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AUGUST.

- Aug. 29.—Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup ; Captain's Prize.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Luffness : Captain and Club Prizes ; President's Medal and Gold Pendant.
Seaford : Monthly Medal.
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Bank Holiday Meeting.
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.
West Lancashire : Monthly Medal.
Lanark : Anstruther Medals (handicapped couples).
Dundee Advertiser : Honeyman Gold Medal.
Aldeburgh : Gold Medal.
Warwickshire : Club Cup.
Troon : Sandhills Medal.
Crookham : Monthly Medal.
Prestwick St. Nicholas : Bailie Wilson's Medal.
West Cornwall : Monthly Competition.
- Aug. 31.—Edinburgh, Viewforth : Silver Medal (Braids).
Burnham : Monthly Gold Medal.

SEPTEMBER.

- Sept. 1.—Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews : Jubilee Vase Tournament. (Under handicap. Entries close August 25th.)
Cornwall County Golf Club : Monthly Handicap.
Hayling Island Ladies : Monthly Competition for Bath Challenge Star.
Royal Blackheath : Monthly Medal.
West Cornwall : Ladies' Monthly Competition.
- Sept. 3.—Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.
Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Competition.
- Sept. 4.—Durham : Osborn Cup.
Harrison, Edinburgh : Medal.
- Sept. 5.—London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove : The Berens Gold Medal.
Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.

- Sept. 5.—Haydock Park : Captain's Cup.
Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.
Bowdon : Monthly Competition.
Aldeburgh : Silver Medal.
Monifieth : Panmure Silver Medal.
Rochdale : Secretary's Trophy, Silver Shield.
Cathkin Braes : Gold Medal Competition.
Lea Hurst : Competition for Committee Cup.
Seaton Carew : Wilson Shield.
Redhill and Reigate : Turner's Medal.
- Sept. 7.—Harrison, Edinburgh : Cup and Prizes.
- Sept. 8.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Cup.
Harrison, Edinburgh : Cup and Prizes.
- Sept. 9.—Harrison, Edinburgh : Cup and Prizes.
- Sept. 10.—Selkirk : Hashe Medal.
- Sept. 11-12.—Lanark : Annual Meeting ; Claret Cup (scratch), Purdie Cup, Gold Ball, and Captain's Prize.
- Sept. 12.—West Herts : Monthly Medal.
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.
West Lancashire : Autumn Meeting.
Hayling Island : Monthly Competition.
Alnwick : Marsh Painting.
Wilpshire and District : Monthly Medal.
Rochdale : Captain's Prize.
Royal Montreal : Club Match.
Littlestone : Monthly Meeting.
Nairn : Pullar Medal.
- Sept. 16.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Gold Medal ; Noakes Cup.
- Sept. 19.—Brighton and Hove : The De Worms Challenge Cup.
Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Gullane : Captain, and other prizes.
Disley : Fifth Summer Handicap.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Macara Cup.
Epsom : Monthly Medal.
Watsonians : Gold Medal and Club Prizes.
Cathkin Braes : Westwood Cup Competition.
Lea Hurst : Monthly Competition.
Seaton Carew : Club Cup.
Royal Montreal : Brokers' Prize.
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.
Wimbledon Ladies' : Monthly Medals.
- Sept. 21.—Harrison, Edinburgh : Cox Medal and Prizes.
- Sept. 23.—Edinburgh Viewforth : Prize Competition.
- Sept. 24.—Troon : Autumn Meeting.
- Sept. 24-25.—Royal Cromer : Autumn Prize Meeting.
- Sept. 24-26.—Minchinhampton : Autumn Meeting.
Luffness : Mr. Tait's Silver Cup and Star.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Seaford : Monthly Medal.
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Bank Holiday Meeting.
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup ; Captain's Prize.
- Sept. 26.—Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.
West Lancashire : Monthly Medal.
Glasgow : Match, Dumbarton, at Alexandra Park.
Troon : Sandhills Medal.
Warwickshire : Club Cup.

