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TIDDLYWINKS CONVENTION IN MANCHESTER

There was plenty of variety at the winks weekend at Manchester on March 21st and 22nd. The programme included the semi-finals and final of the Silver Wink competition on Saturday, an Altrincham-Aberystwyth match on Sunday morning, and an International in the afternoon, together with meetings of IFTWA and the ETWA Council. The total mileage covered by those converging on Manchester for the event exceeded 6,000 miles ; a team came over 300 miles from Aberdeen, another 8 players travelled from Aberystwyth, a team came from Cambridge, three winkers motored from London, and many others undertook shorter journeys.

The Silver Wink

The BBC sent a reporter to the Manchester University Union to cover the Silver Wink semi-finals on Saturday afternoon. He arrived in time to witness a dispute between the Aberdeen and Aberystwyth teams as to whether their match should be played on the floor or on tables : the Welsh preferred the floor, but the Scots were wearing kilts and having left their kneepads in Aberdeen they demanded tables. The dispute was settled in the Scots' favour, but the Welsh marched on to victory within 5 rounds, and finally settled the issue at 82 $\frac{1}{2}$ -29 $\frac{1}{2}$. Scores of the Welsh pairs were 21 $\frac{1}{2}$, 20 $\frac{1}{2}$, 17, and 23 $\frac{1}{2}$.

At the same time the Manchester team was playing Cambridge in the other semi-final, and by halfway the home team had a 3-point lead. Two rounds of 17-11 to Cambridge changed the picture completely, the match ending 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ -51 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Players and spectators repaired to one of the University halls of residence for supper. All ears were tuned to Radio Newsreel, and following the news that chimpanzees were overtaking gorillas and orang-utans in brain power, the Man from the BBC delivered a lucid account of the afternoon's winking activities.

The rest of the evening was taken up by the Final of the Silver Wink, at the University Union. The match was played on the floor, while at the same time an experimental scoring system was given a trial with a match on the tables. A reporter from the Sunday Express was introduced to the rudiments of tiddlywinks.

As is often the case, in the Final the third round proved crucial, wherein Aberystwyth gobbled up 18 points, and they maintained their 10-point lead to the end, defeating a surprised Cambridge team 61-51.

After the Welsh victory there was a lusty rendering of the Tiddlywinks Anthem ('Through this game of skill and power England knows her finest hour'), to the tune - appropriately - of Men of Harlech.

Aberystwyth v. Altrincham

In the cold light of Sunday morning Aberystwyth, newly out of their pyjamas, played a match against Altrincham G.S. Not on their best form, the Welsh lost each round, the last by 6 points to 22, the match finishing 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ -82 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Sixth International Match

The highlight of Sunday was the International match between England and Scotland, with the Guinness Trophy (the Bombay Bowl) at stake. The Bowl itself was on display by the scoreboard together with the scorecards of the first four Internationals, all won by England, in 1959, 1960, 1961, and 1963.

The Scottish team was short of two matsmen. Fortunately a couple of ETWA's Council members admitted to having partially Scottish blood although they had played for England against Scotland on a previous occasion ; these were drafted into the Scottish team as substitutes. The rest of the team were in tartan, and Captain O'Shea had a sporran-full of squidgers. Half the English side were grammar school boys, the first time schoolboys had been invited to represent their-country at tiddlywinks.

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<u>England</u>		<u>Scotland</u>	
B. Weatherhead (Cambridge U)] 6.5.5.6 22	M. O'Shea] 1.4 ¹ .4.1 10 ¹ / ₂
T. Whittacker (Manchester U)		I. Brodie	
A. Astles (Altrincham GS)	] 6.4.5.6 21	Miss J. Murray	] 1.1.1.1 4
P. Atkinson (Altrincham GS)		Miss H. Mathers	
J. Horwell (Hull U)	] 5.2 ¹ / ₂ .6.3 16 ¹ / ₂	C. McLeod	] 2.2.2.1 7
D. Barnard (Hull U)		Miss B. Pinsent	
L. Reading (George Dixon GS)	] 3.6.3.6 18	K. Veitch (sub)	] 4.3.2.4 13
P. Thornton (Manchester GS)		S. Clark (sub)	
	77 ¹ / ₂		34 ¹ / ₂

England made a good start in the first quarter, with a score of 20-8. Three of the games were double-squopped. The Hull pair played a pot-squop game and presently Barnard had potted 5, with Horwell in control of the remaining winks on the mat; they then reverted to double-squop to await the time limit, thereby winning 5-2.

In the second quarter, Reading and Thornton had won 6-1 within 10 minutes, playing pot-squop. Astles and Atkinson also won by potting out before the time limit. A double-squop game producing a complex system of squabbles encircling the pot at the time limit was won by the Scots' first pair Brodie and O'Shea, but England took the round 17¹/₂-10¹/₂.

By the end of the third round England had amassed an unassailable 56¹/₂ points. The last round again saw Reading and Thornton potting to a 6-1 victory in under 10 minutes. Weatherhead and Whittacker contributed 22 points towards England's final score of 77¹/₂-34¹/₂, a majority of 43 points.

IFTWA Meeting

There was a brief meeting of the International Federation of Tw Associations, at which English, Scottish and Welsh representatives were present, together with IFTWA's Secretary-General, Norman Bardsley. IFTWA decided to place the organisation of the Silver Wink competition for the coming season in the hands of the Aberystwyth club.

ETWA Council Meeting : 1965 Congress

It was decided during the ETWA Council meeting to hold the Third International Tiddlywinks Congress on the first weekend in April, 1965, in or near Birmingham. It is likely that the Congress will begin after lunch on Saturday 3rd April and end during the afternoon of Sunday 4th, allowing delegates to travel on Saturday morning and Sunday evening.

SOUTHERN JUNIOR Tw CHAMPIONSHIP INAUGURATED

The annual Northern Junior Tw Championship gained a counterpart in the South. This tournament, a knockout doubles open to anyone between 11 and 18, was organised by Roger McGovern and took place on April 25th at the University of London Union. It attracted an entry of 26 pairs at an entry fee of 2/6 per pair, which was donated to the National Playing Fields Association.

