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Presented by the late Trevor Williams in 1934 (to replace the Beddow Cup won outright by Miss Steel in 1933). The competition originated in 1901, is by invitation to the best available players of the year. Present Holder: J. W. Solomon.

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CALENDAR FIXTURES

1964

- 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.

Notes from the Clubs

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Our main news this month is very pleasant and gratifying in that we won our first two rounds in the Longman Cup Club Competition.

Our first opponents were Southwick on whose ground we played the match. The weather was glorious and our hosts most kind and considerate to us. We are truly most grateful to them and especially to Mrs Roper and her kind helpers who gave us such a wonderful lunch and tea. We thank them most warmly.

The match proved a most exciting one to the very last shot when Miss Taylor, after a gruelling battle against Mr Austin, just got home by one point to give our side victory just in time to catch our train and boat back.

A fortnight later we met Compton in the second round. This match was made possible by our Southwick friends, who gladly consented to our playing on their excellent lawns, to whom we owe our grateful thanks. Also to Mr Austin who kindly met us at the station with his car and drove us back to catch our train at the end of the match.

Our Compton friends, whom we were glad to meet for the first time in this competition, were a formidable team.

Like our match against Southwick this was just as evenly contested, as it was not until seven o'clock, when the score stood at two matches all, that Major Dibley won his game against Miss Rose. Thank you Compton and Southwick for two most enjoyable days. They would have been even so had we lost.

CROQUET ASSOCIATION

NOTICES

The new Handbook, containing all the amended rules and procedure for the Croquet Association is on sale—price 7/6—at C.A. Office, Hurlingham. Also Laws, Hints to Beginners, Croquet: Know the Game, pegging down books, entry pads and ladies badge brooches.

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DEVONSHIRE PARK

Special attention is drawn to this year's Tournament at Devonshire Park. While it is hoped competitors will stay for the whole fortnight, the programme is so arranged that it is possible to stay for one week only.

Special attention has been given to allowing people of ALL handicaps to get the same amount of play.

The Match—Ireland and Scotland v. England and Wales will be played on the second Saturday, October 10th.

V. C. GASSON, Secretary.

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LADIES FIELD CUP

The following 7 ladies were invited to compete:—

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey
Miss D. A. Lintern
Mrs. W. Longman
Miss A. E. Mills
Mrs. E. Rotherham
Miss E. J. Warwick.

Miss Lintern was unable to accept; Mrs. G. W. Solomon was invited and accepted.

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PRESIDENT'S CUP

The following were invited to play:—

J. P. R. Bolton
E. P. C. Cotter
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller
H. O. Hicks
B. Lloyd-Pratt
J. W. Solomon
D. F. Strachan.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller was unable to accept; Capt. H. G. Stoker was invited and accepted.

Reserve Mrs. E. Rotherham.

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THE SURREY CUP

The following were invited to play:—

P. J. M. Fidler
R. A. Godby
J. B. Gilbert
R. O. Hicks
A. D. Karmel
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard
R. F. Thorp
G. Williams

Mr. Williams was unable to accept; A. V. Cauroux was invited and accepted.

NOTES by ROVER

No Room at the Top

Congratulations to John Solomon on winning the Championship once more. His play throughout the week was worthy of a champion, and particularly memorable was his three-ball triple in the semi-final which was sheer joy to watch, and will long remain in the minds of all who saw it. John is fast following in Humphrey Hicks' footsteps in his appetite for the major trophies: he now holds all three concurrently, as Humphrey did in 1948, the Gold Casket for the seventh time, the Coronation Cup for the sixth and the President's Cup for the eighth, and while he is one behind Humphrey in the number of times he has won the former two, he is already one ahead in the President's, and it is hard to see who is to halt his progress in any of them in the near future, though Miss Steel's run of eight wins in the Women's Championship and thirteen wins in fifteen years looks secure for a year or two. He also retains his half share in the Doubles Championship which he and Patrick Cotter won for the fourth year running and the eighth in all: Humphrey has won that seven times, though with three different partners. Dudley Hamilton-Miller, the runner-up, showed a return to his best of a few years ago, and if he produced nothing spectacular to rival John's coups his consistent accuracy was much to be admired. In a year that has throughout been remarkable for its repetitiveness Arthur Reed just failed to retain the Plate, which went to Douglas Strachan as the reward for many assiduous hours of practice. This attractive player from Ireland seems assured of a fine career in the game, particularly if he continues to enjoy such good opportunities for play.

"Referee"!

George Orwell's famous epigram might be adapted for Croquet to declare that "all referees are equal, but some are more equal than others". The fact may as well be faced that the standard of refereeing here is not very high; some dubious decisions are forthcoming and are sometimes honestly confessed to by those who have given them and subsequently become aware of their delinquency. We recall the case of a famous lady player who was so ashamed of an error that she demanded to be taken off the list and remained thus self-excommunicated for many seasons. There is, of course, some excuse for a certain amount of confusion at the moment. The long and complex revision of the Laws was only in May of this year formally completed, and we still await the final corrections to our law books to stick into the little green paperback which every referee should carry round with him. In the meantime players are perhaps justified in refraining from uttering the cry with which this Note is headed, and proceeding—in agreement with their opponents, of course—to discover a reliable expert for themselves. For they cannot say, as a player *did* once say to this Rover, "I won't have you, you're too much of a friend of my opponent". She was told (i) that he wasn't, and (ii) that she would have to have him whether she liked it or not. But perhaps this shows you can't be too careful!

Innocent Bystanding

Not long ago it was a regular habit of the newspapers to describe the witnesses of criminal activities and public calamities as innocent bystanders. Those standing by—and still more moving past—our courts are always no

doubt in intention innocent, but they are not in all cases actually so. If we played our matches as competitors in tennis tournaments do, with a three-foot surround of dark green canvas round our playing areas, we should, no doubt, be seldom or never bothered by passers-by, but as it is many of us are. With aerial monsters flying low over their heads at Hurlingham and Roehampton, or (as at Southwick) trains rattling by, competitors at our game have enough to put up with without being distracted by human "loud speakers" or moving figures round their courts. Half-a-century ago there was a lugubrious Lancashire comedian who was wont to sing of the encounters and misfortunes that befell him "standing at the corner of the street". Those who happen to be standing at the corner of the court should be more particular than they always are to stand stock still if they leave us to wave to move out of a player's line of sight. Nor is it always lookers-on who are to blame; competitors themselves are sometimes guilty in particular by standing over, or just behind, an opponent shooting at their tice. A player has enough to make him self-conscious without his adversary adding to this.

Intelligent Onlooking

During the Finals of the Championships one was prompted to reflect on another aspect of "spectating". It was noticeable how regularly a hit-in was applauded. But some other strokes are much more worthy of applause. For although some players are notoriously better than others at hitting "the last shot", a long hit-in always needs a certain amount of luck, even discounting imperfections in the lawn. Nobody is or can be expected to hit to order: hitting is something which either clicks or does not, independent of any skill. How much more applause-worthy the first class split shot, accurate in both length and direction, a much greater accomplishment to master both for the break-making possibilities of its successful execution and in the skill required for success. To appreciate this one need only contrast the few leading players who are acknowledged bad shots with the many who frequently hit their long shots but rarely make the breaks. Whilst a hit-in does win the innings, a valued possession in the "A" class especially, accurate splits produce the breaks which win matches. The wonderful cannon from the second corner to the first and second hoops, a horribly difficult shot magnificently played, gave John Solomon his break in one stroke; the silence following it contrasted oddly with the applause which greeted his opponent's hits-in, even the four-ball break where the vital preparations for the leave had obviously gone astray, and which in the event courted disaster.

Those who complain about the dull play of some minus players might well see how ill-founded their complaints usually are if they could bring to their "spectating" a greater knowledge of what the player is trying to achieve, and of the relative value of some achievements. Humphrey Hicks in particular is well-known for his patient manoeuvring, but can anyone complain of dullness who has seen him rescue a game from the fire, or had inflicted on him the razor-sure precision with which the break is made as soon as the balls are placed and the time is ripe? There is much more in Croquet than hitting long shots and optimistically approaching the next hoop on a long roll.

Notes from the Clubs

Hurlingham
Another successful tournament has come and gone and all members of Hurlingham will be grateful to Tony Roper and Lew Stokes-Roberts for their unflagging efforts during the nine days concerned. Our members were not so much to the fore in the list of prize-winners this year. A word of thanks to Tom Grey who managed to have the lawns in tip-top state despite the handicap of arid conditions. The dinner was, as usual, a great success garnished by good speeches.

Questions and Answers

Question: If during a *croquet* stroke the croqueted ball sends another off the court does the striker lose his turn?

Answer: No, the other ball in question does not affect either the striker's ball or the croqueted ball, see Law 19, which does not mention *any other ball*.

Question: If a rover is hit on to the peg by another rover due to a roquet, croquet or indirect hit is this rover considered "pegged out"?

Answer: Yes, Law 31 (c) states that the stroke includes the consequences of the striking, etc.

Correspondence

DEAR SIR,
Articles in June *Croquet* discussed the origin of the name "Croquet". Two theories were given. Either from the French "croquer" (to crush) or "croquet", a word meaning some sort of crook.