- Sept. 26.—Haydock Park : Legh Challenge Cup.
Felixstowe : Monthly Challenge Cup.
Royal Montreal : Dennistoun Medal.
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.
Crookham : Monthly Medal.
- Sept. 28.—Royal Eastbourne : South Lynn Vase.
Burnham : Monthly Gold Medal.
- Sept. 29 and 30.—Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews: Autumn Meeting.

OCTOBER.

- Oct. 1-3.—Guildford : Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 3.—London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove : The Berens Gold Medal.
Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.
Royal North Devon : Extra Monthly Medal.
Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.
Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.
- Oct. 6.—Cornwall County Golf Club : Monthly Handicap.
- Oct. 7-9.—Royal North Devon : Autumn Meeting.
Royal Liverpool : Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 9-10.—Brighton and Hove : Autumn Prize Meeting.
- Oct. 10.—Southport : Cup Competition.
West Herts : Monthly Medal.
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup (Yearly Competition) ; Captain's Prize (final).
Royal Isle of Wight : Autumn Meeting ; Tottenham Gold Medal ; Club Prize.
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.
Tantallon : Autumn Meeting.
Littlestone : Monthly Meeting.
Dublin : Lumsden Medal.
- Oct. 12.—Royal Isle of Wight : Foursome Tournament for Prize given by the Club.
- Oct. 13.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Cup.
- Oct. 17.—Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest : Quarterly Medal.
Disley : Sixth Summer Handicap.
- Oct. 17-19.—Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 21.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Gold Medal ; Noakes Cup.
- Oct. 30-31.—Royal Eastbourne : Autumn Meeting.
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.
- Oct. 31.—Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup.
Luffness : Wemyss Challenge Medal.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Monthly Medal.

GOLFERS' PRIZE.

Suppose, gentle reader, it were decided to play an international Golf match between England and Scotland, eight men a-side, whom would you select as the representative teams?

Write the names below in the order in which you consider their merit entitles them to rank, cut out the form and send it to this office on or before September 25th. A sovereign will be given to the sender of the list which agrees with the majority of votes, and a bound volume of GOLF to the second best list.

SCOTLAND.	ENGLAND.
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THE DINARD LINKS.

The links of the Dinard Golf Club at St. Briac deserve to be better known than they are yet. In an article descriptive of the ground at the time it was laid out—early this year—it was explained that the links stretched along the sea-shore, and were, all things considered, of a first-class character. As a matter of fact, they closely resemble the Largo and Leven Links in Fifeshire, which, as many Scottish golfers know, are by no means of a low order. The Dinard Links, however, surpass the Largo and Leven Links, on account of the greater beauty of the scenery near them. When the ground is seen, it is surprising that it does not attract more players, and one is forced to conclude that its worth has not been made sufficiently public. During the past month the players have on an average scarcely numbered daily a round dozen, including sometimes several young ladies. One of the most frequent players is Captain. Hewitt, of the Sandwich and other clubs. The other players, amongst the visitors, included Mr. Black, publisher, and Mr. Clapcott, a very promising beginner. Most of the remaining players, as a rule, belonged to Dinard.

That the ground has not become properly known is plain. A Hampshire gentleman, who was staying in St. Briac village with his family, was amazed when, meeting a player on his way to the links, he discovered that Golf was enjoyed in the district. He remarked, "I never dreamt there were Golf links here." He plays in Hampshire over ground of his own, in addition to using club ground. Two ordinary visitors (golfers), after finding that the game could be played, saved themselves from misery during their visit by obtaining the loan of odd clubs.

