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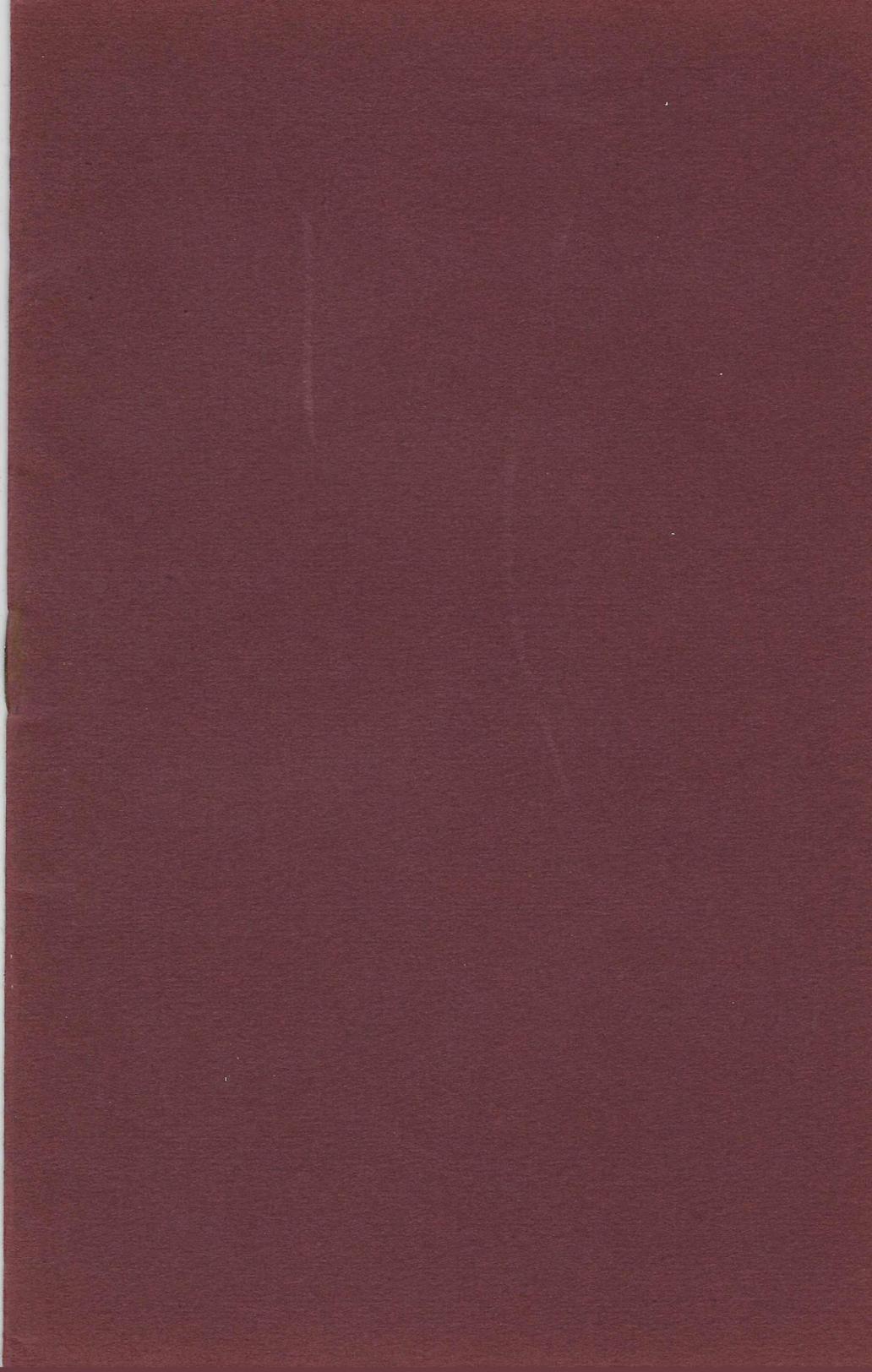
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We have recently added the following to our rolls, and extend a hearty welcome to them and wish them many years of success in our colours : F. E. Allen, W. F. Ball, B. L. Bone, C. E. Brown, G. R. Chantler, H. J. Cook, F. H. Difford, L. E. Downer, F. S. Dove, E. J. Gill, J. W. F. Gosling, H. V. Gross, J. P. G. Grosvenor, S. W. Hale, J. A. Hooper, H. W. H. Jenkins, O. L. Knudsen, R. W. Manston, H. H. Olds, R. B. Simpson, F. Stower, H. V. Stevenson, R. Nowak, T. S. Lord, J. Parry, A. H. Sampson, C. Day, W. J. Morgan, R. E. Stride, L. D. Jones, L. L. Drewett, P. A. W. Maslin, R. F. Best, F. A. Carter, J. T. Donovan.

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Our heartiest congratulations to :—

Fred Rickards upon winning the Police Championship once again and beating record over the Barking—Southend Walk by three minutes.

Jack Flower upon winning the Southern A.A.A. Steeplechase Championship.

T. Hampson, G. H. Powell, A. L. Fletcher, F. H. C. White, H. F. King, T. H. Scrimshaw, T. W. Green and J. King upon winning County Championships.

A. L. Fletcher and A. Kench for winning London Business House titles.

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Please note the particulars of the Club Outing to Earlswood Common, on June 19th, are set down elsewhere.

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And here is another outing. The Annual All-Night Stroll to Brighton will be held on the evening of Saturday, July 16th. R. G. Hillier, or our President, Mr. J. B. Belchamber, 25 Yew Tree Road, W.12, will be pleased to supply further particulars.

Sleeved, quarter-sleeved and sleeveless Club vests are obtainable from our Hon. Treasurer (whose address appears at the head of page 1), price 3/6.

It will be appreciated that it is impossible for our Treasurer to take along to the track some of each type and chest measurement. It has been suggested that he comes along on a box tricycle, but this seems a little undignified for a hard-working Club official; so please lighten his task when ordering by sending a postcard stating type required, chest measurements and when you are likely to be at the track.

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Club ties may be had from A. A. Harley, 39 Roxborough Avenue, Isleworth, Mx. Price 2/6, by post 2/9.

THE SUMMER OUTING.

It has been decided to hold our annual jaunt into the country on Sunday, June 19th, and we shall go to Earlswood Common, near Redhill, as last year. This place has many attractions. Cricket may be played and swimming indulged in if the weather is kind. At all events, a jolly time is assured by the number of "bright sparks" in the Club who have already notified their intention of being present. I should welcome any offer of cricket gear, and a Belgrave *versus* Cadogan match, if it can be arranged, should prove popular.

The usual catering arrangements will prevail, i.e., an al fresco lunch in the open air, and a set tea at 1/3 per head in "The Railway Inn."

Should the weather be unkind this place is available for an impromptu dance, etc., so don't be deferred should the sky be cloudy.

Travelling details are as follows:— Meet at Clapham Junction at 11 a.m. Cheap day fare is 2/10 return. Train leaves at 11-25 a.m.

I should be glad if those who intend going would let me know, so that I can arrange for tea.

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And now for another matter. There are still a number of outstanding accounts for Dinner and Dance tickets and I should be obliged if those members owing would settle at once. It is impossible for me to present a complete account of our Social activities to the Committee until these debts are settled, and I should be glad to have the co-operation of those concerned.

