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We hasten to congratulate Tom Scrimshaw upon the honour accorded to him in being one of the A.A.A. team to compete against Cambridge University.

There are many more honours in store for Tom yet, unless we are greatly mistaken.

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The Spring always brings us a big influx of new members and we extend a very hearty welcome to the following: R. W. Farrington, T. Wakem, A. E. Brown, A. T. A. Jordan, W. F. G. L. Goodman, A. D. Purdy, F. A. Arrowsmith, F. J. Green, L. F. Bailey, G. F. A. Attwood, F. Stroud, E. R. Turner, L. Griffiths, C. E. Crome, E. R. Swain, E. H. Pack, J. Conroy, G. M. Murray, H. T. Whipp, F. Walker, R. J. M. Plant, H. Sloan, L. Morgan, J. F. Dempsey, H. Jones, L. A. J. Cramphorn, A. A. Doggett, J. F. R. White, A. S. Cole, E. J. W. Bayliss, J. Green, E. G. A. Lake, W. F. A. Newby, S. J. Harper, E. T. Williamson, H. T. Field, C. Jones, J. H. Martin, G. Deighton, D. D. Ivall, W. G. Gould, E. Fowles, E. C. M. Widdows, A. Gourfinkel, C. J. Hayden, A. E. Holder, J. Hewett, C. C. Redman, E. Sampietro, R. Hayes, F. E. Bentley.

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Some of the above have already been prominent and no doubt the others will be in the limelight in due course. Arrowsmith has represented London University and F. Stroud has shown us that he is a sprinter of more than ordinary promise. Turner is well known as the British Javelin record-holder and was a member of the team to visit Canada last year. Other field-events men of prominence included in the list above are J. Conroy, Essex Shot Putt Champion, and D. D. Ivall, who was placed

second in a similar event in the Surrey Championships; Pack has already shown form which justifies us in predicting a "future" for him and another well-built sprinter is Doggett, who should develop considerably. Others to have made their mark are H. Jones, F. Walker and F. E. Bentley, who recently finished third in the Police Barking—Southend Walk.

We are glad to welcome all these new friends and wish them a long and happy association with the Club.

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Congratulations to Paul Khlopin upon his marriage. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Khlopin long life and happiness.

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Another reminder: The attention of members is called to the fact that there are available for use at Battersea Park, four javelins, two shots, a discus and a vaulting pole. These are supplied for the use of members only and particular care should be taken in using the javelins.

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And last, but not least, the Hon. Treasurer wishes to again remind all the members who have not yet paid their subscription to do so at once. Eight months of the year have gone and in another four months another 6/- will be due. You cannot expect the Club to help you if *you* do not help the Club.

ROUND THE OPEN MEETINGS

The first Open Meeting of any consequence of the season was that promoted by the Geneva S.C. at Stamford Bridge. Sid Warboys delighted us all by the easy way in which he won the 13½ miles road race in record time. To beat men like Slaney, Harry Payne, Gretton and Norris and smile all the while would not appear to be an easy task, but Sid did so as a matter of course, and one day he may well do a performance entitling him to a prominent place in the history of distance running.

Another good performance was that of our team in the two miles race, to finish second to Birchfield H., only three points away. With Arthur Allum out (unfortunately he is still nursing a sprained ankle) we should probably have won, and another Cup would be on the Club sideboard! Our team consisted of A. W. Penny (6), who ran a fine race, J. E. Flower (8), and T. J. Flower (14).

Scrimshaw ran well in the 600yds. scratch race, but could only manage second place to M. Carr, of the Polytechnic H., and D. E. Jordan was second in the 120yds. Veterans.

Two Southern Amateur Athletic League fixtures were included in the L.A.C. meeting on May 23rd, at Stamford Bridge.

Rain poured throughout the afternoon and the first fixture in which we had an active interest was the 4 x 440yds. relay. Our team was Titherley, Michael, Jarvis and Tosh, and they were unlucky enough to be drawn on the outside. From the first bend we were behind and remained there until Tosh, running the last "leg," picked up one position and so we finished fifth.

In the 4 x 880yds. Fred Ford started for us and handed over third or fourth close behind the leader. Scrimshaw took us into the lead by means of a splendid run. The S.L.H. representative passed our man, Joe Flower, on the next stage and this remained our position to the end, Jim Tosh running last.

Thus we gained seven points during the afternoon, which consolidated our position in the League.

May 27th. On this evening our representatives, Clemens and Fleming, won the S.A.A.L. Inter-Club Long Jump Competition, and so earned the Club's congratulations.

Whit Monday. On this day our members, as usual, were distributed throughout the South and numerous wins were reported.

At the British Games, E. R. Turner won the Javelin event with a throw of 167ft. 9½in. and Powell was third, throwing 161ft. 7½in.; Tom Scrimshaw was successful in the scratch 880yds. race in 2min. 0 4-5sec.

In the Special Four Miles Handicap framed to help Paavo Nurmi in his attempt upon the record, Arthur Penny finished third, never being caught by the "Flying Finn."

Our 6 x 440yds. team was fourth and our Junior 4 x 110yds. team occupied the same position.

At Woking, S. T. Ring won the Walk, and G. Basford was second in the 100yds. at Luton.