Edmonton Latymer School were represented by six pairs, Bancrofts had five, Mount Grace and Parmiters each had four, Walpole and Ealing three, and Ambrose Fleming the remaining pair. The Latymer and Parmiters contingents were reduced to a pair each during the first round, the other schools all coming through well, but by the fourth round (the semi-finals) Bancrofts pairs occupied three places, the fourth being Hammett and Precious of Ealing. The latter were beaten 5-2 by Morris and Blight, whose total score became 21-7. Rose and Orrock fell 5-2 to Mapley and Hogg, who went on to effect their third 6-1 victory of the day in the Final to become the first Southern Junior Champions.

Both finalist pairs received as prizes inscribed sets of winks, and the Champions had in addition a money prize and complete sets of The Winking World, numbers 0 to 5 - by now a collector's piece.

Accuracy and Speed records, for competitors and spectators, were attempted at 3d a time. In accordance with the diversity of the competitors, these were divided into two classes, Southern Junior records (18 years or under) and Southern All-Comers records. John Mapley took both Junior records with 26 shots and 49 seconds. The All-Comers contests proved popular, the Accuracy record of 26 shots being shared between Roger McGovern (of University College, London) and John Mapley, while attempts at the Speed record varied between 121 seconds (anon!) and 44 seconds (Pat Bonham of Gradwink).

FIRST ENGLISH JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The lasting health of a national sport depends in large measure on there being regular organised competitions for the whole range of those who play the game; one has only to consider the regular League and club fixtures of football, cricket, and so on, for evidence of this. It was therefore an important landmark when the first English Junior Tw Championship (EJTWC) was held on Sunday 12th July, at the Cobden Hotel, Birmingham. Competitive tiddlywinks for junior clubs (members aged 18 or under) is now organised on a national scale.

96 pairs took part in the regional Junior Championships at Manchester (January 2nd-3rd) and London (April 25). Besides establishing Northern and Southern Junior Champions, these regional competitions are qualifying rounds for the national championships, the 4 semi-final pairs at Manchester and London going into the EJTWC.

On 12th July the North was represented in the EJTWC by 3 pairs from Altrincham G.S. and one pair from Manchester G.S. From the South came 3 Bancroft's School pairs and one pair from Ealing G.S. It was a knock-out Championship, each round consisting of 3 games per mat. Each game had a time-limit of 15 minutes plus 5 rounds of turns. Stuart Clark, ETWA Treasurer, umpired. The scoreboard tells the story :

FIRST ROUND	SEMI-FINAL	FINAL
Blight + Morris (B)	] <u>Blight + Morris (B)</u> (4-3 1-6 6-1)	] <u>Cooper + Miller (A)</u> (4-3 6-1)
Atkinson + Wilkinson (A)		
Rose + Orrock (B)	] <u>Cooper + Miller (A)</u> (5-2 2-5 6-1)	] <u>Astles + Williams (A)</u> (6-1 6-1)
Cooper + Miller (A)		
Klein + Weinstock (M)	] <u>Mapley + Hogg (B)</u> (5-2 2-5 3 ¹ / ₂ -3 ¹ / ₂ 4-3)	] <u>Astles + Williams (A)</u> (3-4 6-1 5 ¹ / ₂ -1 ¹ / ₂)
Astles + Williams (A)		
Mapley + Hogg (B)		
Hammett + Precious (E)		

A=Altrincham G.S. B=Bancroft's S. E=Ealing G.S. M=Manchester G.S.

The first round began at 2.10 p.m., and it produced a surprise in the defeat of the Northern Junior Champions, Atkinson and Wilkinson; Blight and Morris won their 3rd game 6-1 to take their aggregate to 11-10. Nor did the Southern Junior Champions, Mapley and Hogg, have an easy passage into the semi-final: after their 3 games against Hammett and Precious both pairs were level with 10¹/₂ points each - a 4th game was played, which Mapley and Hogg won 4-3. In contrast, Astles and Williams scored two successive 6-1s against Klein and Weinstock, thereby exceeding the necessary 11 points without needing to play a third game. On the remaining mat Cooper and Miller (the latter was Northern Junior Champion in 1963) defeated Rose and Orrock in 3 games.

The semi-finals began shortly after 3.30. On one mat Cooper and Miller beat Blight and Morris in 2 games, the first by their potting in the endgame, the other by adeptly squopping-up the Bancroft's pair. The first game on the other mat hung in the balance till the last shot, but Mapley and Hogg pulled through 4-3. However the latter met with no further success, losing 6-1 and 5¹/₂-1¹/₂, so the EJTWC Final was between two Altrincham pairs, with neither the Northern Junior nor Southern Junior Champions taking part.

As one player described it, 'all 3 games in the Final were played in typical AGS style, both pairs grouping their winks well away from their opponents, so that in each game Miller and Cooper's 12 winks would be on one side of the pot, Williams and Astles' 12 on the other, with each pair waiting for the other to make a mistake.' In this fashion Williams and Astles won 5-2, 3-4, 5-2 to become the first English Junior Champions.

Altrincham swept to victory at Birmingham just as they had done at Manchester. They have had more experience of Knock-out Tiddlywinks than their Southern rivals; all 6 AGS matsmen had played in at least 3 Northern Junior Championships, and one observer felt that they were more prepared than the Southerners to pot in the endgame.

After their defeat in the English Junior, the Bancroft's players had ample revenge almost immediately, when they met the AGS VIII in a full-scale match. AGS took a lead of 3 points in the first quarter, but by the halfway stage this had been reduced to one point. Now the Bancroft's team came into their own, taking all 4 games and 21 points in the third quarter and collecting a further 19 points in the last quarter. This took the final score to 67¹/₂-44¹/₂, a substantial victory by 23 points. Joseph and Mesher

League Tiddlywinks

BANCROFT'S WIN WILLIS CUP AT FIRST ATTEMPT

The Bancroft's School Tw Club ushered out April in grand manner, collecting the major honours in the inaugural Southern Junior Tw Championship on the 25th, and winning the Willis Cup Final on the 28th.

The maximum score in a 6-a-side League match is 54 points. Bancroft's achieved an average of $45\frac{4}{7}$ points over 7 games, with University College 1st close behind with an average of 45 over 6 games. These two sides, at the head of their respective Divisions, met in the Cup Final : Bancroft's took the first round 13-8, and in subsequent rounds scored 2 points to every 1 that the UC men scored. This brought the final score to 41-22.