I cannot find this latter word in my French dictionary, which defines the word "croquet" as "a cross, irritable man".

Yours faithfully,
D. M. C. PRICHARD, LT.-COL.

DEAR SIR,
To relieve our secretary I suggest that entries for all tournaments should be sent to the secretary of the club at which the tournament is being held or to the manager.

With regard to well established tournaments which are now being held for the benefit of those players who have other interests during the week, and overlap other official tournaments, could not special tournaments be held over the week-end for these players?

Take, for example, the Gilbey Cup which started this season on a Friday. Players at the official Budleigh Salterton Tournament either had to retire on Thursday evening or forgo entering for the Gilbey Cup. This is an intolerable innovation.

Yours faithfully,
W. B. C. PAYNTER

DEAR SIR,
Together with many Associates of greater experience and standing than myself, I was most disturbed by my own club's decision to allow practice on the courts before all tournament games.

The Hurlingham Tournament is one of the most imposing in the fixture calendar, and to see most matches starting with both (in doubles, all four) players aimlessly banging balls around was a sorry and most uncroquetical display.

The Council of our Association has recently, I understand, decided against allowing knock-ups; and the innovation, besides being unsightly and time wasting, is contrary to the historic customs of the game.

It was adopted, one is told, to "save time". Croquet, Sir, has acquired through patient experiment a balance, rhythm, and style—in short quality—that appeal to the natures of people who are likely to value the game and be of some use to the Association. Those who are obsessed with speed will find, I fear, that they will end by degrading the game and by alienating from it its most powerful allies.

Yours faithfully,
B. LLOYD-PRATT.

ALTERATIONS TO HANDICAPS

CHELTENHAM

(New)

K. F. Wylie *5 (new Associate).
(After Play)

- ✓ W. H. Thorp 0 to —1.
- F. H. Pugh 7 to 6.
- H. A. Sheppard 6 to 5.
- ✓ F. W. Meredith 3½ to 3.
- K. F. Wylie *5 to 4½.

CARRICKMINES

- D. F. Strachan —1 to —1½.
- Mrs. N. Tottenham 4 to 3.
- Miss F. Joly 4 to 3.
- R. J. Leonard 2 to 1½.
- Miss G. Hopkins 5½.

COLCHESTER

Mrs. W. Chalk *12.
B. P. Braund *9.
Maj. E. J. Bromley-Fox *10.
I. E. Banks 6½.
G. F. Hallett 14.
Mrs. M. D. Cork 8½ to 8.
Mrs. E. Whitehead 14 to *13.

(During Play)

Mrs. W. Chalk *12 to *13.
(After Play)

W. B. Franklin 6 to 5.
C. S. Ratcliffe 5 to 4½.
B. P. Braund *9 to 9.
Maj. E. J. Bromley-Fox *10 to 11.
Mrs. E. Whitehead *13 to 13.
I. E. Banks 6½ to 5.
Mrs. W. Chalk *13 to 13.

COMPTON

PERSONAL REQUEST

Miss M. White 11 to 12.

NEW HANDICAP

Mr. H. A. Hall 12.

SOUTHWICK

CLUB RECOMMENDATIONS

Maj. R. St. G. Atchley 11 to 10.
Miss D. A. Cockshott 15 to 14.
Maj. R. Driscoll 6½ to 5.
Miss G. Pirie 10 to 9.
Mrs. E. A. Roper 6½ to 6.
Mrs. E. Thompson 9 to 8.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

• D. F. Strachan —1½ to —2.

HURLINGHAM

- J. P. R. Bolton —1 to —1½.
- C. H. R. Penny 1½ to ½.
- R. O. Havery 6 to 5.
- I. E. Banks 5 to 4.
- Cmdr. G. Borrett 6 to 5.
- C. H. Townshend 9 to 8.
- Mrs. Sundius-Smith 10 to 8.
- Mrs. P. D. Showan 3 to 2.

LONGMAN CLUB TEAM CUP

1st Round	2nd Round	FINAL
Cheltenham	Wrest Park	}
v.	v.	
Edgbaston	Edgbaston
Ryde	Ryde	}
v.	v.	
Compton	Parsons Green

1st and 2nd rounds to be played by Monday, 24th August.
FINAL to be played by Monday, 14th September.

THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 27th—August 1st

A clear sky, a good entry, and the rigour of the game—these, parodying "the celebrated wish of old Sarah Battle (now with God)" of whom Charles Lamb wrote, are the conditions required, not for Whist but for Croquet championships, and these we were granted this year at Hurlingham. Not a drop of rain fell during the week; the sun shone—perhaps a little too fiercely for competitors in best-of-three matches—most of the week; and the games were "rigorous" enough to provide some particularly exciting contests. Nearly everyone who "ought to" have entered did so—though we were sorry not to have seen John Bolton or any members of this year's Varsity teams. Two features of the play particularly impressed this reporter—the accuracy of the break-making (Bryan Lloyd-Pratt and Douglas Strachan were especially noticeable for this), and the remarkably high standard of the long shooting. In this respect the finalists in the Singles Championship were noteworthy: John Solomon hit nine crucial long shots against Bobby Wiggins and missed only two, and Dudley Hamilton-Miller was constantly redeeming errors in hoop running by repeatedly hitting-in. Hope Rotherham was very much a victim of this in their match in the semi-final.

The feature of the opening day's play were the performances of Lloyd-Pratt, who showed himself to be right back in form which won him his place in England's International Team in 1962. Humphrey Hicks would be a daunting opponent for anyone to encounter in the first round of a championship, but Bryan went into the encounter in good heart, snatched an apparently lost game out of the fire, and came from behind to win a second. In the evening he played a completely faultless game, with every ball "on the dot", against Strachan. When the contest was resumed on the morrow the Irish champion seemed certain to win the second, when a slip at the penultimate allowed his opponent to pick up a break and go out on a double peel. Bryan was not quite able to maintain this standard against Hamilton-Miller, who throughout the competition seemed to possess the useful gift of inducing his opponents to play below their best. This was particularly evident in his match with Peter Fidler who after a confident victory over Arthur Reed seemed quite unable to do himself justice in the next round. Two "marathons" in the early rounds brought victory to Roger Hicks over Alex Karmel (the closing phases of this match were positively suicidal by both players) and Cam Paynter over Guy Warwick.

Meanwhile our two leading players were proceeding to what seemed an inevitable encounter. Patrick Cotter, however, had been by no means at his best in the earlier rounds and Jim Townsend had been able to put up a formidable challenge against him. Solomon in the opening round against our New Zealand visitor, Reitchesen (we wish he could have had a less unlucky draw for his first visit to our Championships) was at the top of his magical form; in the second game he put his partner ball through four of the hoops of a quintuple peel and was perhaps unlucky, on the "rolly" Court 1, not to get the fifth. The semi-final between John and Patrick produced some magnificent croquet, as their encounter usually does. The former looked certain to win the first game by a large margin but he unexpectedly missed a roquet when

apparently going out. Patrick rose splendidly to the challenge, picked up a most difficult break by means of a "Cotter speciality"—a long take-off behind a boundary ball followed by a brilliant cut—and later by a fine "delayed triple" which just failed of completion.

John had to hit the 14-yard lift to save the game, but of course he did, and that was that. The second game was pure magic: Cotter had only a couple of "safety" shots into corners, the champion proceeding to achieve the miraculous feat of a "three-ball triple". It is only the second time this has been done (by John himself) in an English tournament, and if it has been matched by an Antipodean player we have yet to learn by whom and where.

After this the Final was something of an anti-climax. The challenger had his chances, chiefly obtained by his excellent shooting, but interest was added to the closing stages of the match by its development into a two-ball duel. After a failure by John to go out on a three-ball break, he having pegged out Dudley's ball which had reached this point by an early break which gave John a "contact" of which he took full advantage with a splendid cannon (I from II); Hamilton-Miller, finding himself at hoop 1 with his opponent at 3 back, got so far as 2 back before victory had to be conceded.

John Solomon thus won his sixth Open Championship title (the fourth in the last six years). What can be said of such a record and such a player? If it would be too much to say (as it would be) that he is in a class by himself, it can be said that in the class in which he is he never now seems likely to come out anywhere but top.

And this supremacy is still more marked in Doubles with his splendid partner than in Singles. In the last eleven years this matchless pair have only failed to carry off the silver biscuit tins, presented forty years ago, on three occasions. But this year they did come very near to failure in their match with Humphrey Hicks and Peter Fidler, and the "culprit" in this case was the champion himself, who having failed to go out from an easy position, spent an hour trying to get in again. The shot which at length he did hit might well have been the last he would have had. Congratulations are due to Ireland, old and young, in the persons of Capt. Stoker and Douglas Strachan, for reaching the Final, but this did not prove a very interesting game, and none of the players were quite at their best.

Two of our most promising young players met in the Final of the Association Plate, victory going to the winner of last year's Surrey Cup. Each is likely to have as bright a future at the game as their opportunities permit. We all know how well Arthur Reed can play, but it is asking too much to expect anyone who arrives at a Championship having had practically no opportunity of first class play at all to be at his best. The two finalists were clearly the best players in the event and may one day be contesting the last stage of a still more important competition.