W. A. RICE, 36 Ascalon Street, S.W.8.

THE "R. W. RICKETTS" SHIELD RACE.

This year our 20 Miles Walking Championship, held on April 23rd, promised to be one of the most successful we have had with its 18 entries; but it must be confessed that the eventual result did not justify our optimism; nor was it of much assistance in the selection of our teams.

This race was notable for the fact that Len Fletcher was essaying his first attempt at 20 miles. We have come to regard him as the best man over 10 miles in the country; and now eagerly awaited his performance over the longer distance, in view of the National Championship a fortnight later.

Our President started the race and Tommy Green, the holder; Fred Rickards, a past holder; Harold King, and Len Fletcher were soon in the lead closely followed by Ted Saunders.

Very little alteration had taken place at the eight miles mark, but before the 11 miles point was reached, J. E. Field and R. G. Hillier had retired. The positions were now (at approximately 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles):—

	h. m. s.		h. m. s.
F. Rickards	1 33 7	R. D. McMullen	1 41 46
A. L. Fletcher	1 33 8	J. Rathbone	1 42 10
T. W. Green	1 33 8	C. H. Speechley.....	1 44 40
H. F. King	1 33 17	S. T. Ring	1 47 30
E. Saunders	1 35 15	F. E. Eborall.....	1 51 0
A. H. Field.....	1 40 0	A. H. East	1 51 30
W. Holman	1 41 35	J. McCarthy	1 53 0
J. C. Bidgood	1 41 46		

Rickards was forcing the pace at this point; and shortly afterwards Harold King retired owing to blistered feet. At 15 miles Tommy Green was attacked by cramp and, in view of the fact that the R.W.A. Championship was only a fortnight away, decided to retire rather than carry on and risk the reaction which such an effort would entail. Rickards and Fletcher were still together and it was only in the last 100 yards that Len drew away to win by a few yards. Fletcher had obviously had enough, but Fred Rickards finished looking as fresh as when he started.

Ted Saunders walked well to finish third, and A. H. Field's fourth position in the Championship gained him first place in the sealed handicap.

Fletcher is deserving of our heartiest congratulations in adding the Club 20 miles title to the Club Championships at two miles and 10 miles, which he already holds. Len has also been holder of the "Horwood" Cup (7 miles Junior Championship) in the past and so has held four of the six trophies the Club has to offer for walking—a record which will take a lot a equalling. And, of course, he still has plenty of time yet to gain the remain-

ing two—the “Bayliss” Cup awarded to the first Club man to finish in the National Championship, and the “Belgrave” Cup awarded for the Long Distance Club Championship over the London to Brighton course!

Here are the times, etc., of the six men who finished the course:—

		RESULT.			H'cap				
		Actual Time			All'ce Time				
		h.	m.	s.	m.	s.	h.	m.	s.
1.	A. L. Fletcher	...	...	2 56 16	...	3 0	...	2 53 16
2.	F. Rickards	...	...	2 56 18	...	2 30	...	2 53 48
3.	E. Saunders	...	...	3 4 49	...	14 0	...	2 50 49
4.	A. H. Field	...	...	3 8 0	...	20 0	...	2 48 0
5.	J. Rathbone	...	...	3 12 20	...	14 30	...	2 57 50
6.	W. Holman	...	...	3 23 17	...	25 30	...	2 57 47

Handicap Placings : 1, Field; 2, Saunders; 3, Fletcher.

THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

Two teams had been entered in the National 20 Miles Championship to be held at Fort Dunlop, Birmingham, on May 7th, and we went to the Midlands feeling confident that our walkers would make a good show, even though we were handicapped by the absence of several of our stalwarts. J. F. King, E. Saunders, J. C. Bidgood, A. H. Field and C. H. Speechley were unable to make the journey owing to business reasons, etc., and so we started one full team of eight walkers and three individuals.

From the start our men assumed prominent positions and at five miles our placings were very satisfactory. At 10 miles our team was leading, scoring 53 points to the 60 of Derby W.C.; but shortly after this misfortune overtook us. Harold King began to drop places and eventually retired with leg trouble. At 12 miles, approximately, our men were placed as follows:—

3	...	T. W. Green.
7	...	A. L. Fletcher.
16	...	F. Rickards.
31	...	F. E. Bentley.
41	...	H. F. King.

A rough calculation showed Derby to be leading with 50 pts. We now had 57 pts, Surrey Walking Club 64 pts. and Birmingham W.C. 82 pts.

At 15 miles Len Fletcher had lost some places; but Fred Rickards was gaining, as we had anticipated, and showed form which may help to gain him Olympic honours.

Unfortunately, Fletcher had to retire from the race at 17 miles and our team prospects were gone. It was a case of the spirit being willing but the flesh weak. It is to be hoped that next time his legs will not go back on him, and that he will be responsible

for a performance worthy of one who has competed with so much distinction at the shorter distances.

This retirement caused Bentley to become our third man. He had been walking a very even race and shown excellent judgement in his first attempt at 20 miles.

Meanwhile, Green, walking as well as he has ever done, was in second place without any chance of catching the North London Harrier, A. E. Plumb, who is clearly without superior at the National Championship distance. Rickards had overhauled many rivals and after a terrific tussle with Archibald, of the Surrey W.C., had to allow him to take third place, with Fred a few yards behind, fourth. As previously mentioned, Bentley, who did extremely well to finish inside three hours, was our third man to finish; and our team was completed by J. Rathbone, a member of our winning team in 1929. This secured fourth team position for us and must be considered a very creditable performance in a field of 23 teams.

Our recovery of the Championship must be left until next year. In Tommy Green and Fred we have two of the world's best walkers at 20 miles, and we must strain every effort to support them in 1933.

A special word of commendation must be given to W. Holman, who, in his first season of walking, finished 59th in 3 hrs. 6 min. 48 sec.—an excellent performance. We await his further progress with keen interest.

Position		RESULT.		h. m. s.		
Ind.	Team					
1	...	—	...	A. E. Plumb (N.L.H.)	...	2 43 38 3-5
2	...	1	...	T. W. Green	...	2 48 34 4-5
3	...	—	...	W. Archibald (S.W.C.)	...	2 49 10
4	...	3	...	F. Rickards	...	2 49 21
32	...	29	...	F. E. Bentley	...	2 59 55
59	...	—	...	W. Holman	...	3 6 48
70	...	64	...	J. Rathbone	...	3 9 16
121	...	—	...	S. T. Ring	...	3 21 31
151	...	—	...	J. McCarthy	...	3 36 34

TEAM RESULT.

1.—Derby W.C. (4, 5, 11, 17	...	...	...	...	...	37 pts.
2.—Sheffield U. H.—(6, 8, 15, 16)	...	...	...	...	...	45 pts.
3.—Surrey W.C. (2, 7, 19, 23)	...	...	...	...	...	51 pts.
4.—Belgrave H. (1, 3, 29, 64)	...	...	...	...	...	97 pts.
5.—Birmingham W.C. (18, 24, 26, 37)	...	...	...	...	...	105 pts.

19 teams closed in.

INTERMEDIATE TIMES AND POSITIONS.