In Division A the team that had dominated the League in the previous two years, Interwink 1st, was thrust into third place by the College of Estate Management (CEM). Division B (which enjoys the same status as Division A and is not a lower division) witnessed a drawn game, $31\frac{1}{2}$ - $31\frac{1}{2}$, between UC 2nd and the ladies of Westfield College. As it happens, for the purpose of awarding League points scores of 33-30 to $31\frac{1}{2}$ - $31\frac{1}{2}$ inclusive are counted as draws.

League tables (win=2 points, draw=1 point) at the end of the season:

<u>Division A</u>				<u>Division B</u>			
	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Points</u>		<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Points</u>
University C. 1st	6	6	12	Bancroft's S.	7	7	14
C.E.M.	6	5	10	Gradwink	7	6	12
Interwink 1st	6	4	8	Westfield C.	7	4	9
St Gabriel's C.	6	2	4	Chelsea-Bedford	7	4	8
Gipsy Hill C.	6	2	4	University C. 2nd	7	3	7
Battersea C.	5	1	2	Interwink 2nd	7	2	4
Philippa Fawcett C.	5	0	0	SS. Mark-John C.	7	1	2
				Southlands C.	7	0	0

[Note: C. = College; S. = School]

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MANCHESTER LEAGUE ?

There is every prospect of the formation of a Tw League in the Manchester area at the beginning of the new season. It is to be hoped that it will become an integral part of tiddlywink life there, for a well-organised League can prove of great benefit to a winking community.

EQUIPMENT

Sets of winks, 5/- each.

Mats, 25/- each.

Postage : Mats, and sets with mats, post free. Postage on sets on their own : 6d for 1, 9d for 2, and another 3d for each extra set, up to 12 post free.

Knowledge of Rules helpful : booklets 2d each.

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scored 24 points, something which has been done only once against AGS in sixty games.

The difficulty of the afternoon was the tight schedule that proved necessary : when the hire of the room is costing about 12/- an hour it is an inducement to get through the programme in the shortest possible time. This meant that the English Junior finalist pairs were playing virtually non-stop for nearly 6 hours, and in the last hour or so their play suffered accordingly: in the AGS match against Bancroft's, Astles and Williams scored only $9\frac{1}{2}$ points, while Miller and Cooper (now with different partners) managed only 6 and 11. It may be difficult to believe that playing 12 consecutive games can be very tiring, but the powers of concentration that are required in first-class tiddlywinks leave one mentally exhausted in a remarkably short time.

PUT YOUR SQUIDGERS AWAY :

by Pat Bonham, Hon. Vice-President, U.L.U. Winks Society.

Following interest in the article in WW5 on the Recording System, a second Minigame has been devised. As before, the problem of indicating the relative positions of winks has been attacked with the concept of 'nearness'. 'Nearness' depends upon the standard of the players, but I suggest a 75%-probability squopping distance as near. One can of course dispense with commentary in recording a game.

I hope readers will get out a mat and set and actually play through this Minigame (and that in WW5), placing the winks as shown. Put your squidgers away !

WW Minigame 2.

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|----|--------|-------|--------|-------------------|
| 1. | B | g | r | Y |
| 2. | B, /B | G, /Y | R | Y pots; Y, xG ? |
| 3. | B m Y2 | g | R m Y2 | Y(Y2) pots; y, /B |

Yellow and Green, anticipating pot-squop strategy from their adversaries, have by now committed themselves to pot-squop. Blue and Red, however, find themselves in an ideal position for double-squop.

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|----|-------|-------|----------|---|
| 4. | B x y | G x R | R, /B2 | y |
| 5. | b, /y | G, /r | r x y !? | |

Only by successfully squopping Yellow from a considerable distance does Red justify his tactical error of ignoring the large Green nearby and allowing Green a free hand. Blue and Red now launch a bichromatic attack on the next Yellow to appear.

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|----|------------------|----------|---------|------|
| 5. | | | | y |
| 6. | B m y | g, xG2 ? | R x y : | y, ↓ |
| 7. | B x y[R2] accid. | g | | |

Two mistakes. Green forgot he had previously squopped himself, and Blue, having missed Yellow in round 6, inadvertently doubly-squopped Yellow after Red had done so.

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| 7. | | | R(RB3) x | (misses turn) |
| 8. | b m g /g | g x b | r | y → |
| 9. | b, | | | |

Green, now in an open position, begins potting: double-pot versus double-squop !

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|-----|---------------|--------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| 9. | | g(g3) pots; g pots; | R m G | y pots; covered |
| | | g pots; G m-pot | | |
| 10. | (misses turn) | Green pots remainijg 3 ! | | |

Squopped winks were then uncovered. Blue and Red each had two winks still at the baseline, while Yellow, with only three to pot, easily came second to win 6-1.

ABBREVIATIONS USED.

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|-------|--|-------|--|
| r | small red out from base | G, /r | large green out from base, lands near small red. |
| ↓ | leaves the mat | | |
| x... | squops... | x | fires off the top of the pile. |
| m... | misses... | m-pot | misses pot. → moves towards pot. |
| y, xG | small yellow out from base, squops large green. | | |
| g3 | the pile of 3 winks whose top one is small green. | | |
| g(g3) | the small green on top of a pile of 3 winks. | | |
| RB3 | the pile of 3 winks whose top ones (jointly) are large red and blue. | | |
| y[R2] | the small yellow in a pile of 2 whose top one is large red. | | |
| / | near, e.g. y/r = y which is near r, but y /r = y lands near r. | | |
| | g m B2/B3 = green misses B2 which is near B3, but | | |
| | g m B2 /B3 = green misses B2 and lands near B3. | | |
| ? | bad shot or tactics | ! | very good shot or tactics |

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TIDDLYWINKS EQUIPMENT - SOME THEORETICAL CONSIDERATIONS

by 'Aeacus'¹

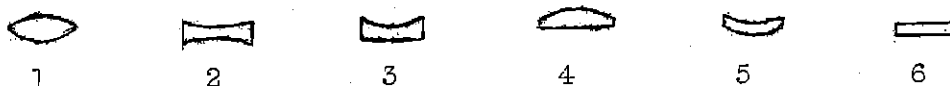
It was in 1955 that Cambridge University Tiddlywinks Club published its Thesis on Tiddlywinks, which investigated, among other things, the best playing surface and the best size and shape for a tiddlywink. No other research on the game's equipment has been published, although the present writer believes some has been done, chiefly at London University. Since equipment has now been standardised perhaps we should examine its potentialities.

