfolk Road, Littlehampton.  
Liverpool University Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, N. Harris, Rathbone Hall, Liverpool University, Liverpool 17.  
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Matlock Vitruvians Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, J. L. Carter, County Offices, Architects Dept., Matlock, Derbyshire.  
Monmouthshire Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club (Penpergw, Abergavenny, Mon.)—Hon. Secretary, Lt./Col. D. M. C. Prichard, Gobion Manor, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire.  
Mullard (Salfords) Sports Club (Croquet)—Hon. Secretary, R. W. Gibson, Mullard Research Laboratories, Cross Oak Lane, Salfords, near Redhill, Surrey.  
National Institute for Research in Dairying—Hon. Secretary, Dr. Joyce Toothill, Shinfield, near Reading.  
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Norton Hall Club—Hon. Secretary, B. A. Neale, 586 Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe, Stockton-on-Tees, County Durham.  
Norwich—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Edmund Reeve, Flat 2, Sandringham Court, Ipswich Road, Norwich.  
Nottingham Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Miss E. C. Brumpton, 72 Davis Road, W. Bridgford, Notts.  
Oxford University Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, R. Shewan, St. Catherine's College, Oxford.  
Oxford Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club—Hon. Secretary, Dr. K. R. Lewis, Botany School, South Parks Road, Oxford.  
Parsons Green Sports and Social Club (Croquet Section)—Hon. Secretary, Broomhouse Lane, London, S.W.6.  
Peterhouse Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Peterhouse, Cambridge.  
Reigate Priory Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. A. G. Hurry, 33 Somers Road, Reigate, Surrey.—(Phone Reigate 5829).  
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Sidmouth Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, c/o Cricket Pavilion, Sidmouth, Devon.  
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Swansea University Croquet Club—Secretary, P. H. Sellars, University College, Singleton Park, Swansea, Glamorganshire.  
Upton—Hon. Secretary, E. Brighouse, 27 Heath Road, Upton, Wirral.  
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Windsor Bowling Club (Croquet Section)—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. D. Bowen, Clinton Road, Penarth.  
Woking Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Croquet c/o Club.  
Worton Hall Recreational Club (Croquet Section)—Worton Hall, Isleworth, Middlesex.  
Wrest Park Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, A. C. W. Davies, c/o N.I.A.E., Wrest Park, Silsoe, Bedfordshire.