T. W. Green	...	m. s.	...	h. m. s.	...	h. m. s.	...	h. m. s.
	...	42 55	...	1 24 42	...	2 5 10	...	2 48 34
		5th		6th		2nd		2nd
F. Rickards	...	m. s.	...	h. m. s.	...	h. m. s.	...	h. m. s.
	...	44 10	...	1 25 58	...	2 7 42	...	2 49 21
		28th		21st		11th		4th

THE BELGRAVE POINTS SCHEME.

To our new members this may be a novelty but, actually, the scheme has been in operation since last October. The objects are to supply a means of reward to the man who runs, walks, throws or jumps consistently well, and yet is not fortunate enough to get amongst the first three prize winners during the season. Briefly, the rules are these :—

1. The scheme applies to CLUB HANDICAPS ONLY.
2. A prize-winner in above is immediately eliminated from the scheme, and forfeits any points won.
3. Points may be scored in one group only.

Full details of how the scheme works were published in the October—November issue of the "Belgravian" (1931), which members may be able to borrow from other Club members.

Points are awarded to the men who fill the fourth, fifth and sixth positions in CLUB HANDICAPS. The groups and points for the summer track season are as follows :—

GROUP "A." All sprints and one 440 yards (June 29th)—10 races, points value is 24, 12 and 6.

GROUP "B." 880 yards (4) and one 440 yards (August 17th)—5 races, points value 48, 24 and 12. Note—The 880 yards handicap on July 30th has been transferred to Group C.

GROUP "C." 880 yards (July 30), $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, 1 mile and 2 miles—5 races, points value 48, 24 and 12.

GROUP "D." Walks—7 races, points value 36, 18 and 9.

GROUP "E." Field Events—6 events (including 120 yards hurdles)—points value 40, 20 and 10.

SPECIAL NOTE. Veterans and Junior Races are not included in this scheme. These members are requested to enter Group "A" and thus participate.

The differences in values are due to the number of races—the more races the less points, but an increased chance of scoring, and the reverse in small groups.

I will keep the points scored at every Meeting and they will be published in the Gazette regularly. I will also be pleased to supply information any time when at Battersea Park track.

The number of points to be scored to qualify for prizes is :—

240	points	win	a 1st prize.
120	"	"	2nd prize.
60	"	"	3rd prize.

These prizes are of the same value as awarded in all our races, and will be presented at the end of the season, the probable date being the Annual General Meeting in September.

K. B. O'KELL.

THE "HARRY WRIGHT" SHIELD.

Until 1924 Belgrave had never won a Senior Championship, but this year the great achievement was accomplished. We need not dwell on the further numerous honours which have been won by the Club. Now our minds are set on the few remaining events that have so far proved elusive to our men.

Our runners and walkers are now reputed all over Britain, —and abroad also—as competitors warranting great respect, and the Committee hope that within a very short time our Field Events section will also obtain the same degree of success and publicity. The first move to this end has been the alteration of conditions for competition for the shield mentioned above, presented by our loyal supporter, Mr. Harry Wright.

The Committee have agreed that the numerical strength of the section does not, at present, warrant the institution of Club Championships for the events we cater for, and I think that all our members will endorse the wisdom of this decision. To meet the needs of the section in the meantime, the Shield will carry with it the status of Field Events Champion, and this will be decided on an efficiency basis. In the past, men were *compelled* to compete in four events to score points—High Jump, Long Jump, Javelin and Shot Putt. Last year this condition was relaxed, but the competition still favoured the man who found it possible to compete in all four events, and the specialist at one particular field event was at a disadvantage.

Under the new scheme it is quite *optional* how many events a man competes in—if he likes he can "have a go" at all four, but if he prefers to specialise, then he is quite in order doing so.

I am indebted to our genial Hon. Editor, Alf. Harley, for the basic idea of the new scheme. Alf told me he attributes his lack of success in not winning a R.W.A. title to the fact that when in a race he does not concentrate enough as his brain is too busy trying to improve the conditions of the Field Events Section. Personally, I do not believe this—my reason for his backward performances is due to the fact that the officials will not allow him to take his umbrella and bowler hat with him. However, at a Committee Meeting Alf. mentioned a 100 per cent. scheme, so we have built up on this.

To set a standard to work on, the winning performances in the A.A.A. Championships for 20 years, or as near as possible, have been averaged, and Belgrave 100 per cent. standard are :—

Shot Putt	...	...	43 ft.	0 in.
High Jump	...	...	6 ft.	0 in.
Javelin	...	...	193 ft.	0 in.
Long Jump	...	...	23 ft.	3 in.

To determine the Championship we are allocating four Meetings, and these will take place as follows:—

July 30—Shot Putt	...	Battersea Park
June 29—High Jump	...	” ”
June 29—Javelin (S.A.A.L.)	...	” ”
July 13—Long Jump	...	” ”

Regarding the S.A.A.L.—even if a member is not chosen to represent the Club, I will arrange for members to have their event when the League competition is over, so make sure you send your entry in, and turn up on the evening stated.

The performances only which are achieved on the evening stated will count for the Efficiency Scheme, even if a better performance is put up before or after that date.

These are Field Events Club Championship Meetings, so members are reminded to note the dates and train accordingly.

Next year we will probably have the events on Club Championship Saturday, but the scheme for this year was not finished before the fixtures were made.

The usual handicaps will be held in conjunction.

The efficiency is decided by the performance which is nearest to the above standards: for instance, in E. R. Turner can throw the Javelin 180 feet he achieves 93.26 per cent. of the standard. To equal or beat this the High Jumpers must clear 5 ft. 7in., or the Long Jumpers must leap 21 ft. 8½ in., or Shot Putters must get really annoyed and sling that cannon ball 40 ft. 1¼ in.

It will thus be seen that a man can score efficiencies in more than one event, should he care to do so, although the highest percentage only will be recognised. It will be seen that the Javelin exponents have best chance at present, but it will be appreciated that we cannot lower our standard to suit our undeveloped talent—this would be very unfair to the “class” performers who are the rightful challengers of a Belgrave Club Championship.

In concluding, I appeal to all our members to seriously consider trying their strength and skill in the Field event handicaps. I intend to frame the handicaps *as handicaps*, so you are assured of a generous allowance. I will also ignore your previous handicap and give you allowance on what you *can do*, and *not* what you *ought to do*.

I don't intend to fiddle about in feet and inches in the Javelin event. If Bert Footer enters, I'll allow him the distance to the new Gasometer; if Harry Hare enters I'll allow him the distance of one Belgrave Building Brick, full of half-pennies, put side by

side, and so on. So my lads, try a shilling's worth, even if you have not tried before—you will get a good start, and you will also develop that symmetrical figure which will cause pangs of envy from the other chaps, and gain the admiration of the charming ladies who grace our Meetings.

For the convenience of members (And "the charming ladies," etc.—Ed.) my address is:—

127 Oakhill Road,
Putney, S.W.15.

Gifts of cigarettes, chocolates, theatre tickets, etc., will not be accepted, and I have also a special book for entering names which were not bestowed upon me on my christening day (Asbestos leaves, I hope.—Ed.).

K. B. O'KELL.

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Many of our readers may wonder who it is that dares to pull the Editorial leg with such apparent impunity, and for the this reason we append a short biographical note—98% authentic and 2% imaginative, to employ O'Kellian terms—of our mathematical Clubmate, Kenneth O'Kell.