The felt mat supplied by Marchant Games Ltd is probably the best possible playing surface. It is equally favourable to potter and squopper: in theory at least a wink can be potted from anywhere on the mat, and only the intervention of the pot prevents this being true of squopping.

Anyone who looks at the standard wink will observe that one side is convex and the other concave; wherefore an unwritten law has grown up allowing a player to turn his wink over before playing a shot. Recent attempts to extend the licence to winks that are squopping have been disallowed by umpires on the grounds that such winks cannot be replaced accurately enough. It must be conceded that this is fair.

However a wink is shaped, the first essential is consistency from wink to wink. Too little attention is paid to this, and many players fail to realise that one wink which is thicker or thinner or more convex than the rest can result in a number of poor shots.

The three types of face for a wink, plane, convex, and concave, may be combined to produce six different profiles:



In the search for the best-shaped wink, let us first reject 1, the wink which is convex on both sides. The Cambridge Thesis shewed that, for a given stroke, such a wink does not rise as much as any other. When a convex wink lies next to the pot, it is not pottable by judgement as opposed to luck. This is especially true of a small wink. Further, convex winks are the most difficult to control on long shots.

Now let us consider 2, the concave. No empirical research has been published on such winks, nor do they appear in the standard set. In play they would probably describe a high trajectory, and have characteristics generally converse to those of 1. While concave winks would be desirable in many ways, the chief difficulty would be to ensure consistency in their manufacture.

Profiles 3 and 4 may be taken together. 3 would share some of the characteristics of 2 when concave side up, while the plane side would be more suitable to certain styles of squopping. 4 has the disadvantages of 1 without the advantages of 2, and so can be dismissed. Both these shapes have a further drawback, in that they do not eliminate the need to turn a wink over.

Diagram 5 represents the present standard wink. Provided that players are allowed to turn it over it has all the virtues and none of the vices. But it is not always consistent, and there is a school of thought which disapproves of turning winks over at all.

So we come to 6, the flat wink. This is most likely to be consistent, and is controllable for every shot, though it would be difficult to pot winks actually touching the pot. It would also eliminate the need to turn winks over. Nevertheless, detailed study of the six profiles requires systematic research.

The edge of the wink may now be mentioned. The choice is between a squared or rounded (bevelled) edge. The squared edge would be playable, but the Cambridge Thesis shewed the bevelled edge to be superior.

Considerable experimentation has been done in respect of squidgers. The only sure conclusion is that, within the limit of the law, the size and thickness of the squidger are a matter of personal preference. It would be interesting to collate the sizes and thicknesses of all non-standard squidgers, and to see whether any general trend emerges. In the absence of this research, a few tentative observations may be made.

It is important always to use the same squidger, or set of squidgers, since even standard squidgers vary. Some consider it worthwhile to use squidgers with different profiles for different types of shot.

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¹ Aeacus, in mythology, was a judge of the underworld. In modern tiddlywinks, 'Aeacus' is a player of long experience and no mean performer with the squidger.

HANES TIDDLIWINKIO YNG NGHYMRU
or.... A History of Welsh Tiddlywinks

by David Wilkinson

An early edition of the Laws of Hywel Dda describes the Druid habit of 'wife-baiting' when pieces of Ffestiniog slate were tossed by the irate husband into the open fire with such skill that splinters flew out of the hearth in predetermined directions to raise a 'hwyl' from the taunted wife. Such was the ability of certain Cardi Druids that tournaments were arranged and harpists played as the deft sportsmen (no longer using wives, since by this time they were in short supply) splintered into holes in the ground.

It was thus as a result of a crude form of Tiddliwinkio that the present game (together with Eisteddfods) came about.

Hywel Dda's observations on this subject are limited, but subsequent writers have filled in the empty centuries for us.

It is said that Caradoc whiled away his off-battle hours by squidging ('squidgio') unfortunate and ill-favoured peasants with disused and disrespected Druid stones, from the top of Pen Dinas into the turbulent Rheidol waters.

Ap Llewellyn amended the Roman 'rock-throwing machines' and so produced the first all-Welsh automatic squidger, according to another observer.

In more recent times - and as can be seen from the film epic 'Zulu' - the privates of the South Wales Borderers played winks against a team of officers.

In 1958 John Evans came home from attending the First World Tw Congress and instituted the Welsh Tw Association, appointing himself Secretary-General. He invited the Prince of Wales to become Patron of the WTWA, but the Prince was not yet old enough to accept any patronages. This aroused the interest of press and TV. On 8th July 1959 Wales met England in a mighty battle at Bristol, in the first Tw International match. Alas, the brave Welsh were defeated, 34-78. Some time later John Evans emigrated to Surrey, and the WTWA passed away.

But the game found its way to Cardiff's Union lounge in 1959. It took only a matter of months for Aberystwyth's students to nurse the game along its rapid path to maturity. In January 1962 a league began with 18 teams of 4 competing for a mythical championship prize.

Subsequent sessions have seen more and more eager participants of the game and now no less than 100 students avidly play winks on Sunday afternoons.

Little is known of Swansea's achievements, except that a team exists but seems to prefer to pretend that it doesn't. Winks was introduced to Bangor in October 1962, and a league was started there, only to founder after a year. In that period Aber's young and strictly one pot and one squop team played and beat UCNW twice and also St. David's Lampeter once.

Aber's next test was not until February 1964 when the team gallantly strode into enemy territory to play in the capacity of the all-Wales team, only to lose to a vastly more experienced England team, by the far from dispiriting margin of 43-69. That same evening Aber beat Bristol University, and so to Manchester in March for the semis and finals of the Prince Philip Silver Wink Trophy, and victory against seemingly overwhelming odds!