Dinard Golf Club *nota bene!* The name given to the ground—the Dinard Golf Links—suggests the consideration that the title is misleading. Dinard is a fashionable seaside town, and the Golf links are at St. Briac, about five miles to the west. The Dinard players have to drive to and from the ground. They, no doubt, are glad to have the opportunity to play, even at a place about five miles distant, but visitors who go to Dinard to play Golf find themselves in much the same predicament as if they had gone to Ireland to look for snakes—unless, of course, they are prepared to pay a somewhat heavy fare per day for a Victoria. On the other hand, the ground belongs to the Dinard Golf Club, and is in the light of this fact the Dinard ground, though situated some five miles off. Still it is the case that golfing visitors to the district are at present restricted in number. Whether they will increase with the advance of the season has yet to be proved. Meantime, my advice to golfers who want a change of ground, with good fresh sea air, is "Go to St. Briac." The route is *via* Southampton and St. Malo, and the pleasures of the game on the St. Briac Links more than compensate for any discomfort experienced in crossing the Channel! Once the visitor reaches St. Malo, he steams across a small bay to Dinard, and from thence proceeds to St. Briac by diligence or cabriolet. There are two hotels at St. Briac—the Hotel des Panoramas and the Hotel Du Centre—the former being on the links and the latter in the village, a few minutes' walk from the links. There are also houses to let in the village and district. In the hotels the cost of living varies from six to nine francs per day. If the visitor finds himself in need of guidance, he will receive it in a most courteous and kind way from Mr. O'Rorke, banker, Dinard, to whom the writer, through the medium of GOLF, expresses his thanks for aid in obtaining quarters. The charge for caddies is half a franc. They are yet an innocent race. As they are few in number it is well to engage them beforehand—that is to say, at the end of the game for the next game. Once more we say, "Go to St. Briac," but we should add, "Take a partner, too." The club charge is ten francs for a week, and twenty francs for a month.

A. D. H.

HAWICK CLUB.—The competition for the Bombay medal took place on Tuesday night, the 17th inst. There was a fair turn-out of players, but the grass being very rough, high scoring was the rule. Mr. W. W. Forsyth was the winner with a score of 99, less 12=87; Mr. James Purves, 102, less 10=92; G. H. Douglas, 89, plus 4=93; Mr. James Barrie, 90, plus 5=95.

IN THE HUNDRED OF BLACKHEATH.

STRAY NOTES ABOUT THE PREMIER ENGLISH GOLF CLUB.

II.—THE BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

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In 1828 we find a notice that the regulations and laws of the club had been printed and presented to the members. The earliest copy of the regulations and laws, in the possession of the club, is entitled, "The Regulations of the Society of Golfers at Blackheath, with the Laws of the Game," and bears date 1833. The laws of the game, in this code, are nineteen in number; each law being expressed in less than three score words. No discussion on the rules of Golf is here threatened. Time and space have still relative values. Suffice to say that the Blackheath Golf Club reprinted their above mentioned laws in 1843; and then, in 1844, drew up an entirely new set of rules of the game, apparently admirably suited to regulate the play on the heath. Different editions of these rules, with slight emendations, were published from time to time, the last appearing in 1879. In 1889 the club adopted the rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews as their rules of the game, with the addition of a few local rules, to meet the special requirements of their green. It might possibly have been conducive to the harmony of the golfing world had other and much junior Golf clubs been able to see their way to adopt a similar course with regard to their rules of the game. This, however, is a digression, and out of place in these notes. To return to 1828, we find the club pursuing the even tenor of its way, playing and dining, and at the same time keenly alive to the spread of Golf in our dependencies as we find:—

(Minute.) "Saturday, 12th June, 1830.—An account of the foundation of a Golf club at Dum Dum was read from the Calcutta papers and 'prosperity to it' given from the chair with all the honors. The secretary was requested to forward to the captain a copy of the rules and laws of the Blackheath Club, which was done accordingly, through the medium of our worthy friend Dr. Ferrier, under seal of the club."

(Minute.) "Saturday, 12th October, 1833.—The club felt delighted by the presence of Major Playfair as a visitor. In him they saw the founder of golfing in the East Indies, and they drank Major Playfair and the Dum Dum Golf Club with all the honors. The Major, in his reply, stated that when he left India the number of golfers throughout that vast territory exceeded 1,100."