Major Rivington, from his uniquely distinguished position as Chairman, not only of our Council but of that which guides the destinies of the Hurlingham Club, wound up the proceedings in happy fashion by noting in what a good spirit our competitions are conducted, and paying a well-deserved tribute to the Manager who,

he said, if he had not risen to the rank of a Major-General would clearly have reached an equally eminent position as a Welfare Officer. Gen. Davidson not only knows all the answers to the problems which a tournament like this raises but how to persuade the competitors under his charge that they are the right ones. When Mrs. Rivington was previously presenting the prizes we felt that there should have been a medal for him to add to his many other decorations.

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP (28 entries)

FIRST ROUND

R. O. Hicks bt A. D. Karmel +25 -7 +3.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt D. T. Figgis +22 +15.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt G. Williams +25 -6 +22.
P. J. M. Fidler bt A. A. Reed +15 +19.
D. F. Strachan bt Miss E. J. Warwick +18 +13.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt H. O. Hicks +3 +13.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts +19 +19.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Mrs. E. F. Narbey +19 +3.
J. W. Solomon bt M. P. Reitchesen +26 +22.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt A. V. Camroux -19 +4 +7.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon +25 +24.
S. S. Townsend bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +6 +8.

SECOND ROUND

Capt. H. G. Stoker bt Dr. S. R. Duff +7 +21.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt R. O. Hicks -5 +19 +26.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt P. J. M. Fidler +23 +17.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt D. F. Strachan +26 +4.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson +23 +26.
J. W. Solomon bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +25 +24.
E. P. C. Cotter bt S. S. Townsend +3 +10.
W. B. C. Paynter bt J. G. Warwick +6 -8 +15.

THIRD ROUND

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Capt. H. G. Stoker -3 +11 +15.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt B. Lloyd-Pratt +3 +13.
J. W. Solomon bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +5 +14.
E. P. C. Cotter bt W. B. C. Paynter +21 +10.

SEMI-FINAL

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +17 +4.
J. W. Solomon bt E. P. C. Cotter +3 +26.

FINAL

J. W. Solomon bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller +20 +6.

DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP (11 entries)

FIRST ROUND

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and W. B. C. Paynter bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 24.
Dr. S. R. Duff and D. T. Figgis bt A. D. Karmel and J. B. Gilbert by 20.
H. O. Hicks and P. J. M. Fidler bt M. P. Reitchesen and Miss E. J. Warwick by 16.

SECOND ROUND

Capt. H. G. Stoker and D. F. Strachan bt R. O. Hicks and A. A. Reed by 22.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and W. B. C. Paynter bt Dr. S. R. Duff and D. T. Figgis by 25.
H. O. Hicks and P. J. M. Fidler bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and J. G. Warwick by 8.
J. W. Solomon and E. P. C. Cotter bt B. Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs. E. Rotherham by 13.

SEMI-FINAL

Capt. H. G. Stoker and D. F. Strachan bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and W. B. C. Paynter by 13.
J. W. Solomon and E. P. C. Cotter bt H. O. Hicks and P. J. M. Fidler by 5.

FINAL

J. W. Solomon and E. P. C. Cotter bt Capt. H. G. Stoker and D. F. Strachan by 18.

ASSOCIATION PLATE (18 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

D. T. Figgis bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 1.
P. J. M. Fidler bt R. O. Hicks by 3.

SECOND ROUND

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Dr. S. R. Duff by 8.
D. F. Strachan bt M. P. Reitchesen by 19.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. E. F. Narbey by 21.
D. T. Figgis bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 4.
J. G. Warwick bt P. J. M. Fidler by 4.
A. D. Karmel bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts by 25.
A. A. Reed bt G. Williams by 15.
A. V. Camroux bt S. S. Townsend by 3.

THIRD ROUND

D. F. Strachan bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 24.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt D. T. Figgis by 21.
A. D. Karmel bt J. G. Warwick by 3.
A. A. Reed bt A. V. Camroux by 22.

SEMI-FINAL

D. F. Strachan bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 7.
A. A. Reed bt A. D. Karmel by 18.

FINAL

D. F. Strachan bt A. A. Reed by 12.

CHALLENGE AND GILBEY CUPS

Although the "bare bones", i.e. the results of this Tournament, played at Roehampton, appeared in the last issue of *Croquet* which had gone to press before any account had been written, the writer feels that it would be a pity if those not fortunate enough to participate were not told about it—and realise what they missed.

In the first place the courts were in absolutely beautiful condition and a great credit to the groundsman and his staff. In the second place the weather was reasonably good and what little rain we had neither affected the courts nor spoilt the play.

In the third place all the players thoroughly enjoyed their games and the whole atmosphere was one of great friendliness and lack of rancour, similar to that of most seaside tournaments; indeed the losers really sounded sincere when they smilingly congratulated the winners.

In the fourth place, but perhaps more important than the preceding three, the Tournament was managed by that perfect example of the "iron fist in the velvet glove" Miss Lintern, who with the assistance of Brian Gilbert ensured that everything went like clockwork.

The entry was not as large as it might have been—that siren Budleigh Salterton had no doubt seduced some players away—but it was well balanced and produced many exciting games.

Dealing firstly with the Challenge Cups: the Roehampton Cup was won by Hamilton-Miller who beat Stoker by 3 points in the Draw in a game which was ding-dong from start to finish and could at any time have gone either way.

Unfortunately Gerald Williams who had played consistently well throughout and had won the Process had to scratch from the play-off owing to an inflamed muscle in the hand and the spectators were therefore deprived of seeing what looked like being an interesting play-off.

The Council Cup was won by Peter Hallett who beat Mrs. Showan after a very close struggle in which both played extremely well.

The final of the Reckitt Cup was contested by Miss Duthie and Walter Franklin—Miss Duthie was rather off form in this game but even so made Franklin fight hard before he eventually won by +9. Incidentally Franklin went from 1st hoop to Rover in one break, not bad for an 8-bisquer you might think—so have the handicappers thought and it is a pleasure to see that one who took up the game seriously only last year is now down to 5.

Mrs. Croal won the Stevenson Cup by beating Mrs. Francis by 7 points after an in and out game which could well have gone either way. This was the first trophy that Mrs. Croal had ever won and her delight in her achievement was shared by all.

The Handicap Doubles produced a thrilling final between L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts and Franklin and Hallett and Mrs. Narbey. Hallett peeled Franklin through the Rover but failed to make Rover himself and left all the balls around Rover. Franklin then peeled Hallett through Rover, sent it to stick, used a bisque and pegged Hallett out. At this stage Stokes-Roberts was for the 1st hoop and Mrs. Narbey for the 3rd; it says much for Mrs. Narbey's play that she got to penult. before Stokes-Roberts pegged out.

The Gilberts also produced some splendid games. Division "A" was won by Brian Gilbert who played delightful croquet throughout the Tournament.

Division "B" was won by that ever improving and enthusiastic player Derek Caporn.

Division "C" was won by that intrepid warrior Maj.-Gen. Davidson who played extremely well to beat A. J. Oldham in a tense final by 3 points.

Division "D" was won by a no less intrepid warrior Miss Bartlett. This was without doubt the most popular win of all. It ill behoves the writer to mention a lady's age but when an octogenarian wins an event, that is really something; may she win this event next year and for many years to come.

The Final was won by Caporn after another close match in which he beat Davidson by 4 points.

The Golf Croquet Singles was won by Mrs. V. C. Gasson who beat Mrs. S. Phillips in the Final—the loser was another octogenarian; is it cause or effect that enables veteran croquet players to appear to have the secret of eternal youth?

Stoker and Mrs. Trull beat Miss King and Miss Young from the Dulwich Club in the final of the Golf Croquet Doubles. There is no doubt that the players from Dulwich are always formidable at Golf Croquet, what a pity that they don't extend their activities to the fuller game.

It only remains to say that the extra event was an unqualified success—an American in Blocks shortened games of 1 and 3-back with a time limit of 1½ hours—managers might well bear this in mind as it was most popular with all players; that the catering arrangements were excellent and that Maj. Rivington presented the prizes in a most felicitous manner, appreciated by all, but by the ladies in particular.

COLCHESTER TOURNAMENT

(Non-official)

20th—25th July, 1964

Cordon bleu delicacies (this encomium is certainly well merited—"Rover" please note), a glorious hot week, and above all, really fine, fast and superlatively true courts, combined to make this first Colchester Tournament an unqualified success of which Mr. Duffield and the Club can be justly proud.

Favoured by the fiery courts, reminiscent of conditions that obtain in New Zealand, Lloyd-Pratt won the Opens. The finest play that was seen during the week was John Bolton's +26 victory over the veteran Mr. Hicks. John has a lovely fluid and rhythmical style; though, like many good players, he tends to hit slightly across the ball. This means that, under pressure, his stroke-making is not 100% reliable (whose is?). Rather surprisingly, he was defeated in the semi-final of both halves by Rupert Thorp. Rupert who plays centre-style, is very much a "hitter" not a "swinger", and provided an interesting contrast to the freer, upright, front-style of Hicks, Lloyd-Pratt, and Bolton. In many ways much of his stroke making resembles Mrs. Longman's, and he has all of that lady's grit and determination, though, as yet, he lacks some of her caution and tactical finesse. In the Final he was cruelly unlucky in his second game against Lloyd-Pratt when he became hoop-bound after four-back.