Won Club Mile Championship in 4 min. 52 seconds and seems proud of it. Has also won it in slightly faster time, also the 7 Miles Cross-country Championship twice, and the Boxing Day 2 Miles Handicap on numerous occasions. On the principle of "set a thief, etc." has now turned handicapper to the Field Events Section.

Was evidently presented with a slide rule about his third birthday, for he has been schemer ever since. Life is for him a mathematical problem to be expressed in terms of percentages and efficiencies; and to be solved by the application of the Infinitesimal Calculus, the Binomial Theorem, a book of mathematical tables cram full of logarithms and tangents and indices and other queer things—and always the slide rule.

Ken is also a great man for charts, preferably in red, blue and green ink, and uses them to express his *ego*—mainly in red ink.

At the first Club A.G.M. I ever attended, I remember Ken made what I thought to be a very sensible speech. I write, of course, of years ago. That must be clearly understood. It is said the passage of years brings wisdom but—Ah, well! Very sad!

Never mind, he's a 100% good-natured fellow, even if his efficiency is not what it was, but, co-ordinate him! he's got me writing his peculiar jargon!

ROUND THE "OPENS."

As our Club becomes larger; the standard of athletic ability higher; and, unfortunately, the amount of space allocated to our particular sport in the Sporting Press more and more inadequate; it becomes harder and harder to keep pace with the performances of our men.

Let it be sufficient to say that F. Powter, H. G. Churcher, T. Needs, F. A. Walker, W. J. Franklin, are a few to have caught the judges' eyes recently. Congratulations to those named and also to those unnamed.

T. H. Scrimshaw did well to win the Scratch half-mile at the British Games, and Jim Tosh to finish second in the Scratch 440 yards. Shields was prominent in the Junior three-quarters of a mile; and our Mile Team and Sprint Relay team also gained awards.

At the "Kinnaird Trophy" Meeting we cannot be said to have set the Thames on fire. Arthur Penny gained our only points by finishing third in the Three Miles event. This was really a magnificent run. Allen (Highgate H.) and Follows (Achilles Oxford) finished in front of Arthur and in his rear such famous runners as Sutherland and Webster, of Birchfield and International fame, which is sufficient testimony as to the merit of our man's running.

Scrimshaw, Tosh, Clemens, Holder, Allum, Michael, Ford, Kench, Tame, Basford and Jarvis all performed creditably in the highest class without being able to claim one of the first four places which alone carry points to the Club's credit. This year the Achilles Club were split into two sections, "Oxford" and "Cambridge," in order, it was said, to make the competition more open. In that the L.A.C. on this occasion won the trophy, it may be said that it succeeded; but its effect in some of the "specialist" events, e.g., Hurdles and Shot Putt was to place three Achilles men in the first four places, instead of a maximum of two as formerly.

A much better move, in the writer's opinion, would be to award points to, say, the first 10 competitors. This would present difficulties, not insuperable, in the sprint events; but to place only four men in a field of 22, comprising two men from each of the 11 strongest Clubs in the country, is insufficient. Scoring four places is all very well for an inter-club contest of three Clubs, but with 11 Clubs competing, and represented by the "classiest" athletes in the country, a "widening" process appears indicated.

Under present conditions a man may be beaten by inches for fourth place, and what may be a really fine performance goes

unrewarded, because there happen to be four champions in front of him, perhaps record-breakers. That is to say, a man may be beaten by four men only in a field of 22—all good men—and yet fail to place a solitary point to his Club's credit! Surely from the Club's standpoint and as a measure of strength, it is of greater merit to have men finish, say, fifth and sixth, rather than fourth and twentieth. Yet under present scoring conditions, the latter score one point, the former pair nil!

Instead of entering the Competition with the thought, "we rely upon A, B and C to garner our points this afternoon"; an extension of the scoring system would permit *every* Club representative to have a much more open chance of contributing to his Club's score. And the gain would be the sport's!

The Polytechnic Harriers, who promote the "Kinnaird" Trophy events, and to whose courtesy we owe our annual invitation, have the undoubted right to carry this competition through as they think fit. I cannot help thinking, however, that some sort of scheme allowing a greater number of placings to be scored would be beneficial. Interest would be sustained right through the track races and not confined to the "top-notchers." The modest field-events performers would be encouraged to persevere with their Shot Putting and High and Long Jumping, secure in the knowledge that they had an opportunity of scoring for their Club, and were not there merely to make the number up.

In short, such a move as I have outlined would make for the Betterment of our Sport, sustaining interest and giving encouragement. It would not alter the destination of the Trophy—that is immaterial—but more Clubs, and more men, and a larger public would have an active interest in the competition.

A glance at one of our Inter-Club Walks or Cross-Country Runs, with enthusiasts fighting out the last places for the honour of their Clubs, would convince anyone that the struggle for the latter places can be as keen as for the premier place, and equally deserving of our commendation and encouragement.

To get back to performances. Jack Flower won the Southern Steeplechase Championship with ease and an injured leg; and our Junior Relay team (F. H. White, J. D. Edwards, L. L. Hyde, H. W. Shields) proved themselves the best of the 14 teams entered. White again demonstrated his great promise as a half-miler and Shields rounded the win off with an excellent quarter. Well done, Juniors!

Enfield A.C. won the Invitation Two Miles Walk, Woodford Green A.C. beating us for second place by one point. Len Fletcher suffered (we use the word advisedly) disqualification,

and Harold King led our team in, finishing fourth. C. W. Redgrave and R. F. Elson completed our team.

We had a fair measure of success in the County Championships, the following gaining (or retaining) titles: T. W. Green (Walk, Hants.), J. F. King (Walk, Sussex), T. Hampson (880 Yards, Surrey), A. L. Fletcher (Walk, Surrey), G. H. Powell (Javelin, Surrey), F. H. White (Junior 880 Yards, Surrey), T. H. Scrimshaw (880 Yards, Middlesex), H. F. King (Walk, Kent).

Others to show up well were: A. Penny (2nd, 3 Miles, Surrey), T. C. Jones (2nd, 440 Yards Hurdles, Surrey) and J. E. Tosh (2nd, 440 Yards, Middlesex). This last race was won in the record time of 50 2-5 seconds and as Jim was only about 3 yards out, he can be well satisfied.

A. L. Fletcher retained his 2 Miles Walk title at the London Business Houses Championships; and Alfred Kench surpassed himself in winning the Mile title in 4 min. 29 2-5 secs.—time which has not been beaten by a Belgrave Harrier for many years past.

T. Wilcock finished second in the 220 Yards and third in the 100 yards; while A. Allum was third in the 3 Miles race and W. A. Rice a member of the winning team in the same event.

Success breeds success, we are told, so look out for another crop of wins in our next issue!

WITH THE WALKERS.

We have in our ranks at the moment three County champions at Two Miles. They are J. F. King (Sussex), T. W. Green, who showed his amazing versatility by winning the Hampshire track title in 14 min. 44 sec. within a few days of winning the Bradford Walk; and Len Fletcher, who again won the Surrey title. This trio of champions merit our heartiest congratulations.

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And now a fourth, H. F. King, has won the Kent title in record time!