At Reading, Norman Dewberry and A. H. Shannon won the mile and 220yds. respectively, and Jack Flower was second in the Steeplechase handicap; F. Stroud won the 300yds. and was second in the 100yds. at Iford, a creditable performance.

On the following day, J. E. Read won the 220yds. at Wolverton, much to the delight of the other "Bels" assembled there.

May 30th. We received our usual invitation to participate in "The Kinnaird Trophy Competition," confined to the nine strongest Clubs in the country, and our men acquitted themselves creditably. T. Scrimshaw ran like a seasoned veteran in the final of the 880yds. race, but found T. Hampson a little too strong for him in the last few yards. Our man's running gave the crowd a great thrill, for it gripped the imagination to see a young runner not yet 21 giving Hampson a keen tussle and making men like Gutteridge and Ellis look like "selling-platers."

Our other man to do well was Clemens, who finished third in the Long Jump with a leap of 20ft. 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.

These two excellent performances by two of our younger members, scored five points in the Competition for us, and enabled us to finish sixth of the nine competing clubs. This is most creditable in a competition in which only men of the very highest class can hope to score.

The 4 x 220yds. S.A.A.L. fixture was included at this meeting and we did well to finish third to South London H. and the Polytechnic H., with Ilford A.C., Highgate H. and Surrey A.C. behind us. Jarvis led for us, passing on to Read. Then McKay, finishing with Odell, and this quartet are to be congratulated. Read has certainly strengthened our team.

The programme also included a 2 miles Team Walk to which we received an invitation, together with Woodford Green A.C., Enfield A.C., Highgate H., Surrey A.C. and the promoting club, Polytechnic H., Hyde, of Enfield, won, followed by Cooper and Pope, of Woodford Green, and Fletcher, of our Club. With three to score, Woodford took team honours. Enfield were second and our team (Fletcher, F. Elson, Scamell) third.

Jack Flower finished second to Binfield, of Slough A.C., in the Southern Counties 2 miles Steeplechase Championship.

G. F. Easton was our only representative in the Marathon and he did well to finish 16th in 3hrs. 8min. 41sec., beating Standard time.

On the same day at the Crystal Palace, T. N. Wilcock was second in the 300yds. and F. Arrowsmith second in the 880yds.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS DAY.

As we go to press the news of many County successes comes in as follows :—

Surrey—

- T. Haupson. 880yds. 1st.
- A. L. Fletcher. Walk. 1st.
- F. H. C. White. 880yds. (Junior). 1st.
- G. H. Powell. Javelin. 1st.
- T. C. Jones. 440yds. Hurdles. 1st.
- D. D. Ivall. Shot Putt. 2nd.

Middlesex—

- T. H. Scrimshaw. 880yds. 2nd.

Sussex—

- J. F. King. Walk. 1st.

Congratulations all!

THE 20 MILES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

In spite of the sun's brilliant effort to provide us with a fine afternoon, the conditions were rather trying for the 15 walkers who faced the starter in the race for the Club 20 Mile Championship at Wimbledon on April 19th. The sun shone brilliantly for the early part of the race but later a cold wind, together with rain, made us wonder whether we were not getting too much of a good thing—March winds and April showers.

Tommy Green went to the front at the start and at the end of the first mile led by a yard or two from Harold and Joe King, walking together, with Jack Field 80yds. behind. By the time the "Green Man" was reached, Green had increased his lead to 25yds., whilst Field had dropped further behind.

On coming back past the Memorial (8 miles) H. F. King with an effort caught Tommy, but would probably have been wiser to have saved himself until the second time round.

The course was then over the single circuit of our "Open," bringing in the drop down Combe Hill and the stiff pull up Pepy's Road. It was here that Green drew away from Harold King and he led by 150yds. at the "Green Man" (13 miles): Joe followed 50yds. behind.

Hillier, who was walking with Knifton in 7th position, appeared to be walking very strongly at this point and seemed certain to win the handicap if he could last.

Saunders retired at 17 miles when walking strongly, owing to blisters which he had no desire to irritate in view of the National Championship three weeks later.

Tommy Green eventually broke the tape 2mins. 34 sec. ahead of Joe King, who had passed Harold having a bad time at 15 miles. Jack Field walked splendidly over the last 4 miles and only failed by 100yds. to beat H. F. King for third place.

Jack Rathbone gave a good account of himself by finishing fifth, whilst Elson and Knifton, both of whom started very steadily, finished full of walking.

The Handicap resulted in a well-deserved win for A. H. Field; Joe King was second and our old stager (?), Charlie Speechley, third.

RESULT.

Posn.	Name	All'ee	Actual Time	H'cap Time	H'cap Pos'n
1.	T. W. Green	Ser.	2 47 28	2 47 28	10
2.	J. F. King	10 30	2 50 2	2 39 32	2
3.	H. F. King	7 30	2 52 45	2 45 15	9
4.	J. E. Field	11 30	2 53 34	2 42 4	7
5.	J. Rathbone	14 30	2 57 59	2 43 29	8
6.	F. H. Elson	10 0	3 0 55	2 50 55	13
7.	B. J. Knifton	16 0	3 4 50	2 48 50	12
8.	C. H. Speechley	26 0	3 5 56	2 39 56	3
9.	R. G. Hillier	24 30	3 6 23	2 41 53	6
10.	A. H. Field	27 0	3 6 28	2 39 28	1
11.	S. T. Ring	31 0	3 12 0	2 41 0	5
13.	J. N. Thomas	40 0	3 20 10	2 40 10	4
13.	A. Martin	36 0	3 23 28	2 47 28	11

The course was about half a mile short.