Another Cambridge undergraduate, Ian Banks, won the big handicap. He is a slender, lithe, and attractive front-style player, who will not be entitled to his 6½ bisques again. He was seriously challenged only by Mr. Franklin and Mr. Hicks. This player, who comes from Saxmundham, shows great promise. He possesses some effective strokes and a good temperament for the game. He duly won the "Y" Event to which Ian had consigned him.

"Z" was won by Mr. Ratcliffe, a determined local player, who beat Peter Hallett, the other undergraduate competing. Peter's play is successful up to a point but his ugly, banging, and uncontrolled style makes it probable that he will not attain a very high standard of croquet unless he changes it.

The Doubles provided the usual amount of entertainment; and, there being no handicap restriction, Mr. Hicks played with John Bolton. They duly reached the Final, where, after some amusing incidents, the Ratcliffe/Franklin bisque entitlement overcame them.

Other memories of the week: Mr. Hicks's superb triple peel against Mr. Robertson of Chelmsford who went to bed with nine bisques; Mrs. Puxon's most attractive style of play (she was the generous provider of the aforementioned Cordon bleu collations)—if she concentrated harder and took the game more seriously she might swell the sadly depleted ranks of "A" class lady players; and, lastly, the general tone of good sportsmanship and real enjoyment that pervaded the whole week.

Thank you, Colchester, for a marvellous Tournament, and—till next year—"au revoir".

OPEN SINGLES

DRAW (11 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

E. Whitehead bt P. D. Hallett by 3.
E. P. Duffield bt Maj. E. J. Bromley-Fox by 26.
J. P. R. Bolton bt H. O. Hicks by 26.

SECOND ROUND

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt I. E. Banks by 9.
E. P. Duffield bt E. Whitehead by 23.
J. P. R. Bolton bt W. B. Franklin by 9.
R. F. Thorp bt C. S. Ratcliffe by 23.

SEMI-FINAL

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt E. P. Duffield by 19.
R. F. Thorp bt J. P. R. Bolton by 8.

FINAL

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt R. F. Thorp by 8.

PROCESS (11 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

R. F. Thorp bt I. E. Banks by 25.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt C. S. Ratcliffe by 15.
P. D. Hallett bt W. B. Franklin by 12.

SECOND ROUND

R. F. Thorp bt E. P. Duffield by 4.
J. P. R. Bolton bt E. Whitehead by 15.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt H. O. Hicks by 14.
P. D. Hallett bt Maj. Bromley-Fox by 22.

SEMI-FINAL

R. F. Thorp bt J. P. R. Bolton by 7.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt P. D. Hallett by 18.

FINAL

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt R. F. Thorp by 6.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "X") (20 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

I. E. Banks (6½) bt W. B. Franklin (6) by 3.
R. F. Thorp (0) bt F. E. M. Puxon (8) by 21.
Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (11) bt Miss G. Metcalfe (7) by 13.
B. Lloyd-Pratt (-2) bt Mrs. C. L. Robertson (9) by 10.

SECOND ROUND

C. L. Robertson (9) bt C. S. Ratcliffe (5) by 1.
H. O. Hicks (-3) bt Mrs. D. W. Clark (9) by 15.
P. D. Hallett (3) bt Mrs. W. Chalk (*12) by 14.
I. E. Banks (6½) bt R. F. Thorp (0) by 15.
B. Lloyd-Pratt (-2) bt Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (11) by 10.
Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) bt E. Whitehead (2) by 3.
R. J. Hinnell (6) bt B. P. Braund (*9) by 4.
Mrs. E. Whitehead (*13) bt Maj. E. J. Bromley-Fox (10) by 12.

THIRD ROUND

H. O. Hicks (-3) bt C. L. Robertson (9) by 23.
I. E. Banks (6½) bt P. D. Hallett (3) by 15.
B. Lloyd-Pratt (-2) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) by 22.
Mrs. E. Whitehead (*13) bt R. J. Hinnell (6) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL

I. E. Banks (6½) bt H. O. Hicks (-3) by 2.
B. Lloyd-Pratt (-2) bt Mrs. E. Whitehead (*13) by 10.

FINAL

I. E. Banks (6½) bt B. Lloyd-Pratt (-2) by 20.

(CLASS "Y") (10 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

W. B. Franklin (6) bt F. E. M. Puxon (8) by 15.
Mrs. C. L. Robertson (9) bt Miss G. Metcalfe (7) by 17.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. D. W. Clark (9) bt C. S. Ratcliffe (5) by 10.
W. B. Franklin (6) bt Mrs. W. Chalk (*12) by 19.
E. Whitehead (2) bt Mrs. C. L. Robertson (9) by 7.
B. P. Braund (*9) bt Maj. E. J. Bromley-Fox (10) by 6.

SEMI-FINAL

W. B. Franklin (6) bt Mrs. D. W. Clark (9) by 22.
E. Whitehead (2) bt B. P. Braund (*9) by 7.

FINAL

W. B. Franklin (6) bt E. Whitehead (2) by 14.

(CLASS "Z") (11 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

P. D. Hallett (3) bt C. L. Robertson (9) by 3.
R. J. Hinnell (6) bt Maj. E. J. Bromley-Fox (10) by 7.
C. S. Ratcliffe (5) bt F. E. M. Puxon (8) by 6.

SECOND ROUND
 R. F. Thorp (0) bt Mrs. W. Chalk (*13) by 21.
 P. D. Hallett (3) bt R. J. Hinnell (6) by 18.
 C. S. Ratcliffe (5) bt Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (11) by 10.
 Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) w.o. Miss G. Metcalfe (retired on peg).

SEMI-FINAL
 P. D. Hallett (3) bt R. F. Thorp (0) by 20.
 C. S. Ratcliffe (5) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) by 12.

FINAL
 C. S. Ratcliffe (5) bt P. D. Hallett (3) by 5.

HANDICAP DOUBLES
 (10 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND
 C. S. Ratcliffe and W. B. Franklin (11) bt G. F. Hallett and P. D. Hallett (17) by 11.
 R. F. Thorp and I. E. Banks (6½) bt C. L. Robertson and Mrs. W. Chalk (21) by 17.

SECOND ROUND
 F. E. M. Puxon and Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (19) bt Maj. E. J. Bromley-Fox and B. P. Braund (19) by 5.

C. S. Ratcliffe and W. B. Franklin (11) bt Miss G. Metcalfe and Mrs. C. L. Robertson (16) by 18.

H. O. Hicks and J. P. R. Bolton (-4) bt R. F. Thorp and I. E. Banks (6½) by 9.

B. Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs. M. D. Cork (6) bt E. Whitehead and Mrs. E. Whitehead (15) by 14.

SEMI-FINAL
 C. S. Ratcliffe and W. B. Franklin (11) bt F. E. M. Puxon and Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (19) by 14.

H. O. Hicks and J. P. R. Bolton (-4) bt B. Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs. M. D. Cork (6) by 10.

FINAL
 C. S. Ratcliffe and W. B. Franklin (11) bt H. O. Hicks and J. P. R. Bolton (-4) by 6.

CHELTENHAM

20th-25th July, 1964

The Cheltenham Croquet Club held their Official Tournament on the Club greens from 20th to the 25th July, in what can only be described as glorious English weather. However, it must be remembered, that once again I invoked the aid of the ancient Maori gods to ensure the continuation of this lovely summer.

The setting of the Club greens is without parallel in my visits, but I did find the view a trifle disastrous to my play. I was so busy admiring the magnificent cedar and taking photographs of this delightful setting for Croquet, that I suffered my just reward.

A large entry, that included visitors from all parts of England and two from New Zealand, was capably managed by Mrs. Chittenden. She kept a firm hand on the proceedings, and we all owe her a debt of gratitude for the consideration she showed to the players, kept the games in control and finished the Tournament with no scratching.

The lawns were in excellent condition, a few surface defects, but this was amply compensated by the beautiful sward of grass that was in splendid fettle and a credit to the ground staff. Although tending to heaviness in the morning, no complaints were really justified. As always, the lawns were blamed for human frailty.

The list of winners is given below and need not be enlarged upon, but special mention must be made of one or two players who contributed in no small measure to the enjoyment of both players and spectators. Who will forget the brilliant three-hoop finish of Mrs. Daniels against Dr. Penny—a ball in each baulk, and left lamenting; the peel of Rover hoop from behind 4-back, but a missed peg-out; the sharp-shooting par excellence of Wylie and Sidwell; the hoop-running of Miss Roe; the precision of Mr. Jackson; in fact all the players who gave us thrills and excitement galore. The final of the doubles was a fantastic finish, with the losers being defeated by one point. A missed roquet was the fatal blunder. Mention must be made of the immaculate play of Mr. Thorp—without a doubt the player of the Tournament, and brilliant play in both lives that brought victory was a just reward for his play. Mr. Meredith was another who played extremely well on all occasions and figures prominently in the prize list.

A word for the ladies of the kitchen, who with their delightful lunches, teas and coffee, added in no small manner to the enjoyment of the players. Our thanks ladies.

Finally may I say how pleased I am to be privileged to play in such delightful surroundings and with such charming people. Everyone who visited this delightful city during the past week must surely be confident that Croquet is rapidly gaining the support it deserves and is in no fear of extinction while such Tournaments take place. I have enjoyed my stay and hope to return some day.