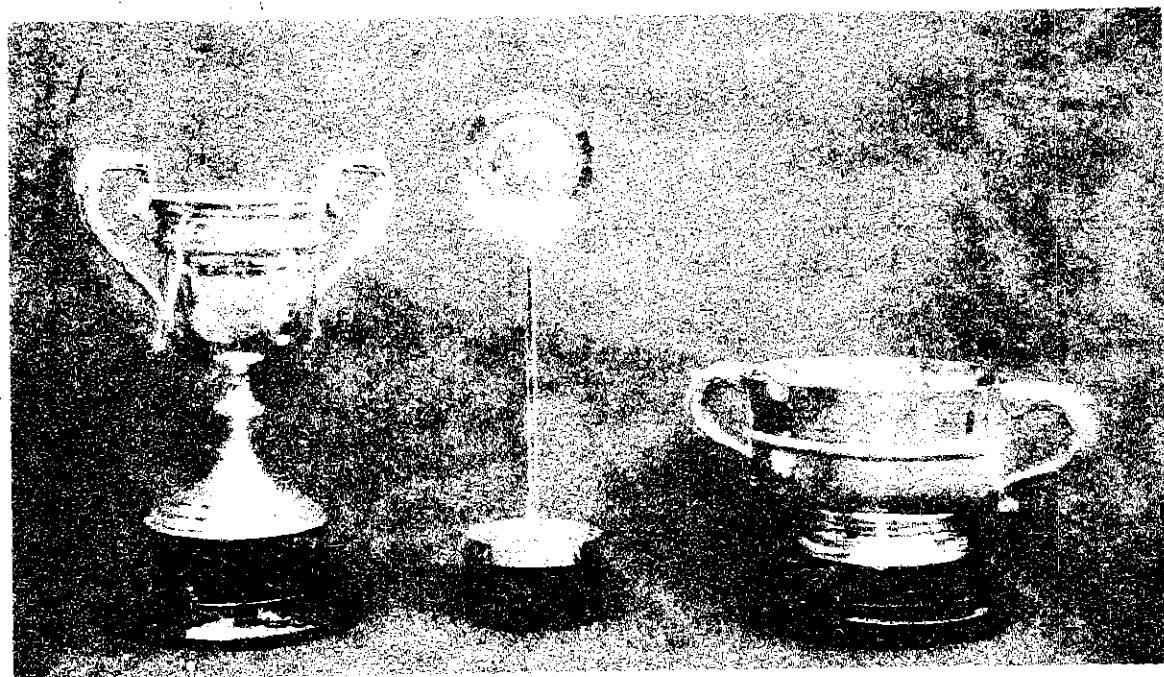
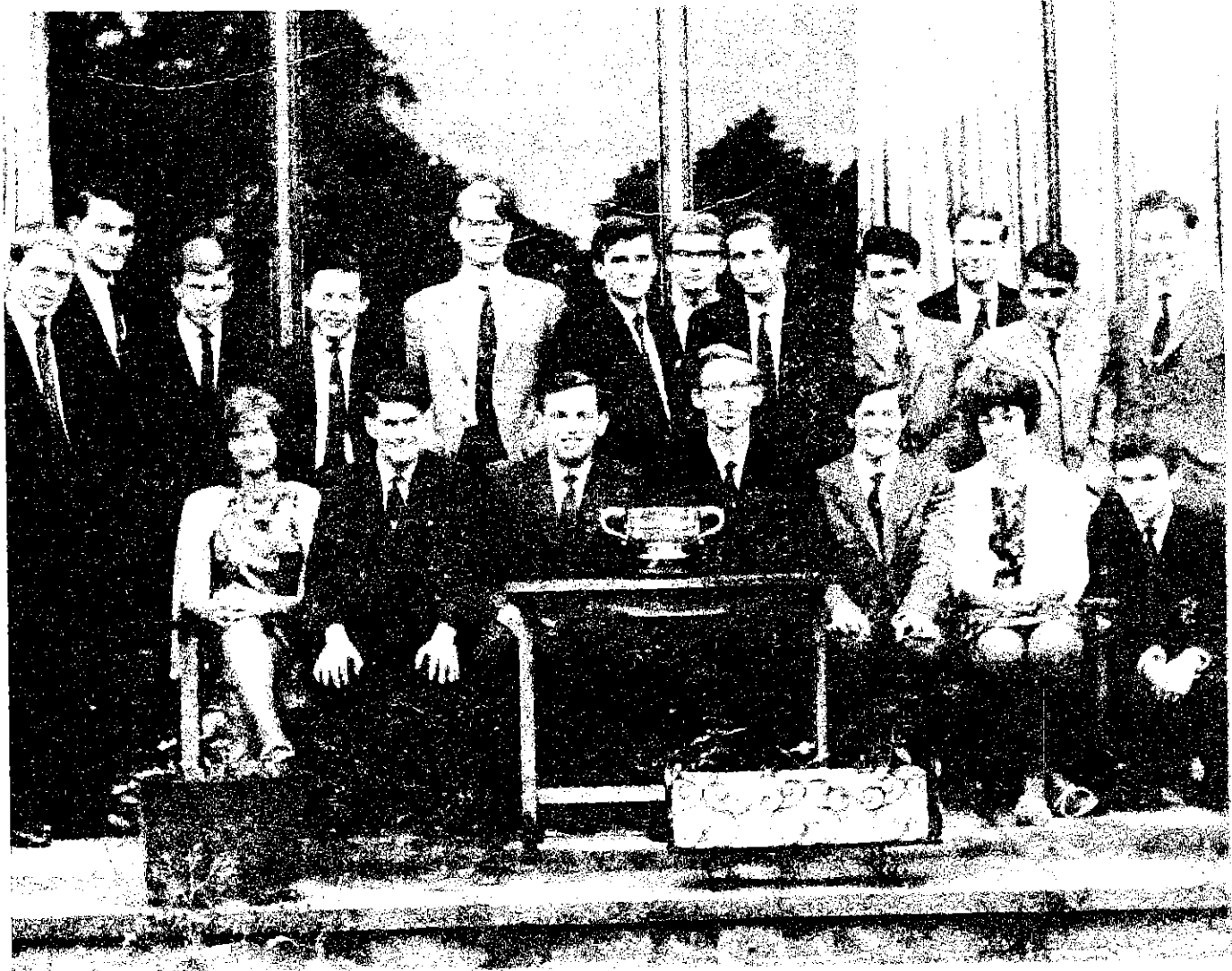
Aber's success is new and exciting for Welsh, and indeed all, winkers, and one and all can rest assured that it will not be short lived. Aber's potentialities for next year seem limitless. The chances are that the Silver Wink will stay in the 'Pearl of the Welsh Riviera' for at least another year.

