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Fixtures.

OCTOBER.

- Oct. 10 and 11.—Whitley; Inaugural Prize Meeting; the Davison, Wyndham, and Hamilton Cups.
- Oct. 11.—Tantallon Autumn Meeting; Club Medal, Victoria Jubilee Cup.
St. George's (Sandwich); Autumn Meeting.
United Service (Portsmouth); Poynder Challenge Cup.
West Herts; Handicap Medal.
Wilshire and District; Captain's Gold Medal.
- Oct. 13.—Royal Isle of Wight; Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 15 and 16.—Worcestershire; Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 15 to 18.—Aberdeen; Autumn Meeting.
London Scottish; Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 17 and 18.—Brighton and Hove; Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 18.—Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells.
Clapham; Autumn Meeting.
Felixstowe; Final Competition for Elcho Prizes.
Redhill and Reigate; Club Medal.
Disley; Summer Handicap.
Royal Epping Forest; Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 20.—Felixstowe; Prize, value 3 guineas, given by the Club.
- Oct. 21.—Felixstowe; Monthly Challenge Cup.
Royal Blackheath; Glennie Medal.
- Oct. 23-25.—Royal Wimbledon; Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 24-25.—Royal Eastbourne; Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 25.—Luffness; Wemyss Challenge Handicap Medal.
Buxton and High Peak; Monthly Competition, under Handicap, with Sweepstake.
Redhill and Reigate; Autumn Meeting.
United Service (Portsmouth); The Captain's Prize.
Troon; Sandhills and Club Medals.
Royal Ascot; Mr. Haig's prize.
Littlestone-on-Sea; Autumn Meeting.
Royal Epping Forest; Gordon Challenge Cup.
- Oct. 26.—Alnmouth; Final Competition for Handicap Cup.
- Oct. 29-31.—Hayling; Autumn Meeting, Annual Meeting, and Club Dinner.

NOVEMBER.

- Nov. 1.—Great Yarmouth; Autumn Meeting.
Carnousti and Taymouth; Sweepstake Competition.
Clapham; "Cronin" Medal.
United Service (Portsmouth); Davies Gold Medal and Sweepstake.
Royal Ascot; Club Cup and Silver Putter.
Hayling; The Treasurer's Cup
- Nov. 4.—Great Yarmouth and Cambridge University; at Yarmouth.
- Nov. 8.—West Herts; Handicap Medal.
- Nov. 15.—Disley; First Winter Handicap.
- Nov. 19.—Royal Epping Forest; Gordon Challenge Cup.
- Nov. 22.—West Lancashire; St. Andrews Meeting.
- Nov. 29.—Royal Liverpool; St. Andrews Meeting.
Buxton and High Peak; Monthly Competition, under Handicap, and Sweepstake.
Royal Isle of Wight; St. Andrews Meeting.
Royal Ascot; Mr. Haig's prize.
Royal Epping Forest; Gordon Challenge Cup.

DECEMBER.

- Dec. 6.—Clapham; "Cronin" Medal.
United Service (Portsmouth); Davies Gold Medal and Sweepstake.
Royal Ascot; Club Cup and Silver Putter.
- Dec. 13.—West Herts; Handicap Medal.
- Dec. 17.—Royal Epping Forest; Gordon Challenge Cup.
- Dec. 20.—Disley; Second Winter Handicap.
Royal Epping Forest; Gordon Challenge Cup.
- Dec. 23.—Royal Isle of Wight Christmas Meeting.
- Dec. 26.—Bembridge Gold Medal, Eaton Memorial Putter and Fisher Prize.
Clapham; Challenge Handicap Cup.
Felixstowe; Club Prize, value 2 guineas.
- Dec. 27.—Buxton and High Peak; Monthly Competition, under Handicap, with Sweepstake.
Felixstowe; Monthly Challenge Cup.
Royal Ascot; Mr. Haig's prize.

THE BULGER.

(Reply of the Inventor of the Bulger to G. H.)

Nay! List to me good golfers all,
Heed not the scoffer's grins,
Remembering the adage old,
"He laugheth last who wins."

H. A. L.

Question.—Which is the best sort of ball to play a foursome with?

Answer.—Johnny "Ball."

A SERIOUS SUGGESTION.

The following letter appears in Saturday's *Scots Observer* :—
SIR,—The first thing that golfers seem called upon to do for Golf has already been more than once mooted in these columns. It has been shown that something must be done against pot-hunting, or Golf will become a pottering pastime. This is not a matter which should put Scottish and English golfers in opposition; for the trade of Birmingham in cheap electro-plate would not suffer seriously if Golf handicaps were stopped. And they need checking quite as much over the benty, heathery links of Skulmahow as on the 'umps and 'ollows of 'Ockley-in-the-'Ole.

No one, to my knowledge, has ever questioned the statement in the preamble to Lord Campbell's Act (I think): "Britannia needs no bulwarks to guard her native shores." Many may have wondered what bulwarks were, but every one knows what links are; and it is the duty of every Briton to prevent them from disappearing like the others. With niblicks if necessary.

Besides, it is not pots nor hunting nor pot-hunting that we would check. There is a natural appetite for pots—soon satisfied, indeed, but imperious. At college it may be gluttony: *may*, I say, for college pots are above golfing ones in this, that a man must row or run in decent third-rate style, and not merely buy a set of clubs, to win them. College may then supply pewters galore, and after that studs, pencils, toothpicks, and even bad clocks enough to knock the family mansion out of time for years. But all men are not college bred; therefore some concession must be made to potless golfers in these proposals. They are a mere suggestion. An association called —, its badge a scarlet ribbon, its members pledged:—

1. To discourage handicaps. To play for no pot to which there is not attached a sweepstake in money subscribed by all who play, each single subscription being equal to the value of the pot.

2. Never to play a match for less than 2s. 6d., unless the adversary accept the odds you offer.

3. Every member must play at least four matches every year for a five-pound note.

4. A member who habitually wins by tricky quibbling with the letter of the Golf laws; one who, on the other hand, wittingly tampers with the rules, playing loosely—*e.g.*, touching sand on bunkers, &c.; one who shows he is conscious of being meanly sharp by pleading as excuse for claiming a hole that there are outside bets upon the match—all such shall be expelled.

No. 5, &c., would divide members into golfers, duffers, fossils (or fozzles), and unfortunates. Any one with a physical infirmity, such as blindness, &c., would have special exemptions. Seeing double would have exemptions, but seeing three balls would not entitle to them if the middle ball was the real one. Every member would be expected to play his club matches with at least two strokes less each year; and as soon as he could win a match with a professional against any two amateurs he would become a "golfer." If he could not reach this state of efficiency in fifteen years' play, he would become by seniority a fossil; or, if not then fifty, he would be condemned to death by slow torture—in other words, expelled from every links. Any member may at any time present a prize to be played under handicap.

Under a cloud of euphemisms a bye-law would direct that with these cups a blank cheque be sent for the necessary expenses. There would be a day fixed. The committee would make sure that a certain number of members were, if possible, present, but as many more as chose might intimate their intention of competing. The inducement would be a (practically) club dinner paid by the cup-giver, who by a fiction would be captain for the day, and would win his cup as the captain at St. Andrews wins his; on the cup would appear his score, arrived at like that of the captain at St. Andrews. His health would be drunk; he would be congratulated. Any remarks tending to expose the fiction to ignorant guests would be considered in bad taste.

At present pot-hunting is despised. Such an association as we propose would not only rescue Golf from a serious danger, but by its means the public would soon be brought to see that it is no more ridiculous than any similar disease: as hysterics,

longing for change of air, a passion for alcohol, for wearing a belt with keys and chains.

Nor is the fiction superfluous. It is marvellous how soon things repeated and not much contradicted become truths even to him who first lied them. A Cambridge freshman from the north arrives for his first term *via* Peterborough, but he soon learns to believe that *via* London is a shorter way north: even as Englishmen believe the short route to Emin's land is by the Congo. A freshman would understand that Stanley returned another way because he was "hard-up."

A simpler scheme in the interest of Golf and other games would be to put all persons in whose possession more than three hundred handicap prizes were discovered under trust; and to provide for the national desire for a few by making it compulsory to write birth and marriage certificates on pots. So long as Free Church elders are eligible as bank directors, and family worship is no disqualification for offices of trust, such enlightened legislation is not probable. When cremation becomes more general ancestors will be preserved in vases and meet the need.

I am, &c.,

Reston, 29th Sept., 1890.

W. G. SIMPSON.

Correspondence.

THE RULES OF GOLF.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The above heading of these few remarks I have substituted for yours—"The Abolition of the Stimy"—because I wish to traverse the whole of these rules which are full of inconsistencies, and which are indirectly pointed at by P. G. T. in his admirable and forcible letter on this subject in your last week's number.

With your leave, I will do my best to enunciate the true principles on which the game of Golf is based, and confirm P. G. T.'s position.

1st. "The ball struck from the tee—and no other—must be put into the next hole by legitimate golfers' modes, or true golfing strokes—no pushing, shoving, or scraping." (A stroke may be defined as consisting of the draw, and the forward motion striking the ball with the face of the club *only*.)

2nd. "Any interference with the balls, other than by prescribed golfing strokes, involves the loss of the hole to the player so interfering. Every player is also responsible for his caddie, clubs, and ball."

3rd. "After the tee-shot, the ball farthest from the hole must be played first."

4th. "The lie of the ball shall not be altered by lifting obstacles, or improved by smoothing."

I have nothing to say about medal-play, which is bastard and not true Golf. Those who go for it must make their own laws—ludicrous mostly.

As far as I can see, these four rules cover every difficulty in the prosecution of the true game of Golf, and sweep away the 6-inch rule, lifting and counting, playing on your opponent's ball, &c., &c.; these are evidently compromises and accommodations introduced—well, we can guess how by watching the proposals, tampering with the rules as they now stand—by a new school of golfers, who, in shoals, go in for handicapping, sweepstakes, time-pieces, photographic albums, and—a dreadful long list like them. You have in this number of your new paper GOLF (I wish it every success) accounts of Golf meetings from all points of the compass. Look at the array of figures and tell me whether there is the least taint of Golf in these reports. These new golfers wish to assimilate the rules of pure Golf to their base game of medal play and biscuit boxes, and lift the ball, or change it, or any other enormity. They should hasten for the flavour of deadly match play, and they will never pile up these figures more. Medals now and again are right and reasonable, but handicaps for ever, No!!! I fear (connected with this) new journalism is a sinner, not in a less degree. Copy must be found. A reporter, as a rule, knows (or did know) nothing of the game, but he *knew how to count*, and his capacity ended there, but he got copy; after that *counting* be-

came the rule. Thirty or forty years ago you never find, in an account of a struggle of golfing giants, a word of count. Must we be the victims of reporters?

The old game was played with wooden clubs, and a perfect green was ensured. The new Golf consists in smashing and scarifying the green with irons, cleeks, and brasses. Now, no amount of sanding up and repairing can overtake the damage. This is deplorable, and the highest and best part of Golf has disappeared. Where are the innocuous spoons and wooden putter? How shall we ever get another Allan Robertson, perfect master of every club?

Draco (for whom P. G. T. in some sort apologizes) is in all our ball-games—take billiards and racquets, I don't care which—and there he is dictating the rules. We can have no other to guide us. If the rules of Golf are to be altered they must be restored on the lines of P. G. T.'s excellent suggestions.

I know the game thoroughly, though no player now.
My card, Sir, for you. For the rest, I remain,

AN OLD GOLFER.

September 27th, 1890.

CHALLENGE PRIZES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Many large sums are expended annually in challenge prizes, either by clubs or individual members. Nobody really cares to win a challenge cup or medal, and it would be far more sensible to divide the money to be spent by say five, and spread the prizes of that value over that number of years, or in the case of £50 or £100 challenge cups, the interest on that amount would purchase a small prize every year, which could be won right out and be far more popular. Nobody, if he has any sense, takes a challenge prize home with him because he is responsible for it, and should the enterprising burglar lay his hand on it, he would be sorry he won it. And what is the satisfaction of having the barren honour of being the holder of a challenge pot locked up in the secretary's safe? You may look at it once a year, and it may adorn the table at a club dinner, but beyond that there is not much satisfaction in having it.

Some donors of prizes stipulate that their prize must be won twice or three times before it becomes the property of anyone. This is almost as unsatisfactory as the challenge prize. Of course some will say that they need not give prizes at all, and if they do they are quite right to make their own terms. Certainly they are, but it would be far more popular if they were given under more generous conditions. How often has one heard a sportsman grumbling at his bad luck in coming in first and having to take a challenge cup, whereas if he had come in second he would have won a prize that he could call his own, and not have his handicap reduced!

A noble lord in Scotland gave a handsome gold medal to a curling club, of which he was president. It was to be won *three years in succession* before it left the club, after which he would give another. It is needless to say that it was in the club for many years, but, thank goodness, he was shot for another two years ago.

In memoriam challenge prizes are all very well; for instance, the valuable Eaton shield and gold putter of the Royal Isle of Wight Golf Club. A miniature of the former and a silver one of the latter goes to the winner each year. It would be interesting to have the opinion of others on this subject.

I am, &c.,
R. M. A.

THE GOLFERS' OBITUARY.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have read the letter which appears under this head in your last week's issue. I think that the idea is a good one. Let me give my own experience. I had been residing abroad for some years, and on my return to the golfers' happy hunting-ground, and to the club of which I was a member, I found that in the interval I had been struck off the members' list as "dead," and grieved for by my golfing friends, who were not a little perplexed when I turned up alive and kicking.

The mistake arose through my father, who never touched a Golf club in his life, and had never belonged to a club, having the same name as myself.

Exeter, October 4th.

L. W. F.

SIR,—“Bangalore,” hailing from Carnoustie, in your issue of to-day, modestly asks if he might take the liberty of suggesting “that you should devote a small portion of your space to chronicling the births, marriages, and deaths of golfers.” You, Mr. Editor, rightly regard the suggestion as a good one, and offer to throw open a column for the purpose—“for a consideration.” To the interest of golfers, and by way of emphasizing the proposal, I would venture to suggest that for the next dozen issues you should omit the marriages and deaths, and confine the column to the remaining important branch.

I am, &c.,

Edinburgh, 3rd October, 1890.

G. M.

[The subject of “Births, Deaths, and Marriages,” mentioned in our last week's issue, appears to have excited the amused curiosity of many of our lady readers. We have received numerous letters, chiefly from ladies, but not for publication, calling attention to the point. Some of them are playfully sarcastic, others are mildly deprecatory, some are dubious and hesitating, while all for the most part are doubtful of the feasibility of the project. Why should a golfer not wish to chronicle the birth of a son or daughter, who may in turn become a player of some note? We took a golfer's career in its logical sequence, like that of ordinary non-golfing humanity; and as golfers must be born, and, as some of them elect to be, wed, we thought it just and right to begin at the beginning. But in deference to our lady friends, we have substituted “The Golfers' Obituary.” There is an element of gloom about that title; but if they are satisfied to have it so, well and good.—ED.]

A RUB ON THE GREEN.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—We golfers, and duffers more especially, naturally look to you for information and advice, and here are all the notions of fairness instilled into our ingenuous minds by kind nature and indulgent preceptors utterly upset by your dictum. You pronounce the Point Garry incident to be a rub on the green, and declare it to be in accordance with the rules and with all practice. The following is a rule of one Golf club, and I think I could find many others—Bembridge, for instance—to the same effect, “If a player's ball be played away by mistake or be lifted or moved by any agency outside the match, then the player must drop one or another ball as near the spot as possible without any penalty.”

This rule is in accordance with reason, common sense and equity. The rule you rely on is applied by you, as it seems to me, in a way which never could have been intended. It was meant to meet the case of a ball while in motion coming against some one, or something not of the nature of an ordinary recognised hazard, and thereby getting into an unexpected position. It never was meant to apply to the case of a ball which had ceased to move being taken up by any one outside the match and deposited in another place. It is by no means an unheard of incident that a ball is played away by mistake by a player in another match, and according to you this unfortunate ball has to be treated as a victim of a rub on the green. Our sense of fairness revolts against such an obviously unfair rule, and it is my belief that in ordinary practice the common sense plan of restoring the ball to the place it was removed from by dropping it, or if on the putting-green placing it by hand as near thereto as it may safely get, as the old bills of lading used to say, is the plan usually adopted.