OPEN SINGLES
 CHELTENHAM CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

(18 Entries)

DRAW

FIRST ROUND

Dr. H. J. Penny w.o. C. W. R. Hodges (opponent retired).
 Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 9.

SECOND ROUND

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart w.o. H. O. Hodgson (opponent scratched).
 Miss K. M. O. Sessions bt Mrs. E. Narbey by 24.
 W. H. Thorp bt Maj. E. C. Heathcote by 26.
 G. E. P. Jackson bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 16.
 Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels by 8.
 Mrs. E. Rotherham bt W. B. C. Paynter by 17.
 V. A. de la Nougerede bt E. G. Bantock by 3.
 M. P. Reitchesen bt Miss I. M. Roe by 21.

THIRD ROUND

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt Miss K. M. O. Sessions by 8.
 W. H. Thorp bt G. E. P. Jackson by 9.
 Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 8.
 M. P. Reitchesen bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 18.

SEMI-FINAL

W. H. Thorp bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 4.
 M. P. Reitchesen bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 17.

FINAL

W. H. Thorp bt M. P. Reitchesen by 6.

PROCESS

FIRST ROUND

Miss I. M. Roe bt H. O. Hodgson by 5.
 M. P. Reitchesen bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 25.

SECOND ROUND

G. E. P. Jackson bt E. G. Bantock by 17.
 Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Miss K. M. O. Sessions by 16.
 W. H. Thorp bt W. B. C. Paynter by 14.
 Miss I. M. Roe w.o. C. W. R. Hodges (opponent retired).
 Dr. H. J. Penny bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 7.
 Mrs. A. M. Daniels bt Mrs. E. Narbey by 17.
 Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Maj. E. C. Heathcote by 20.
 Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt M. P. Reitchesen by 5.

THIRD ROUND

G. E. P. Jackson bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 6.
 W. H. Thorp bt Miss I. M. Roe by 24.
 Mrs. A. M. Daniels bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 23.
 Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 6.

SEMI-FINAL

W. H. Thorp and G. E. P. Jackson by 3.
 Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels by 9.

FINAL

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt W. H. Thorp by 17.

PLAY-OFF

W. H. Thorp bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 10.

SINGLES

MONEY SALVER

(3 to 6 bisques)

(16 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Capt. W. A. T. Syngé bt Cmdr. G. Borrett by 12.
 Miss M. A. Posford w.o. Mrs. Prichard (opponent scratched).
 Miss R. M. Allen bt Mrs. R. A. Hill by 24.
 F. W. Meredith bt Dr. T. E. Ryves by 13.
 R. G. S. Shewan bt Miss K. D. Hickson by 5.
 E. Sidwell bt K. F. Wylie by 4.
 H. A. Sheppard bt Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé by 15.
 Mrs. B. de C. Mathews bt K. A. Ross by 1.

SECOND ROUND

Capt. W. A. T. Syngé bt Miss M. A. Posford by 10.
 F. W. Meredith bt Miss R. M. Allen by 25.
 E. Sidwell bt R. G. S. Shewan by 12.
 H. A. Sheppard bt Mrs. B. de C. Mathews by 9.

SEMI-FINAL

F. W. Meredith bt Capt. W. A. T. Syngé by 5.
 E. Sidwell bt H. A. Sheppard by 5.

FINAL

E. Sidwell bt F. W. Meredith by 11.

HANDICAP SINGLES

(6½ bisques or more)

(6 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. K. Lowein (13) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) by 2.
 F. H. Pugh (7) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (7) by 19.

SEMI-FINAL

W. Green (8) bt Mrs. K. Lowein (13) by 16.
 F. H. Pugh (7) bt W. J. Sturdy (10) by 11.

FINAL

F. H. Pugh (7) bt W. Green (8) by 5.

MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP

BARWELL SALVERS

(16 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

Capt. and Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (10½) bt W. Green and Mrs. A. M. Daniels (9) by 2.
 V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (2) bt H. O. Hodgson and Miss M. A. Posford (8) by 3.
 Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish and K. F. Wylie (3½) bt G. E. P. and Mrs. G. E. P. Jackson (6) by 9.

M. P. Reitchesen and F. W. Meredith (3) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves and Miss M. M. Taylor (11) by 12.

H. A. Sheppard and Miss I. M. Roe (7½) bt W. J. Sturdy and Mrs. B. Chittenden (9½) by 20.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and W. B. C. Paynter (-3) bt Cmdr. G. Borrett and Miss K. M. O. Sessions (8) by 9.

E. Sidwell and F. H. Pugh (10) bt Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (13) by 14.

K. A. Ross and Mrs. E. Narbey (8½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (5) by 3.

SECOND ROUND

Capt. and Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (10½) bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (2) by 6.

Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish and K. F. Wylie (3½) bt M. P. Reitchesen and F. W. Meredith (3) by 4.

H. A. Sheppard and Miss I. M. Roe (7½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and W. B. C. Paynter (-3) by 17.

E. Sidwell and F. H. Pugh (10) bt K. A. Ross and Mrs. E. Narbey (8½) by 6.

SEMI-FINAL

G. V. G. Beamish and K. F. Wylie (3½) bt Capt. W. A. T. Syngé and Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (10½) by 10.

E. Sidwell and F. H. Pugh (10) bt H. A. Sheppard and Miss I. M. Roe (7½) by 17.

FINAL

E. Sidwell and F. H. Pugh (10) bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish and K. F. Wylie (3½) by 1.

OPEN HANDICAP SINGLES

(38 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Miss I. M. Roe (1½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (1) by 8.
 Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (1) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) by 10.
 F. W. Meredith (3½) bt F. H. Pugh (7) by 2.
 K. F. Wylie (*5) w.o. W. H. Thorp (opponent retired).
 M. P. Reitchesen (-½) bt W. B. C. Paynter (0) by 11.
 E. Sidwell (3) bt Mrs. K. Lowein (13) by 16.

SECOND ROUND

W. Green (8) bt Cmdr. G. Borrett (6) by 24.
 H. O. Hodgson (2) bt V. A. de la Nougerede (-1) by 3.

Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (5) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2) by 26.
 H. A. Sheppard (6) bt Miss R. M. Allen (4) by 15.

Maj. E. C. Heathcote (1½) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 8.
 Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (3½) bt Miss K. M. O. Sessions (2) by 12.

Miss I. M. Roe (1½) bt E. G. Bantock (2½) by 10.
 F. W. Meredith (3½) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (1) by 5.

K. F. Wylie (*5) bt M. P. Reitchesen (-½) by 26.
 E. Sidwell (3) bt Miss M. A. Posford (6) by 19.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels (1) bt Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (6) by 9.
 K. A. Ross (6) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (7) by 13.

G. E. P. Jackson (-1) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (4) by 4.
 Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (-1½) w.o. Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (opponent scratched).

Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) w.o. R. G. S. Shewan (opponent scratched).
 Dr. T. E. Ryves (4) bt Mrs. E. Narbey (2½) by 5.

THIRD ROUND

W. Green (8) bt H. O. Hodgson (2) by 9.
 H. A. Sheppard (6) bt Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (5) by 3.
 Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (3½) bt Maj. E. C. Heathcote (1½) by 7.
 F. W. Meredith (3½) bt Miss I. M. Roe (1½) by 7.
 K. F. Wylie (*5) bt E. Sidwell (3) by 12.
 K. A. Ross (6) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (1) by 10.
 G. E. P. Jackson (-1) bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (-1½) by 1.
 Dr. T. E. Ryves (4) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) by 8.

FOURTH ROUND

H. A. Sheppard (6) bt W. Green (8) by 15.
 F. W. Meredith (3½) bt Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (3½) by 15.
 K. F. Wylie (*5) bt K. A. Ross (6) by 3.
 G. E. P. Jackson (-1) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (4) by 4.

SEMI-FINAL

H. A. Sheppard (6) bt F. W. Meredith (3½) by 5.
 K. F. Wylie (*5) bt G. E. P. Jackson (-1) by 24.

FINAL

H. A. Sheppard (6) bt K. F. Wylie (*5) by 5.

HANDICAP SINGLES (ADDITIONAL)

(18 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Miss R. M. Allen (4) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (1) by 4.
 R. G. S. Shewan (6) w.o. Mrs. E. Rotherham (opponent scratched).

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. K. Lowein (13) w.o. W. H. Thorp (opponent scratched).
 V. A. de la Nougerede (-1½) bt W. J. Sturdy (10) by 14.
 Mrs. E. Narbey (2½) bt W. B. C. Paynter (0) by 20.
 Miss K. M. O. Sessions (2) bt Miss R. M. Allen (4) by 18.
 R. G. S. Shewan (6) bt Miss M. A. Posford (6) by 5.
 Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 15.
 Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (6) bt E. G. Bantock (2½) by 10.
 Miss K. D. Hickson (4) bt Cmdr. G. Borrett (6) by 7.

THIRD ROUND

V. A. de la Nougerede (-1½) bt Mrs. K. Lowein (13) by 8.
 Miss K. M. O. Sessions (2) bt Mrs. E. Narbey (2½) by 18.
 R. G. S. Shewan (6) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (7) by 14.
 Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (6) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (4) by 3.

