

has won the club championship five times (a fortnight ago to make six)he has won all the individual cups in the League several times, was in the winning diamond jubilee pairs of the league, the triples, and other competitions in the district. Secretary Mr S W Etridge says the club could do with a few more experienced players. I find this is the story of most clubs.

Members have got old in harness. There is a demand for new blood, although it is difficult to find men who hold the skills and the affection for the game that exists among the old brigade.

Not quite true perhaps. I am thinking of Geoffrey Amos, a young bank clerk who joined Broadstairs and almost right away won the singles championship of the Thanet League three years in succession in 1960,61 and 62, and played for Kent in the Middleton Cup from 1960 to 1968. He was winner of the Cobb Cup, Champion of Champions in 1955.

So there is hope for the youngsters. The prizes are there with the joy of playing a rewarding game..