Yours obediently,

Oriental Club, Hanover Square, W.,
October 4th.

B.

SIR,—Your editorial comment on the question propounded by “R. H. S.,” in the number for the 3rd inst., might have been different had you read par. 33 as well as par 26 (Golfing Annual, vol. i, pp. 19 and 20) of the St. Andrews rules, under which, I understand, the new club at North Berwick plays.

It lies with the framers of the St. Andrews code to say

which of the paragraphs is to be the one applied to the case. There is, in my opinion, no doubt as to which is the fairer rule.

I remain, Sir, yours, &c.,

5th October, 1890.

D. D.

SIR,—I cannot agree with your decision of the Rub on the Green Case on page 37. According to St. Andrews rules the ball should have been replaced. It was lifted, not moved or stopped.

H. A. L.

[We admit that we were wrong last week in deciding as we did on the point raised by our correspondent. The error was noticed just on the eve of going to press, but unhappily too late to be rectified. We now hasten to do so, with apologies to our correspondent for having misled him. The rule which he quoted in his letter was not the one applicable to the circumstances he described. This is the rule:—"If a player's ball be played away by mistake, or be lifted by any agency outside the match, then the player must drop it, or another ball, as near the spot as possible without any penalty. Should this occur on the putting-green, the ball may be replaced by hand." The opponents of our correspondent, therefore, were right in ruling the ball back to the quarry, and disallowing a rub on the green.—ED.]

THE FLIGHT OF A GOLF BALL.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have often noticed when standing behind a player driving from the tee that a ball after flying about 100 yards appears to make another kind of "shoot" in the air.

Can any of your readers explain the reason of this, or is it deceptive vision?

I am, Sir, &c.,

Oriental Club, October 6th.

A. F. B.

OUGHT THE STIMY TO BE ABOLISHED?

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I think the suggestion made by "D. D." in your last number an admirable one, and, if agreed to, ought to settle the "stimy" question once and for all. If a player lay a stimy for himself, surely it is just that he should suffer, but stimed by his opponent he should at least have the option of lifting the obstructing ball. Of course, sir, we know that it is unfair to wilfully stimy your opponent, but that this shabby trick is often played none but the most confiding will deny. "D. D.'s" suggestion would put a stop to this, and at the same time the total abolition of stimies would be avoided. With reference to "J. C.'s" letter in the same issue of your paper, surely his admiration was thrown away upon an illegal stroke. (See Rule 36 in "Rules for the Game of Golf" as played at St. Andrews.)

I am, &c.,

A. J. E.

4th October, 1890.

GOLF AT MINEHEAD LINKS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

Your correspondent, "J. C.," cannot surely be serious in describing the stroke played by Mr. Richardson, thus:—"As fine a following stroke as could be played," but in case some may take it as such I venture to refer "J. C." to Rule XII. of the Royal and Ancient Club, viz., "Nor, although lying in the way to the hole, is the player entitled to play with any strength upon it, that might injure his opponent's position, or greater than is necessary honestly to send his own ball the distance of the hole."

A dispute as to the real meaning of the word "honestly" is possible, but I think the spirit of the rule is clear, that one may not play on his opponent's ball at all of set purpose, the strength to send the ball to the hole being what is necessary to reach it were no ball in the way. Then again, although the opponent's ball might not be further away from the hole after being followed through, who was to decide that he had not a more

difficult put? The rule forbids one even to run the chance of injuring the opponent's position.

I think the practice is certainly against such a stroke, and I would strongly protest against it as quite contrary to the rule. If points are to be strained, Rule IX. par. 32, would furnish a reply quite as well founded as the "honestly" quibble, viz., "If a player or his caddie strike the opponent's ball in any manner, that side loses the hole." "In any manner" opens a wide door.

The new committee for the revision of the rules just appointed by the R. and A. Club will, no doubt, soon give us clear wording to many of the ambiguous phrases.

I am, &c.

N. R. F.

GULLANE.

Gae bring to me my clubs ance mair,
For golf I'm fain and willin',
And I would breathe the caller air
That blows sae fresh ower Gullane.

To tread ance mair its springy turf
And play o'er hill and valley;
Whilst all its varying scenes ne'er fail
With rapture to enthrall ye.

The bonnie Forth that winds its course
Frae Stirling to the May, man,
Enchanting charms lends to each scene,
To foreland or to bay, man.

There Highland hills majestic frown,
Here smiles Fife's peaceful coast, man;
And at our feet the Lothians lie,
The farmers' pride and boast, man.

Folks praise the links ayont the Forth—
St. Andrews, Elie, Leven;
About Carnoustie, Dornoch Firth,
Our ears they aft are deavin'.

But Gullane, oh, your wondrous charm
A' other links surpasses;
Inspired we climb your hills as once
The ancients climbed Parnassus.

Then let each one that swings a club,
Let every golfer keen, man,
To Gullane toast and swear that she
O' links will aye be queen, man.

Yet another new course. Cheltenham, we hear, will be shortly added to the list of golfing resorts.

A general meeting of the New Club, North Berwick, is to be held on the 16th inst., to consider the question of building an addition to the club house.

The Royal Liverpool Autumn Meeting unfortunately clashes with the tournament at North Berwick. Mr. J. Ball, jun., was pressed very hard to go to North Berwick and play, but he preferred to stay at Hoylelake. Mr. Hilton is among the players at North Berwick, and is the only representative from Hoylelake.

The season of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers begins with the Winter Meeting on the 6th November, and the dates fixed for the dinners to be held at the Windsor Hotel, Princes Street, are 6th November and 6th December, 1890, and 8th January, 5th February, 7th March, and 9th April, 1891.

Two players were engaged in a foursome. Number 1, having been bullying his partner most of the way round, at last quite lost his last atom of temper, and said, "Do you always play such a bad game, sir?" "Oh, no," he says, "I can play a d—d sight worse game than I have been playing."

Club Fixtures.

NOW that the holidays are practically over, and golfers all over the country have returned home from their sojournings at other greens, the attention of club executives may be usefully directed to the subject of fixtures for important competitions. A glance at our list of fixtures will show that several prominent clubs have chosen almost the same dates for their great gatherings of the year. This is not a point of much moment in the case of the majority of clubs throughout the country who confine their competitions to medal and handicap prizes among the members themselves, because it is obvious that the convenience of the greatest number of players in the locality of each club ought to be the guiding principle in the selection of a date, irrespective of the consideration whether the day fixed upon clashes with the fixture of another club. But it is an unfortunate circumstance in the case of our larger and more influential clubs who make it a feature of their autumn gatherings to throw open a certain portion of their prize list to the representative members of other clubs, and who are praiseworthy anxious to make the occasion a great success by inviting members of other clubs to join with their own players in friendly rivalry. Even a golfer, with all the aid of improved modern communication cannot—to quote Sir Boyle Roche—"be in two places at once, barrin' he was a bird"; and, therefore, the point may justly be deemed sufficiently important to merit a little attention from committees with the view of seeing whether or not there is room for a little reform to be introduced.

One or two instances, out of many, may be quoted by way of illustration. During the whole of this week—from October 4th to October 10th—the Royal North Devon Club are holding their autumn meeting. This clashes with the great Golf tournament at North Berwick, which, we are glad to see, is likely to be a big success. On the 8th the Royal Liverpool Club hold their autumn meeting at Hoylake; while from the 23rd to the 25th the Royal Wimbledon are mustering their forces for a large autumn competition. The last-mentioned date unhappily clashes with the fixtures of the Royal Eastbourne Club and Littlestone-on-Sea, many of whose members also belong to Wimbledon. Mr. Horace Hutchinson is likely to be occupied with his own club at Westward Ho! Mr. John Ball, jun., will be detained at Hoylake, and the members of the Wimbledon Club who might wish, did the arrangements of their own club permit, to play either at Eastbourne or Littlestone, will be forced to make a choice, and will, no doubt, elect to compete in the metropolitan competition by preference. It, therefore, follows that the managers of the tournament at North Berwick will be deprived of the *prestige* which players of the rank and calibre of Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Ball confer, while other clubs who have been unfortunate enough to choose, it may be by hap-hazard, a similar date will be deprived of many of the

essential elements which tend to success and enhancement of reputation.

In these days of cheap and easy communication, would it not be possible for some of the secretaries of the more important clubs to arrange a consultative meeting after the manner of county cricket clubs, and so arrange their card of fixtures at this meeting, that all chance of one important gathering clashing with another shall be obviated?

Tee Shots.

A learned police magistrate playing at Brighton the other day, narrowly missed his opponent's head at square leg, whereupon saith the opponent, "Look out, I say; you might sing out 'Fore.'"

"If I hit you or your caddie I win the hole," was the only answer.

Golf at Wimbledon on Thursday last was somewhat interfered with by a sham fight, which was being proceeded with in the morning on the common. As far as could be judged from an outsider's point of view, the invading force must have got most unmercifully peppered from the defenders behind the butts long before they got near, as they approached quite across the open, and under no, or hardly any, cover. The day was lovely—bright sun and cool breeze. The windmill presented quite a gay appearance. Carriages of all sorts were out, and there were many persons riding; and ladies were to be seen hurrying up from Wimbledon, Putney and other places, while the booming of the cannon and the less noisy sputtering rifle shots and bugle calls, added to the stir and excitement of the scene. For such a fine Thursday in October few golfers were playing, but no doubt the fine weather is causing many to spin out their holidays as long as they can.

FIRST BYSTANDER on Wimbledon Common, watching a game of Golf, inquires of second bystander "What is this game of Golf?"

SECOND BYSTANDER.—"Oh it's a stupid game. A lot of men get themselves up in red coats and wander about till they find a hole, when they drop a ball into it."

LOOKER-ON, to Scotchman who is playing the game, "May I inquire, Sir, what game that is called?" "It's just Golf," replied the Scotchman. "Just Golf," soliloquised the looker-on, "I never heard of that game before;" but returning to the charge, "How long have you played it, Sir?" "About eight hundred years," rejoined the Scotchman not quite catching the drift of the question. Exit looker-on, bewildered, thinking that he had met with the strange experience of being chaffed by a Scotchman.

A short time ago a young lady was asked whether she had ever seen Golf played. She replied, "No, I have never been to any pantomime!"

The record score for Tooting Bec course was made by Tom Dunn, late of North Berwick, in a match with Mr. Dudley Ward. Dunn accomplished the round of 18 holes in the marvellously low total of 70—38 out and 32 in, made up as follows:—Out—3, 6, 5, 5, 4, 4, 4, 4, 3=38; in—4, 3, 4, 5, 4, 3, 3, 3=32.

With reference to the formation of a Golf club at Whitley, several letters have appeared in the Newcastle papers objecting to the club on the score of danger to the inhabitants and visitors at Whitley. One writer says:—"Last year, while walk-

ing on Newbiggin Moor, I was nearly struck on the face with a hard ball driven with terrific force by an instrument shod with iron, and during the same day a friend of mine narrowly escaped a blow on the ear." Providence had evidently been watching over our two friends, and it would, indeed, have been a national calamity had they been struck with the "hard ball driven with terrific force." He concludes by saying, "It appears strange that Newcastle Golf enthusiasts should be allowed to drive the inhabitants of Whitley, as well as the visitors, from Whitley, and I ask whether the public are powerless to prevent this undesirable and injurious innovation." The writer in question would evidently like to have Whitley reserved for his own exclusive use. Some men would not be content if they had the earth all to themselves.

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The first match over the Whitley links was played on Wednesday, Oct. 1, by Mr. J. Radcliffe and Mr. J. Hedley, the former conceding a stroke a hole, and winning by one hole. Considering the brief space of time that has been at command to lay out the putting greens and to prepare the hazards, the course is marvellously forward. As an example of the rising popularity of the game, this, the youngest club in the country, has already a membership of 130. The course is nearly two miles in extent, and the inaugural prize meeting takes place on the 10th and 11th October.

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We have received the patent driving cleek that Willie Park, jun., played with in his last great match with Kirkcaldy. Any golfer who cares to see it can do so by calling at the GOLF Office.

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A Golf Club has been started on Nazing Common, and the vicar of Nazing is the secretary *pro tem*. The Common is well suited to Golf, covers 500 acres, and is very accessible from London, being three miles from Broxbourne Station on the Great Eastern Railway. It is a very pretty spot and very quiet, and at the beginning of the links there is a convenient house of entertainment, in which will be the club rooms.

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This is an incident not often seen. A short time ago, while playing at Wimbledon, two long shots, one coming from the Iron House and the other going to it, met about half-way in mid-air. Both balls fell at once to the ground within a few yards of each other. This is probably a very rare occurrence, even on a most crowded green.

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Mr. A. Walker not long ago, playing to the third hole from the Iron House at Wimbledon, killed a young martin. We have heard of a similar accident taking place, but a martin is a bird that flies so quick that, as a rule, it ought to be able to evade a ball. A swallow has been killed more than once by a Golf ball, and Mr. Frank Tarver, a well-known golfer, has now one stuffed that was killed on the Windsor links by Mr. Austin Leigh. A titlark was recently killed on the Littlestone links.

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Golf play at the Ranelagh Club, Barn Elms, having been suspended since July, will be resumed in a few days. The committee invite lady and gentlemen golfers resident in and around London to become members for the winter and spring months. All information regarding the club may be obtained from Mr. W. E. Beak, at the club. The course is an admirable one for lady golfers—not too difficult, but varied, interesting, and strictly private.

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FORESTER'S NEW IRON CLUBS.—A correspondent writes us, asking what we have heard of these clubs, and we have only to say that they are beautifully finished clubs. A number of players have tried them, and find them very satisfactory. For a number of strokes they are a great improvement on the other models. The iron is very good in rough grass, and puts a long carry and run on the ball. The clubs are excellent, both for driving and putting, and we believe that there is nothing more helpful to a tyro than a heavy club properly balanced.

Competitions.

ST. ANDREWS.

There has been little doing on St. Andrews' links during the past week of a specially noteworthy character. With the last day of September a large number of golfers betook themselves to "other fields and pastures new," and by comparison the course has presented a rather bare and deserted appearance. This will be likely to continue until the opening of the colleges in November bring another and younger generation of golfers into the field. A picture last week in the *Pall Mall Gazette* reminds one of an incident of the medal week. The pictorial illustration represents a piece of rough country in Tipperary with Mr. A. J. Balfour puzzling over an unplayable ball, Mr. Morley's head doing duty for the time-honoured gutta. If the Chief Secretary's plight is so bad he might find it convenient to adopt some parallel method to that employed by Mr. Laidlay when playing for King William IV.'s medal. Mr. Laidlay got into a position where he had no standing room, but he mastered the difficulty by placing his feet upon his caddie's back—*verbum sapientia!*

In last week's GOLF it was stated that Mr. Balfour often played on North Berwick Links minus a cap. In doing so he is not without companionship. The late Lord Advocate for Scotland, now Lord Kingsburgh, follows a similar custom when playing Golf, and in a memorable match with Tommy Morris, many years ago, Mr. Molesworth, son of Captain Molesworth of the Aquarium, played throughout unencumbered with any head-gear.

The St. Andrews professionals had a field day on Friday last. The weather, unfortunately, was very stormy, a strong north-wester blowing right across the course with a force that sometimes defied all calculation. Not only were the balls diverted from their proper line in the long game, but even at the hole side—to use a word largely employed by rifle-shots—the "windage" was considerable. Taking the weather into account, the winning score by Hugh Kirkcaldy was very creditable, as was also that of his opponent, Alex. Herd. Herd has just recently returned from an engagement at Portrush, in Ireland, where he has taught the game to a large number of beginners. He promises well to be more heard of in the golfing world. Andrew Kirkcaldy tied with Herd for the second prize. He might have done better, but he was repeatedly bunkered, which added several figures to his score. The play was by handicap, a rather unusual, if not undesirable, thing in professional Golf competitions; and it was satisfactory to note that three of the scratch players stood at the top of the poll. The list of those who took part in the competition was as follows:—

Hugh Kirkcaldy and Alex. Herd; J. Fenton and D. Cuthbert; W. Russell and J. M'Gregor; Bob Martin and W. Wilson; D. Anderson, jun., and D. Aytton; W. Lorrie and J. Cuthbert; W. Duncan and D. Herd; F. O. F. Morris and Jack Kirkcaldy; D. Corstorphin and D. Herd; R. B. Wilson and A. Kirkcaldy; Tom Morris and D. Anderson.