C.W.R.

THE R.W.A. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

About ten days before this Championship was to be decided we received a setback from which we never seemed to recover. News came from Eastleigh that our Champion, Tommy Green, from whom we were expecting a really fine performance, had had the misfortune to lose a thumb in the course of his work. He was immediately taken to hospital and given the best of attention, but the nature of the injury and the shock sustained had robbed us of Tommy's services for the National Championship. We extend our sympathy to Tommy, and are glad to say that he is making good progress, and that in a month or so he hopes to be as well as ever.

May 9th arrived and we assembled at Enfield for the most important race of the year. Tommy Green was present as a spectator and despite our undoubted handicap we appeared to have a very strong team, capable of maintaining the tradition the Club has built up in this particular race.

This view was upheld by the positions at eight and a half miles. Here Derby were prominent but we had Joe and Harold King in sixth and seventh positions, Field 12th, and several of our men walking easily in the thirties. At fifteen miles, although we were not doing nearly as well as we should have liked, our chances of a place were still quite good. It was obvious by this time that nothing less than a miracle could rob Derby of team honours. Our positions were now: H. F. King, 17, J. F. King 18, J. Rathbone 32, J. E. Field 34, E. Saunders 36.

It was in the last five miles that our position weakened, all these men losing places, with the exception of E. Saunders. Joe King was attacked by cramp, causing him to lose many places, and Rathbone also had to stop. Saunders from being our fifth man

at 15 miles became our second man to finish and accomplished his best performance over twenty miles. Harold King struggled on pluckily during the closing stages and becomes the holder of the "S. Bayliss" Cup awarded to the first Club man to finish. Thus our four scoring men finished 24, 34, 35 and 45, giving us seventh position.

If this result is disappointing, we obtain a certain measure of satisfaction at the form shown by our second team men. Our "B" team was placed 12th of the 25 competing teams, which must be considered a very creditable performance. Hillier and Field (A.H.) showed very promising form in their first National Championship.

Derby W. Club's excellent performance of placing their men 5, 6, 7 and 13 is deserving of the highest praise and we congratulate them upon winning the Championship for the first time. Next year we must make a spirited effort to regain our lost honours, and the Championship for the South. It will not be an easy task, but I am confident that we have the men capable of doing it. When May, 1932, comes round, we should have Tommy Green, fit and well; Fred Rickards, who was sorely missed this year, but expects to be out again next Winter; and our other men showing their real form. In addition, we shall probably have the assistance of F. E. Bentley, who finished third in the recent Police Barking to Southend Walk—a performance of high merit—and has since become a member of our Club. Also, our younger members may be expected to strengthen the teams, and so the future looks quite bright.

In fact, one year ahead you may well be reading of a Belgrave victory in place of this year's reverse! We have every confidence in the swing of pendulum, and in the knowledge that you can't keep so many undoubtedly good men down all the time. And so we must leave it till May, 1932.

RESULTS.

Pos'n	Name				h.	m.	s.
1.	T. Lloyd Johnson (Leicester W.C.)	...	...	...	2	52	41 3-5
2.	A. E. Plumb (North London H.)	...	...	...	2	52	43
24.	H. F. King (Belgrave)	...	A	...	3	2	44
34.	E. Saunders	...	A	...	3	7	5
35.	J. E. Field	...	A	...	3	7	18
45.	J. F. King	...	A	...	3	9	53
55.	R. G. Hillier	...	B	...	3	11	56
62.	J. Rathbone	...	A	...	3	13	27
63.	A. H. Field	...	B	...	3	13	34
70.	C. H. Speechley	...	A	...	3	14	50

Pos'n	Name						h.	mi.	s.
74.	F. H. Elson	...	..	...	A	...	3	15	10
90.	T. W. Salmon	...	..	...	B	...	3	20	3
103.	J. C. Bidgood	...	..	...	B	...	3	24	12
127.	B. J. T. Knifton	...	..	...	A	...	3	30	23
131.	J. N. Thomas	...	..	...	B	...	3	31	24
138.	A. Martin	...	..	...	B	...	3	37	39

H. F. King gains a first-class standard medal (3hrs. 5mins.), and those beating 3hrs. 15mins. second-class medals.

TEAM PLACINGS.

1. Derby W.C.	31pts.	3. Birmingham W.C.	...	58pts.
2. Sheffield Utd. H.	...	56pts.	7. Belgrave H. (A)	...	137pts.	
			12. Belgrave H. (B)	...	301pts.	

REVIEW.

Capt. F. A. M. Webster, the well-known athletic coach, has sent us a copy of his latest book, "Athletes in Action," for review and we can confidently recommend it to our runners and field events men as being certain to effect improvements in their form, if the instructions and advice contained in the book are carried out.