As for the Bombay Bowl - Beware England!

'AEACUS' [continued from page 6]

One of the most popular ways of modifying a squidger is to file the whole squidger down. There are those who think that a thin squidger is more accurate and gives a finer touch. Experimenters are warned, however, that a flexible squidger is very difficult to control, as its flexibility varies with the grip of the player. To ensure consistency, therefore, it is necessary to take exactly the same grip in exactly the same place on the squidger for every shot. Great delicacy of touch and long experiment are needed to establish control of such a squidger, for variations in the grip taken will produce unintentional fluctuations in the length and trajectory of a given shot.

Another modification is to file down the squidger or turn it on a lathe until it looks as if it has been cut in half. The result is one flat and one curved edge, and a squidger which is thin enough to give a fine touch, but not so flexible as to be difficult to control. The same advantages are claimed for squidgers filed to a wedge shape, giving one sharpened edge. Users of this implement should be careful always to use the same edge, or erratic shots will result.



PHOTOGRAPHS

For the first time The Winking World contains a page of photographs. The top picture was taken at the Second International Tw Congress at Birmingham in 1963, and includes all the members of ETWA's Council (except Honorary President Harry Secombe and Honorary Vice-President Bill Steen). The bottom photo shows the three major tiddlywink trophies.

Delegates at the 1963 Congress

Standing, left to right : Roger McGovern, Council Member (UC, London); Peter Cook (UC, London); Roy Gillett (George Dixon GS, B'ham); Terry Mitchell (ULU); Charles Relle, Council Member (Cambridge U); Michael Collins (ULU); Patrick Dick (Belfast U); Tom Ballantyne (Cambridge U); Ken Veitch, Council Member (Manchester U); Michael Crick (ULU); Allen Astles (Altrincham GS); Philip Villar (ULU). Seated, left to right : Grace Hunter, Council Member (Gipsy Hill TC); Stuart Clark, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer (Bristol U); Peter Downes, Chairman (Adonis); Guy Consterdine, Secretary (ULU); Norman Bardsley, Council Member (Manchester U); Jaqueline Taylor (Gipsy Hill TC); Martin O'Shea, Council Member (Aberdeen U). Patrick Bonham (Queen Mary College, London) took the photograph.

The clubs listed above are those of which delegates were members at the time of the Congress. Abbreviations used : U=University, C=College, GS=Grammar School, ULU=University of London Union, TC=Training College.

Three Major Tw Trophies

The trophies, from left to right, are :

Marchant Trophy, presented by Marchant Games Ltd. in 1959, for the Champions of All England ; it is open to any tw club in England. Cambridge recently won it (for the third time) by beating London, the previous Champions.

Silver Wink, the trophy for the annual universities' knockout competition. Instituted in 1960-61, it has been won by Oxford, Bristol, London, and Aberystwyth. It was Prince Philip who provided the elegant trophy.

Bombay Bowl, presented by Arthur Guinness and Son in 1960. It is a challenge trophy for competition between England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

THE MARCHANT TROPHY : LONDON v CAMBRIDGE

London University, holders of the Trophy since December 1962, were soundly defeated by Cambridge University at the University of London Union on April 25th, 1964. The challengers finished 21 points ahead.

The match itself was not of outstanding interest, but the last round produced some unusual games. Most games, after an open start, became highly centralised in a few very complex piles near the pot. This was particularly noticeable in the vital 3rd round. The tactical expertise of the players on both sides was reflected in the record that 11 of the 16 games (including all 8 games of the second half) ended 6-1.

In the first 3 rounds, very little potting was done until the 5 rounds of turns after the time limit (25 minutes), and then more often than not Cambridge was more in evidence in the pot. The score in their favour at the halfway stage was 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ -22 $\frac{1}{2}$, and at the end of the 3rd round, with 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ points, they were certain of the Trophy.

The last round was scored evenly at 14-all. On Mat 1 an efficient double-squop game ended 6-1 to London. Mat 2 was a rather unusual double-squop ; at adjudication there were 9 separate piles, with an empty pot. Cambridge took the game 6-1. The game on Mat 3 was unspectacular until the last of the 5 rounds of turns. Cambridge were winning, but not by 6-1 on points. So one Cambridge player, whose winks were all free, potted out. After the uncovering, his partner in the same round put all his 6 winks into the pot. One sees such skill but rarely; it was a well-deserved 6-1. On Mat 4 the London pair, knowing the match to be lost already, tried double-pot strategy. After 18 minutes Yellow had 5 in, with one squopped. During free turns, while adjusting a pile, their opponents accidentally liberated this squopped wink, which the Londoner immediately potted. His partner came second to secure a 6-1, but to no avail as the final score emerged at 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ -45 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Individual scores differed widely. One pair scored only 5 points, while Relle and Breeze of Cambridge made a brilliant 23 $\frac{1}{2}$. Weatherhead and Shepherd scored well with 21 points. Best of the London side were McGovern and Pugh, who made 15.

A D D R E S S E S

Note a change of address of the Secretary of ETWA :

Guy Consterdine, 1 Effingham Road, Lee Green, London, S.E.12.

(Also : Stonewick, Warninglid, Haywards Heath, Sussex.)

Treasurer of ETWA : Stuart Clark, 97 Norton Road, Stourbridge, Worcs.

The inclusion of a club in the list of addresses in any edition of The Winking World does not necessarily mean that the club has paid its annual subscription to ETWA. There are over 50 clubs in the following list ; 27 clubs have paid 1964 subscriptions.

Abbreviations : Sec, Tw C = Secretary, Tiddlywinks Club ; S=School ;

GS = Grammar School ; U = University ; C = College

ABERDEEN U : Sec, Tw C, Students' Union, Broad Street, Aberdeen, Scotland.

ABERYSTWYTH U : A. Astles, Tw C, Students' Union, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, Cards.

ALTRINCHAM GS : Stephen Williams, 3 Townfield Road, Altrincham, Cheshire.

ALTRINCHAM GIRLS GS : Miss C. Miller, 10 Wyngate Rd, Hale, Cheshire. [Mid dx.]