The prize winners were—Hugh Kirkcaldy, 85; Alex. Herd, 89; And. Kirkcaldy, 89; Jack Kirkcaldy, 93, less 2=91; D. Anderson, sen., 97, less 5=92; W. Lorrie, 94, less 2=92; Tom Morris, 98, less 6=92.

On Saturday the Ladies' Golf Club brought their season to a close by a competition for the monthly medals. Twenty-four couples played. The weather was calm after the storm, bright and pleasant, and the meeting was very successful. The following is the order of the start:—Miss Smith and Miss McNeill; Mrs. Marshall and Miss Morgan; Miss H. M. Stewart and Miss Bethune; Mrs. J. C. H. Hedderwick and Miss Koecher; Miss Westley and Miss Moir; Miss C. Hodge and Miss A. Hodge; Mr. H. S. C. Everard and Mr. R. T. Boothby; Miss Gilliat and Miss Dalmahoy; Mrs. J. T. Inglis and Mr. Ronald Burn; Mrs. Dalmahoy and General Dalmahoy; Mrs. Bethune and Miss F. Hodge; Miss Ritson and Miss Cicely Farmer; Mr. S. Oliphant and Mr. Donald Hodge; Mrs. John Moir and Mrs. Henderson; Mrs. Wolfe Murray and Miss Murray Honey; Miss A. Grainger and Miss Farmer; Miss Balfour and Miss M. Bethune; Miss A. M. Stewart and Miss J. K. Stewart; Miss J. J. McNeill and Mr. R. G. McNeill; Mrs. Gray and Mr. J. Dalmahoy; Mrs. Geo. Jackson and Miss Grainger; Miss A. Moir and Miss E. E. Moir; Mrs. Hull and Mr. F. Marshall; Mrs. R. Fergusson and Miss McGrigor. Mrs. H. S. C. Everard was first with 97, and Miss Dalmahoy second with 100, and were accordingly awarded the medals. The next three on the list were Mr. F. Marshall 100, Mr. S. Oliphant 102, and Mr. R. T. Boothby 102. The medal confined to ladies who have never been in the medal list was won by Mrs. Wolfe Murray at 105. Then came Miss M. Bethune and Miss A. M. Stewart 109. In regard to the number of events the Ladies' Golf Club quite out-distances the Royal and Ancient, and the members are greatly indebted to Lieut.-Col. Boyd, the hon. secretary, for the indefatigable interest he has displayed in making all the arrangements for their various meetings during the season.

NORTH BERWICK LADIES' LINKS.

A lady correspondent writes:—As far as the ladies are concerned the Golf season at North Berwick terminated on Friday, 26th ult., when the annual prize competition was played on the Ladies' Links. The weather was not propitious; a high wind was blowing and the morning was gloomy. Nevertheless a large number of golfers and spectators were early on the scene, and the green in front of the Marine Hotel presented throughout the day a very animated appearance. Some idea of the crowded condition of the links may be formed from the fact that over thirty couples started for the handicap in the morning, each pair being accompanied by an umpire to put down the score, and by a bevy of admiring or sympathising friends.

The wind interfered a good deal with the play; nevertheless some good scores were sent in.

The course on the Ladies' Links at North Berwick is sufficiently extensive and varied to give opportunity for some really pretty play. To be sure there are no sand bunkers, and the distance of the longest hole is not more for a man than a good cleveland shot, so that the only weapons really required are a cleveland, an iron, and a putter. Many ladies, however, use drivers, and the style of driving leaves nothing to be desired.

The chief obstacle is a stone wall, which has to be taken in the drive to the third hole. The hole itself lies uphill. The fourth hole is the most tedious on the links, the course being here all rank grass. However, the player may find consolation in the beauty of the view; for here we are well up the hill and the Firth of Forth lies spread before us, with lovely Fidra on one hand and the Bass Rock rising behind the rocky harbour of North Berwick on the other. At our feet are the men's links, and there we may rejoice to see golfers of the sterner sex flogging balls in bunkers, the trials and the glories of which are unknown to us. The succeeding holes are easier. Each green can be reached in one, but four to each hole is average play. The tee for the last hole is on the other side of the wall, and the last hole itself close by the starting-point at the garden door of the Marine Hotel. There are nine holes in all, and the lowest score on record is 27; about 30 to 34 is good play.

Altogether the game on the Ladies' Links at North Berwick really deserves the name of Golf, and incurs no risk of being laughed at as "croquet under difficulties." It has one drawback, however; it is so like the real thing that it inspires its votaries with an unholy ambition to cross the one fence that separates them from the gentlemen's links, and for once to drive far and free over the long course.

"*Ce que femme veut*," &c.; and consequently it is no uncommon thing now to see the flutter of skirts at the tees of the gentlemen's links. At present the ladies are modest, and to satisfy their ambitious desires get up at unseasonable hours of the morning, or sacrifice luncheon and start out when the rightful owners are engaged in satisfying their hunger and thirst. But where will it end?

FORFARSHIRE.

A week of drenching rain and boisterous wind interfered very much with Golf in this quarter. Fortunately, however, Saturday was an exception to the rule, and admitted of various competitions being engaged in with comparative comfort.

The Montrose Royal Albert had their own share of bad weather in the competition for the autumn medal, the day being one of the worst experienced for a long time. The starters were the Hon. Master of Arbutnott and Mr. G. H. Grant, Captain Boothby and Mr. Bouch, Mr. G. Keith (of Usan) and Dr. Soutar, Rev. J. St. Clair and Rev. H. Cameron, Mr. A. Smith and Mr. D. S. Campbell, Mr. William Smith and Dr. G. Key, Rev. R. Forgan and Dr. Mackie. On the cards being handed in it was found that the trophy had been gained by the Rev. R. Forgan with 91, a very creditable score when the conditions under which the match was played are taken into account. Mr. A. Smith was second at 92, with a handicap allowance of 6 strokes, and with this score he carried off a handicap medal presented to the club by Rev. R. Duncan and Rev. J. A. St. Clair. This was the first occasion that the latter trophy had been played for.

Later on the same day the competition for the Foote-Millar Silver Challenge Cup was commenced in a perfect hurricane, the rain also falling in torrents. The following is the result of the first heat, the figures within parenthesis being the number of holes allowed:—

Rev. R. Forgan (scratch) scratched to Rev. H. Cameron (4).
The Hon. the Master of Arbutnott (5) beat Mr. Bouch (scratch) by 2 up and 1 to play.

Mr. A. Smith (4) beat Mr. G. H. Grant by 4 up and 3 to play.

Dr. Mackie (6) beat Mr. G. Keith (6) by 6 up and 5 to play.

Dr. Soutar (5) beat Rev. J. A. St. Clair (10) by 3 up and 2 to play.

On the following day the heat was concluded, the result being:—

Mr. D. S. Campbell (9) beat Captain Boothby (scratch) by 3 up and 2 to play.

Mr. W. Smith (3) beat Mr. W. M. J. Paton (scratch) by 3 up and 2 to play.

Dr. Stone (6) beat Dr. J. Kay (6) by 3 up and 2 to play.

The maintenance of the Monifieth course is a subject which for a number of years has excited a good deal of debate. While the Monifieth club has very faithfully fulfilled the duty of keeping the course in order, aided by subscriptions from the various clubs that play on the links, the opinion has been frequently expressed that this arrangement has become quite inadequate owing to the increase in the numbers who make use of the course.

The question came up for consideration at the general autumn meeting of the Panmure Golf Club, held in Dundee last Friday evening, under the presidency of Mr. W. J. Small, the captain. It was suggested that instead of the Monifieth Club keeping the links in order as hitherto, that a man should be appointed who could devote his sole time to the purpose. The proposal was favourably entertained by those present, a committee being appointed to inquire into the whole matter, and endeavour to make the necessary arrangements for securing a green-keeper.

For some weeks the competition for the Leith medal has been engaging the attention of the Caledonia Golf Club of Carnoustie. As previously mentioned a handicap allowance of strokes was allowed to the weaker players and the game was decided by holes. Appended are the results of the final heats:—

FOURTH HEAT.

Jas. Hogg beat J. R. Wilson (13), 3 up and 2 to play.

J. M'Andrew, jun., beat C. Ferrier (15), 1 up.

Geo. Fox, jun., scratched to W. Harris.

J. P. Morison beat D. M. Bouth, 3 up and 2 to play.

FIFTH HEAT.

J. M'Andrew, jun., beat Jas. Hogg, 6 up.

Wm. Harris beat J. P. Morison, 2 up.

SIXTH HEAT.

Wm. Harris (8) beat J. M'Andrew, jun., 2 up.

J. P. Morison beat J. Hogg, 2 up.

Thus Wm. Harris has won the medal and first prize presented by the club. The second prize is gained by J. M'Andrew, jun.; the third by J. P. Morison, and the fourth by James Hogg.

BEMBRIDGE.

Our Isle of Wight correspondent writes:—Greatly to the inconvenience of golfers and others, the early train (8.7 a.m. from Bembridge to Brading) is discontinued from the 1st inst. As it now stands it is impossible to get up to town by the 9 o'clock boat without driving either to Brading or Ryde. The fast train from Bembridge now is 10.27. I also understand that all the Sunday trains are to be knocked off on this line, which is a great pity, as golfers usually make use of them to visit their island friends on that day, and although Bembridge is a most cheerful little place and plenty to do during the week, it is a nice change to get out of it on Sundays, and I think that the Brading Harbour Company might be a little more considerate for the convenience of a class of sportsmen who have done so much for the place. However, they are to have a memorial, praying for the continuance of the early week-day train, and I hope for the Sunday trains as well.

The members of the Royal Isle of Wight Golf Club have received the annual financial statement, and by it they will see that the club has a balance in hand of over £200, and the committee seem at a loss what to do with it! There are also fifty-two members waiting for election, so things might be made to buzz a bit.

The annual general meeting takes place on Saturday next for electing captain, officers and members of council for the ensuing six months (it having been resolved that the annual general meeting shall in future be held on Easter Monday of each year). It is likely that many propositions in regard to matters concerning the convenience and comfort of members will be brought forward. There are many novices on the green just now, and amongst the most promising to be noticed are Major Casey, R.A., Mr. Carey-Elwes, R.A., and Mr. E. Martin.

ROYAL CROMER GOLF CLUB.

The autumn prize meeting of this club took place on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. It was in every respect successful. The club is now in a very prosperous condition. The links have been crowded during the summer months. The only objection, indeed, has been that there were too many players on the course; there is prospect, however, of this congestion being prevented next season by the extension of the round from nine to eighteen holes. Lord Suffield has from the first taken a true sportsman's interest in the club, and he has now, it is understood, made arrangements which will enable the course to be doubled in size. The club have good reason to feel indebted for this, because a repetition of this season's experience must have greatly retarded the growth of Cromer as a real golfing place.

There was a large muster of players in this competition. On both

days the weather was fine, and, though there was at times a gusty cross wind, the players had, on the whole, nothing to excuse heavy scoring. On the first day the principal prize was a handsome silver cup, presented to the club by Mr. Cyril Flower, M.P. This really beautiful trophy was carried off to Nottingham by Mr. J. C. Warren, who, though only a visitor, is one of the most enthusiastic admirers of the course. His score of 89, with an allowance of 12, placed him well in front with 77. On the second day the captain, Mr. R. W. Ketton, of Freeling Hall, gave a pretty silver cup, and there were also aggregate prizes to be played for. On this occasion a local player, Mr. A. C. Savin, won, with another 77=93 with a handicap of 16. The aggregate handicap prize went to Mr. C. H. Aveston, who had played very steadily on both days, his net scores being 79 and 81; and the aggregate scratch was won by Mr. A. E. Jarvis with 88 and 95. The following are the scores:—

TUESDAY, September 23rd:

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. C. Warren...	89	12	77	Mr. A. E. Ripley...	95	12	83
Mr. C. H. Aveston	93	14	79	Rev. H. C. Rogers	94	10	84
Mr. H. Pelham	91	12	79	Mr. C. Leatham	105	20	85
Mr. A. E. Jarvis	88	8	80	Mr. T. N. Mapelston	108	22	86
Dr. Heasman	97	16	81	Mr. C. B. Comben	99	12	87
Mr. R. N. Fenner	99	18	81	Mr. O. S. Curtis	103	12	91
Mr. J. Verran	94	12	82	Mr. E. F. Jarvis	107	16	91
Mr. G. Charlesworth	101	18	83	Mr. R. W. Ketton	106	12	94
Mr. J. J. Deuchar	92	9	83	Mr. A. C. Savin	110	16	94
Rev. A. E. Black	93	10	83	Mr. J. P. Croal	101	6	95
Mr. G. P. Elwes	98	15	83	Mr. J. R. Baillie	113	15	98
Mr. R. Lodge	101	18	83				

The following made no return: Messrs. A. H. Worrall, H. Casson, P. M. Lucas, Sidney C. Buxton, M.P., A. C. Miles, W. T. Hartcup, B. Bond-Cabbell, H. Forbes Eden, E. M. Hansell, and Major Archduke.

WEDNESDAY, September 24th:

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. C. Savin	93	16	77	Major Archdale	96	9	87
Mr. J. C. Warren	92	12	80	Mr. G. P. Elwes	103	15	88
Dr. Heasman	96	16	80	Mr. E. M. Hansell	99	10	89
Mr. C. H. Aveston	95	14	81	Dr. McClure	111	22	89
Mr. J. P. Croal	88	6	82	Mr. W. E. Hansell	109	20	89
Rev. A. E. Black	92	10	82	Mr. C. Leatham	111	20	91
Mr. J. J. Deuchar	92	9	83	Mr. J. R. Baillie	107	15	92
Mr. P. M. Lucas	89	6	83	Mr. H. C. Dent	108	16	92
Mr. O. S. Curtis	95	12	83	Mr. G. I. Charlesworth	110	18	92
Mr. A. E. Ripley	96	12	84	Major-Gen. Dixon	109	16	93
Mr. A. E. Jarvis	95	8	87				

The following made no return: Messrs. R. W. Ketton, A. C. Eddis, H. Cassen, R. Lodge, Rev. A. T. Farquharson, Rev. H. C. Rogers, Messrs. B. Bond-Cabbell, H. Forbes Eden, C. B. Comben, F. P. Mapleston, Sir Edmund Lacon, and Mr. W. T. Hartcup.

STINCHCOMBE HILL GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club was opened most auspiciously on the 23rd ult. As early golfers climbed the hill, their ears were greeted by sounds sweet to all true sportsmen, though assuredly inappropriate to golf; and on gaining the table-land, the mist revealed the green in possession of the Berkeley Castle pack, and for the next half-hour golfers, whether on foot, mounted, or driving, joined in the fun. So little was known about Golf here less than a year ago, that a well-known hunting man was heard to give, as his reason for not joining the newly-formed club, that it was bound to come to grief, as one could never reckon on the ice in this part of England! *Mais nous avons changé tout cela*; the red jacket of the golfer has been found upon occasion to be equally good wearing with the statelier pink, and many members of the neighbouring hunts have now become masters of the art of placing their balls "far and sure." The sportsmanlike recognition of a sister sport by the field was much appreciated by the club, who could not but admire the care with which the caution "Ware Golf!" was observed, not a single green having been damaged, although the doublings of the juvenile pug in Mr. Vizard's coverts led the merry chase several times up and down the whole length of the course—a state of things which will compare very favourably with what has occurred more than once at a, perhaps, too popular meet in a neighbouring county.