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Fred Rickards did as we expected him to do when winning the Police Championship over the Barking—Southend course (38 miles). The record (his own) was broken by three minutes and Fred once again demonstrated that at 30 odd miles he is almost invincible. F. E. Bentley performed very creditably in the same race in finishing fifth.

The above-mentioned two walkers and Tommy Green will probably be our team in the R.W.A. Championship over 50 kilos at Leicester on June 25th. This trio appear to have an excellent chance of winning first team honours for us, and bringing back to London the "Horlick" Cup (value 60 guineas) which has been recently allocated to this event. In addition, we are certain that Tommy and Fred will strengthen their claims to be included in the Olympic team, which sails on July 13th.

If, as has been said, only men capable of finishing in the first six of an Olympic event are to be sent; or, at least, to have preference when the teams are selected, it is hard to see how our men can be left out.

The "Guildford" Cup race, also over 50 kilos, promoted by the Surrey W.C., will also be held on the same day and we expect to have some representatives in this race.

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On Monday, June 20th, we hold our Annual Inter-Club Walks at Battersea Park Track. This event, which is without entry fees or awards, is eagerly awaited each year by the Clubs we invite, and they all send along their strongest representation to compete in the 1, 2, 3 and 5 Miles events which comprise the evening's programme. Competition for first place will be as keen as ever this year and we shall be doing our utmost to finish on top.

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On June 29th, we include in our evening programme a One Mile Walk open to Unattached Novices only. Entry is free and medals will be awarded.

It is hoped that our members will inform their friends of this race and persuade them to send their entries to our Walking Hon. Secretary. The novices of to-day are the champions of to-morrow and this race, with the co-operation of our 600 members, may be the means of securing some promising talent for the Club.

The Sussex W.C. are again promoting their Annual Hastings to Brighton Walk on August Bank Holiday and I shall be glad to supply any of our members interested with particulars upon application. This should prove a good try-out for some of our potential Brighton walkers.

Charlie Redgrave gave evidence of his continued improvement in gaining a Southern A.A.A. Standard Medal (15 min. 10 sec.) in the recent Middlesex County Championships. Other winners of County Standard Medals were: A. O. Tookey (Surrey), A. A. Harley and R. F. Elson (Middlesex).

A. L. Fletcher (36 points) and E. Saunders (9 points) are the only two with points to their credit in the Walks Group of the Belgrave Points Scheme. The others who have scored have automatically disqualified themselves by winning place prizes.

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FUTURE EVENTS.

June 20—Inter-Club Walks.

June 29—3 Miles Handicap.

1 Mile Novice Walk for unattached Novices only.
Free entry.

July 13—2 Miles Handicap.

July 30—Club Championships.

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All entries and enquiries to A. A. HARLEY,
39 Roxborough Avenue, Isleworth.

THE SOUTHERN AMATEUR ATHLETIC LEAGUE.

Once again it is our privilege to compete in Division I. of this League with Herne Hill H., Highgate H., Ilford A.C., Polytechnic H. and South London H., and at the time of writing we are at the head of affairs. It is to be hoped that we can retain this position and become champions for the year.

3 MILES TEAM RACE.

This event was held at Battersea Park on May 7th, and we were represented by A. Allum, C. T. Carter, H. E. Foster and A. W. Penny. An exciting race ensued, Allen, of Highgate, winning in 14 min. 50 sec. from W. H. Jones (H.H.H.), with Arthur Penny third. The team event resulted in a tie between Polytechnic H. and South London H., with ourselves third. Scores were as follows:—

1. South London H.—4, 8, 11, 12	... ..	35 pts.
1. Polytechnic H.—5, 6, 10, 14	... ..	35 pts.
3. Belgrave H.—3, 7, 13, 15	... ..	38 pts.
4. Highgate H.—1, 9, 16, 19	... ..	45 pts.
5. Herne Hill H.—2, 17, 18, 20	... ..	57 pts.

4 x 880 YARDS RELAY.

This race comprised part of the L.A.C. Spring Meeting and we fielded the following team, in order of running: F. R. Webb, F. G. Ford, R. G. Michael, T. H. Scrimshaw.

Ilford gained a good lead on the first leg through the efforts of P. C. O'Dowd, and at the first change over we were last. Fred Ford and Michael gained a place or two, but the leaders

were about 60 yards in front when Scrimshaw's turn came. Tommy quickly jumped into his stride and gave us an amazing exhibition and a thrill which will be long-remembered. With 50 yards to go he caught the leader but was unable to pass him and so we finished second. However, it had seemed impossible that we should finish in this forward position and we have to thank Scrimshaw for our points on this occasion. It is certain that he beat 1 min. 57 sec. for his stage—really fine running for this time of the year.

RESULT.

1, Ilford A.C.; 2, Belgrave H.; 3, Polytechnic H.; 4, S.L.H.; 5, Herne Hill H.; 6, Highgate H. Time 8 min. 10 2-5 sec.

4 x 440 YARDS RELAY.

Later in the same meeting this race was held and we relied upon G. Basford, R. G. Michael, T. H. Scrimshaw and J. E. Tosh. George Basford, our 220 yards Champion, running over an unaccustomed distance, did well to hand over with the bunch, and Michael, running a well-judged quarter, took us into third position. Scrimshaw, running splendidly for the second time that afternoon, took the lead and Jim Tosh gave us an exhibition of striding over the last stage to win comfortably.

RESULT.

1, Belgrave H.; 2, S.L.H.; 3, Highgate H.; 4, Polytechnic H.; 5, Herne Hill H.; 6, Ilford A.C.

4 x 220 YARDS RELAY.

This was included in the Polytechnic H. Marathon Meeting and our colours were worn by E. H. Jarvis, T. H. Scrimshaw, J. E. Tosh and G. Basford. Jarvis made a good start for us and at the end of the third stage we were third, the Polytechnic H. leading. Basford gave Simmonds, of the Poly., five yards and, as we thought, a beating, but the Judges returned the Poly. as winners of a very close race.

RESULT.

1, Polytechnic H.; 2, Belgrave H.; 3, Ilford A.C.; 4, South London H.; 5, Highgate H.

The positions in the League with four events decided and two to be run are as follows:—

1. Belgrave H.	20 pts.	4. Ilford A.C.	11 pts.
2. Polytechnic H.	18½ pts.	5. Highgate H.	10 pts.
3. South London H.	16 pts.	6. Herne Hill H.	6 pts.

BELGRAVE H. v. L.A.C.

On May 7th we held our first track meeting of the season, at Battersea Park. The London Athletic Club provided the opposition in the match events, while we also staged the Southern Amateur Athletic League 3 Miles Team Race.

The match events saw some very close racing and still closer results. In fact, after five events had been decided the points were level, and in each of the next three events, comprising the match, the points were equally divided.

In the 100 Yards, Wright, of the L.A.C., proved too speedy for our men, although Dulson, on his first appearance for us, ran very well.

The 440 Yards gave us our first win, Jim Tosh winning easily with Michael a good second.

The 880 Yards promised to be a hot race, with two Internationals, in J. V. Powell, L.A.C., and Tommy Scrimshaw, in opposition, and Powell proved the victor after a fast run race.

A newcomer to our Club, J. Holder, won the Long Jump for us, and at this stage we led the L.A.C., 22 pts. to 18 pts.

They levelled matters, however, in the next match event, by easily securing the first two places in the 220 yards race. The winner, F. F. Wolff, showed impressive form, and his subsequent running has shown him to be a coming champion.