AMBROSE FLEMING S : Sec, Tw C, Ambrose Fleming School, Collinwood Ave, Enfield, /

ANGLICAN YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSN : Miss K. Harrison, 35 Grove Vale, Wheatley Hills, Doncaster, Yorkshire.

BANCROFT'S S : H. Orrock, Tw Club, Bancroft's School, Woodford Green, Essex.

BELFAST U : Sec, Tw C, Students' Union, Queen's University, Belfast 7, N. Ireland

BISHOPSHALT S : J. Grafham, Rosslyn, 20 Mid-Croft, Ruislip, Middx.

BOLTON S : D. H. Turner, 28 Fall Birch Rd, Lostock, Bolton, Lancs.

BRADFORD TECH. C : C. Ambler, Tw C, Rosemount House, Clifton Villas, Manningham Lane, Bradford 8, Yorkshire.

BRISTOL U : C. Brown, 11 Byron Place, Bristol 8.

CAMBRIDGE U : Geoff Thomas, Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

CHELTENHAM LOCALS : B. Coolbear, 38 Priory St, Cheltenham, Glos.

DIDSBURY : P. Froebel, 36 Deneford Rd, Didsbury, Manchester 20, Lancs.

DURHAM U : Sec, Tw C, The Union Society, Palace Green, Durham.

EALING GS : S. Hammett, Ealing Grammar School for Boys, The Green, Ealing, W.5.

EASTHAMPSTEAD : Miss P. Armstrong, Easthampstead Park College, Wokingham, Berks.

EDGBASTON GIRLS : Tw C, Convent H.C.J., Sir Harry's Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham 15.

EDINBURGH U : R. Williams, Tw C, Cowan House, George Square, Edinburgh 8.

EDMONTON LATYMER S : Sec, Tw C, Edmonton Latymer School, Hazlebury Road, London, N.9.

ESSEX INST OF AG : R. Mackie, Essex Institute of Agriculture, Writtle, Chelmsford, Essex

GEORGE DIXON GS : R. Gillett, 237 Quinton Rd, Harborne, Birmingham 17.

GIPSY HILL C : Miss G. Hunter, Tw C, Gipsy Hill Training College, Kenry House, Kingston Hill, Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey

HARE HALL : Paul Kentish, 133 Osborne Road, Hornchurch, Essex.

HEANOR GS : Sec, Tw C, The Grammar School, Heanor, Derbyshire

HULL U : Sec, Tw C, Students' Union, The University, Hull, Yorkshire

KINGSTON C : Sec, Tw C, Students' Union, Kingston College of Technology, Penrhyn Road, Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey

LEEDS C OF ART : A. Hardcastle, Sec, Tw C, Leeds College of Art, Vernon St, Leeds 2.

LEICESTER U : Sec, Tw C, Students' Union, University of Leicester, University Rd, Leic.

LONDON TW LEAGUE : Miss Ruth Munzer, League Secretary, Winks Society, University Union, Malet St, London, WC1 [Addresses of League clubs are available from Miss Munzer]

LONDON U UNION (ULU) : Sec, Winks Society, University Union, Malet St, London, WC1.

MANCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS : Miss Daphne Twiss, 21 Wainwright Rd, Altrincham, Ches.

MANCHESTER GS : Geoffrey Tattersall, 7 Clarendon Rd, Audenshaw, Manchester, Lancs

MANCHESTER U : Sec, Tw C, Manchester University Union, Oxford Road, Manchester 13

MAYFIELD : Sec, Tw C, The Old Palace, Mayfield, Sussex.

MOUNT GRACE S : Sec, Tw C, Mount Grace School, Church Rd, Potters Bar, Middx

NCFT : Roger Broomfield, Tw Society, Students' Union, National College of Food Technology, St George's Avenue, Weybridge, Surrey

NEW ELIZABETHANS : Roger Cuff, 51 Valley Road, River, Dover, Kent

NONSUCH COUNTY GIRLS' S : Miss D. S. Rutt, 91a High St, Sutton, Surrey

NORTHERN NOMADS : Ken Veitch, 29 Avon Rd, Hale, Cheshire

NOTTINGHAM U : John Worth, Tw Society, The University, University Park, Nottingham.

ORIEL TW C : J. David Fisher, 5 Chapeltown Rd, Bromley Cross, Bolton, Lancs.

OXFORD U : P. Long, Tw C, Wadham College, Oxford

PARMITERS S : Sec, Tw C, Parmiters School, Approach Rd, Cambridge Heath, London, E.2.

RANELAGH WORKS : R. G. Double, Turbo Drawing Office, Reavell and Co Ltd, Ranelagh Works, Ipswich

READING U : Sec, Tw C, Students' Union, The University, Reading, Berks.

ROYAL HOLLOWAY C : Sec, Tw C, Royal Holloway College, Englefield Green, Surrey

ST JAMES YOUTH FELLOWSHIP : John Liddle, 36 Cedar Ave, Enfield Highway, Enfield, Middx

SALE GS : Peter Laxton, 4 Hough Green, Ashley, Altrincham, Cheshire.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Income and Expenditure Account of the English Tiddlywinks Association
for the period 16th June 1963 to 31st August 1964

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Carried forward	£8.14.11	Publications:	
Surplus on 1963 Congress	£2. 1.9	WW4 : Cost - £4.18.4	
Donations :		less Sales - £1. 7.0	] £3.11.4
P.J.Downes £3.3.0		WW5 : Cost - £4.14.0	
Bristol U Tw C 15.0	] £3.18.0	less Sales - £1.16.0	] £2.18.0
Club Affiliation :		E 2	5.0
1963 Junior 3.6		Postages :	
1964 Junior £3. 0.0		Secretary £3. 3.4	
1963 Senior £1.10.0		Treasurer 10.6	] £3.13.10
1964 Senior £7.10.0	£12. 3.6	Stationery, etc :	
Individual Membership :		Notepaper £3.15.0	
1963/64 3.0		Membership Cards £1. 0.0	
1964 6.0		General 19.2	£5.14.2
1964-66 5.0		SJTWC, Net Expenses	£1.17.0
1964-68 £1.10.0		EJTwC Medals	£2. 2.0
Life £8. 0.0	<u>£10. 6.0</u>	Cheque Book	4.0
		Balance at Bank	<u>£16.18.10</u>
	<u>£37. 4.2</u>		<u>£37. 4.2</u>