The day's play shows that the handicapping committee had done their work well, though they could not foresee that Mr. Peto, a beginner, would come on with such a rush as he has done. To him fell the club challenge prize and first prize under handicap; Messrs. Lynch-Blosse and A. Graham taking second and third prizes for net scores. The Owl Pen challenge prize and first prize for best gross score were taken by Mr. Gillanders, while the second went to Mr. A. S. Archdale, a visitor from the Worcestershire G. C. In the foursome competition,

Messrs. Hoare and W. Lucy were winners, with Messrs. Gillanders and Jenkinson second. The following were the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.					
Mr. F. K. Peto	104	25	79	Capt. Archdale	101	9	92
Rev. R. Lynch-Blosse	124	40	84	Mr. H. Goldingham	114	22	92
Mr. A. Graham	111	25	86	Mr. J. W. Rolt	120	28	92
Mr. G. Jenkinson	115	28	87	Rev. A. K. Cornwall	138	35	103
Mr. C. Gillanders	96	8	88	Rev. T. H. Philpott	127	22	105
Mr. A. S. Archdale	98	10	88	Capt. Huntington	141	35	106
Mr. P. Turner	101	13	88	Mr. J. C. Miller	135	25	110
Mr. A. Hoare	99	9	90	Capt. Butler	151	40	111
Mr. W. Lucy	109	19	90				

No returns from Messrs. Gresley, Bengough, Woolright, and Kinnear.

FOURSOMES.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Messrs. Hoare and Lucy	98	14	84
Messrs. Gillanders and Jenkinson	108	18	90
Messrs. Archdale	100	9	91
Messrs. A. Graham and Philpott	116	23	93
Messrs. Gresley and Peto	128	26	102
Messrs. Turner and Woolright	119	14	105
Messrs. Lynch-Blosse and Huntington	143	37	106
Messrs. Rolt and Butler	144	34	110
Messrs. Goldingham and M. Graham	146	26	120
Messrs. Cornwall and Miller	151	30	121

The 24th was a ladies' day. Although a falling glass and absence of sunshine may have kept some players away there was no lack of interest in the play, especially in the mixed foursomes, which brought a large gathering of spectators, who, like the players themselves, found the tea hospitably provided by Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Goldingham a very acceptable adjunct both to play and criticism. Miss Carrie Graham again proved herself the best lady player, taking both the first prizes for gross and handicap scores along with the club challenge prize; Miss Ridding stood second in the gross score, while Mrs. Ridding secured the handsome challenge prize (a silver cleek) and second prize for net score. The first and second foursome prizes fell to Mr. and Mrs. Rolt and Mr. and Mrs. Hoare, in the order named. Scores:

LADIES.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss C. Graham	59	13	46	Mrs. Lynch-Blosse	75	15	60
Mrs. Ridding	81	30	51	Miss G. Guise	79	14	65
Miss Ridding	71	13	58	Mrs. Rolt	91	25	66
Miss I. Cornwall	83	25	58	Miss H. Ridding	94	15	79

No returns from Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Goldingham, and Miss Graham.

MIXED FOURSOMES.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Mr. and Mrs. Rolt	117	39	78
Mr. and Mrs. Hoare	106	20	86
Miss C. Graham and Mr. A. Graham	113	25	88
Miss Ridding and Mr. Woolright	111	22	89
Mr. and Miss Gillanders	123	29	94
Miss Cornwall and Mr. Philpott	134	36	98
Miss Guise and Mr. C. Guise	131	29	102
Mr. and Mrs. Lynch-Blosse	142	35	107
Miss Ridding and Mr. Gresley	136	27	109
Miss Graham and Mr. M. Graham	139	28	111

No returns from Mrs. Edwards and Mr. Goldingham, Capt. and Mrs. Huntington, Mrs. Goldingham and Mr. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Peto, and Miss Con. Graham and Mrs. Bengough.

The monthly medal competition was played on the 1st inst., with the following result:—

GENTLEMEN.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. Hoare	92	9	83	Mr. Gillanders	96	8	88
Mr. A. Graham	108	25	83	Mr. J. C. Miller	127	30	97
Mr. F. Peto	109	22	87	Rev. T. Philpott	129	22	109

Four others made no return.

LADIES.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss C. Graham	69	10	59	Miss Ridding	76	13	63
Mrs. Lynch-Blosse	76	15	61				

Four others made no return.

WINCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting was held on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. On the first day the Moss Challenge Shield was played for at scratch, and won by Mr. H. Gillon, of Alresford House, Alresford, with the score of 89. The weather was very favourable, and the green in excellent order. Scores:—Mr. H. Gillon, 89; Mr. Gilbert Elliot, 92; Mr. J. M. Dunlop, 94; Mr. A. J. Toye, 97; Rev. J. Scott Ram-

say, 98; Mr. H. A. C. Brooking, 102; Mr. C. A. Cancellor, 106; Mr. W. J. N. Griffiths, 106; Mr. R. G. K. Wrench, 106; Rev. H. L. Porter, 106; Capt. Bowen, 108; Capt. C. W. Knox, 108; Rev. G. Hewett, 111; Mr. W. J. K. Macdonald, 119; Rev. J. T. Bramston, 119; Rev. G. Richardson, 120; Mr. F. Cooper Smith, 126. Messrs. W. S. Brockley, E. H. Buckland, B. D. Cancellor, J. B. Fairbairn, and M. Nixon made no return.

Score for the Northesk challenge shield:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. N. A. Brooking	98	15	83	Mr. M. Nixon	112	18	94
Mr. W. D. Gibb	114	27	87	Capt. Knox	111	16	95
Mr. E. H. Buckland	94	6	88	Rev. C. Darroch	118	20	98
Mr. J. Pickstock	109	20	89	Rev. J. H. Hodgson	114	16	98
Rev. H. L. Porter	114	25	89	Rev. J. T. Bramston	117	18	99
Mr. J. Dunlop	98	8	90	Mr. J. C. Warner	128	27	101
Mr. G. C. Elliot	96	6	90	Rev. C. T. Wickham	118	17	101
Mr. F. J. Harris	111	20	91	Mr. A. J. Toye	116	14	102
Mr. H. Gillon	93	scr.	93	Sir H. Freeling, Bart.	134	27	107
Rev. J. S. Ramsay	101	8	93	Capt. Stephens	114	scr.	114
Mr. R. G. K. Wrench	109	16	93				

DISLEY v. MACCESFIELD.

A match was played at Disley on Saturday last between the Disley Golf Club and the Macclesfield Golf Club, and was won by the Disley Club by 12 holes.

DISLEY.		MACCESFIELD.	
Holes.	Holes.	Holes.	Holes.
Mr. W. Bell	3	Dr. Duffers	0
Dr. Hodgkinson	0	Mr. G. Greenwell	1
Mr. D. Tonge	0	Mr. A. Gray	3
Mr. R. Hutton	8	Mr. F. Tylecote	0
Rev. J. Bourne	2	Rev. R. Cobbold	0
Mr. A. Hutton	3	Mr. F. Edmonson	0
Mr. G. Hutton	0	Mr. W. Burgess	0
	16		4

CURRAGH BRIGADE GOLF CLUB.

A handicap competition was contested at the Curragh on September 29th and 30th, the weather being very bad on the second day.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Lieut. Corbett	110	33	77	Lieut. Engleheart	119	25	94
Capt. Williams	92	12	80	Lieut. Harvey	122	27	95
Col. Essex	108	20	88	Lieut. Meyrick	123	25	98
Lieut. Aitken	89	scr.	89	Capt. Vigors	111	10	101
Gen. Moncrieff	100	10	90	Major Oxley	123	20	103
Major Crofton	116	26	90	Lieut. Bolton	118	12	106
Lieut. Davidson	118	28	90	Capt. B. Smith	147	35	112
Lieut. Lockhart	101	10	91	Lieut. Buckle	153	40	113
Lieut. Perrie	113	20	93	Lieut. FitzPatrick	157	35	122

LADYBANK CLUB.

The monthly competition of this club was held on Monday last at Annsmuir. The handicap medal was competed for. The Rev. R. Haggart-Kerr (Ladybank) won the medal with a score of 87 (less odds).

THE ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS GOLF CLUB.

In capital golfing weather the September Medal was played for on September 27th. Some very fair scores were handed in, and these by "locals." Result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. F. A. Lee	92	19	73	Mr. Jeddere-Fisher	100	14	86
Rev. C. Woodland	94	15	79	Rev. A. T. Scott	92	5	87
Mr. L. Andrews	103	24	79	Mr. C. E. Simpson	117	30	87
Mr. A. T. Simpson	116	35	80	Dr. Magrath	106	18	88
Mr. F. C. Swainson	101	19	82	Mr. T. H. Oyler	107	19	88
Mr. G. Flanagan	104	22	82	Mr. F. Weare	121	30	91
Mr. H. S. Little	105	22	83	Mr. H. E. Laurence	108	13	95
Mr. F. H. Andrews	108	24	84	Mr. C. A. Ashton	126	28	98
Mr. J. O. Scott	109	24	85	Mr. F. W. Stone	134	36	98

Several others went round, but failed to score satisfactorily to themselves.

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS.

The final in the tournament for Marshall Wane and Allan's prize, for which over forty players originally entered, was decided over the links on Saturday afternoon, the two players who had come successfully out of the various ties being Mr. David Bone, Glasgow (scratch) and

Mr. Robert Pyper, Ayr (12). The weather was not at all favourable for playing Golf, a drizzling rain falling uninterruptedly throughout the afternoon, the grass being laden with rain, and the putting-greens consequently very heavy. The round was of 24 holes, but the tie was decided at the eighteenth hole in favour of the scratch man. Mr. Pyper was altogether off his game, and his opponent got a lead of four holes almost at the outset, thus giving him a position which the other was never able even to threaten. The game ended, as indicated above, at the eighteenth hole, when Mr. Bone was 7 up and 6 to play. The details of Mr. Bone's score for the 18 holes were:—

First Round	...	4	4	5	4	7	5	5	5	4=43
Second Round	...	3	5	4	4	5	4	4	5	4=38
										81

BAILIE WILSON'S MEDAL.

The turn out of the competition for Bailie Wilson's medal (handicap) on Saturday was unusually small, the weather no doubt preventing many from being present. The following four couples started:—Mr. John Andrew and Mr. John Gray; Mr. H. M. Giles and Mr. Andrew Muir; Mr. Andrew Boon and Mr. Andrew Crawford; Mr. D. Walker and Mr. William Paterson. Though the weather was unfavourable, Mr. Andrew Boon handed in the very fine and steady score of 81, made up as follows:—

First Round	...	4	5	4	4	5	4	5	4	6=41
Second Round	...	4	4	4	4	5	4	5	5	5=40
										81

This performance was, however, not sufficient to return him as the winner.

PRESTWICK CLUB.—AUTUMN MEETING.

The autumn meeting of Prestwick Golf Club was held on Wednesday last under rather unfavourable auspices. The fixture, usually held before Ayr Race week, was this year thrown nearly three weeks later, in order to meet the exigencies of the Open Championship contest, and to prevent that important event being relegated to too late a date. A three weeks' postponement at this season of the year means the probability of broken weather, and this probability turned out too much of a reality on the Ayrshire coast last week to render a serious game of Golf an unalloyed enjoyment, or the medal week at Prestwick an unqualified success. On Monday and Tuesday the weather was very broken, and scarcely a tittle of the players that are usually seen during the autumn week were out on the links, and very few matches of interest were engaged in. On Wednesday the weather was in no way an improvement on that of the two preceding days, but, contrary to expectation, the turn out for the contest for the Eglington gold medal (scratch) and the St. Andrews cross (handicap) was not much below the average. The local talent had it all their own way, however, as the lateness of the season seemed to have prevented the crack players from the east, Mr. J. E. Laidlay, Mr. A. Stewart, both previous winners of the medal, and others, from being present as usual. The following twenty-three couples went out in the order in which they are herewith noted down:—

Mr. A. R. Paterson and Dr. Goff; Mr. R. Cowan and Mr. Taggart Cowan; Mr. E. A. Millar and Mr. W. F. Fairlie; Mr. Jas. McDonald and Mr. E. D. Prothero; Sir Wm. H. Houldsworth, M.P., and Mr. R. A. Brown; Mr. A. H. Cooper and General Macdonald; Mr. J. G. Walker and Mr. Hugh Neilson; Mr. J. C. Fairlie and Mr. W. E. Fairlie; Mr. J. B. Brown and Mr. Malcolm Cross; Mr. Robert Hutchinson and Mr. John Kemp; Mr. J. A. Neilson and Mr. H. D. Paterson; Capt. B. Allason and Mr. G. W. Richardson; Mr. W. Somers-Clark and Capt. Bertram; Mr. C. E. M'Laren and Mr. R. N. Fairlie; Mr. A. G. F. Brown and Mr. J. S. Alston; Mr. R. J. Jamieson and Mr. Archibald Walker; Mr. G. R. Fleming and Mr. Jas. M. Glen; Mr. F. G. Tulloch and Mr. John Garrick, jur.; Mr. Chas. K. Aitken and Rev. F. R. Macdonald; Mr. W. S. Wilson and Mr. J. Lorne Stewart; Rev. W. F. Houldsworth and Mr. F. E. Villiers; Mr. Hugh R. Wallace and Mr. W. C. Alston; Mr. F. G. McAndrew and Mr. Harry Hart.

Though otherwise fairly promising when the first couples started at half-past ten, the weather conditions were not favourable to low scoring, half a gale blowing from the north-west. This was bad enough, but when about half the players were out, a tremendous downpour of rain, the wind increasing to a gale, occurred, drenching those who had the ill-fortune to be under it; and during the progress of the competition several such interruptions to the play were met with. The consequence of this was that it was four o'clock before the last couple handed in their cards. As was anticipated, and as was indeed inevitable, the cards, when they came to be examined, revealed the circumstance that the average scoring was much higher than usual. Mr. W. S. Wilson, who started favourite, turned out to have justified expectations, he handing in the lowest scratch score, albeit a score which was considerably higher than the average winning score for this medal, and nine strokes in excess

of what Mr. Wilson won the Spring Medal of 1888 with. Mr. Wilson's score on Wednesday was 91, made up as undernoted:—

Out	5	4	6	5	3	6	4	5	7=45
In	5	5	6	5	4	7	5	6	3=46

Mr. Wilson was, however, the clear winner, the next best scores being three ninety-sevens; and his game must be held to be a very creditable performance, keeping in view the adverse conditions under which it was compiled. The wind was from the same quarter and blowing with the same force as that which played such havoc with the scores of most of the competitors in the recent open championship over the same ground, plus the heavy rain, and Mr. Wilson's score out—45—was lower than the majority of the outward scores on that eventful day. His chance of the medal was never once threatened. His 45 was the lowest of the day, the nearest approach to it being Mr. Hugh Neilson's 47. Curiously enough, too, his score in—46—was also the lowest of the contest, being one stroke better than the score of Mr. C. K. Aitken who came in at 47. Mr. A. R. Paterson the winner of the Spring Gold Medal—at 87—and the Autumn Eglinton Medal—at 84—last year, was practically out of the running at the fourth hole out, he having at least four strokes too many to his credit at this point. A curious feature of the competition was that, with the wind generally in their favour, the majority of the players ran up larger scores coming in than going out. Mr. Arch. Walker, who handed in a card with an aggregate of 98 with 24 off was an easy winner of the handicap medal, no other score approaching his.