The 1 Mile match resulted in an easy win for Tommy Hampson, who is also a member of our own Club, but Kench ran a good race in a plucky endeavour to hang on. Frank Tame turned out for the second time in the match, and, putting in an herculean finish, enabled us to split the points.

The Javelin event saw S. Willson, a Birchfield Harrier, win for the L.A.C., but here again our two men managed to level matters.

In the last match event, the 2 Miles run, we thought we had a good chance, but it was not to be, however, and L. W. Mellish, of the L.A.C., secured first place, and so enabled them to once again share the points.

The match thus ended in a tie, each side scoring 40 points. The result last year was also a tie, so that we must make a special effort next year to secure our first win over our visitors, who, we must say, gave us a very sporting and pleasant afternoon's racing.

The S.A.A.L. 3 Miles Team race proved a fine event to watch, at least I thought so. Probably Arthur Penny would tell you he enjoyed running much better. The struggle for first place was very exciting, and when Arthur Penny shot to the front with a lap to go we were all very optimistic. However, once round the back straight, Allen, of Highgate, went away and, taking Jones,

of Herne Hill, with him, they both proved a little too speedy for our man. Penny's performance, however, was a very fine one, and was easily one of, if not the fastest, 3 miles ever run by a Club member. The team race resulted in a tie between the Polytechnic H. and South London H., with 35 pts. each. We were third with 38 pts., Highgate H. fourth with 45 pts., and Herne Hill H. fifth with 57 pts.

As regards the Club Handicaps, F. Stroud showed himself to be in fine trim so early in the season, and annexed both sprints. The 880 yards was won by F. H. C. White, who ran remarkably well, and as he is under 19 years of age, may well develop into another Scrimshaw. The 2 Miles Walk was won by D. E. Brown, who is coming along very nicely, while Harry Churcher walked well in securing third place.

MATCH EVENTS.

100 Yards.—L. F. G. Wright, L.A.C., 1; H. Dulson, B.H., 2; G. Basford, B.H., 3; E. H. Jarvis, B.H., 4. Time 10 2-5 sec.

440 Yards.—J. E. Tosh, B.H., 1; R. G. Michael, B.H., 2; R. E. Morgan, L.A.C., 3; G. E. Ross, L.A.C., 4. Time 52 3-10 sec.

880 Yards.—J. V. Powell, L.A.C., 1; T. H. Scrimshaw, B.H., 2; D. W. S. Ireland, L.A.C., 3; F. Tame, B.H., 4. Time 1 min. 58 1-5 sec.

Long Jump.—J. Holder, B.H., 21ft. 0½in., 1; J. P. Gabriel, L.A.C., 20ft. 11½in., 2; A. M. Munday, L.A.C., 3; C. J. Kelly, B.H., 4.

220 Yards.—F. F. Wolff, L.A.C., 1; L. F. G. Wright, L.A.C., 2; E. H. Jarvis, B.H., 3; G. Basford, B.H., 4. Time 22 2-5 sec.

1 Mile.—T. Hampson, L.A.C., 1; A. Kench, B.H., 2; F. Tame, B.H., 3; J. F. Bain, L.A.C., 4. Time 4 min. 31 3-5 sec.

Javelin Throw.—S. Wilson, L.A.C., 179ft. 3½in., 1; E. R. Turner, B.H., 172ft. 0½in., 2; G. H. Powell, B.H., 3; J. W. P. Ellis, L.A.C., 4.

2 Miles.—L. W. Mellish, L.A.C., 1; J. E. Flower, B.H., 2; A. Robertshaw, B.H., 3; R. G. Ries, L.A.C., 4. Time 9 min. 57½sec.

S.A.A.L. 3 Miles Team Race.—Poly H., 35 pts., S.L.H., 35 pts., 1; Belgrave H., 38 pts., 3; Highgate H., 45 pts., 4; Herne Hill H., 57 pts., 5.

CLUB EVENTS.

100 Yards.—Heat Winners: A. Gourfinkel, 12; F. Stroud, 8; F. E. Varney, 16; R. W. Farrington, 8½; H. Morgan, 9; W. A. Burrows, 7. Final: Stroud, 1; Varney, 2; Gourfinkel, 3; Morgan, 4; Farrington, 5.

2 Miles Walk.—D. E. Brown, 400, 1; H. S. Latter, 320, 2; H. G. Churcher, 135, 3; C. E. Churcher, 4; C. W. Redgrave, 5; E. Saunders, 6.

Long Jump.—G. A. Tutin, 22ft. 9½in., 1; J. Holder, 22ft. 9¼in., 2; C. J. Kelly, 22ft. 8¼in., 3.

880 Yards.—F. H. C. White (60), 1; H. W. Shields (52), 2; W. A. Carnie (55), 3; R. G. Michael (28), 4; R. W. Martin (42), 5; T. C. Jones (54), 6.

220 Yards.—Heat Winners: H. W. Morrison (19); F. Stroud (17); W. A. Burrows (18); F. W. Port (12); H. Morgan (12); A. H. Shannon (17). Final: Stroud, 1; Morgan, 2; Burrows, 3; Shannon, 4; Port, 5; Morrison, 6.

1 Mile.—C. H. E. Penny (125), 1; A. F. Mitchell (120), 2; R. W. Martin (85), 3; A. R. Shaw (100), 4; H. V. Stevenson (140), 5; W. A. Carnie (95), 6.

1 Mile Scratch Novices.—H. Mills, 1; F. Bloomfield, 2; H. T. Usher, 3.

AT DRAYTON GREEN TRACK, MAY 14th.

We journeyed to West Ealing on May 14th, to take part in a four-cornered match versus Ealing Harriers, Ashcombe A.C. and Slough A.C.

This took place on the Drayton Green Track and we emerged winners of a very sporting and enjoyable contest.

In the 100 yards we had first and second with Hugh Dulson and George Basford. We also annexed the first two places in the 220 yards with Ernie Jarvis and Jock Wilcock.

In the 880 yards race we had first man home in Reg Michael, whilst H. W. Shields finished fifth. The 1 Mile was the best race of the day, and here L. J. Cohen, of Ashcombe, beat Frank Tame by barely a yard in 4 min. 36 sec. We also scored further points in this race through Arthur Penny and Frank Webb.

In the 2 Miles Team race our three men, Jack Flower, Nick Carter and Alec Robertshaw, finished abreast and so we scored minimum points.

The final scores were : Belgrave H., 41 pts. ; Ealing H., 21 pts. ; Ashcombe A.C. and Slough A.C., 9 pts. each.

INTER-CLUB MEETING.

Our mid-week meeting on May 18th was devoted to the first of the Inter-Club Meetings between Mitcham A.C., Croydon H., Epsom H. and ourselves. We also had three Club Handicaps, and in the first of these, a Four Miles Walk handicap, A. O. Tookey was successful. This distance is a new one for our track meetings, and Tookey, who recently won the L.A.C. 7 Miles championship, showed fine form in winning from Reg. Elson, who continues to improve. Len Fletcher showed that his efforts at 20 miles have not slowed him, by finishing fourth from scratch in 29 min. 32 sec.

In the 220 Yards Junior Handicap, A. A. Doggett scored a good win, only just beating R. Littler on the post.