SEMI-FINAL

Miss K. M. O. Sessions (2) bt V. A. de la Nougerede (-1½) by 26.
 R. G. S. Shewan (6) bt Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (6) by 8.

FINAL

R. G. S. Shewan (6) bt Miss K. M. O. Sessions (2) by 5.

EXTRA EVENT

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. A. M. Daniels (1) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (4) +12.
 Miss R. M. Allen (4) bt Miss H. Mackean (9) +11.

FINAL

Mrs. A. M. Daniels (1) bt Miss R. M. Allen (4) +18.

WEEK-END TOURNAMENT

The Cheltenham Club held the third, and the longest week-end tournament, four days, on August 13th-16th inclusive. An American, in four blocks with block winners playing off, and an "XY", were the two events. There were 22 entries for the American, though Mrs. Mathews, who had made all the arrangements, had to scratch at the last moment through illness, fortunately not too serious, and she is now recovering. Sixteen, including 2 not in the American, played in the "XY".

Colin Prichard carried all before him in the American until the final, where Meredith, making extra use of the corners, managed to extract bisques; Colin vainly endeavoured to build up a break, but always seemed to miss a roquet once he had built it.

Jackson did 3 double peels on his way to the final of the "X", only to fall to Sheppard by 26, no more than 3 bisques being taken.

Wing-Cmdr. Smith, a promising new player, who claims always to have just "committed an imperial nonsense", nevertheless triumphed in winning his block and winning the "Y".

Everyone had at least 6 games in the four days, while the average was just under eight.

HURLINGHAM

August 3rd, 1964

The entry this year was somewhat higher than in 1963, more particularly concentrated in the Class "A" group. Twenty-five contestants for the Hurlingham Cup showed the tournament to be one of good quality on paper, but the standard in only too many games was below expectation. Perhaps the reason lay in some measure in the fast lawns which had already been subjected to continuous play in the week preceding the tournament on the occasion of the Open Championships. Little rain fell during the three weeks covering the two tournaments and some lawns became really testing. This does not, however, explain the spate of bad hooping which seemed to confront the present writer whenever he sat to watch a game. The three doubles events, as usual, proved somewhat of a headache to the management and, as in past years, voices were heard questioning the wisdom of cloying the programme in this manner. An untoward happening halfway through the tournament was the sudden departure of a competitor, still in two doubles events, for the Far East, leaving her partners high and dry.

Thanks are abundantly due to Tony Roper, strongly supported by Lew Stokes-Roberts, for steering such an unwieldy barque to a successful homing. The tournament had its full share of problems and one is again reminded of the debt we owe to managers who give so freely of their time. There can rarely have been so many timed games and an invaluable piece of equipment constantly called into service was the Manager's watch. A much-appreciated side-line of the tournament was Sarah Hampson's illustrated talk on Friday evening, which went down very well with an attentive audience.

The Hurlingham Cup

Most of the regulars were in evidence for the main event of the tournament, including the holder, H. O. Hicks, who as last year proceeded fairly smoothly to the final of both halves. There were two welcome visitors from the Antipodes, Paynter and Reitchesen, and a newcomer from the hallowed All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Professor Neal, whose fellow members, Gilbert and Stoker, also entered for the first time for many years—Gilbert came very close to beating Hicks. We were pleased also to see Bryan Lloyd-Pratt again who was concerned in an unusual, if not unique, incident. Against Joan Warwick he pegged out one ball, his remaining ball coming to rest less than 2 inches from the peg. In a moment of over casualness he then in effect made an air shot and grounded his mallet without even striking the ball. Joan, having one ball in baulk, then made her remaining 8 points in quick time. Bryan took the matter extremely sportingly but must have been sorely vexed with himself.

Bolton making his second appearance here had good wins against Cotter, Lloyd-Pratt and Reitchesen (in 1 hour) before meeting Hicks in the final of the Process. In this he may be accounted unlucky to have lost since he would probably have gone out in his next innings had not Hicks, well behind, hit the lift shot, gone round and pegged out one of Bolton's balls. Hicks eventually won by 1 point. In the meantime Cotter had one of his sparkling wins against Hicks in the final of the Draw, reminiscent of so many of his games a few years ago when he was carrying all before him. In the play-off, however, against Hicks, he did not quite sustain his brilliance although he went close to winning, having the misfortune to peg out one of his balls from a take-off. Hicks then went on to retain his hold on the Cup.

Turner Cup

A visitor we have not seen at Hurlingham for some years, Miss Ault, distinguished herself in reaching the final after beating a former holder, Pat Solomon, Toby Jessel and Lady Ursula Abbey, providing some compensation for being untimely severed from her partner in the Candlesticks. In the Final she met the much improved Mrs. Showan, who has done so much for the neighbouring Parsons Green Club, and succumbed after a close game.

Younger Cup

Two neophytes, Banks and Havery, were the survivors in the final of the 14 entrants. By the time they reached this stage they had accumulated some valuable experience of tournament play in this and the other events in which they competed. Cmdr. Borrett took the eye in earlier rounds and we hope to see him again next year, possibly with other Cheltenham members. Banks won the final by 2 points in a game which might have gone either way, Havery having been well ahead at one stage.

Longworth Cup

As last year, this event produced a very meagre entry and led to Townshend, one of this year's Oxford team, prevailing against last year's holder, Kerensky. Something must be done to stimulate more long bisquers to enter for this event.

The Mixed Doubles

The unusually high number of 17 pairs contested this event but the quality must be said to have suffered. Only two of the seven contested second round matches came to full fruition, the remaining five being adjudged on time. The vexed question of undue dilatoriness in play during the closing minutes of timed games came to the fore in more than one match in the doubles events and some heat was generated rather more frequently than is becoming. The holders, Bolton and Hope Rotherham, fell by the narrowest of margins in a timed game in an early round, but their fellow finalists of last year, Hicks and Kay Longman, were again there at the last stage opposed by the strong Warwick pair. In this prolonged struggle there were too many mistakes from such formidable combinations and the game teetered on until well after 7 o'clock on the closing day before the Warwicks won. In fact, Guy Warwick did not have the pleasure of finishing the game by pegging his ball out (Joan's ball had been dismissed from the game some time earlier by Hicks), since Hicks conceded the game at the stage when Guy had virtually only to take off from an opponent's ball to reach the peg. This is something we would not wish to see spreading: it savours of discourtesy to the opponents and is not, we would think, favoured by spectators.

The Candlesticks

The entry of 10 pairs included 3 former winners, Lintern/Thom, Warwick/Skempton and Gasson/Duthie, and the first two in fact reached the final. The last named, holders for the past two years, went down in the first round to the back markers, Mrs. Longman and Mrs. Rotherham, each of whom had also succeeded in past years but not in combination. They fell, however, to Miss Lintern and Mrs. Thom, the bisques being too much to overcome. The successful pair then had a strange game against Lady Ursula Abbey and Mrs. Sundius-Smith, winning by 1 point on time at the end of the extra half-hour which had been claimed. A little more experience of the intricacies of timed play could have altered the issue.

Miss Lintern and Mrs. Thom won the final after a lengthy game. Miss Warwick went round right at the start which may have put her partner under some pressure since she did not reveal the form we know her to be capable of. Nevertheless, at one time they looked likely to win but luncheon so stimulated the Lintern/Thom pair as to make them overtake and beat their opponents.

The Men's Handicap Doubles

Hicks has won this event with many partners in his time and this year he succeeded in the company of J. T. Laurenson, recently of the Cambridge team. They had a very quick win over the Penny combination in an early round and in the final met Reckitt and Havery who had beaten among others the former winners, Warwick and Rivington. Hicks and his partner started the final very briskly and looked winners at an early stage. The use of their bisques, however, enabled the opponents to pull up but one or two peccadilloes at the hoops passed control again to the ultimate winners.

The Handicap Singles

Fifty-six joined issue for the honour of holding the handsome Pinckney Simpson Cup. Space does not allow one to do justice to the many interesting games. Two long games by Hope Rotherham against Havery and Banks successively were a feature of early rounds and the men should have profited a great deal from the experience. John Bolton, shooting in with the third ball in his game against Paynter nearly went round, a casual hoop stroke at 3-back sufficing to stop his break. The losing quarter finalists, Mrs. Elvey, Rivington, Banks and Miss Warwick all had good wins before meeting their end. In the semi-finals Borrett was a little below his form of earlier rounds and had to concede the issue to Bolton while Penny had the measure of Prof. Neal in the other half. Bolton was fancied to beat Penny in the final, being thought to be more match-tight, but good breaks and the bisque advantage saw Penny through. This is his second win in the event, he having beaten Townshend 7 years ago by 26 in the final in his very first tournament.

OPEN SINGLES

(25 Entries)

PROCESS

FIRST ROUND

H. O. Hicks w.o. Miss D. A. Lintern (opponent scratched).
W. B. C. Paynter bt J. T. Laurenson by 18.
J. B. Gilbert bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 13.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt J. G. Warwick by 6.
Capt. H. G. Stoker bt Prof. B. G. Neal by 10.
R. A. Godby bt M. B. Reckitt by 11.
Mrs. W. Longman w.o. Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (opponent retired).
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 2.
J. P. R. Bolton bt E. P. C. Cotter by 9.