As the title suggests, the book consists of hundreds of action photographs illustrating the various stages of sprinting, distance running, hurdling and the field events. Thus, for example, there are 28 photographs illustrating sprinting from the "On the Mark" position to striding, and on the opposite page to the photograph appears the text matter emphasising the particular points to be studied. His particularly happy method has been adopted throughout the book, and among the celebrated athletes who are so photographed are A. Jonath, one of Germany's fastest sprinters; Guy Butler (440yds.); D. G. A. Lowe (880yds.); P. Nurmi (Distance); H. Trossbach, the German Record-holder for the Hurdles; J. Simpson (440yds. Hurdles); C. Hoff, Norwegian and ex-World's Pole Vault Champion; Dr. Honner (Long Jump); E. Hirschfeld, the World's Shot Putt Record-holder; B. Szepes, Hungarian Javelin Champion; and many others.

It is the author's intention that the book should be taken on the track by the athlete and then, either by himself or with the assistance of a friend, the methods exemplified in the action photographs imitated. In this way, correct style is inculcated and improvement assured.

To conclude, the athlete is bound to find much of interest in this well-written book and the majority would surprise themselves if the principles laid down by Capt. Webster were followed out in full.

"Athletes in Action" is published by John F. Shaw (1928) & Co., Ltd., 3 Pilgrim Street, E.C., and is priced at 6/-.

INTER-CLUB MATCH AT EALING ON MAY 9th.

A very interesting four-cornered contest was held at Drayton Green Track, Ealing, on Saturday, May 9th. The competing clubs were: Ealing H., Belgrave H., Slough H. and Ashcombe A.C. Points were scored in each event and the "Bels" emerged good winners after a capital afternoon's sport.

W. L. Vincent won both sprints for the home club, with Jock McKay running him close on each occasion.

J. C. Robbins, the S.L.H. runner, won the Mile for Slough H. in fine style, with Joe Flower and Norman Dewberry scoring for us. Somebody said our mile Champion started in this race, but at all events he was missing at the finish, so we make this statement with reserve.

Slough also secured first place in the 880yds., S. E. Binfield showing a clean pair of heels to the other competitors.

In the 3 Miles Team our four men finished 1, 3, 5, 7, and with three to score we thus had an easy win in the team race. Arthur Penny had a fine fight with Cohen, of Ashcombe, while Vic Harman, of Slough, found the pace a little too hot for him. Bert Footer ran his usual dogged race, while our Captain, Bill Webb, just strode round enjoying the beauty of this pleasantly-situated track.

For the last event, the 1 mile Medley Relay, we had to field a more or less experimental team, owing to the fact of all our men having already raced in one or more events. The team, however, all ran splendidly and we won in fine style, with Slough H. second.

It was a fixture which all our boys enjoyed very much and we look forward to next year's meeting.

RESULTS.

100 Yards.—W. L. Vincent, Ealing H., 1; J. R. McKay, Belgrave H., 2; R. Edgard, Slough H., 3; J. Bruckland, Ashcombe A.C., 4. 10 2-5sec.

1 Mile.—J. C. Robbins, Slough H., 1; J. F. Bain, Ealing H., 2; T. J. Flower, Belgrave H., 3; L. A. Cullum, Ealing H., 4. 4min. 38 sec.

880 Yards.—S. E. Binfield, Slough H., 1; R. W. Hawkes, Ealing H., 2; F. G. Ford, Belgrave H., 3; H. Titherley, Belgrave H., 4. 2min 3 4-5sec.

220 Yards.—W. L. Vincent, Ealing H., 1; J. R. McKay, Belgrave H., 2; R. W. Beswick, Ashcombe A.C., 3; T. J. Purdy, Belgrave H., 4. 24sec.

3 Miles Team.—A. W. Penny, Belgrave H., 1; L. J. Cohen, Ashcombe A.C., 2; H. E. Footer, Belgrave H., 3; V. Harman, Slough H., 4. Team placings: Belgrave H. (1, 3, 5), 1; Slough H. (4, 6, 9), 2; Ashcombe A.C. (2, 11, 14), 3; Ealing H. (8, 10, 12), 4.

1 Mile Relay.—Belgrave H., 1; Slough H., 2; Ealing H., 3; Ashcombe A.C., 4. 3min. 53sec.

Final Points.—Belgrave H., 35pts., 1; Ealing H., 28pts., 2; Slough H., 26pts., 3; Ashcombe A.C., 13pts., 4.

MATCH v. THE LONDON ATHLETIC CLUB ON MAY 2nd.

Our opening meeting at Battersea Park Track on May 2nd was blessed with fine weather and a huge crowd enjoyed the fine racing between the London Athletic Club and our own Club.

Scoring points, 4, 3, 2, 1, for each event; the result of the match was a tie, 30 all.

As usual, the L.A.C. won the 100yds., although this time we did manage to gain third and fourth places.

Tommy Scrimshaw gained a fine victory for us in the 880 yds. match after a good tussle with Firebrace, the Cambridge runner, while our other men came along and filled the minor placings.

In the 1 Mile, Jack Flower scored an easy win, although Frank Tame on his first team appearance for the Club did well to finish third.

The Long Jump saw us gain the first two places through the agency of Clemens and Fleming, although Basford in winning the club Long Jump Handicap did so well that it was a pity he did not count in the match event.

The L.A.C. turned out a very hot trio in the 440yds. and Jim Tosh just managed to split their last two men. Simpson, a big strong runner, forced the pace throughout and successfully resisted a challenge from Tommy Hampson, the A.A.A. half-mile Champion.