The Javelin Throw Handicap saw Joe Coleman gain yet another Club "pot." As Joe has now sampled running, walking and field

events and has secured awards at each, we are at a loss to advise him which class of event to enter next.

For the Inter-Club events, we were fortunate in being able to turn out a hot lot of sprinters and in the 4 x 100 yards had the satisfaction of beating Mitcham and Croydon. Whether we shall repeat this win at the away fixtures remains to be seen. If we can get the men there, then there should be no doubt about it.

The 4 x 880 Yards was a good race up to the end of the third stage, for Frank Webb on the first leg put us with them, then Fred Ford ran very well in giving us the lead, which Reg. Michael increased and so Tom Scrimshaw strolled home an easy winner.

In the 4 x 300 Yards we repeated our success in the shorter sprint, and our team, comprising Ernie Jarvis, Jock Wilcock, J. E. Read and Jim Tosh, all ran extremely well to enable us to triumph.

The last race of the evening was the 1 Mile Team race, and here we fielded a team of medium strength, and must confess we had misgivings before the race ended. After Mitcham had looked all over winners, our team, ably nursed by Joe Flower, came through and we won by 3 points.

The scores at the close of the meeting were: Belgrave H., 16 pts.; Mitcham A.C., 11 pts.; Croydon H., 8 pts.; Epsom H., 5 pts.

INTER-CLUB RELAY CONTESTS.

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

4 x 880 Yards.—Belgrave H., 1; Mitcham A.C., 2; Epsom H., 3; Croydon H., 4.

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

1 Mile Team.—Belgrave H. (2, 5, 6), 13pts., 1; Mitcham A.C. (3, 4, 9), 16pts., 2; Croydon H. (1, 8, 11), 20pts., 3; Epsom H., 41pts., 4.

Total Points.—Belgrave H., 16; Mitcham A.C., 11; Croydon H., 8; Epsom H., 5.

CLUB EVENTS.

4 Miles Walk.—A. O. Tookey (2m. 30s.), 1; R. F. Elson (2m. 35s.), 2; H. G. Churcher (45s.), 3; A. L. Fletcher (Scr.), 4; C. E. Churcher (2m. 35s.), 5; C. H. Speechley, 6.

220 Yards Junior.—Heat Winners: V. W. F. Law (14); H. W. Shields (9); R. Littler (12); A. A. Doggett (8). Final: Doggett, 1; Littler, 2; Law, 3.

Javelin Throw.—J. G. Coleman, 1; P. Victors, 2; J. Mansfield, 3.

CLUB MEETING, JUNE 1st.

On Wednesday, June 1st, we held a Club Handicap meeting at Battersea Park Track. The entries were well up to standard, so much so that it was thought necessary to run the 880 yards in heats.

In the 100 Yards Junior race, a newcomer, in B. L. Bone, proved the best, with A. Mewes second and L. W. Fleming third.

The 100 Yards Veterans race resulted in a fine performance by Tommy Needs, who went through the field from the scratch mark.

The Unattached Novices 100 yards race was won by S. J. B. Pearse, of Fulham, and we trust we shall soon see him out in our colours.

In the 100 Yards Club Handicap, young Jack Crilly showed a marked improvement on his previous running and won well. He has now developed and with some conscientious training should soon be troubling the judges again. H. Morgan scored another place prize, while L. E. Alp completed the trio.

Some fine running was seen in the 880 yards heats, and Tom Scrimshaw ran well in winning the first heat in 1 min. 58 3-5 sec. from the scratch mark. In the final, however, Frank Tame set a lively pace, but was caught at the dressing room by R. G. Michael, who had come through with a magnificent burst. Michael outstayed Tame to win, and Carter came along in third place.

The 2 Miles Walk saw Charlie Redgrave in fine form and he walked extremely well in winning this event. Alf Harley, although finishing second, found that he had been ruled out down the straight, and so C. E. Churcher and Charlie Speechley filled the minor placings.

Our 220 Yards Handicap proved the closest race of the evening, and in a blanket finish W. A. Burrows was adjudged the winner with F. Stroud and H. Morgan second and third. A. H. Shannon and E. H. Pack both ran well but seemed to have the worst of the argument in the struggle on the tape.

Arthur Penny put up a grand performance in the 2 Miles race and went through his field from the virtual scratch mark of 5 yards to win in 9 min. 41 4-5 sec. Arthur Allum also ran very well and gave Penny a hard task to make up the start of 10 yards which he was conceding. In fact, at one stage Allum had increased his advantage but Penny put in some magnificent running in the last lap and caught and passed Allum down the straight. Alec Traquair was rather unlucky to lose third place a few yards from home when Alec Robertshaw stole by him.

The Field Events section had a Shot Putt Handicap, and here J. Ellis, a new member, came out on top. We also had the S.A.A.L. Javelin Throw contest, and with only four clubs competing we secured first place with George Powell and Joe Coleman throwing for us.

RESULTS.

100 Yards Junior.—Heat Winners: B. L. Bone (7); L. W. Fleming (4); W. A. Burrows (2); A. Mewes (12). Final: Bone, 1; Mewes, 2; Fleming, 3.

100 Yards Veterans.—Heat Winners: T. H. Needs (Scr); D. E. Jordan (8); F. H. Difford (3); E. R. Jessop (8); W. J. Franklin (12); R. W. Best (9). Final: Needs, 1; Jessop, 2; Franklin, 3.

100 Yards Scratch Novices.—Final: S. J. B. Pearse, 1; E. N. Day, 2; A. G. Royce, 3.

100 Yards.—Heat Winners: J. Crilly (14); H. Morgan (8½); R. Macpherson (10); J. C. Capp (12); A. E. Taylor (8); L. E. Alp (9). Final: Crilly, 1; Morgan, 2; Alp, 3; Capp, 4; Macpherson, 5; Taylor, 6.

880 Yards.—Heat 1: T. H. Scrimshaw (Scr), 1; F. Tame (40), 2; H. W. Shields (44), 3; C. E. Crome (75), 4. Heat 2: F. G. Ford (37), 1; R. G. Michael (28), 2; C. T. Carter (45), 3; H. D. Brown (100), 4. Final: Michael, 1; Tame, 2; Carter, 3; Brown, 4; Ford, 5; Scrimshaw, 6.

2 Miles Walk.—C. W. Redgrave (195), 1; C. E. Churcher (275), 2; C. H. Speechley (280), 3; D. E. Brown, 4; R. F. Elson, 5; H. S. Latter, 6.

220 Yards.—Heat Winners: E. H. Pack (13); L. T. Barker (25); F. Stroud (13); W. A. Burrows (16); A. H. Shannon (17); H. Morgan (13). Final: Burrows, 1; Stroud, 2; Morgan, 3; Shannon, 4; Pack, 5; Barker, 6.

2 Miles Run.—A. W. Penny (5), 1; A. Allum (15), 2; A. Robertshaw (100), 3; A. H. Traquair (310), 4; C. Mains (110), 5; N. R. Dewberry (75), 6.

S.A.A.L. Javelin Throw.—Belgrave H., 1.

Shot Putt.—J. Ellis.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

On June 22nd we journey to Epsom for the second of the Inter-Club Relay Competitions between Croydon H., Mitcham A.C., Epsom H. and ourselves, for the Inter-Club Relay Shield. We hope to be able to send a representative side, and should return with the spoils.