The following are the details of the three 97's referred to:—

MR. C. K. AITKEN—

Out	6	3	7	7	4	6	4	6	7=50
In	5	6	6	6	4	6	4	6	4=47

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MR. A. R. PATERSON—

Out	5	6	7	6	3	4	4	5	9=49
In	6	6	6	5	4	6	4	7	4=48

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MR. HUGH NEILSON—

Out	6	4	7	4	4	4	4	7	7=47
In	6	4	6	7	5	6	5	5	6=50

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The next best scratch scores were:—

Mr. A. Walker, 98; Mr. F. G. Tulloch, 99; Mr. J. S. Alston, 100; Mr. C. E. McLaren, 101; Rev. F. R. Macdonald, 102; Mr. R. Hutchinson, 103; Mr. J. Kemp, 104; Rev. W. T. Houldsworth, 104. Mr. Archibald Walker was declared the winner of the St. Andrews Cross Handicap, and also the winner of the first sweep, Rev. W. T. Houldsworth, getting the second sweep, and Mr. M'Taggart Cowan the third sweep. The scores noted on the thirty cards handed in were as under:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. Archibald Walker...	98	24	74
Rev. W. T. Houldsworth	104	24	80
Mr. T. Cowan ...	110	24	86
Mr. Hugh Neilson ...	97	9	88
Mr. J. M. Glen...	109	19	90
Mr. W. S. Wilson ...	91	0	91
Mr. C. K. Aitken ..	97	6	91
Capt. Bertram ...	106	15	91
Mr. J. B. Brown ...	116	24	92
Rev. F. R. Macdonald...	102	9	93
Mr. W. E. Fairlie ...	112	18	94
Mr. C. E. McLaren ...	107	12	95
Mr. G. Kemp ...	104	9	95
Mr. A. H. Cooper ...	108	12	96
Mr. F. G. Tulloch ...	99	3	96
Mr. Harry Hart...	111	15	96
Mr. A. R. Paterson ...	97	0	97
Mr. G. R. Fleming ...	127	30	97
Mr. R. J. Jamieson ...	121	24	97
Mr. J. S. Alston ...	100	3	97
Capt. Allason ...	124	24	100
Mr. Jas. McDonald ...	109	9	100
Mr. R. A. Brown ...	118	18	100
Mr. Malcolm Cross ...	108	7	101
Sir W. H. Houldsworth	120	18	102
Mr. R. Hutchinson ...	103	0	103
General Macdonald ...	129	24	105
Mr. F. G. McAndrew ...	120	15	105
Mr. G. W. Richardson ...	139	30	109
Mr. E. A. Miller ...	128	18	110

Mr. Harry Hart, the secretary of the club, superintended the arrangements, and Charlie Hunter saw the various couples off.

The following are some of the matches played at Prestwick during the medal week:—

Dr. Goff, receiving 4 strokes from Mat Allan (professional), Prestwick, lost a match by 5 up and 4 to play; Colonel Cunningham beat Mr. Hugh R. Wallace, giving a half, by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. J. Lorne Stewart, conceding a stroke to Mr. Walter Alston, won by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. J. O. Fairlie and Mr. W. E. Fairlie beat Mr. R. N. Fairlie and Mr. C. E. McLaren by 4 up and 3 to play; Sir Wm. H. Houldsworth, M.P., and Mr. W. F. Fairlie won a round by 4 up and 3 to play, against Mr. R. A. Brown and Mr. E. A. Miller; Mr. R. Cowan beat Mr. Jas. McDowall by 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. R. Hutchison and Mr. J. Kemp halved a round with Mr. J. A. Neilson and Mr. H. D. Paterson; Mr. E. D. Prothero and Capt. Allason beat Mr. J. G. Walker and Mr. J. B. Brown by 3 up and 1 to play; Capt. Bertram and Mr. W. Somers-Clark beat General Macdonald and Mr. A. H. Cooper by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. C. E. McLaren, giving a third to Mr. E. A. Miller, was 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. R. Hutchison, giving a half, beat Mr. Somers-Clark by 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. E. D. Prothero beat Mr. J. McDonald by 8 up and 7 to play; Mr. J. G. Walker halved a match with Mr. C. Whigham; the Rev. F. R. Macdonald, playing Mr. C. K. Aitken, was 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. E. A. Miller and Mr. C. E. McLaren halved a match with Mr. John Carrick, junr., and Mr. L. Thomson; Dr. Goff beat A. R. Paterson by 1 hole; Mr. J. Anderson won 2 matches, playing with Mr. H. W. Little by 6 up and 5 to play, and 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. J. B. Balloch beat Mr. A. D. McIndoe by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. G. W. Richardson and Mr. T. F. Donald were 2 up and 1 to play against Mr. J. S. Higginbotham and Mr. R. J. Jamieson; Mr. A. F. G. Brown beat Mr. A. H. Donald by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. J. G. Walker and Mr. C. Whigham beat Mr. E. D. Prothero and Colonel D. D. Whigham by 4 up and 3 to play; the Rev. J. Sime and Mr. W. Tulloch were 4 up and 3 to play, against Mr. H. K. Anderson and Mr. T. Johnstone; the Rev. W. S. Houldsworth and Mr. F. E. Villiers beat Sir W. H. Houldsworth and Mr. R. A. Brown by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. J. O. Fairlie and Mr. W. E. Fairlie beat Mr. W. S. Wilson and Mr. R. N. Fairlie by 2 up and 1 to play; the Rev. F. R. Macdonald beat Mr. J. McDonald by 6 up and 5 to play; General Macdonald and Captain Bertram giving 3 strokes beat the Rev. W. T. Houldsworth and Mr. W. Somers-Clark by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. J. S. Alston beat Mr. J. Kemp by 2 up and 1 to play; Sir W. H. Houldsworth and Mr. W. E. Fairlie halved a match with Mr. J. O. Fairlie and Mr. W. F. Fairlie; Col. D. D. Whigham and Mr. C. Whigham beat Mr. W. P. Wilson and J. McDowall by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. J. G. Walker beat Captain Allason by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. A. R. Paterson in a three-ball match beat Mr. W. E. Fairlie and the Rev. W. T. Houldsworth by 2 up and 1 to play; Rev. W. T. Houldsworth and Mr. C. Whigham beat Col. Whigham and Mr. J. McDowall by 7 up and 5 to play; Mr. J. Pirrie and Mat Allan (prof.) halved a match with Mr. Neilson Cumming and Mr. John Cumming.

DURHAM CLUB.

The last of a series of nine monthly competitions was played at Durham last Friday afternoon. A strong wind interfered with the play. The winners of the eight previous contests were Capt. Roberts (twice), Mr. A. McKinlay (twice), Mr. W. Oldham (once), Mr. H. E. Ferens (twice), and G. P. Blagdon (once). Only three competed, the scores being:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. A. McKinlay ...	124	10	114	Capt. Roberts ...	139	18	121
Mr. H. E. Ferens...	139	18	121				

A handicap sweepstakes resulted as follows:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Dr. Treadwell ...	114	6	108	Capt. Roberts ...	139	18	121
Mr. A. McKinlay ...	124	10	114	Mr. H. E. Ferens...	139	18	121
Mr. C. F. Elliott ...	126	10	116	Mr. G. Roberts ...	154	30	124

RANFURLY CLUB.

The members of the Ranfurly Golf Club, Bridge of Weir, met in competition for the Monthly Handicap Medal on Saturday. The weather here was no better than elsewhere throughout Scotland, but in spite of this there was a large start from the tee, eighteen competitors playing off. The scoring was, of course, higher than usual. The following were found to have gained the best positions:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. R. Alexander ...	112	27	85
Mr. D. A. Morrison ...	115	30	85
Mr. L. J. Carruthers ...	110	23	87
Mr. A. C. Weir ...	121	27	94
Mr. R. F. Blair ...	124	30	94
Dr. Sandeman ...	116	20	96

EDINBURGH INSTITUTION (F.P.) CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

The scratch gold medal of the club, bearing the crest of the school, and a charm, together with three valuable and pretty allowance prizes in kind, formed the attractions of this annual competition, held over the North Berwick course, on Saturday. The first company of players arrived per the forenoon train from the city, and the second in the afternoon. Fine weather favoured the meeting, although the wind was sufficiently strong and gusty to somewhat affect the scoring. The merit trophy was the gift of Dr. Ferguson and Mr. Bloxson, and was first won, in 1888, by Mr. Bloxson, at 82, and, in the following autumn, Mr. J. McCulloch was the successful competitor, at the low figure of 79. On Saturday his younger brother, Sydney, with J. Stevenson and A. Cairns, tied for the coveted honour at 86. They, along with James Paterson, also head the handicap prize list, which was not decided, as the winner of the tie for the medal will, according to the conditions of play, be debarred from winning an allowance prize. Mr. A. Cairns was first in the handicap order, with 86, less 8=78, and the next figures were, Mr. James Paterson, 89, 8=81; Mr. James Stevenson, 86, 4=82; Mr. Sydney McCulloch, 86, scratch; Mr. James Walls, 91, 4=87; and Mr. A. Henderson, 94, 4=90. The arrangements were superintended by the secretary, Mr. R. L. Macdonald.

RHYL GOLF CLUB.

This club held their autumn meeting on Wednesday, September 24th, and following days. On the 24th and 25th the Members' Challenge Plate was played for, the result being that Mr. Plunkett beat Mr. Stock in the final by 5 up and 4 to play. On the 26th, the Visitor's Cup, open to all amateurs, was played for, a fair number of well-known golfers having entered. After a close fight the cup was won by Mr. Geo. Cook, Hoylake, Mr. A. Cook being second. Scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. Geo. Cook (R.L.G.C.)...	87	12	75
Mr. Arthur Cook	85	9	76
Mr. H. A. Farrar	84	5	79
Mr. J. Ball, senr.	87	7	80
Mr. Roberts	89	8	81
Mr. H. H. Hilton	79	plus 3	82
Mr. C. Darbyshire	103	13	90

On Saturday, Mr. Platt's prize was played for by the members under handicap, the result being that Mr. Roe-Browne won the cup, Mr. Stock being second. Scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. Roe-Browne	107	13	94
Mr. H. E. Stock	107	6	101
Capt. Conway	120	18	102
Mr. Plunkett	104	plus 3	107
Mr. Strachan	141	22	119

Dr. Summerhill made no return.

Farrar had the green in capital order, and the visitors all expressed themselves very much pleased with the links.

ROYAL EASTBOURNE GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, the 27th ult., the usual competition for the monthly medal was held. The day was fine and still, and good scores resulted. The Rev. H. Von E. Scott, of South Lynn, surpassed himself with a grand gross score of 86, the lowest ever made, we believe, on these links in a competition, if we except those made by the ex-amateur champion, Mr. Horace Hutchinson. Appended is the score:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Rev. H. Von E.	86	7	79	Mr. R. C. Lambert	117	27	90
Scott	105	24	81	Mr. H. F. Matheson	106	14	92
Mr. Latter Parsons	98	16	82	Mr. E. O. Langham	110	18	92
Mr. H. B. Harris ...	97	13	84	Mr. A. G. Paterson	110	18	92
Hon. Ivo Bligh ...	97	12	85	Mr. E. Matheson ...	111	16	95
Col. E. W. Shaw ...	109	24	85	Mr. W. S. Sheldon	113	18	95
Mr. R. C. Hamilton	99	13	86	Mr. L. Craven ...	116	20	96
Mr. O. C. Bevan ...	108	22	86	Col. E. Jarvis ...	123	26	97
Col. J. F. Pierson ...	100	13	87	Mr. G. H. Lawrence	118	18	99
Capt. H. M. Camp-	100	20	80	Lieut. R. G. Day,			
Bell, R.A.	100	20	80	R.N.	120	21	99
Mr. A. M. S. Graeme	115	25	90				
Major-General C. C.							
Minchin							

The following made no returns, or were over 100:—Capt. W. M. Syngé, R.A., Dr. H. S. Gabbett, and Messrs. A. Mayhew, S. M.

Mellor, C. T. Praed, E. A. Shepherd, T. H. Wright, L. Govett, J. Weld, Holcombe Ingleby, E. F. S. Tylecote, Ivor Bevan, R. R. Masefield, A. M. Chance, F. C. Williamson, A. K. Sellar, and J. Benson.

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the club cup was held over the links on Saturday, the 27th ult., a goodly number of members turning up to do battle for the trophy. The day was one of the hottest of an exceptionally warm autumn, and all the conditions were favourable to low scoring. Few were, however, prepared for the remarkable form shown by Mr. J. W. Traill, who has only taken to the game during the past few weeks, and, owing to diligent practice and coaching from the club professional, is already giving great promise of future laurels on the golfing green. Mr. Harold Smith and Mr. Liddell both played well, but could not be expected to touch Mr. Traill's phenomenal round of 75 net. The following were the scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. W. Traill ...	105	30	75	Mr. W. Maclaren ...	109	17	92
Mr. H. Smith ...	101	14	87	Mr. G. Bowyer ...	123	30	93
Mr. J. W. Liddell ...	100	11	89	Mr. F. C. H. Blair	101	7	94
Rev. E. H. Oldham	101	11	90	Mr. H. Everard ...	117	19	98

No returns from the Rev. A. E. R. Belford and the Rev. W. C. R. Bedford.

NAIRN.

The return match between the Moray and Nairn Clubs was played over the Nairn course on Saturday, the 4th inst., and resulted in an easy win for the Nairn team by 75 holes. The following are the scores:—

MORAY.			Holes.	NAIRN.			Holes.
Rev. Alex. Lawson...	...	0	A. F. Steele...	...	...	8
W. Christie ...	...	0	P. Park ...	...	...	5
J. Urquhart ...	...	0	W. Laing ...	...	...	3
J. Falconer ...	...	0	E. E. Simpson ...	...	...	8
J. N. Greenstreet ...	...	0	J. Birnie ...	...	...	9
W. Jn. Macdonald ...	...	0	D. Young ...	...	...	7
J. Rodger ...	...	0	A. Lobban (Inverness)	...	...	6
E. Kerr ...	...	0	E. Matthew ...	...	...	4
J. Davie ...	...	0	K. Macrae ...	...	...	5
J. M'Isaac ...	...	0	L. Macrae ...	...	...	14
A. Macbey ...	...	0	D. Mackenzie ...	...	...	8
J. Adams ...	...	5	A. Lobban (Nairn) ...	...	...	0
Dr. Mackay ...	...	0	Finlayson ...	...	...	3
Total ...	...	5	Total ...	...	...	80

UNITED SERVICE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the Davis gold medal took place on the Haslar links on Saturday, October 4th. The result was a close struggle between the R.A. and R.M.A. Scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Lt. Puxley, R.A. ...	105	27	78	Cpt. Dumbleton, R.E.	92	scr.	92
Lt. Templer, R.M.A.	107	28	79	Mr. G. E. King ...	110	17	93
Lt. Barnes, R.M.A.	118	36	82	Mr. L. B. Carter ...	128	24	104
Mr. Horatio Ross...	112	23	89				

Col. Maitland, R.E., Mr. R. Walpole, Lieut. Gairdner, R.N., Mr. J. C. D'Esterre, Lieut. Haig, R.E., Capt. Dawkins, and Major James made no return.

The captain's prize (a set of clubs) will be played for on Saturday, October 25th, when it is hoped there will be a large muster of players.

LENZIE GOLF CLUB.

An autumn handicap tournament was inaugurated on Thursday last by a competition for a number of prizes presented and subscribed for by members of the club. Eighteen couples started, but the heavy rains of the previous three days told very much on the scoring. The following were the successful competitors:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
1st prize, George Absalom...	91	scr.	91
2nd " John Stewart ...	100	7	93
3rd " Robert Allan ...	111	16	95
4th " John Hislop ...	111	12	99
5th " Robert Innes ...	102	2	100
6th " W. G. F. Parker ...	107	5	102
7th " J. T. Sinclair ...	109	6	103
8th " McEwan Ross ...	119	16	103
9th " W. C. Warden ...	120	20	103

CUMBRAE CLUB.