In May, 1841, it was decided that the meetings of the club instead of being weekly should be monthly, viz., on the first Saturday in each of the summer months; the annual medal, and the first Saturday in November to be extra meetings. We now find mention of Golf in Australia, viz.:—

(Minute.) "Saturday, 2nd October, 1841.—The secretary presented a gallon from the captain of the New South Wales Golf Club, Alexr. Brodie Spark, Esq., on the occasion of the birth of a son and heir, when the health of Mrs. Sparks and the young golfer was drunk with all the honours."

It may be needful to remark, in respect of this last minute, that in the Knuckle Club and Winter Golf Club throughout their existence, and in the Blackheath Golf Club, down to the year 1844, whenever a single member turned Benedict, or a married member had an addition to his family, a gallon of claret or a guinea to the club followed as a matter of course. This old custom, together with that of playing for sixpence a hole on the green, and of any member starting in a competition, and not returning his card, being fined half-a-guinea,* has fallen into disuse with the advance of civilization.

(Minute.) "Saturday, 6th August, 1842.—The club having noticed that a Golf club had been established at Bombay, ordered a bumper to be filled to drink success and perpetuity to the Bombay Golf Club, and directed the secretary to communicate this notice of the new golfing society, and send a copy of the laws of the Blackheath Golf Club, with the intimation that their

* This is not a very ancient custom of the club, but a minute of 20th June, 1846, is on record which runs, "It was resolved unanimously that every member who played for a medal should give in his card or be fined half-a-guinea."

captain was ex-officio honorary member of the Blackheath Golf Club, which he did"

The following letter received by the secretary of the Blackheath Golf Club gives the origin of the Bombay medal of the club:—

"Bombay, 2nd October, 1843.

"My dear Sir,—I sent you by the steamer of the 17th July, in charge of Lieut. Duncan, of the Bengal Service, a medal resolved by the Bombay Golf Club to be presented to their Blackheath brethren, and by them bestowed as considered most expedient in testimony of the cementation of the treaty of eternal friendship betwixt the two august bodies. I have every reason to believe that this must have been lost on the occasion of the wreck of the Memnon, from which no property whatever appears to have been saved.

"I am now once more directed to avail myself of the services of Colonel Cannan to convey to you another medal, a duplicate of the former, and to request that you will do us the honor of presenting it to the club. I hope to be enabled shortly to write you at great length on the progress of golfing in Western India. Meantime remember me particularly to Mr. Lindsay, Mr. W. Black, and any others to whom I may be known, and believe me,

"Yours truly,

"GEORGE BUIST."

The Bombay medal is a round silver one, having on its face the representation of palm trees, in relief, with an unrolled scroll between them, and below the recumbent figures of two golfers. On the back, in a wreath of thistles springing from a St. Andrews Cross, are the words: "Bombay Golf Club, established 1842. H. H. Glass, Esq., Captain."

This medal does not appear to have been actually played for until 1849, as we have:—

(Minute.) "14th April, 1849.—Fourteen days' notice having been given to every member of the club (according to the rules). It was carried unanimously, that the Bombay medal should be played for on the second Saturday in October in each year, and that Charles Sutherland, Esq., shall be declared the first winner of it on the October, 1848."

Since 1849 this medal has been played for annually, but not always in October; on it or its case are inscribed the names of each successive winner to the present date.

On the 4th May, 1844, a series of resolutions for the government of the club was proposed by Major Jelf Sharp, and carried unanimously; they included the following:—

"That the Winter Golf Club, being now dissolved, this club be extended to the whole year."

On the 18th May, 1844, "a code of regulations" for the future management of the club was unanimously carried. Under these regulations the monthly dinners of the club were abolished, and the general arrangements of the club were put upon something like their present basis.