In the 2 Miles Team Race we had to have the individual winner in order to secure the match honours, as at this stage we were leading by two points. Despite a good effort on the part of C. T. Carter, Mellish, of the L.A.C., finished first, with another clubmate third, and so they scored 5 points to our 3, thus making the totals level.

Much to our disappointment the Javelin event had to be cancelled owing to the inability of the L.A.C. to field a team. With E. R. Turner and George Powell throwing for us, we can safely say the honours here would have been ours.

Nevertheless, it was a fine sporting match, enjoyed by all, and our boys are to be congratulated on holding our visitors to a draw.

Also at this meeting was held the Southern Amateur Athletic League 3 Miles Team Race, and a very classy field was seen out for this race. Tomlin, of Highgate, won in quite good time for so early in the season, while Penny, of our own Club, ran well to finish 5th. Our team was not at full strength owing to the necessity of fielding strong teams for the match events and so did well to finish fourth in the team race.

The Club handicaps found the Handicapper out of form, and we saw a runaway win in the 100yds. H. Morgan, who was second in this race, completed a place double by again being second in the 300yds., which was won by a promising newcomer in F. Stroud.

In the 2 Miles Walk one of our younger members, H. Latter, finished a good winner, with H. E. Larman and A. A. Harley, our Walking Hon. Sec., next to him.

The Club 880yds. Handicap resulted in a win for Frank Tame in fast time with Tom Cotton, who ran a dogged race, second, and R. W. Martin third.

For the 1 Mile Scratch Novice race a good field was seen out and another member of the Penny family showed great promise in being placed second to F. A. Sandell, who is also sure to improve with experience.

RESULTS.

MATCH EVENTS.

100 Yards.—L. F. Wright, L.A.C., 1; J. Simpson, L.A.C., 2; T. N. Wilcock, B.H., 3; E. H. Jarvis, B.H., 4. 10 2-5sec.

440 Yards.—J. Simpson, L.A.C., 1; T. Hampson, L.A.C., 2; J. E. Tosh, B.H., 3; M. H. Gutteridge, L.A.C., 4. 51 2-5sec.

1 Mile.—J. E. Flower, B.H., 1; J. M. F. Peters, L.A.C., 2; F. Tame, B.H., 3; N. R. Dewberry, B.H., 4. 4min. 37 2-5sec.

880 Yards.—T. H. Scrimshaw, B.H., 1; F. L. Firebrace, L.A.C., 2; F. G. Ford, B.H., 3; A. J. Ford, B.H., 4. 2min. 5 2-5sec.

2 Miles.—L. W. Mellish, L.A.C., 1; C. T. Carter, B.H., 2; D. F. Elgie, L.A.C., 3; W. G. Webb, B.H., 4. 10min. 3 1-5sec.

Long Jump.—J. W. Clemens, B.H., 21ft. 0½in., 1; B. W. Fleming, B.H., 19ft. 1in., 2; J. O. Lintott, L.A.C., 18ft. 5½in., 3; A. Williams, L.A.C., 18ft. 4in., 4.

S.A.A.L. 1st DIVISION.

3 Miles Team.—South London H., 1; Polytechnic H. and Highgate H., equal, 2; Belgrave H., 4; Ilford A.C., 5; Surrey A.C., 6.

CLUB EVENTS.

100 Yards.—Heat Winners: A. G. Willoughby, 35yds.; T. N. Wilcock, 3yds.; R. W. Farrington, 9yds.; A. F. Powder, 6½yds.; P. A. Pelcot, 11½yds.; H. Morgan, 11yds. Final: Willoughby, 1; Morgan, 2; Pelcot, 3. 9 3-5sec.

300 Yards.—G. A. Tutin, 19yds.; F. Stroud, 27yds.; H. Morgan, 30yds.; L. C. Clapham, 30yds. Final: Stroud, 1; Morgan, 2; Clapham, 3. 31 1-5sec.

880 Yards.—F. Tame, 55yds., 1; T. Cotton, 75yds., 2; R. W. Martin, 65yds., 3. 1min. 57 1-5sec.

Mile (Novices' Scratch).—F. A. Sandell, 1; C. H. Penny, 2; A. S. Cole, 3. 5min. 3sec.

2 Miles Walk.—H. Latter, 470, 1; H. E. Larman, 435, 2; A. A. Harley, 360, 3. 14min. 8sec.

Long Jump.—G. Basford (rec. 3ft. 3in.), 23ft. 3½in., 1; T. C. Jones (rec. 2ft. 9in.), 23ft., 2; J. W. Clemens (Scr.), 21ft. 0½in., 3.

INTER-CLUB RELAY MEETING AT BATTERSEA PARK TRACK.

On May 13th we held the first of the Inter-Club Relay meetings at Battersea Park Track.

In the first event, the 4 x 100yds., Croydon Harriers scored a good win, with ourselves second and Mitcham third. I must say that the method of running this race, by touch on the shoulder, is very unsatisfactory, and a 4 x 110yds. round the track would be much preferable and give everyone satisfaction.

The 4 x 880yds. provided us with an easy win, although Evans of Mitcham ran a fine leg for his team.

For the 4 x 300yds. we were in a quandary as Jim Tosh was unable to run owing to sickness and so we brought in Stroud, who had already raced twice on that evening. He, however, ran a strong race and well backed up by Jarvis and Titherley, enabled our last man, J. E. Read, to get away level with the Croydon runner. Read put in a fine finish and so won us yet another event.