The autumn meeting of the Cumbrae Golf Club, one of the most recent additions to the golfing greens of the West of Scotland, took place on Thursday, 2nd inst., and as the day was a general holiday in Glasgow, and as many of the members are Glasgow men, there was a large turn out of members. The day was cold and bleak, though withal fairly propitious for playing Golf, the only drawback being a somewhat strong wind. The principal business of the day were the competitions for the cup presented to the club by Mr. James Arthur, of Carling, and the Macfarlane gold medal and other prizes, all played for under handicap. When the cards were handed in they showed that the wind had interfered with the scoring, which was higher than usual. A good many cards were withheld at the close, and those submitted for verification showed that Mr. William Macfarlane was the winner of the cup and the medal, with the score of 95, after deducting odds. Mr. J. C. McGown was the winner of the first sweepstakes, Mr. J. Y. King the winner of the second, Mr. J. C. Sharpe of the third, and A. Cameron of the fourth. Under-noted are the principal scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. W. Macfarlane 100 5 95	Mr. Alex. Russell 130 18 112
Mr. J. C. McGown 107 7 100	Mr. J. M'Creedy ... 133 18 115
Mr. J. Y. King ... 119 18 101	Mr. Angus Hender-
Mr. J. C. Sharpe... 120 18 102	son 150 18 132
Mr. Arch. Cameron 111 6 105	Mr. J. L. Davidson 147 14 133
Mr. T. Macfarlane 121 12 109	Mr. H.W. Davidson 136 0 136

Winner, Mr. John Gray, having a score three strokes under this. The following six cards were handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. John Gray ... 92 14 78	Mr. Andrew Muir... 100 12 88
Mr. Andrew Boon... 81 0 81	Mr. John Andrew... 104 16 88
Mr. Andrew Crawford 97 14 83	Mr. H. M. Giles ... 106 14 92

There will be six preliminary competitions for the medal. Mr. T. M'Laren won the first 95—16 off=79. The competition of Saturday was the second, and the six winners in the preliminary ties will meet and compete among themselves as to who shall become the possessor of the medal.

CLAPHAM GOLF CLUB.

The season opened at Clapham on Saturday last. Very few members attended to compete for the Cronin medal, as the weather was extremely close, the ground hard, and the grass in places very long. Moreover, the greens were not up to their usual standard, a fact accounted for by several causes, mainly climatic, which will not exist in the immediate future. The Common was covered with pedestrians of both sexes and all ages, while a football match actually seemed to be in progress between the first tee and the green. Golf was therefore pursued under difficulties of a character abnormal, even in suburban Clapham, where the prolonging of warm weather far into autumn attracts many pleasure seekers on each half-holiday. In these circumstances, Mr. Guy Pym's winning score of 94 (85 when his handicap allowance of 9 had been deducted) must be adjudged an admirable one, as he did the last 9 holes in 45, although, coming to grief amongst the gorse, he took 10 strokes to accomplish one of these.

The following were the scores:—

Score. Hcp. Result.	Score. Hcp. Result.
T. Ravenhill ... 118 24 94	T. R. Pace ... 105 17 88
Guy Pym ... 94 9 85	T. Lidiard ... 151 55 126

No return from Percy M. Thornton and G. E. Bromage.

LITTLESTONE-ON-SEA.

The autumn meeting of this club is fixed for the 25th inst. Special railway tickets for golfers, who are desirous of attending the meeting may be obtained of Mr. W. B. Werthead, Stock Exchange; Mr. C. Wintle, Lloyds; and Messrs. Charles and Tubbs, 17 & 18, Basinghall Street, E.C.

The monthly medal competition takes place on the second Saturday of every month.

WEST LANCASHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The last of six monthly competitions in connection with this club took place in fine weather on the links at Hall Road, Blundellsands, on Saturday, the 27th ult., when thirty-nine couples were despatched from the "Tee." Mr. Osbert Blundell tied with Mr. A. Chisholm for first place, and first and second sweepstakes, but he secured a win for the cup, as Mr. A. Chisholm had done so in a previous competition. The

third sweepstakes fell to Mr. H. M. Durandu, jun. The following, viz., Messrs. Blundell, Chadwick, Chisholm, Deane, Litchfield, and C. R. Luzmore will play off under special handicap, for final possession of the cup on Saturday, the 11th of October. Underneath are the returns, which did not exceed 100 net:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
A. Chisholm ... 89 10 79	A. Stookes ... 99 9 90
O. Blundell ... 96 17 79	E. Houlgrave ... 115 25 90
L. D. Stoddart ... 83 1 82	Wm. Potter ... 92 1 91
H. Durandu, jun. ... 95 12 83	G. Grieve ... 106 15 91
J. E. Pearson ... 99 16 83	W. Turnbull ... 98 6 92
J. W. Fowler ... 84 sc 84	R. Gould ... 99 7 92
F. E. M. Dixon ... 89 4 85	R. Kerr Waddell ... 102 10 92
A. Stoddart ... 97 12 85	A. Durandu ... 101 8 93
F. T. Wright ... 98 12 86	F. W. Cornelius ... 109 15 94
L. J. Ferguson ... 92 5 87	H. Spalding ... 106 11 95
W. Roughton ... 95 8 87	H. Owen ... 110 15 95
Major Munn ... 103 16 87	T. Shelmerdine, jun. 115 20 95
J. Fairclough ... 91 3 88	L. P. Gibbons ... 112 16 96
T. Henderson ... 96 8 88	H. C. Reynolds ... 121 25 96
Wm. Rowland ... 103 15 88	G. Seatree ... 117 20 97
T. A. Kirkwood ... 89 9 89	G. A. Thomson ... 117 20 97
E. L. Lewes ... 99 10 89	W. Mulholland ... 122 25 97
John Yates ... 101 12 89	A. C. Ziegler ... 122 25 97
C. C. Deane ... 94 4 90	Wm. Bowker ... 118 20 98

ROYAL ASCOT GOLF CLUB.

Only five cards were handed in on October 4th for the monthly competition and silver putter. Mr. Patton holds the putter with 91 scratch and Messrs. Clarke and Eden tied for the monthly cup with 89 net Result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Henley Eden ... 103 14 89	Col. Lewes... 113 22 91
H. C. Clarke ... 105 16 89	Capt. Cooper-Key.. 109 16 93
F. I. Patton ... 93 2 91	

Mr. H. Blacket, Col. Eden, Mr. Malcolm Morris, Mr. E. H. Sanley, and Sir T. Dyer made no return.

BASS ROCK CLUB.—MEDAL DAY.

This club, which contains not a few "cracks" in its membership, and whose representatives lately gained the Wemyss trophy, open to county clubs, held its half-yearly medal meeting over the North Berwick links on Saturday last. The destination of the handicap monthly trophy was decided according to arrangement by the scores in the medal competition. In the following order the players left the teeing-ground:—Messrs. J. Henderson and R. Whitecross, G. D. Walker and W. Auld, J. Forrest and A. Hutchison, J. Black and J. Dicksor, E. Bradbury and A. Ashton, A. Hogg and G. Nelson, J. Mitchell and J. Rattray, J. Brown MacLachlan and G. Sim, and D. Horsburgh, sen., and R. Fountain. Of the scores early returned, the best was 82, by Mr. J. Henderson. This figure had ultimately to take second place, as Mr. J. Forrest handed in a card with a register of 77, showing the good steady play of 41 for the ten holes out and 36 for the eight home holes. The details of Mr. Forrest's score are—Out, 5, 5, 5, 3, 5, 2, 3, 4, 4, 5 = 41; In, 4, 4, 2, 5, 2, 7, 7, 5 = 36; total, 77. Mr. Henderson's details were—Out, 8, 6, 4, 5, 5, 4, 3, 2, 4, 5 = 46; In, 5, 5, 3, 4, 4, 5, 6, 4 = 36; total, 82. No fewer than five competitors tied at the net score of 82 for the allowance badge. They were—Mr. J. Forrest, 75, plus 5=82; Mr. J. Henderson, 82 (scratch); Mr. Adam Hogg, 85, less 2=82; Mr. A. Hutchison, 86, less 4=82; and Mr. George Sim, 96, less 14=82. The decision of the tie was postponed for a few days.

STAPLEFORD GOLF CLUB.

The October meeting of this club was held on the Stapleford Down on Saturday, but owing to the unavoidable absence of some of the members the turn-out was not so large as it would otherwise have been. One ardent golfer, however, came down from London to enjoy a game on the Wiltshire Downs.

The president of the club (the Rev. F. W. Macdonald) played in his usual good form, and his fine slashing drives were the feature of the day's play, and that promising young player, Mr. Charles Sedgwick, who has greatly benefited by his sojourn at Sandwich, was also well to the fore.

The course is a 9-hole one, but is capable of being extended to 18 holes, and the greens are much improved under the careful superintendence of the energetic secretary, Mr. Percy Elgee.

The secretary's prize for competition among the members of the club will be played for under handicap conditions at an early date, and other prizes will be competed for during the season.

ALNMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

The Alnmouth Club held a competition on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 2nd, on the links, the attraction being a prize, value five guineas, to be won outright in one competition. The players were favoured with beautiful golfing weather, and the green was in splendid condition, thanks to the rain of the previous night. In the absence of the hon. sec. (Mr. De C. Paynter) the duties of starter were filled by Mr. Charlton of the Tyneside Club, eleven and a half couples being dispatched. The prize ultimately fell to Mr. J. Robertson, who was allowed a handicap of 18, and his gross for the eighteen holes being 98, his score of 80 was almost impossible to beat. First honours on merit, however, were gained by Mr. J. W. B. Pease, his two rounds of 43 and 44 were excellent play over a difficult medal course like Alnmouth.

Detailed scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. Robertson ...	98	18	80	Mr. J. B. Radcliffe...	91	sc	91
Mr. J. W. B. Pease ...	87	3	84	Capt. W. Roberts ...	112	20	92
Mr. G. P. Blagdon ...	104	20	84	Mr. E. S. Robson ...	108	14	94
Mr. C. A. Ridley ...	90	2	88	Mr. W. R. Anderson	104	8	96
Mr. T. Tate ...	96	7	89	Mr. R. E. Wood ...	108	12	86
Mr. H. Pease ...	103	14	89	Mr. J. Hutchinson ...	114	16	98
Mr. J. Lowrie ...	99	9	90	Mr. H. P. French...	111	12	99
Mr. J. L. Oliver ...	104	14	90				

Messrs. J. Tennant 5, G. F. Charlton 7, C. F. Elliott 16, R. M. Hansard 14, H. E. Brown 7, C. E. Wilkinson 14, G. Walker, scratch, and R. T. Thomson, scratch, made no returns.

The attraction, however, was the contest for the Percy medal and the Walker cross, both of which are scratch prizes for first and second on merit. A boisterous wind swept over the links, interfering considerably with the play of the competitors. The contest brought out ten couples, the entries including eight players, each of whom is on or about the scratch level. Mr. J. B. Radcliffe's gross was 92, and Mr. R. T. Thomson was the only one that threatened danger to him, but unluckily for him he lost an easy chance of gaining first honours, and tied with Mr. Radcliffe at 92. Scores:—

1st Rnd.	2nd Rnd.	Grs.	1st Rnd.	2nd Rnd.	Grs.		
Mr. R. T. Thomson...	45	47	92	Mr. E. S. Osborne ...	56	48	104
Mr. J. B. Radcliffe ...	48	44	92	Mr. T. L. M. Orde ...	52	54	106
Mr. J. de C. Paynter ...	47	48	95	Mr. G. P. Blagdon...	53	56	109
Mr. J. W. Pease ...	52	44	96	Mr. H. Pease ...	60	50	110
Mr. J. Tennant ...	49	48	97	Mr. J. Robertson ...	51	63	114
Mr. H. E. Brown ...	49	49	98	Mr. R. M. Hansard...	59	56	115
Mr. J. Lowrie ...	53	47	100	Mr. J. Hutchinson ...	62	58	120
Dr. R. E. Wood ...	54	49	103				

Messrs. C. A. Ridley, G. F. Charlton, G. W. Walters, W. R. Anderson, and R. Tate made no return.

For the optional prize Mr. E. S. Osborne (14) was first with a net total of 90, Messrs. Paynter (4), J. Lowrie (9), Dr. Wood (12), and H. E. Brown (7) tied for second at 91 net.

A general meeting of the Alnmouth Golf Club was held in the clubhouse last Thursday, under the presidency of Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart. The hon. sec. (Mr. J. de Paynter) read the minutes of last meeting, which were confirmed. The executive was re-elected as follows:—Captain, Earl Percy; hon. sec., Mr. J. de Paynter; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. P. Hebler; committee, Sir H. Williamson, Messrs. T. Tate, R. T. Thomson, H. A. Paynter, G. F. Charlton, and H. E. Brown. It was stated that the balance in favour of the club was £70 12s. 7d., as against £101 14s. 3d. last season. The expenditure included an item of £50 on account of the new additions to the clubhouse, and the payment of £14, being the balance of the old building account. There were 182 members enrolled, 21 new members had been elected, and 9 resigned. The report was unanimously adopted, and a motion to increase the annual subscription to £1 s. was deferred for further discussion until the next general meeting.

The Alnmouth Golf Club have placed a list of registered names of caddies, approved by the committee, in the caddies' shelter, and have requested their members to employ such caddies in preference to those who are non-registered.

The autumn meeting was concluded last Saturday afternoon on the Alnmouth links. The principal event was the club prize, value ten guineas, absolute possession of which is decided by a majority of wins in a series of nine competitions. Saturday's contest brought out a field of eleven and a-half couples. As was the case in the handicap on the first day, the cup was easily won, the winner turning up in Mr. G. P. Blagdon, who, with 15 handicap, played a remarkable game, as after 49 in his first round, his next attempt realised 46, being the best scores he has yet made over the course. Deducting his allowance (15) his net score stood 80, his nearest opponents being Mr. C. A. Ridley (86) and Mr. J. de C. Paynter, hon. sec. (86). The tie for the Percy medal between Messrs. R. T. Thomson and J. B. Radcliffe was also played off. It was a case of tutor and pupil opposing each other, Mr. Thomson in years gone by having taught Mr. Radcliffe the rudiments of the

sport. Mr. Thomson, after a good contest, won with 8 strokes to spare. We might state that Mr. Thomson's name has been inscribed no less than eight times on the medal within the last nine years. Detailed scores for the cup:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. G. P. Blagdon..	95	15	80	Mr. R. T. Thomson	92	scr.	92
Mr. C. A. Ridley ..	88	2	86	Mr. E. S. Osborne..	105	11	94
Mr. J. de C. Paynter	90	4	86	Mr. R. M. Hansard.	108	14	94
Mr. G. W. Walters	90	scr.	90	Mr. J. Robertson ...	108	11	97
Mr. J. Hutchinson..	106	16	30	Mr. R. J. Milton ..	118	15	103

Messrs. T. Tate, Dr. Wood, J. Lorimer, J. W. Pease, J. Lowrie, J. Radcliffe, W. R. Anderson, A. Marsh, W. Smith, H. E. Brown, J. W. B. Pease, T. Orde, and H. P. French made no return.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club was held on Saturday afternoon, and the result gave satisfaction to the executive as well as to the competitors who assembled to take part in the competition for the great *pièce de resistance* of the club, the Gray Trophy. The weather was everything that could be desired, the westerly breeze giving a distinct fillip to the sporting character of the course. The professional, J. Kay, had bestowed much care on the preparation of the putting greens, which were in perfect order. The hon. secretary, Mr. Charles Cooper, despatched the competitors in regular order, and the captain, Mr. P. Wood, M.A., struck off the first ball with Mr. A. Massingham, M.A., at 11.15 a.m. They were followed by 15 couples.

Mr. W. Purves showed some very fine play, opening with 4 to the 1st hole, 5 to the 2nd, and 4 to the 3rd. The inevitable bunker, and bad lies then ran the total up to 81. In the 2nd round, by deadly approaches, and steady putting the total reached only 71; but a succession of bad luck prevented Mr. Purves from reaping winning honours, the total of 152 being the best on merit during the day. This score was closely followed by Mr. Newby, who has improved marvellously. For the 1st round, when the wind was most boisterous, 82 strokes were recorded, but, in the 2nd round Mr. Newby eclipsed all his previous play by returning the excellent score of 71. From the detailed score below it will be seen that at least for 6 holes there was an exhibition of ideal golfing—6 holes for 23 strokes being perfect. Mr. Newby is a powerful driver, and his approaching play was much admired. Again Mr. Robinson took second honours with a creditable 136. He had hard lines, however, and but for the misfortune at the pond hole coming home, at which 9 strokes were taken, Mr. Robinson must have given Mr. Newby a very "close shave." The vice-president, Mr. C. H. Backhouse, also finished well under scratch play, which is 140 for the 2 rounds. It is evident that a careful reconsideration of the handicapping allowance will require to be made before the next competition.