The Spring medal of the club (being the medal of the old Knuckle Club) was not played for in 1844. In 1845 it was competed for by nine members of this club, and won by Mr. A. H. Hope, who was the first holder of it, as a member of the Blackheath Golf Club. Since his time this medal has been played for every spring, and bears inscribed on it the name of the winner in each successive year. The winner last spring was E. F. S. Tylecote before mentioned. Next March the second century of this medal's existence will commence.

In 1853 the club received a considerable addition to its playing strength in the person of Mr. George Glennie, who was elected a member in October of that year. He promptly made his presence felt by winning the Spring and Summer medals of the club in the ensuing year.

In June, 1855, the club first tampered with the modern abomination of handicap prizes, and their choice of handicappers seems somewhat strange.

(Minute.) "June 9th, 1855.—It was proposed by G. Glennie, Esq., and seconded by T. Wheeler, Esq., That on each medal day, a set of prize clubs, and also twelve prize balls shall be competed for as second and third prizes, the competitors being handicapped, and that a set of prize clubs and balls be competed for on the second Saturday in February in every year, the players on that occasion being also handicapped by the Secretary, and W. Dunn (professional). Agreed to."

Next year the old friends of the club, the Bombay golfers were remembered:—

(Minute.) "April 12th, 1856.—That a gold medal be presented to the Bombay Golf Club. Agreed."

In the year 1857, the Blackheath Golf Club accepted an invitation, issued by the Prestwick Golf Club, to take part in a grand tournament of Scotch Golf Clubs, and won a splendid victory in the encounter. The tournament was played at St. Andrews on the 29th, 30th, and 31st July, 1857. Eleven clubs competed, each club being represented by two players; Mr. George Glennie and Capt. J. C. Stewart, 72nd Highlanders, playing for Blackheath. The result of the play was:—

First Round.—Royal Blackheath beat Royal Perth by 8 holes; Edinburgh Burgess beat Montrose Royal Albert by 12 holes; Royal and Ancient St. Andrews beat Dirlerton Castle by 10 holes; Edinburgh Bruntsfield beat Prestwick by 3 holes; Innerleven beat Musselburgh by 2 holes; North Berwick a bye.

Second Round.—Royal Blackheath beat Innerleven by 12 holes; Edinburgh Burgess and Edinburgh Bruntsfield played a tie; Royal and Ancient St. Andrews beat North Berwick by 4 holes.

Third Round.—Royal Blackheath beat Edinburgh Bruntsfield by 6 holes; Royal and Ancient St. Andrews beat Edinburgh Burgess by 3 holes.

Final.—Royal Blackheath beat Royal and Ancient St. Andrews by 7 holes. Naturally, the handsome silver claretjug, the prize of this tournament, is one of the most valued possessions of the Blackheath Club.

In June, 1860, the Photographic Society of Blackheath offered the club a gold medal to be played for. Some discussion arose as to the acceptance of this medal, many members being of opinion that three medals a year was a sufficient number to play for. Eventually it was decided that the offer of the Photographic Society should be accepted, with the thanks of the club.

This medal is a round gold one, having on one side the arms of the club, and on the other, encircled by a wreath of thistles:—"The Blackheath Photographic Society, to the Royal Blackheath Golf Club, A.D. 1860." It was first played for in August, 1861, and won by Mr. J. W. Adamson, and is now played for annually.

The handicap competitions for clubs and balls appear to have dropped after 1867. In 1880, in recognition of the great services rendered by Mr. G. Glennie to the club, it was resolved that two medals should be subscribed for by such members of the club as wished to do so, and be by them presented, one to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club at St. Andrews, and the other to the Royal Blackheath Golf Club. The offer was accepted by the Royal and Ancient, and two gold medals struck in 1880. Each medal bears on one side the figure of Mr. Glennie playing Golf, on the other side the St. Andrews medal has:—"The George Glennie medal, presented by the Royal Blackheath Golf Club, to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, to honour the merit and services of an eminent golfer, 1880"

The Blackheath medal has:—"The George Glennie medal subscribed for by members of the Royal Blackheath Golf Club, in testimony of their gratitude to Mr. George Glennie, for his great and long continued services to the club, and of the sincere esteem in which he is held by them."