Treasurer's comments on the above Income and Expenditure Account :

1. The Surplus on 1963 Congress is the difference between the Cobden Hotel's original estimate and what was actually charged. The sum was donated to ETWA's coffers rather than apportioned over those present at the Congress.
2. Donations. Peter Downes received 3 guineas from the BBC as a fee for his appearance on Radio Newsreel early in the year, re the reported dropping of the 'tiddly' from 'tiddlywinks'; ETWA accords its thanks to Peter for his donation of the fee. The 15/- donation from Bristol University arose through a misunderstanding, as a result of which the club paid its subscriptions for 1963 and 1964 twice!
3. There was a working loss on the first SJTwC of £1.17.0. In future years only the balance from the event will be donated to the National Playing Fields Association, instead of the full entry fees.
4. A major item of expenditure falling due shortly after the period covered by these Accounts will be the cost of WW6. Allowing for minor extras the balance in hand at the end of 1964 should be in the region of £12.

S.Clark, Treasurer

R.McGovern, Auditor

E.1 and E.2 : ETWA Publications

Two foolscap leaflets have been published by ETWA. E.1 is titled 'Tiddlywinks Strategy' and is intended primarily for the use of wingers new to the game : it outlines the basic principles behind the two major strategies, pot-squop and double-squop. E.2 is the comprehensive key to the Bonham Recording System. E.2 was actually printed before 31st August, and before E.1, which is why the cost of E.2 appears in the Financial Statement while E.1 does not. Subscribed members of ETWA are being sent copies of these publications, and will of course receive any future publications.

ADDRESSES, Continued from page 10

SCOTTISH TW ASSOC. : Martin O'Shea, Students' Union, Broad St, Aberdeen
 SUSSEX U : Sec, Tw C, University of Sussex Union, Falmer House, Falmer, Brighton, Sx
 U.C, LONDON : J.Small, Tw C, University College Union, Gower St, London, WC1.
 WALPOLE TW FRATERNITY : J.Dunnet, Tw Fraternity, 6th Form Room, Walpole Grammar
 School, Cranmer Avenue, London, W.13.
 YOUNG LIBERALS, GROUP 26 : C.White, 69 Botwell Lane, Hayes, Middx.

Further copies of The Winking World No. 6 are available from the Secretary of ETWA, price 6d per copy (plus postage please). Comments, suggestions, and prospective articles for future editions are most welcome.

SECOMBE BECOMES ETWA's HONORARY PRESIDENT

As reported in the national press, Harry Secombe has become Honorary President of ETWA. He has already gone down in winks history as a central figure in 'the immortal Goons match' against Cambridge University in March 1958. Dressed in 'traditional Goon sheets' he and his Captain, Spike Milligan, led the Royal Champions unerringly to defeat. One of his much-reported feats was the squopping of his own partner, 'who observed irritably that he was a Charlie'. Immediately after the match he was picked up by a Fisons Pest Control helicopter and whisked to Coventry in time for a pantomime matinee performance. The Cambridge Club subsequently elected him an Honorary Member.

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M O N E Y

Affiliation fees are ETWA's main source of income, since money raised from tiddlywinks events is donated to the National Playing Fields Association.

Affiliation to ETWA is of two kinds:

a) Club Membership - The annual subscription for clubs (consisting of at least 8 members) is 10/- for senior clubs (members over 18 years) and 5/- for junior clubs (members 18 or under).

b) Individual Membership - Individuals can keep in touch with tiddlywinks by taking up membership of ETWA, whether or not they are members of clubs. Subscriptions are 2/- per year for any number of years, or £ 1 for life. At the time of going to press, individual members are as follows:

Life - R. Bebbington, P. Bonham, S. Clark, G. Consterdine, A. Cooper, M. Crick, C. Flood, R. Glasscock, G. Kurtz, M. O'Shea, C. Relle, N. Shepherd.

10 Yrs - P. Villar.

5 Yrs - R. Broomfield, C. Maddock, J. Rogers.

2 Yrs - P. Laxton.

1 Yr - A. Astles, P. Atkinson, C. Emery, S. Williams.

Members receive all publications issued by ETWA. Postal Orders and Cheques should be made payable to the English Tiddlywinks Association.

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AUNTIE GERTIE'S PROBLEM CORNER

Still perplexed by the water-buffalo situation in Iraq, Auntie has received another winker's problem - 'I have a squidger composed of a hard rubbery substance with a normal diameter of 0.99 inches. But high-speed photography has revealed that when I am actually squidging with it, it is extended to 1.01 inches, which comes within the required squidger dimensions (1 to 2 inches diameter). Can this squidger be used in match play?' [Winks Addict, Taunton].

- Obviously you can only use it when you're squidging with it; or, to put it the other way round, you may not use it when you're not squidging with it. However an edict from Congress would be necessary to ratify this judgment. - Auntie.

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AROUND THE WINKING WORLD

Guy Consterdine, ETWA Secretary and Editor of WW, was married on August 8th at Kingsbury Episcopi, Somerset, the home of his bride Margaret. They have moved into a flat at Lee Green, and accordingly ETWA's address changes from the old one at Ufton Road to 1 Effingham Rd., Lee Green, London S.E. 12.

The 4-pot Relay record has been broken again by Altrincham G.S.; Noakes, Jones, Williams and Astles put 42 winks through 4 pots in 3 minutes on July 7th; the old record, which stood for just over a year, was 40 winks. The Accuracy record of 23 shots is still held by Michael Brogden and Alan Cooper, and the Speed record of 26.5 seconds by Allen Astles. The International Rules booklet gives full details of the regulations governing ETWA's three records.

The match analysis of University College London for Oct 1963 - Apr 1964 was: Played 39, Won 30, Lost 8, Drawn 1. Points for 2271 $\frac{1}{3}$, against 1277 $\frac{2}{3}$. They claim two records: over 2000 points in one season, and over 6000 points in its whole career.

Tiddlywinks scorecards, printed by Guinness, are available free from ETWA - but please send money or stamps to cover postage (each scorecard weighs about $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz.). These are an excellent way of keeping records of matches.