It has been decided to hold the annual meeting in the club house, on Saturday the 18th inst., at 4.30 p.m.

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. G. Newby ...	82	71	153	20	133
Mr. A. Robinson	76	180	156	20	136
Mr. C. H. Backhouse	84	86	170	33	137
Mr. P. A. Raps...	78	75	153	15	138
Rev. F. L. Cope..	92	87	179	40	139
Mr. J. F. Wilson	89	91	180	40	140
Mr. G. A. Brown	88	81	169	28	141
Mr. W. Purves ...	81	71	152	10	142
Mr. S. Walker ...	85	73	158	14	144
Mr. A. Massingham	87	82	169	25	144
Mr. C. Cooper ...	85	79	164	16	148
Mr. S. Strover ...	92	96	188	40	148
Mr. H. Simpson..	93	93	186	36	150
Mr. C. W. Walker	102	88	190	40	150
Mr. A. F. Trechinane	85	90	175	24	151
Mr. W. S. Merry-weather ...	99	93	192	40	152
Major M. Gray ...	86	79	165	12	153
Mr. R. E. Leach	86	89	175	22	153
Mr. G. E. Casebourne	99	97	196	40	156
Mr. A. Douglas..	96	102	198	40	158

Messrs. I. W. Marshall, C. J. Bunting, W. Davidson, C. Cabry, E. W. Garbutt, J. Hardy, jun., Capt. Osborn, A. B. Wilson, J. Steel, A. Livingston, P. Wood and W. S. Woodiwis made no returns.

Mr. Newby's detailed score, which is of much interest, is as follows:—

1st Rnd.	{ Out ...	6	8	5	6	4	6	5=40	=82
	{ In ...	6	7	6	8	3	7	5=42	
2nd Rnd.	{ Out ...	6	7	4	5	4	6	3=35	=71
	{ In... ..	7	4	5	7	5	4	4=36	

Gross total 153

ABERDEEN—ABERDEEN CLUB.

Our Aberdeen correspondent writes:—Nothing particularly worthy of note has taken place over the Balgownie Links since last report. The new greens are much improved by the constant play, and several new teeing grounds have been made. The green-keeper and assistants have been hard at work, getting the course into good condition for the autumn meeting, which begins on Thursday, the 16th inst., and which promises to be a very successful one. The annual business meeting takes place on the 15th inst., when the office-bearers for the ensuing year fall to be elected. On the 16th the Charles Chalmers' cup and Mrs. Fordyce's gold cross are the prizes competed for, while the first round in the final competition for the captain's cup will also be played. On the 17th the club's gold medal, the principal prize of the year, occupies the leading place in the programme, the second round in the final competition for the captain's cup also being decided. The gold medal was presented to the club so far back as the year 1815, and the winner for the year receives a miniature copy of it in gold. On the 18th the final competition for the Bangalore cup, presented to the club two years ago by Colonel G. Mackenzie, Bombay Staff Corps, takes place under the newly adjusted handicaps. The club's annual dinner takes place in the evening, under the presidency of the captain-elect.

The club's annual report has just been circulated among the members, and shows it to be financially in a very satisfactory condition. The membership is steadily increasing, and under the newly-arranged rule, whereby the privileges of the club are extended to visitors, it is expected that large numbers will every year visit the green.

The usual monthly competitions took place on Saturday last, in glorious weather, when a large field of competitors turned out, and some very good cards were handed in. On a comparison being made, it was found that the scratch medal had been won by Mr. G. G. Wilkie with a score of 87, while the Bangalore Cup for the month fell to Captain Miller-Wallnutt with a score of 88, 6 off=82. The following are a few of the best scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Capt. Miller - Wallnutt	88	6	82	Mr. W. R. Reid	90	3	87
Mr. G. G. Wilkie	87	3	84	Mr. Basil S. McLellan	91	3	88
Mr. A. J. W. Storie	90	6	84	Mr. C. F. Hayne	95	6	89
Mr. James Moir	88	3	85	Dr. Joseph Ogilvie	96	6	90
Mr. W. G. Jamieson	89	3	86	Mr. William Leslie	97	6	91
Dr. Robert Ogilvie	92	6	86				

Over the old course on the Aberdeen Links some excellent work has also been done of late. The new greenkeeper has expended a lot of labour on the greens, and they are at the present moment in a much better condition than they have been in at any time throughout the season. The Bon Accord Club concluded a most successful season on Saturday, the 27th ult., with the annual competition for their challenge cup, the trophy being won by Mr. William Smart, with the fine score of 81. This club has played fewer matches than usual this year with other clubs, the only contest so far having been with the Victoria Club, the result of which was duly given in a previous letter.

Talking of the Victoria Club reminds me that they had their annual tussle with their namesakes from Montrose on Saturday last, October 4th, over the Aberdeen links. The day was gloriously fine, and though the match turned out a rather one-sided one, was a most enjoyable affair. Thirteen players started on each side, and the result was a victory for the local men by 28 holes. The strangers were considerably puzzled by the hazards of the Aberdeen course, several of their best men coming to grief among the whins at the north-end of the course. Very few scores were kept, but of those handed in—A. M. M. Dunn (Aberdeen), with 85 was the lowest, his opponent, Mr. Smith, taking 86. Messrs. McConnell and Russell, both of Aberdeen, were the next lowest, with 88 each. Appended are the details:—

VICTORIA (Aberdeen).		Holes.	VICTORIA (Montrose).		Holes.
A. McConnell	...	2	W. Reid	...	0
J. Russell	...	0	W. Cobb	...	1
A. M. M. Dunn	...	0	L. S. Smith	...	0
A. Cooper	...	7	H. W. Thomson	...	0
W. Still	...	0	C. R. Murray	...	0
G. Mortimer	...	6	J. Thom	...	0
J. Forrest	...	0	D. McKenzie	...	0
D. J. Innes	...	4	J. Sim	...	0
J. B. Banks	...	0	A. Wilkie	...	2
A. Mitchell	...	3	W. Edward	...	0
W. H. Reid	...	6	A. Cuthbert	...	0
G. F. Thomson	...	1	G. Gray	...	0
J. Hazelwood	...	2	F. Japp	...	0
		31			3

Majority for Aberdeen, 28 holes.

DORNOCH.

On the forenoon of Saturday, the 27th ult., the final competition for the Secretary's Aggregate Prize came off. The weather was not of the most favourable description, being somewhat squally; but, nevertheless, some excellent scores were handed in. Mr. M. Macdonald was found to be the winner of the prize, a timepiece, with an aggregate of 485 for the six best scores, or an average of 80.5, while Mr. Bridgeford came next with 4 strokes more. The order of the scores on Saturday was:—Mr. G. Bridgeford, 83, less 7=76; Mr. M. Macdonald (scratch), 79; Mr. W. F. Orr (scratch), 80; Mr. J. Sutherland (scratch), 80; Mr. J. Campbell (scratch), 86; Mr. G. R. Kennedy (scratch), 86; Mr. Alexander Innes, 97, less 8=89.

In the afternoon of the same day the fortnightly competition for the Singapore Cup, and the weekly competition for Mr. Urquhart's inkstand, were held. Mr. Alexander Innes stood first for both prizes with a score of 86, less 8=78; while next in order came Mr. G. R. Kennedy (scratch), 81; Mr. M. Macdonald (scratch), 84; Mr. W. G. Frazer, 96, less 12=84; Mr. W. F. Orr (scratch), 85; Mr. G. Bridgeford, 92, less 7=85; Mr. J. Campbell (scratch), 86; Mr. Alexander Angus, 97, less 9=88.

In fine breezy weather on Saturday forenoon the weekly competition for Mr. Urquhart's inkstand came off. The attendance was not large. Mr. J. Sutherland with a scratch score of 81 stood first, while next him in order were:—Mr. M. Macdonald (scratch), 84; Mr. W. S. Fraser, 99, less 12=87; Mr. W. F. Orr (scratch), 89.

Mr. Sidney Platt, Skibo, has just presented a handsome silver challenge cup to the club, to be competed for by holes, and under handicap. It is to be played for once in each year. And the player winning it three times successively gets absolute possession of it. This year's competition has been fixed for 26th inst.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal and two optional subscription prizes, all under handicap, were played for on the links of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club at Hoylake on Saturday in fine weather. The players were by no means numerous, only about thirty couples competing. On the cards being examined it was found that Mr. Charles Darbyshire, who did not start playing the round until late in the afternoon, had won the medal with the score of 94, less 12=82, which also secured him a win in for the first optional subscription prize. A win in for the second optional subscription prize was secured by Mr. J. J. Crosfield with the score of 108, less 25=83. The first sweepstake was won by Mr. Chas. Darbyshire, the second by Mr. J. J. Crosfield, and the third by Mr. James Hume. This being the last competition for the optional subscription prizes, the several winners in the two classes will play off on Wednesday next, the first day of the autumn meeting of the club under special handicap, when the medal round will decide who wins the respective prizes. The winners to play off for the first optional prize are Dr. P. Davidson, Messrs. A. H. Higgins, Cyril Plummer, L. S. M. Munro, Geo. Bird, James Fairclough, H. C. R. Sievwright, and Charles Darbyshire, and for the second Messrs. H. S. Bower, C. A. Porter, R. L. Dalgleish, C. H. Hollins, James Hume, A. Travis, C. T. Dixon, and J. J. Crosfield. The details of the play on Saturday are as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. C. Darbyshire	94	12	82	Mr. M. Pole	103	12	91
Mr. J. J. Crosfield	108	25	83	Mr. H. Holden	104	13	91
Mr. J. Hume	110	25	85	Mr. W. C. A. Milligan	107	16	91
Mr. A. H. Crosfield	98	12	86	Mr. D. C. Scott	109	18	91
Mr. H. H. Hilton	81	0	87	Mr. John Ball	94	2	92
Mr. Cyril Plummer	90	3	87	Mr. A. H. Higgins	100	7	93
Mr. John Dun	95	8	87	Mr. Chas. Holt	108	15	93
Mr. John Ball, jun.	81	0	87	Mr. A. Hood	111	18	93
Mr. Chas. Hutchings	87	0	88	Mr. H. Keef	113	20	93
Mr. Jas. Fairclough	92	4	88	M. J. A. Smith	115	22	93
Mr. P. J. Pringle	97	9	88	Mr. G. F. Milligan	112	18	94
Mr. E. Whineray	98	10	88	Mr. P. Brown	120	26	94
Mr. E. H. Higgins	105	17	88	Mr. H. Case	120	25	95
Mr. W. H. Wilson	105	17	88	Mr. E. J. B. Farrar	100	4	96
Mr. P. W. Atkin	113	25	88	Mr. T. R. Bulley	108	12	96
Mr. G. C. H. Dunlop	102	13	89	Mr. Regd. Haigh	113	17	96
Mr. J. K. Housden	107	18	89	Mr. H. W. Hind	109	12	97
Mr. H. Owen	109	20	89	Mr. H. K. Layborn	117	20	97
Mr. J. G. Rodger	109	20	89	Mr. J. K. Crooks	113	15	98
Mr. C. B. Taylor	109	20	89	M. Theo. Turpin	117	19	98
Mr. H. S. Bower	111	22	89	Mr. C. T. Dixon	120	20	100
Mr. H. C. R. Sievwright	95	5	90	Mr. J. H. Silberbach	122	20	102
Mr. John Graham, jun.	101	11	90	Mr. John Ravenscroft	128	25	103
Mr. I. A. Roberts	105	15	90	Mr. J. E. Perrin	120	15	105
Mr. W. Bates	113	23	90	Mr. St. Clair Byrne	126	not h'cp.	

Eighteen competitors made no return.

MONIFIETH.

LOW SCORING.—On Thursday evening last Mr. P. D. Mitchell, of the Panmure Golf Club, when playing a friendly match went the round of the course in the low score of 76 strokes, made up as follows, viz:—
Out, 3 4 4 6 4 4 4 4=37. In, 5 6 3 5 4 3 5 3=39.

CARNARVONSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The annual meeting of this club was held at the Guildhall, Conway, on Saturday, Mr. Albert Wood, vice-president of the club, being in the chair. The secretary's report was read, and it was decided to print and circulate it among the members of the club. Mr. Kneeshaw proposed, and the Rev. E. Tudor Owen, Llandudno, seconded, that all the officers be re-appointed, Mr. Albert Wood being added to the green committee. This was carried unanimously. Considerable discussion took place about matters connected with the club, which is in a very satisfactory condition, and the members are looking forward with much interest to having some play on the links this winter. Colonel Ruck thought it was time to have some competitions, and proposed that the club should offer prizes. The chairman said he would be glad to offer three prizes, a statement which was most favourably received by the meeting, it is needless to say, and it was decided to commence the competitions on Tuesday.

NORTH BERWICK.

Although the links here were by no means deserted on any day during the week preceding the tournament, play over the earlier portion showed rather a relaxation from the exceptional briskness that has prevailed of late. Indication was then given of a calm before the storm of the tournament; but, on the other hand, on Saturday, 4th inst., an unusually large number of golfers left the teeing-ground in the course of the day. Besides two medal meetings there were many friendly singles and foursomes, a large influx of visitors per rail for the day adding to the adherents of the royal game resident here for the autumn.

Archie Simpson, the well-known professional, who is quite a stranger to the North Berwick green, arrived from Carnoustie on Saturday, and had as many as three rounds in the forenoon and afternoon. Three of the other professionals playing in the professional competition had also a practice game, namely, Bernard Sayers, Davie Grant, and Charlie Crawford. The amateurs out for the day also included several very good exponents of the game.

The Carnoustie professional and Mr. Gregor M'Gregor engaged in an interesting single in the forenoon. The well-known amateur was in first-rate form, whilst Archie was, in some measure, handicapped by his unfamiliarity with the course. A pretty strong breeze intererred not a little with the play. Mr. M'Gregor showed a strong and steady out game, whilst his professional opponent was unfortunate, driving twice into the wood, and he was occasionally weak at the putting-green. The turning for home found the amateur leading by three. The first hole in was well halved in four. On going to the next Mr. M'Gregor played safely, whilst Archie tried a long drive, and carried finely over the wall to the side of the green, and now reduced the lead of the amateur to two. For the following hole each drove finely from the tee. In playing the like to Mr. M'Gregor on the green, the professional had the misfortune to get a "stimy," but, getting home in pretty fashion, the result was a half at three. One down was Simpson's position at the fourteenth hole of the round, where he succeeded in getting down at three to four. These figures were reversed at the next disc, where Mr. M'Gregor had the better drive, and, maintaining his advantage, again assumed a lead of two. A half in five at the sixteenth hole found the game standing "dormy" two in M'Gregor's favour. At Point Garry in hole Archie came to grief. Playing his iron approach too strongly, and getting over amongst the rocks, he lost the hole and had to submit to a defeat by Mr. M'Gregor of three holes up and one to play. In two subsequent rounds, however, the professional was the victor. Finishing the second round in the very fine figure of 76, he beat Mr. M'Gregor somewhat easily by four. In the third round a very equal game was exhibited, Archie defeating the amateur only by one at the home hole.

Amongst visitors to the green at North Berwick on Saturday last was Sir William Des Voeux, Governor of Hong Kong, who has encouraged greatly the practice of the royal game in the dominion of his Governorship. His Excellency, partnering Ben Sayers, engaged in a foursome, Mr. Parrott, of San Francisco, with Charlie Crawford. An interesting match ended in favour of Sir William and Sayers by four up and three to play.