The (Blackheath) George Glennie medal was first played for in 1881, when it was won by Mr. John Penn. It has since been played for annually. With it ends the list of medals of the club, all played for at scratch.

The challenge cups belonging to the club are of comparatively recent date. They are three in number, all silver, viz.: "The Calcutta," made in Cashmere, and presented on behalf of the Calcutta Golf Club by Mr. J. H. Mudie—then the holder of the Blackheath Medal of the Calcutta Club, and an ex-captain of that club—at a dinner at the Blackheath club-house, on the 9th November, 1875.

"The Singapore," a massive cup presented by Mr. Joseph N. Purvis, also in 1875, and, "The Penn," an exceedingly handsome cup presented by John Penn, Esq., ex-captain of the club, in the year 1884. All the cups are competed for annually, under handicap. The Penn cup was at first played for at scratch, but the donor having left the terms of its competition to be settled by the club, each cup is now, for one year, the visible token of

such poor honour and glory as may attach to the winning of a handicap prize. No mention appears in the records of the presentation of a medal to the Calcutta Golf Club by this club, nor of the presentation of the Blackheath badge to the Royal North Devon Golf Club. We know, however, that such presentations were made; and there is no doubt about the fact that the Blackheath Golf Club helped, more or less considerably, to plant Golf at Westward Ho! at Wimbledon, at Hoylake, and later on at Great Yarmouth, and thus gave a start to the enormous spread of the game which has recently taken place in England.

In March, 1885, the club sustained a severe loss in the death of Mr. George Glennie. In his prime, Mr. Glennie was the finest amateur golfer of his day, and being a man of considerable tact, and great individuality of character, he more or less moulded the policy of the Blackheath Golf Club for some twenty years.

It may be taken that, roughly, from 1840 to 1870, were the halcyon days of Blackheath Golf. Before the former date there must have been a superabundance of whin, heather and bracken about the course, while since the latter, the heath having been taken over by the Metropolitan Board of Works, in 1871, the ground has done nothing but deteriorate, from a golfer's point of view. In truth, the course has to contend with many drawbacks, and can hardly be considered a fair test of Golf. There is too much gravel, and too little turf about it, too many footpaths, too many lamp-posts, seats and rails, too much rank grass in places on the course (no animals, except sheep, being allowed to pasture on the heath), too many cuppy lies, and, worst of all, far too many people about. Still, the links can hardly yet be fairly described as a ruin; and on certain days of certain seasons of the year there is a good deal of pleasure to be derived from three rounds of the Blackheath Golf Links.

I have put together these few notes, thinking they might be of interest to the, I believe, large numbers of English golfers who are quite unaware of the antiquity attached to the club at Blackheath. Notwithstanding its weight of years, there is, I am told, an immense amount of vitality in the Blackheath Golf Club of this day, and should Golf on Blackheath ever share the fate that has overtaken it on parts of the Bruntsfield Links, one would fain hope that the Blackheath Golf Club will never die, but that its members will move with their household gods, like Aeneas of old, to seek some breezy common in Kent, Surrey, or Sussex; and there, after establishing the old club, with the old name, contend at the old game, for the old prizes, until the Caucasian is fairly played out.

Blackheath, August, 1891.