SECOND ROUND

H. O. Hicks bt W. B. C. Paynter by 23.
J. B. Gilbert bt R. O. Hicks by 7.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt A. D. Karmel by 10.
Miss E. J. Warwick w.o. Capt. H. G. Stoker (opponent retired).
R. A. Godby bt G. Williams by 7.
M. P. Reitchesen bt Mrs. W. Longman by 14.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Dr. S. R. Duff by 7.
J. P. R. Bolton bt B. Lloyd-Pratt by 6.

THIRD ROUND

H. O. Hicks bt J. B. Gilbert by 3.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 20.
M. P. Reitchesen bt R. A. Godby by 4.
J. P. R. Bolton bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 12.

SEMI-FINAL

H. O. Hicks bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins by 15.
J. P. R. Bolton bt M. P. Reitchesen by 24.

FINAL

H. O. Hicks bt J. P. R. Bolton by 1.

DRAW

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. W. Longman bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +12.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt J. T. Laurenson +14.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt G. Williams +13.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt R. O. Hicks +6.
A. D. Karmel bt M. P. Reitchesen +8.
H. O. Hicks bt Dr. S. R. Duff +23.
Capt. H. G. Stoker bt M. B. Reckitt +4.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt J. P. R. Bolton +3.
Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt J. G. Warwick +4.

SECOND ROUND

E. P. C. Cotter bt Prof. B. C. Neal +13.
J. B. Gilbert bt Mrs. W. Longman +20.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +14.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt A. D. Karmel +3.
H. O. Hicks bt Capt. H. G. Stoker +8.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish +11.
Col. D. W. Beamish bt W. B. C. Paynter +14.
R. A. Godby bt Miss D. A. Lintern +10.

THIRD ROUND

E. P. C. Cotter bt J. B. Gilbert +20.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt B. Lloyd-Pratt +1.
H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +20.
R. A. Godby bt Col. D. W. Beamish +7.

SEMI-FINAL

E. P. C. Cotter bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 9.
H. O. Hicks bt R. A. Godby +14.

FINAL

E. P. C. Cotter bt H. O. Hicks by 26.

PLAY-OFF

H. O. Hicks bt E. P. C. Cotter by 8.

TURNER CUP

OPEN SINGLES

(1 bisque and over)

(15 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Mrs. E. F. Narbey by 17.
Lady Ursula Abbey bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 2 (on time).
T. F. H. Jessel bt C. H. R. Penny by 9.
Miss K. Ault bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 5.
D. J. Wilson-Haffenden bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts by 11.
Miss K. D. Hickson bt Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard by 8.
Prof. A. W. Skempton bt Maj. J. R. Abbey by 8.

SECOND ROUND

Lady Ursula Abbey bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 8.
Miss K. Ault bt T. F. H. Jessel by 3.
Miss K. D. Hickson w.o. D. J. Wilson-Haffenden (opponent retired).
Mrs. P. D. Showan bt Prof. A. W. Skempton by 15.

SEMI-FINAL

Miss K. Ault bt Lady Ursula Abbey by 3.
Mrs. P. D. Showan bt Miss K. D. Hickson by 2.

FINAL

Mrs. P. D. Showan bt Miss K. Ault by 7.

YOUNGER CUP

LEVEL SINGLES

(4½ bisques and over)

(14 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

N. M. Baldwin w.o. Mrs. E. A. Roper (opponent retired).
J. M. Rivington bt Cmdr. G. Borrett by 9.
R. O. Havery bt G. V. Evans by 9.
Gen. F. H. N. Davidson bt S. G. Hampson by 19.
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts w.o. Mrs. R. R. Williams (opponent retired).
I. E. Banks bt Miss B. Duthie by 20.

SECOND ROUND

N. M. Baldwin bt W. B. Franklin by 6.
R. O. Havery bt J. M. Rivington by 6.
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts bt Gen. F. H. N. Davidson by 12.
I. E. Banks bt Mrs. A. W. Skempton by 12.

SEMI-FINAL

R. O. Havery bt N. M. Baldwin by 5.
I. E. Banks w.o. L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (opponent scratched).

FINAL

I. E. Banks bt R. O. Havery by 2.

LONGWORTH CUP

LEVEL SINGLES

(8 bisques and over)

(6 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. T. Croal bt A. E. Egerton by 17.
O. A. Kerensky w.o. Lord Mabane (opponent scratched).

SEMI-FINAL

C. H. Townshend bt Mrs. T. Croal by 14.
O. A. Kerensky bt Mrs. B. Sundius Smith by 10.

FINAL

C. H. Townshend bt O. A. Kerensky by 13.

MIXED OPEN DOUBLES

(17 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

A. D. Karmel and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt R. A. Godby and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 17.

SECOND ROUND

H. O. Hicks and Mrs. W. Longman bt E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 8.
W. B. C. Paynter and Mrs. E. F. Narbey bt J. P. R. Bolton and Mrs. E. Rotherham by 1 (on time).
B. Lloyd-Pratt and Lady Ursula Abbey w.o. D. J. Wilson-Haffenden and Miss S. G. Hampson (opponent scratched).
R. O. Hicks and Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt A. D. Karmel and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 2 (on time).
J. G. and Miss E. J. Warwick bt M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. P. D. Showan by 6.
Dr. S. R. Duff and Miss B. Duthie bt M. P. Reitchesen and Mrs. E. A. Roper by 6 (on time).
J. T. Laurenson and Mrs. A. W. Skempton bt R. O. Havery and Miss K. Ault by 1 (on time).
J. B. Gilbert and Miss D. A. Lintern bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson by 3 (on time).

THIRD ROUND

H. O. Hicks and Mrs. W. Longman w.o. W. B. C. Paynter and Mrs. E. F. Narbey (opponent scratched).
B. Lloyd-Pratt and Lady Ursula Abbey bt R. O. Hicks and Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 10.
J. G. and Miss E. J. Warwick bt Dr. S. R. Duff and Miss B. Duthie by 18.
J. B. Gilbert and Miss D. A. Lintern bt J. T. Laurenson and Mrs. A. W. Skempton by 7 (on time).

SEMI-FINAL

H. O. Hicks and Mrs. W. Longman bt B. Lloyd-Pratt and Lady Ursula Abbey by 5.
J. G. and Miss E. J. Warwick bt J. B. Gilbert and Miss D. A. Lintern by 21.

FINAL

J. G. and Miss E. J. Warwick bt H. O. Hicks and Mrs. W. Longman by 4.

LADIES FIELD CANDLESTICKS

HANDICAP DOUBLES

(10 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. A. W. Skempton (2) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon and Mrs. E. A. Roper (8½) by 10.
Mrs. W. Longman and Mrs. E. Rotherham (-4½) bt Miss B. Duthie and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (8½) by 10.

SECOND ROUND

Miss K. Ault and Mrs. E. F. Narbey (6) bt Mrs. P. D. Showan and Miss S. G. Hampson (10) by 11.
Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. A. W. Skempton (2) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. A. D. Karmel (7½) by 12.
Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. M. L. Thom (4) bt Mrs. W. Longman and Mrs. E. Rotherham (-4½) by 18.
Lady Ursula Abbey and Mrs. Sundius-Smith (12) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss K. D. Hickson (3½) by 4.

SEMI-FINAL

Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. A. W. Skempton (2) w.o. Miss K. Ault and Mrs. E. F. Narbey (6) (opponent scratched).
Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. M. L. Thom (4) bt Lady Ursula Abbey and Mrs. Sundius-Smith (12) by 1 (on time).

FINAL

Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. M. L. Thom (4) bt Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. A. W. Skempton (2) by 8.

MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES

(15 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

R. O. Hicks and Col. D. W. Beamish (-2½) bt B. Lloyd-Pratt and I. Banks (3) by 3.
M. P. Reitchesen and Cmdr. G. Borrett (5½) bt Brig. A. E. and L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (9½) by 17.
M. B. Reckitt and R. O. Havery (5½) bt A. D. Karmel and W. B. Franklin (4) by 6.
J. G. Warwick and J. M. Rivington (2½) bt E. P. C. Cotter and E. A. Roper (-1) by 10.
A. W. Skempton and D. J. Wilson-Haffenden (7½) bt B. G. Neal and W. B. C. Paynter (1) by 3 (on time).
Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard and J. P. R. Bolton (2) bt Dr. S. R. Duff and Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8) by 13.
H. O. Hicks and J. T. Laurenson (-2) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and C. H. R. Penny (2½) by 20.

SECOND ROUND

R. O. Hicks and Col. D. W. Beamish (-2½) bt M. P. Reitchesen and Cmdr. G. Borrett (5½) by 5.
M. B. Reckitt and R. O. Havery (5½) bt J. G. Warwick and J. M. Rivington (2½) by 12.
A. W. Skempton and D. J. Wilson-Haffenden (7½) bt Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard and J. P. R. Bolton (2) by 15.
H. O. Hicks and J. T. Laurenson (-2) bt T. F. H. Jessel and R. A. Godby (3½) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL

M. B. Reckitt and R. O. Havery (5½) bt R. O. Hicks and Col. D. W. Beamish (-2½) by 10.
H. O. Hicks and J. T. Laurenson (-2) bt A. W. Skempton and D. J. Wilson-Haffenden (7½) by 10.