An early and a first-rate game was that on Saturday morning, between Mr. John Forrest, a "crack" amateur, and Sayers, the players beginning the round at six on Saturday morning. Mr. Forrest exhibited a remarkably good out-game, completing the ten holes in the very low

figure of 37, and leading Sayers, who required forty strokes, by four holes at the turning. The professional played a grand home game, however, requiring only 33 for the eight holes, as against his opponent's 36. Each completed the round at the unusually low figure of 73, Bernard winning an interestingly equal match by one at the home hole.

In connection with the Ladies' Club at North Berwick, which has held so many brilliant gatherings this year, the principal competitions may be said to be over for the season. The fine green is, however, still busily occupied by the fair votaries of the national game in ordinary play.

GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB.

Splendid weather favoured the autumn meeting, which was held on the 2nd and 4th October, and the low scoring throughout testified to the fine order of the course and greens, which did credit to David Pinkerton's management and care. On the first day Mr. G. Nicol won the Bannatyne Challenge Cup for the best score under handicap, and the first optional sweepstakes, with the fine score of 78 net; and Mr. C. E. Nesham won the Duncan Silver Challenge Medal with a gross score of 84, and the second handicap prize and second optional sweepstakes with a net 79. On the last day Mr. J. F. Newton won the captain's prize with a net 75, and Mr. Hammon Paine, jun., won the second handicap prize and first optional sweepstakes with a net 77, two scores which show the difficulty of dealing effectually with occasional players; and Mr. H. Davenport took the second optional sweepstakes with a net 79, which is a slight advance on his late play, which has been uniformly steady, and will enable the handicap committee to reduce his handicap. Mr. G. W. Ricketts was unfortunate in not taking a prize with two scores of 82 net, as hitherto higher scores than this have taken prizes. Below are the scores of the two days.

THURSDAY, October 2nd:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. G. Nicol ...	87	9	78	Mr. A. S. Poole ...	101	12	89
Mr. C. E. Nesham ...	84	5	79	Major A. Mathison ...	103	14	89
Col. W. Pott ...	98	18	80	Mr. W. P. Trench ...	107	18	89
Mr. B. Howell ...	87	6	81	Mr. H. H. Playford ...	96	6	90
Mr. F. H. E. Lamb ...	86	4	82	Col. G. Lamb ...	101	9	92
Mr. G. W. Ricketts ...	94	12	82	Mr. W. D. Marshall ...	108	16	92
Mr. J. A. Ross ...	87	4	83	Mr. W. E. Muir ...	112	20	92
Mr. H. Davenport ...	96	13	83	Mr. H. G. Arm- strong ...	113	20	93
Mr. H. L. Forbes ...	99	15	84	Mr. W. F. Richmond ...	109	15	94
Mr. D. L. Poole ...	93	9	84	Mr. W. M. Kenrick ...	110	16	94
Mr. F. W. Bovill ...	107	23	84	Mr. T. Ramsbotham ...	113	18	95
Mr. H. W. Street ...	102	16	86	Capt. F. Stevens ...	123	19	104
Rev. H. C. Gaze ...	97	9	88				

No returns: Col. Dolphin, Capt. C. H. Bill, Major Pontifex, Col. Bannatyne, Messrs. W. J. Perkins, A. Gray, A. Owen, H. C. G. Brown, A. Bovill, L. Howell, H. C. Cattley, F. Muir, H. Sawyer, H. Paine, jun., W. M. Rhodes, A. H. Tod, and A. Peebles.

SATURDAY, October 4th:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. F. Newton ...	95	20	75	Mr. H. W. Street ...	103	16	87
Mr. H. Paine, jun. ...	94	17	77	Capt. C. H. Bill ...	117	30	87
Mr. H. Davenport ...	92	13	79	Col. G. Lamb ...	98	9	89
Mr. F. H. E. Lamb ...	84	4	80	Mr. W. D. Marshall ...	106	16	90
Mr. G. W. Ricketts ...	94	12	82	Rev. H. C. Gaze ...	100	9	91
Mr. C. E. Nesham ...	87	4	83	Mr. J. C. Taylor ...	121	30	91
Mr. H. Sawyer ...	98	15	83	Mr. D. L. Poole ...	101	9	92
Mr. A. C. Collier ...	94	10	84	Mr. C. H. Parry ...	112	20	92
Mr. H. L. Forbes ...	99	15	84	Mr. G. Nicol ...	103	7	96
Mr. C. E. Cottrell ...	97	12	85	Rev. F. S. Rams- botham ...	126	30	96
Mr. S. M. Fergusson ...	86	scr.	86	Mr. W. J. Perkins ...	122	23	99
Mr. J. A. Ross ...	90	4	86	Mr. H. H. Playford ...	110	6	104
Mr. J. Kenrick ...	92	6	86	Dr. Johnston ...	108	not. h'cd	
Mr. A. Denman ...	94	8	86	Mr. F. W. Harvey ...	134	not. h'cd	
Mr. A. S. Poole ...	98	12	86				
Mr. B. Howell ...	93	6	87				

No returns from Messrs. A. Owen, H. C. Cattley, F. Muir, W. E. Muir, T. Ramsbotham, L. Howell, W. P. Trench, W. M. Rhodes, T. Croysdale, T. Du Buisson, Major A. Mathison, Messrs. W. M. Kenrick, A. Peebles, F. W. Bovill, G. J. Low, W. F. Richmond, W. M. Corrie, and Colonel Bannatyne.

The limit of members having been reached, and the prize meetings this year having been so well attended, it is probable that two additional annual meetings will be held in future at Christmas and Easter, the Easter meeting taking the form of a match tournament for the Pontifex Challenge Shield.

MINCHINHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club took place on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, September 25th, 26th, and 27th. The weather, except for a high wind on Friday morning, was fine and favourable for Golf. The handsome new Club House erected by Messrs. Humphreys, of Knightsbridge, was opened for the occasion and gave great satisfaction to the members. The second rounds of the Marling Cleek Tournament, which began on the 18th, were played on Thursday, the 25th, the final rounds not being yet concluded. The principal events competed for on Friday were the silver bowl for lowest gross score won by Mr. A. S. Winterbotham with the creditable score, considering the high wind which prevailed, of 92, and the silver goblet won by Mr. Lawrence Grist. The ladies also competed for their silver cup and gold brooch, won respectively by Miss Ridding and Miss Bower. Saturday was devoted to foursomes, the score of which will be found below. There was a large attendance each day both of players and spectators.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th.—A Tournament, members only, medal play, under handicap, for the MARLING SILVER CHALLENGE CLEEK and CLUB PRIZES.

FIRST ROUND.—W. Lucy beat W. Davies; F. W. Storry beat F. Winterbotham; H. V. Woollright beat W. J. P. Marling; A. R. Grieve beat W. Margetson; Lawrence Grist beat A. S. Winterbotham; E. P. Little beat A. T. Playne; Clement Ritchie beat J. T. Woollright; E. A. Chamberlaine beat E. F. Chamberlaine; Capt. C. H. Bill beat G. Sotheron-Estcourt; C. Golightly beat C. C. Turnbull; Rev. E. H. Hawkins beat W. Playne; F. A. Chambers beat W. H. Bishop; H. Bishop beat L. Winterbotham; W. J. Chamberlayne beat J. E. Falconer.

SECOND ROUND.—L. Grist beat W. Lucy; C. Ritchie beat Captain Bill; C. Golightly beat H. V. Woollright; A. R. Grieve beat E. P. Little; Rev. E. H. Hawkins beat F. W. Storry. Competition not completed.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th.—THE SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL for lowest gross score and Club Prizes. Open to members of any recognised Golf club.

THE SILVER CHALLENGE GOBLET, members only, under handicap, for lowest net score, and Club Prizes. 1st, value £2; 2nd, value £1.

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
A. S. Winterbotham 92 20 72	A. Hoare ... 98 9 89
Lawrence Grist ... 98 20 78	F. K. Peto ... 103 20 89
H. H. Bishop ... 105 25 80	Clement Ritchie ... 107 18 89
J. W. Rolt ... 108 25 83	G. J. Holloway ... 120 30 90
W. P. Niblett... 108 25 83	C. A. Gillanders ... 95 5 90
A. Archdale ... 97 13 84	F. A. Chambers ... 116 25 91
C. C. Turnbull ... 110 25 85	L. Winterbotham ... 127 35 92
E. A. Chamberlaine 110 25 85	W. A. Lucy ... 102 16 93
W. H. Bishop ... 116 30 86	C. D. Guise ... 125 30 95
W. Playne ... 95 9 86	E. P. Little ... 115 20 95
C. B. Collins ... 95 9 86	C. Harding, jun. ... 115 20 95
A. R. Grieve ... 116 30 86	G. B. Jenkinson ... 121 25 96
C. Golightly ... 107 20 87	W. Davies ... 118 22 96
M. G. Cartwright ... 120 32 88	W. Margetson ... 117 20 97
H. V. Woollright ... 107 18 89	J. T. Woollright ... 126 27 99

The following gentlemen also competed:—A. T. Playne, W. A. Chamberlayne, F. W. Storry, E. Metcalf, J. E. Falconer, W. J. P. Marling, F. Winterbotham, E. F. Chamberlain, J. Fergusson, G. Sotheron-Estcourt, Captain Bill, Rev. E. H. Hawkins.

THE LADIES' CHALLENGE SILVER CUP, lady members only, for lowest gross score, and Club Prizes; and the LADIES' CHALLENGE BROOCH, lady members only, under handicap, and Club Prizes:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Miss Ridding ... 96 5 91*	Miss M. Ricardo 121 20 101
Miss G. Bower 106 15 91†	Miss J. G. Golightly 109 5 104
Miss Denne ... 106 14 92‡	Mrs. Rolt ... 127 20 107
Mrs. W. Davies 106 11 95	Miss A. Dickenson 128 20 108
Miss Golightly 102 7 95‡	Miss R. Ricardo 135 18 117
Miss H. Ridding 104 7 97	Miss B. Stanton 134 16 118
Miss G. Guise ... 114 16 98	Miss A. Ricardo 133 12 121
Mrs. Lynch-Blosse 111 13 98	Mrs. Chaplin ... 144 20 124
Miss M. Stanton 119 20 99	

* Challenge Club, gross, and 1st prize; † Gold Brooch, and 1st nett; ‡ 2nd prize for nett score; ‡ 2nd prize for gross score.

Prizes for Lady Members whose Handicap is 25 and over:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Miss V. Stanton ... 118 25 93	Miss Woollright ... 123 30 93

The following ladies also competed:—Miss Cholmeley, Mrs. A. E. Smith, Miss Stepney, Mrs. Storry, Miss Williams, Miss M. Williams,

Mrs. Turner, Mrs. C. Ritchie, Mrs. M. Johnstone, Mrs. Falconer, Mrs. Woollright.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th.—Foursome Prizes, by scores, under handicap, members only:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
A. S. Winterbotham } 103 25 78 *	C. B. Collins ... } 106 14 91 ½
A. R. Grieve ... } 105 19 ½ 85 ½ *	E. P. Little ... } 106 12 ½ 93 ½
W. H. Bishop ... } 105 17 88	W. H. Playne ... } 125 31 ½ 93 ½
Kv. E. H. Hawkins } 105 15 ½ 89 ½	W. Lucy ... } 121 22 ½ 98 ½
G. Jenkinson ... } 112 22 ½ 89 ½	F. A. Chambers } 127 27 ½ 99 ½
A. Hoare ... } 105 17 88	L. Winterbotham } 121 22 ½ 98 ½
A. Archdale ... } 105 15 ½ 89 ½	J. W. Rolt ... } 127 27 ½ 99 ½
H. V. Woollright } 112 22 ½ 89 ½	C. Harding, jun. ... } 127 27 ½ 99 ½
Lawrence Grist ... } 112 22 ½ 89 ½	W. P. Niblett ... } 127 27 ½ 99 ½
H. H. Bishop ... } 112 22 ½ 89 ½	G. J. Holloway ... } 127 27 ½ 99 ½

* First and Second Prizes.

The following gentlemen also competed:—W. Davies and J. T. Woollright, G. S. Estcourt and Captain C. H. Bill, C. A. Gillanders and H. J. Clifford.

LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S FOURSOME PRIZES, by score, members only, under handicap:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
W. Lucy ... } 115 20 ½ 94 ½ *	F. W. Storry ... } 140 27 ½ 112 ½
Miss S. Stanton ... } 124 19 ½ 104 ½ *	Mrs. Cartwright ... } 133 19 114
Rev. E. Hawkins } 131 23 108	W. Davies ... } 137 22 115
Mrs. C. Ritchie ... } 131 22 ½ 108 ½	Miss B. Stanton ... } 129 12 ½ 116 ½
C. D. Guise ... } 129 20 109	G. Metcalf ... } 137 20 117
Miss Guise ... } 126 15 ½ 110 ½	Miss Denne ... } 135 15 ½ 119 ½
H. H. Bishop ... } 131 20 ½ 110 ½	H. V. Woollright } 148 21 ½ 126 ½
Miss Smith ... } 127 15 112	H. V. Woollright } 129 12 ½ 116 ½
Lawrence Grist } 129 20 109	Miss H. Ridding } 149 32 ½ 116 ½
Miss M. Grist ... } 126 15 ½ 110 ½	Capt. C. H. Bill } 137 20 117
E. P. Little ... } 131 20 ½ 110 ½	Miss Woollright } 135 15 ½ 119 ½
Mrs. W. Davies } 126 14 ½ 111 ½	C. Harding ... } 137 20 117
Major Chapman } 127 15 112	Mrs. J. W. Rolt } 135 15 ½ 119 ½
Mrs. Lynch-Blosse } 126 14 ½ 111 ½	G. S. Estcourt ... } 148 21 ½ 126 ½
C. B. Collins ... } 127 15 112	Miss Golightly ... } 148 21 ½ 126 ½
Miss Dickenson } 127 15 112	Clement Ritchie } 148 21 ½ 126 ½
J. W. Rolt ... } 127 15 112	Miss M. Johnstone } 148 21 ½ 126 ½
Miss J. Golightly } 127 15 112	

Mr. F. Winterbotham and Mrs. Storry also competed.

* First and Second Prizes.

EDINBURGH VIEWFORTH GOLF CLUB.

In a very strong westerly gale, and latterly in a heavy rain, the gold medal competition of this club took place at Musselburgh on Friday last. Messrs. Buchan and O. Thomson tied for the medal at, considering the conditions, the respectable score of 91. On proceeding to play off the tie the weather became such that they agreed to defer the contest. Mr. Buchan's rounds were 46 and 45, and Mr. Thomson's 48 and 43. In the handicap competition the ties had also to be postponed. Mr. Macnab's first round of 45 was remarkable in that he had the first five holes in 19. Mr. H. M. Knight gained the captain's aggregate prize for the best (handicap) scores during the season. The handicap prizes were won by R. Macnab, 94, less 6=88; H. Wight, 97, less 9=88=tie; W. T. Robertson, 114, less 24=90; J. M. Marr, 97, less 7=90=tie; O. Thomson, 91, less 0=91; J. Howe, 110, less 18=92; F. Taylor, 105, less 11=94; Mr. Buchan, 91, plus 4=95; Mr. Beattie, 101, less 5=96; Mr. Miller, 103, less 6=97; and Mr. Knight, 102, less 3=99, had the next best cards.

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.

The October competition for the Allen Medal took place on the 4th inst., at the Earlswood Links. Mr. Greensill Allen had an easy win with 89 gross, and his achievement will doubtless meet with due attention at the hands of the handicap committee.

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. Greensill Allen. 89 14 75	Mr. W. B. Avery ... 106 16 90
Mr. W. H. Pelly ... 95 16 79	Mr. L. Horner ... 96 4 92
Mr. Jas. Armstrong 103 18 85	Mr. C. J. Trevarthen 128 30 98
Mr. F. P. Browne... 98 13 85	

Over 100 or no returns, Messrs. P. Paget, C. Hall, A. F. Waters, J. C. Tucker, D. D. Fenning, C. E. Atkin, G. H. Emmett, and H. T. Silverlock.

The tie for the club medal was played off between Messrs. F. P. Browne and W. H. Pelly on the 25th ult., and resulted in favour of the former, whose score was 83 net, against 88 made by Mr. Pelly.