B. S.

GOLF LINKS AT WARKWORTH.—As mentioned in a recent number of GOLF, it has been decided to add a Golf links to the attractions of this Northumbrian seaside resort. The proposed course will be within easy access of the village, land having been secured suitable for a course of eighteen holes. A public meeting was held recently in the Public Hall, Warkworth, and was largely attended. The Rev. W. Rogerson presided, and gave details of the work accomplished by the committee appointed at the first meeting. A large tract of land has been secured, and the course will be laid out at once. Mr. Sanderson proposed that the annual subscription be 10s. 6d., and £1 1s. entrance-fee should constitute membership, and this was agreed to. Several of those present gave in their names as members, and, the club being formed, the following were the officials appointed:—Committee: Messrs. Taylor, Thew, Pinegarth, Manor, Forrest, and Grey; hon. secretary, Rev. W. Rogerson; hon. treasurer, Mr. G. Sanderson. £70 was taken at the meeting, and it will thus be seen that the club starts in very auspicious circumstances. We wish the new venture a long and successful career.

NORTH BERWICK.—The Annual Autumn Competition will be held on the North Berwick Golfing Links, commencing Tuesday, 13th October, 1891. Two prizes will be given for best scratch scores, and one prize for the longest and best drive.—Rev. F. L. M. ANDERSON, the Rectory, North Berwick.

ADVICE TO YOUNG GOLFERS.

VIII.

Although an iron is the recognised club for playing approaches, some players, notably old hands at the game, prefer to run them up with the putter. It is needless to remark that this will not suit every hole, nor even every links. If a bunker or other hazard intervenes, the ball cannot be run up. On some greens, however, the holes are well adapted to such play. The hazards can be avoided, and the ball run up from a long distance off. So much was this the case on Musselburgh links, and so prevalent was the practice there, that the putter may still be heard spoken of contemptuously as the "Musselburgh Iron." Let people talk as they will, the "Musselburgh Iron" was not to be despised in experienced hands, and many a long approach has been laid stone dead, and holed out too, by this mode of play. In speaking of approaches, running up with the cleek was noticed, and in this case the ball had a little loft; but, of course, in running up with the putter the ball holds to the ground all the way.

When a player is within a few yards of the disc, and a shallow bunker with no opposing edge lies between him and the hole, a very good stroke can sometimes be made by running the ball through the bunker with a putter. Enough of force must be put into the stroke to overcome the drag the sand will have on the ball. The proper way to cross the hazard, no doubt, is to pitch with an iron or mashie, but a nervous or inexperienced player will sometimes pitch the ball into the bunker instead of over; with such a player there is often less risk in running through with the putter.

With regard to putting it may be said that "exceptional" strokes occur more frequently in this than in any other part of the game.

First and foremost is the "stimy." As every player knows, this expression means that the one ball lies in the line of the other to the hole. In play for holes only is a stimy allowable; in play for strokes "either player can have another player's ball lifted if he finds that it interferes with his stroke. The ball that has been lifted must be carefully replaced." But in all cases "when the balls lie within six inches of each other in any situation, the ball nearer the hole to which the parties are playing must be lifted till the other is played, and then placed as nearly as possible in its original position. The six inches to be measured from the nearest surfaces of the balls." It is not the intention of the writer of this article to discuss the subject of whether or not the stimy should be abolished, but he cannot refrain from saying that to do away with it would be to do away with one of the finest parts of the game, and one that affords an opportunity for the display of much skill and science.

There are two ways of negotiating a stimy. The one, and that most commonly played, is to loft the one ball over the other with an iron or a mashie. Great care requires to be exercised in doing this, because, if within a few inches of the hole, the player, if he tops his ball, may knock his opponent's ball into the hole. Where there is sufficient room it is considered by some better that the ball after lofting over the obstacle should alight on the ground, and then roll into the hole; others again prefer to loft the ball right into the hole. It is merely a matter of taste which style is preferred, but where the balls lie close to the hole the latter alternative must necessarily be adopted. The stroke is not nearly so difficult as it appears to be at first sight, and with a little practice a tolerable amount of proficiency can soon be obtained.