In the Mile Team race our men finished 1, 2, 4, 5, with Jack Flower shewing the way home, and so we only dropped one point on the evening's racing.

It is to be hoped our men support the away fixtures in this competition as well as they did this one and so ensure the Club retaining possession of the Shield.

There was only one Club running Handicap on this evening, a 220yds. for Juniors under 19, and in this event we saw some promising material.

L. L. Hyde, the winner, is a newcomer, while F. Stroud continued his successes by being second with another newcomer in A. A. Doggett, third.

E. H. Pack, the scratch man, qualified for the final and was only inches outside the placed men. In fact, on this showing, our Junior sprinters will soon be forcing their way into our Senior teams, and that at a very early date.

In the Javelin Throw handicap, Turner, the scratch man was unable to compete and B. W. Fleming was successful in winning on handicap with Noble second, and our Field Events Vice-Captain, George Powell, third.

The Walk provided Harley with his initial "first," although he has been placed second and third on several occasions in the past. Jackman gained his first prize and should develop into a class walker, with perseverance, whilst Larman's continued gradual improvement gained for him third position.

RESULTS.

4 x 100 Yards.—Croydon H. 1; Belgrave H. 2; Mitcham A.C. 3; Epsom H. 4. 43sec.

4 x 300 Yards.—Belgrave H. 1; Croydon H. 2; Mitcham A.C. 3; Epsom H. 4.

4 x 880 Yards.—Belgrave H. 1; Mitcham A.C. 2; Croydon H. 3; Epsom H. 4. 8min. 32 4-5sec.

1 Mile Team.—Belgrave H. (1, 2, 4) 7pts., 1; Croydon H. (3, 6, 10) 19pts., 2; Mitcham A.C. (7, 8, 9) 24pts., 3; Epsom H. (11, 12, 13) 36pts., 4. 4min. 41sec.

Shield Points.—Belgrave H. 15pts.; Croydon H. 12pts.; Mitcham A.C. 9pts.; Epsom H. 4pts.

220 Yards Junior—Heat 1: A. A. Clubb, 15, 1; E. H. Pack, Ser., 2. Heat 2: L. L. Hyde, 14, 1; F. Stroud, 6, 2. Heat 3: A. A. Doggett, 14, 1; R. Macpherson, 12, 2. Final: Hyde 1; Stroud 2; Doggett 3. 23sec.

Javelin Throw.—1, B. W. Fleming, all 65ft.; 2, R. Noble, all 55ft.; 3, G. H. Powell, all 15ft.

2 Miles Walk—1, A. A. Harley, 340; 2, E. A. Jackman, 480; 3, H. E. Larman, 395. Time 14min. 7 4-5sec.

EVENING MEETING—MAY 20th.

At our evening meeting on May 20th, eight Club handicaps were held, and a noticeable feature was the double successes of three members, G. Basford, B. W. Hayman and A. W. Penny. Basford filled first position in both the 100yds. and 220yds. handicaps; Hayman was second in the Shot Putt and second in the 100yds.; whilst Penny's successes were first in the "half" and third in the mile.

A popular win was that of Charlie Cook, who ran away with the Veteran's 100yds. handicap off 15yds. And this at the age of 68!

The final of the 100yds. (under 19) was contested by six very promising juniors, all of whom seem likely to make their mark. The scratch man, E. H. Pack, was narrowly beaten in this heat, but one cannot be far wrong in prophesying for him high honours in the future.

The Shot Putt was won by J. Conroy (owe 1ft.), the Essex Champion, who putt 39ft. 8in.

The Walk was won by S. T. Ring, who is another one of our younger walkers showing great improvement, but the race was chiefly noticeable for the excellence of the handicapping. Although there was a fair gap between first and second men, practically all those who finished the course were in the straight at the conclusion. Larman managed to beat Jackman for

second place, so reversing their positions of the previous Wednesday. Len Fletcher finished fourth from the scratch mark, having covered the two miles in 14min. 25sec. and showed excellent form. After him came the rest of the field close together, providing an excellent race.

The Mile went to a newcomer, F. Walker, with the Penny brothers second and third.

RESULTS.

100 Yards Veterans' Handicap.—Heat 1: 1, R. W. Best, 9; 2, A. G. Willoughby, 16; w.o. Heat 2: 1, W. G. Brown, 6; 2, R. Williams, 13; w.o. Heat 3: C. Cook, 15; 2, W. Bedford, 12, 11 2-5. Final: 1, C. Cook, 15; 2, W. Bedford, 12; 3, W. G. Brown; 11 1-5sec.

100 Yards Juniors (under 19) Handicap.—Heat 1: 1, F. Cullen, 6; 2, A. Solly, 3; 3, L. C. Clapham, 5; 10 3-5. Heat 2: 1, F. Stroud, 2; 2, L. L. Hyde, 4, 3; R. Macpherson, 5; 10 3-5. Final: 1, F. Cullen, 2, F. Stroud, 3, L. L. Hyde; 10 4-5sec.

100 Yards Novices.—Heat 1: 1, W. Stone; 2, W. Plumridge; 12sec. Heat 2: 1, C. S. Kealey; 2, S. R. Johnson; 11 4-5sec. Final: 1, Kealey; 2, Johnson; 3, Stone. 11 2-5sec.