FINAL

H. O. Hicks and J. T. Laurenson (-2) bt M. B. Reckitt and R. O. Havery (5½) by 8.

HANDICAP SINGLES

(56 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) bt T. F. H. Jessel (4) by 4.
Miss K. Ault (3½) bt O. A. Kerensky (9) by 1.
R. O. Hicks (-1) bt Prof. A. W. Skempton (3½) by 4.
G. Williams (-½) bt Dr. S. R. Duff (1½) by 13.
Mrs. A. D. Karmel (7½) bt C. H. Townshend (9) by 14.
B. Lloyd-Pratt (-2) w.o. Mrs. D. L. Sundius-Smith (10) (opponent retired).
J. B. Gilbert (-1) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (3) by 7.
J. M. Rivington (4½) bt L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (6½) by 20.
Miss K. D. Hickson (4) bt Maj. J. R. Abbey (1½) by 11.
Prof. B. G. Neal (1) bt R. A. Godby (-½) by 3.
W. B. Franklin (5) bt Mrs. E. F. Narbey (2½) by 8.
Mrs. W. Longman (-1½) w.o. G. V. Evans (4½) (opponent scratched).
R. O. Havery (6) bt Miss S. G. Hampson (7) by 14.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) w.o. Mrs. R. R. Williams (5½) (opponent scratched).

Dr. H. J. Penny (1) w.o. N. M. Baldwin (5½) (opponent retired).
I. E. Banks (5) bt J. T. Laurenson (1) by 3.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (2) by 12.
Cmdr. G. Borrett (6) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2½) by 18.
D. J. Wilson-Haffenden (4) bt Mrs. A. W. Skempton (4½) by 13.
M. B. Reckitt (-½) bt Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) by 1.
A. D. Karmel (-1) bt Mrs. T. Croal (8) by 16.
Mrs. P. D. Showan (3) bt Miss B. Duthie (6) by 15.
M. P. Reitchesen (-½) bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (-1½) by 20.
Miss E. J. Warwick (-2½) bt Mrs. O. A. Kerensky (14) by 15.

SECOND ROUND

C. H. R. Penny (1½) bt J. G. Warwick (-2) by 13.
Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard (3) w.o. Lord Mabane (9) (opponent retired).
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) bt Miss K. Ault (3½) by 2.
R. O. Hicks (-1) bt G. Williams (-½) by 26.
B. Lloyd-Pratt (-2) bt Mrs. A. D. Karmel (7½) by 14.
J. M. Rivington (4½) bt J. B. Gilbert (-1) by 1.
Prof. B. G. Neal (1) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (4) by 16.
W. B. Franklin (5) bt Mrs. W. Longman (-1½) by 20.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt R. O. Havery (6) by 2.
I. E. Banks (5) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (1) by 19.
Cmdr. G. Borrett (6) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) by 16.
D. J. Wilson-Haffenden (4) bt M. B. Reckitt (-½) by 8.
Mrs. P. D. Showan (3) bt A. D. Karmel (-1) by 20.
Miss E. J. Warwick (-2½) bt M. P. Reitchesen (-½) by 8.
J. P. R. Bolton (-1) w.o. Col. D. W. Beamish (-1½) (opponent retired).
W. B. C. Paynter (0) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6½) (opponent scratched).

THIRD ROUND

C. H. R. Penny (1½) bt Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard (3) by 5.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) bt R. O. Hicks (-1) by 8.
J. M. Rivington (4½) bt B. Lloyd-Pratt (-2) by 15.
Prof. B. G. Neal (1) bt W. B. Franklin (5) by 11.
I. E. Banks (5) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) by 3.
Cmdr. G. Borrett (6) bt D. J. Wilson-Haffenden (4) by 9.
Miss E. J. Warwick (-2½) bt Mrs. P. D. Showan (3) by 14.
J. P. R. Bolton (-1) bt W. B. C. Paynter (0) by 21.

FOURTH ROUND

C. H. R. Penny (1½) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) by 24.
Prof. B. G. Neal (1) bt J. M. Rivington (4½) by 13.
Cmdr. G. Borrett (6) bt I. E. Banks (5) by 2.
J. P. R. Bolton (-1) bt Miss E. J. Warwick (-2½) by 26.

SEMI-FINAL

C. H. R. Penny (1½) bt Prof. B. G. Neal (1) by 15.
J. P. R. Bolton (-1) bt Cmdr. G. Borrett (6) by 12.

FINAL

C. H. R. Penny (1½) bt J. P. R. Bolton (-1) by 20.

LONGMAN CUP

HURLINGHAM v. PARSONS GREEN

SINGLES

Prof. A. W. Skempton (3½) lost to Mrs. P. D. Showan (3) —9.
Mrs. A. W. Skempton (4½) lost to Mrs. L. Farlie (8) —5 (on time).
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (5) lost to Mrs. G. Trull (8) —9.

DOUBLES

Prof. and Mrs. A. W. Skempton (8) bt Mrs. P. D. Showan and Mrs. T. Croal (11) +4 (on time).
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson and Miss B. Duthie (11) lost to Mrs. G. Trull and Mrs. Farlie (16) —1 (on time).
Parsons Green bt Hurlingham 4-1.

EDGBASTON v. CHELTENHAM

SINGLES

J. B. Meacham (3) bt F. W. Meredith (2) by +15.
Prof. A. S. C. Ross (6½) bt W. Green (7) by +11.
Dr. B. R. Sandiford (3½) lost to Cmdr. G. Borrett (5) —24.

DOUBLES

J. B. Meacham and Prof. A. S. C. Ross (9½) bt F. W. Meredith and Miss McKean (11) by +18.
Dr. B. R. Sandiford and F. R. Meacham (10½) v. Cmdr. G. Borrett and W. Green (12) game unfinished.
Edgbaston bt Cheltenham 3-1 (one unfinished).

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TOURNAMENTS

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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.

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Referee.—Mrs. E. Reeve.

Assistant Referees will be appointed under Reg. 3 (a).

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EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. DRAW AND PROCESS. Holder of the Ionides Challenge Trophy: Mrs. W. Longman. Entrance Fee, 15s. 0d.
- 2.—DEVONSHIRE PARK SALVER. LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at $\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ inclusive. Holder: G. Williams. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
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- 5.—FELIX CUP. LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 12 to 16 inclusive. Holder: Mrs. G. E. Cave. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
- 6.—OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. The Victor Vases. 1963 winners: D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. E. Rotherham. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each competitor.
- 7.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 4 bisques. Players who enter for Event 6 may not enter for this Event. All games start at the 3rd hoop. Time limit $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours—No extra half-hour. Entrance Fee 11s. 6d. each competitor.
- 8.—HANDICAP SINGLES "X.Y". THE SUSSEX CHALLENGE CUP. Holder: Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé. To be drawn in one block. Entrance Fee, 15s. 0d.
- 9.—MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Holder of the O'Callaghan Gold Challenge Cup: Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
- 10.—WOMEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Holder of the Franc Challenge Trophy: Mrs. W. Longman. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
- 11.—RESTRICTED HANDICAP SINGLES. Restricted to competitors who have not entered for Events 9 or 10. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
- 12.—HANDICAP SINGLES "X.Y". THE SUSSEX UNION CHALLENGE CUP. Holder: Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard. Entrance Fee, 15s. 0d.
- 13.—RESTRICTED HANDICAP DOUBLES. Restricted to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 2 bisques. All games start at 3rd hoop. Time limit $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours—No extra half-hour. 1963 winners: Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi and Mrs. J. R. Oxley. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each competitor.

CONDITIONS

- 1.—Competitors may enter for only one of Events 1-5.
- 2.—All matches will be of single games.*
- 3.—Events 1, 6, 9 and 10, will be played under the Laws of Advanced Play and Event 2 under the Laws of Semi-advanced Play. Events 3, 4 and 5, law 36 suspended.

INFORMATION

ENTRIES, ACCOMPANIED BY ENTRANCE FEES, FOR ALL EVENTS (EXCEPT 6, 7 AND 13) MUST REACH THE SECRETARY, C.A., HURLINGHAM S.W.6. BY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th. (Do not

send Entries to Devonshire Park.) Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to the Croquet Association.

Competitors may enter for Events 6, 7 and 13 in the above way, but, if there is still room, entries will be accepted at Devonshire Park by the Secretary up to half-an-hour of the time of the Draw.

Non-Associates must also pay a Tribute of 25s. or 12s. 6d. for one event only; but on their becoming Associates any Tribute paid by them during the current year will be refunded or credited against their subscriptions.

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

DRAW.—The Draw for all Events except 6, 7 and 13 will take place in the C.A. Offices, Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6, at 11.45 a.m. on Friday, September 18th. The Draw for Events 6 and 7, will take place at Devonshire Park at noon on Tuesday, September 29th and for Event 13 at Devonshire Park at noon on Tuesday, October 6th.

In addition to the courts at Devonshire Park some use may be made of the Compton Courts.

Entries may be limited if found necessary.

All competitors will be notified by post card of the day and time on which they will be required to play.

PLAY.—Play will normally begin at 10 a.m. daily and continue until daylight fails, but the Manager may vary this, if it seems desirable.

All competitors must report to the Manager on arrival.

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

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

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

N.B.—The Match this year will be played on the second Saturday, October 10th.

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