June 29th we have a Club meeting night at Battersea Park Track, and there will be the following events open to club members: 100 Yards (under 16), 150 Yards (Vets. 40), 100 Yards, 440 Yards, 880 Yards, 3 Miles Walk, High Jump, all the above are Handicap races. Then we have the Club 3 Miles Championship for the "Griffin" Cup (Holder, A. W. Penny) and Standard Medals can be gained by all beating 16 min. and 16 min. 30 sec. It is rather a pity that our 3 miles comes so near the A.A.A. meeting, but we trust our athletes will feel no ill effects of racing twice in a week.

In addition to the S.A.A.L. Javelin Throw, which we are holding on this evening, there will be a 1 Mile Walk open to all Unattached Novices, so if you have any friends who would like to try their hand at Walking, send me their names and ask them to come along.

July 1st and 2nd will bring the A.A.A. Championships at the White City. According to the prices of admission already published it would seem that the A.A.A. are not doing their best to assist the general public in this respect, and I expect that the majority of the "1/- stand" will sigh for the old days at the Bridge. As regards the athletes themselves, there is no doubt they much appreciate the change of abode, but somehow I seem to think that the old Bridge atmosphere will be found lacking at the White City.

At the moment the number of our representatives is expected to be small, and I rather doubt whether our boys will achieve any outstanding successes. The majority of them, however, are still on the youthful side, so we shall look forward to the future.

We then come to the third of the Inter-Club Relays, this time to be held on Croydon Harriers' ground at Pampisford Road, South Croydon, on July 5th. All team men will be advised as to travelling arrangements, etc.

On July 13th we have a match versus the Herne Hill Harriers at Battersea Park. Herne Hill H. are old friends and rivals of ours, so we trust we shall be able to turn out a strong team, as the opposition comprises many prominent athletes, and a good sporting match should result. In addition to the Match events, we are holding the following Club Handicaps: 300 Yards, 880 Yards, Long Jump and 2 Miles Walk.

On July 20th there will be held the last of the Inter-Club Relays, this time on the "News of the World" Track, Mitcham. I hope by this time we shall have a good lead on points, but as we always like to put up a good show against our Mitcham friends, we trust our lads will do their best to come out on top.

July 23rd will also find the final fixture in the S.A.A.L. Division 1, namely, the 1 Mile Medley Relay, which will be held in connection with the Fire Brigade meeting at Stamford Bridge. We are holding a good position in the league, and victory in this race may see the "Bels" at the top of the table, a distinction which would reflect great credit on our boys.

On July 28th there will be held at Pampisford Road, South Croydon, the Junior Inter-Club contest between Croydon H., Mitcham A.C., Epsom H. and ourselves. These events are open to members under 19 years of age, and are as follows: 3 x 100 Yards, 3 x 200 Yards, 880 Yards Team Race (4 to run, 3 to score). Any Juniors who would like a chance to represent the club, and who could make the journey, are asked to get in touch with me.

Our Championship Day will be held, as usual, on the Saturday before August Bank Holiday, namely July 30th, and the following

events are down for decision:— Club Championships: 100 Yards, 220 Yards, 440 Yards, 880 Yards, 1 Mile, 2 Miles Walk, 220 Yards (under 18), 100 Yards (under 15). Time Standard medals can be gained in the majority of the above events, and I advise members to enter, even if they think they have no chance of being in the first three; after all, these scratch races can give one much more experience than can any Handicap race, and so I trust we shall find our Championship entries more numerous than they have been in the past. We are also holding some Club Handicaps—the reason we do this on Championship day is that the numbers of our members demand it and, moreover, justifies it—and the following events can be entered: 75 Yards, 880 Yards, 120 Yards Hurdles (3 ft). I also believe there is to be a Shot Putt event in connection with the “Harry Wright” Shield on this day, but members concerned will no doubt be advised by our Field Events “Manager,” Ken O’Kell.

This will then bring us near the end of our season, which seems to me to have flown very quickly but why worry? I know there are plenty of members who are simply longing to get back over the country once again, and I for one don’t blame them.

There are, however, a number of Open team races down for decision during July, and I trust our men will turn out for these events; it is impossible to give everyone a run, but I hope both team men and reserves will bear with me in what is no easy task, and if asked to come along will do so willingly and so lessen my sleepless nights.

All Entries and any enquiries to

E. A. DUFFETT, *Running Hon. Sec.*,

307 Morland Road, Croydon.

THE BELGRAVE BUILDING FUND.

We are now able to announce that the Belgrave Building Fund is fully established and in working operation.

Details have been completed and, briefly, are as follows:—

An account has been opened with the Fulham and Walham Green Building Society for subscriptions to be deposited at 5% interest on fully paid shares.

Boxes are available for members, if desired, for the accumulation of their subscriptions.

Cards are issued to each member as his contribution is forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer and each subsequent contribution is recorded.

A balance sheet will be issued annually, and in the event of the scheme being abandoned each member’s individual contribution will be returned.

The object of the Fund, as the name implies, is to provide suitable Headquarters for the Club. These are to be entirely the Club's own property and available for all purposes, training and recreation.

The amount required is at present estimated at £2,000 and the scheme as given in our January issue is briefly as follows:—

300 members each not spending a halfpenny but setting aside all coins of that value that come into their possession will subscribe on an average £150 per annum.

At the end of 3 years, £450 would be available to pay a first deposit on suitable premises. A mortgage taken out for the balance will require £145 per annum for repayments, which would be met by the continued subscriptions of 300 members.

This is the brief outline of the scheme which was based upon the following fact:—

For three years the Hon. Treasurer did not spend a halfpenny, but saved every coin that came into his possession. As a result 1,080 of these coins accumulated in that time, which, of course, made the sum of £2 - 5 - 0 or an average of 15/- per annum.

We anticipate, therefore, that 300 of our approximate 600 members will be able to subscribe an average of 10/- per annum. The putting aside of all halfpennies is not a difficult proposition to most members and with the co-operation of every one our estimated amount of subscription would be well exceeded.

We are indebted to M. E. Gordon for providing the subscription boxes and to Mr. F. H. Elson for providing the subscription cards. All these are free of cost to the Fund.

The list of subscribers at present is not a long one, but we have every reason to believe that a considerable number of members are collecting and will be paying in shortly.

Here is the present state of affairs:—

Name	No. of halfpennies	Name	No. of halfpennies
W. H. Hare	1,320	C. E. Poulter (Mascots)...	165
J. B. Belchamber	480	W. G. Webb	160
E. Gordon	360	F. R. Webb	160
K. B. O'Kell	327	H. L. Rollins	120
A. A. Harley	275	A. Harley, Senr.	108
F. G. Thomson	251	D. A. Sloper	84
W. L. Bayliss	240	W. F. Goodman	27
V. J. Peacock	240	A. Robertshaw	26
A. R. Godfrey	188	W. H. Snell	24
A. W. Penny	182	S. Drake	19

Result of Belgrave Building Brick Competition (per K. B. O'Kell):—
Winner, H. E. Footer, 13/7.

Actual amount in box, 13/7½.

Proceeds to Fund, 80 halfpennies.

Total number of Halfpennies subscribed, 4,826 £10 1 1