100 Yards Club Handicap.—Heat Winners: B. Hayman (6½); F. Powter (6½); G. Basford (7); W. H. C. Hughes (9½); B. W. Fleming (6). Final: 1, Basford; 2, Hayman; 3, Powter. Time 10sec.

880 Yards Handicap.—1, A. W. Penny, 65yds.; 2, H. Jones, 65yds.; 3, H. E. Nice, 45yds. Time 1min. 56 1-5sec.

2 Miles Walk Handicap.—1, S. T. Ring, 410yds.; 2, H. E. Larman, 370yds.; 3, E. A. Jackman, 440yds.; 4, A. L. Fletcher, Scr. Time 14min. 17sec.

1 Mile Handicap.—1, F. Walker, 170; 2, C. E. Penny, 145; 3, A. W. Penny, 65. Time 4min. 30sec.

220 Yards Handicap.—Heat Winners: E. H. Pack (15); E. Jarvis (2); J. W. Read (7); G. Basford (16); B. Hayman (16); L. C. Clapham (24). Final: 1, Basford, 2, Pack; 3, Read. Time 22sec.

Shot Putt Handicap.—1, J. Conroy (owe 1ft.), 38ft. 8in.; 2, B. W. Hayman (all 8ft. 6in.), 37ft. 8in.; 3, B. Langley (all 1ft.), 33ft. 2in.

WITH THE WALKERS.

We must commence these paragraphs with an expression of sympathy to Tommy Green upon his accident. Not only did it rob him of an excellent chance of winning the National 20 miles Championship, and retaining his 50 kilometres title, but the attempt upon the 50 miles and intermediate records had to be abandoned. However, Tommy is now entering races again and we hope he will soon be back in record-breaking form.

Congratulations to A. L. Fletcher and J. F. King upon winning the 2 miles Championships of Surrey and Sussex respectively. Joe King is also County Champion at 10 and 20 miles and was also first Sussex man to finish in the Hastings—Brighton Walk (38 miles), and must be acclaimed as a very versatile walker. He hopes to atone for his somewhat disappointing National Walk by being well placed in the London—Brighton in September.

Another man who, like Joe King and Tommy Green, is always bringing the Belgrave name before the provincial sporting public, is W. J. Titt. He resides at Portsmouth, and his name is often in the prize winners in South-Western England. He should be of assistance to our "Junior" team next Winter, now that he is qualified to represent us in team races.

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Attention is drawn to our One Mile Novice Walk included in our programme for June 24th. This race is open to Belgrave and unattached novices and I should appreciate early entries (Fee 1/-). So, if you have any novice friends, tell them to send their entries in at once.

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Walkers to join us recently are: L. F. Bailey, J. F. Dempsey, W. F. A. Newby, H. Sloan, J. H. Martin and F. E. Bentley.

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Future events include Club 2 mile Handicaps on June 24th and July 9th; the latter being on Richmond Athletic Club ground and is held in conjunction with Ashcombe A.C. and Thames Valley H.

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In addition, there will be a team walk over two miles (6 to start, 3 to score) at the Ravensbourne Club Meeting at New Eltham on June 27th.

The following week-end the A.A.A. Championships take place, when we hope our representatives will do well.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES.

Before commencing on the forthcoming fixtures, I should like to draw members' attention to the question of entering Club events. It states on our fixture cards that entries close 7 days prior to the event. This has, I am afraid, been sadly overlooked in the past and I have received entries as late as the day before the race.

In future I shall not be at Battersea Park on Sunday mornings, so members who have been in the habit of leaving it till then will now be too late. What I would like members to realize is that not only does it give the Handicapper no chance of compiling his handicaps in an orderly manner (with these last-minute entries he naturally has to rush them through), also it is not fair

to our groundsman, who has to wait for the marks before he can do anything. Then there is the printer to be considered, so that you can see it is a question of many people being involved.

Therefore, will all members please note that in future NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED and that entries must be sent to me AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING. Just a postcard will do; you can pay me the fee on the day, although, of course, I would prefer the money with the entry.

We now come to the first of our track Championships, namely, the 3 Miles for the "Griffin" Cup, holder Arthur Allum. This will be held at our meeting in Battersea Park on June 24th, and there will also be the following Club Handicaps: 100yds. (under 16), 150yds. (Vets. 40), 100yds., 880yds., High Jump and 2 Miles Walk. I might mention that in connection with the 3 Miles Race, Club Standard medals will be awarded to those who attain the following times: 1st class, 16min.; 2nd class, 16min. 30sec.

In addition, we are staging the S.A.A.L. Javelin Throw contest, while for Novice Walkers, either Unattached or Belgrave H., we have a 1 Mile Scratch Walk.

Entry fee for all these events is 1/- each event, and entries should be sent to me at once.

June 27th, the Club will be supporting the Ravensbourne Club meeting at Eltham, where a series of team races at varying distances will be held. Entries for these events are made by the Committee.

On July 1st we have the third Inter-Club Relay meeting between Mitcham A.C., Croydon H., Epsom H., and ourselves at the "News of the World" Track, Mitcham. The meeting will commence at 7 p.m. and anyone who cares to go along will witness a good evening's sport.

On July 3rd and 4th the A.A.A. Championships will be held at Stamford Bridge. We are hopeful of having a few Club members representing us in the Championships and while we do not expect any winners we are sure our boys will bring credit to our colours. I strongly advise all our younger members and others to indulge in a "bob's" worth and see some really fine running at this meeting. It will leave a lasting impression on their minds and will do them the world of good in encouraging them to persevere with their athletics.

At Battersea Park on July 8th we have a Junior (under 19) Inter-Club Relay contest versus Croydon H., Mitcham A.C. and Epsom H. The events will be: 3 x 100yds., 3 x 200yds., 880yds. Team race (4 to run, 3 to score), and with the promising Juniors at present in our colours, we should turn out some very strong teams in these events.

Handicaps open to all Club members will be held at : 300yds., 880yds. and Long Jump. I may say that the latter has been put on owing to many requests from members for an additional Jumping event and I hope the entries will justify its inclusion.

Kindly note that entries will close on July 1st, and send yours along in good time.

The following evening, July 9th, we have the Doris Shield competition between Ashcombe A.C., Thames Valley H. and ourselves, which will be held at Richmond on the Rugby Club's ground.

In addition to the Shield events, entries for which are made by our Committee, there will be the following Handicaps open to members of the three competing clubs: 100yds., 1 Mile run, 2 Miles Walk. It is to be hoped our members will support these Handicaps; good prizes are given and we are naturally keen that our members will swamp the other clubs. Entry fee, 1/- each event, should be sent along with your entry form and please let me have them early, as a Joint Handicap Committee has to meet in order to arrange the marks.

On July 15th we have the final Inter-Club Relay Competition contest, to be held at Wandle Park, Croydon. In addition to the usual Inter-Club events, there will be staged at this meeting several A.A.A. Open Handicaps. The first Open will be at 6 p.m. and here is an opportunity for our members to have a go at a "quiet one."

On this same evening, at Battersea Park, the S.A.A.L. 2 x 120 yds. Hurdles race will be held, and I trust our two representatives will garner in some more points for us.

In the Southern Amateur Athletic League, 1st Division, we are well placed at present and so far the relegation bogey has not troubled us. We are indebted to the members who have so worthily represented the Club in these events and are sure that in the remaining few we shall again give our opponents a strong tussle for supremacy.

All entries and enquiries to E. A. DUFFETT, *Hon. Running Sec.*,

1 Raymead Avenue, Thornton Heath.

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF THE CLUB.

This year's Annual Dinner, following on our match v. L.A.C. in the afternoon, appealed to many as the best yet held. We had a record attendance, well over a hundred being present, and found the venue to be well suited for the Club's most important social function.

Our chief guest was, of course, Mrs. Ricketts, whose husband did so much for our Club a few years back and sowed the seed from which we are now reaping the benefit. Included among the guests were: Mr. J. Binks, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pepper, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brockhouse, Mr. F. T. Summerfield, Mr. F. W. Blackmore, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jewell, and representatives of Mitcham A.C., Epsom A.C. and Croydon H. We were very pleased to see so many ladies present; and happy to have with us three Past-Presidents of the Club in Mr. A. W. Macher, Mr. R. Murphy and Mr. W. H. Hare.

The lay-out of the menu card, depicting several of the giants of the Club, created great interest, and whether it will inspire our members to an onslaught upon the County titles remains to be seen!

Speeches, as usual, and justifiably so, were on the optimistic side, and judging from the remarks passed, other Clubs are in for a very poor time! After the leader which Arthur Allum has given our men this year, we may well justify all that was said.

The musical programme was most enjoyable. The topical songs sung by Charlie Redgrave and friend ("Bros. Gay") were deservedly encored, and the musical quartet, which included our President's daughters, also pleased the gathering.

An interesting event was the presentation made to Mr. W. H. Hare, to mark the Club's esteem, upon the occasion of his recent marriage. In response to the ovation accorded to his wife and himself, Harry made an humorous little speech which caused general merriment among the married folk, but I understand his wife has since forgiven him!

At last came "Auld Lang Syne," and closed one of the most memorable Club nights.

SUMMER OUTING.

Now, I should like to know that a measure of support for our Annual "go-as-you-please" Outing will be forthcoming.

It has been arranged for Sunday, July 5th, and it is thought that we cannot improve upon Earlswood Common as a venue.

Here we have plenty of grassland, where all sorts of games can be indulged in, a swimming pool, and a near-by hostelry where an excellent tea is obtainable at a reasonable charge. And (base thought!) we have somewhere to go should the Clerk of the Weather prove unkind.

So make a note of the date and the place, July 5th, Earlswood Common, and let's have a record crowd. Your friends are welcome and will enjoy a day out in the open with the "Bels."

Those who intend going should advise me as to the size of their party in order that I may make the necessary arrangements for tea-time (bring your own lunch). Further particulars may be had from

W. A. RICE, 36 Ascalon Street, S.W.18.

MIDNIGHT STROLL TO BRIGHTON.

This annual fixture has been arranged for July 18th, and will, as usual, start from the "Swan and Sugar Loaf," Croydon, at 9-30 p.m. Those intending to participate in this stroll and to witness the glories of the dawn, should advise

MR. J. B. BELCHAMBER, 25 Yew Tree Road, W.12.

SPECIAL.

Don't Forget the Summer Outing
on July 5th

and the

Midnight Stroll to Brighton
on July 18th.