Another way to do this stroke is to go to the side of the hole opposite to that on which the balls lie, lay down an iron or a mashie with the top edge of the face next the turf, adjust the head behind the ball to be played square to the hole, keeping the shaft towards you but close to the ground, and play the stroke by drawing the club smartly along the ground towards you. The iron or mashie being laid down with the top edge of the face next the ground gives the face, which is thus reversed, more loft than if the club were used in the ordinary way. The stroke is more mechanically accurate, and the club-head being drawn along the ground there can be no topping. It is doubtful, however, whether it is allowable to play a stimy this way. Some players maintain that it is quite legitimate, but it is not Golf within the spirit of the game, and it would not be

advisable to try the stroke in a match without first coming to a clear understanding that it is to be allowed.

The other way of playing a stimy is not to loft but to putt the ball with sufficient cut on it to screw it round the obstacle. It is much more difficult to do this than to loft, and, unless the lie of the ground helps the stroke, one cannot rely on its successful accomplishment with any degree of certainty.

A putt downhill is a rather difficult stroke to negotiate well. If the ordinary style of play be adopted the putt is apt either to be so weak that, although it goes all the distance to the hole, it meanders along in an aimless way, following the irregularities of the ground, and fails to find the bottom of the hole, or, if played with the same strength as would be required if the ground were level, although it may be dead on the hole, the speed it gains on its downward course causes it to roll right over the top of the hole, and most likely out of short putting distance on the opposite side, and this is helped all the more by the fact that the back of the hole will, in the case supposed, be lower than the front. In order to diminish as far as possible these risks, putts downhill are largely played with an iron or a mashie, and the ball slightly pitched; in short putts the pitch will hardly be noticeable. Either of these clubs gets well under the ball, and although it will run some little distance after it is pitched, yet it seems to have a back spin which prevents it travelling very far. If the ball does not go in, therefore, it has a better chance of lying dead.

In some cases, such as when the hole is on sloping ground and the ball has to be putted *along* the slope, it is necessary to play uphill, so as to counteract the tendency the ball has to roll down, in other words, it is necessary to "borrow." The requisite amount of "borrow" for each particular case can only be found out by practice.

However well putting-greens are preserved, it is impossible to prevent "cups" occurring on them now and again, and when the ball happens to lie in one of these "cups," care requires to be exercised. If putted in the usual way there is a danger of hitting the ball twice, which arises thus; the club strikes the ball as usual, but instead of the latter rolling on as it would do on level ground, the edge of the cup catches the ball and stops it, it may be almost imperceptibly, and the club following through hits it again. Now under the rules the penalty in play for holes is the loss of the hole, in play for strokes the loss of a stroke. It thus behoves the player to watch what he is about. When the ball is thus "cupped" it is best to use a cleek or an iron, and sometimes even a mashie (depending upon the depth of the cup and general lie), and loft the ball out.

As many golfers putt with the wooden putter, it may not be out of place to remark that this club is not handled in the same way as a cleek. The putter should be swung from the wrists with a motion like a pendulum more than anything else; and in short putts the weight of the head falling on the ball should give the propulsive force, and not the strength put into the stroke. As before mentioned, in cleek putts the ball is hit with a smart tap; but if this were done with a wooden putter the ball would have a tendency to jerk, and not to roll as it should do.

(To be continued.)

J. A.

ELIE AND EARLSFERRY LADIES' GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition of this club was held on Friday and Saturday, twenty-two couples of ladies and gentlemen having entered both for the singles and mixed foursomes. The club challenge medal was won by Miss Prain with a score of 67, Miss Parsons being second in the ladies' scratch competition with a score of 69. In the ladies' handicap Miss Parsons (69-4) and Miss Prain (67-2) tied for first place, Miss Parsons winning the tie. In the gentlemen's singles Mr. J. H. Outhwaite won the scratch prize, after playing off a tie with Mr. T. R. Outhwaite, Mr. W. S. Currie, Mr. F. Todd, and Mr. Scott Davidson, with a score of 65. In the gentlemen's handicap Mr. T. R. Outhwaite and Mr. F. Todd tied with a score of 65, less 2, for first and second places, the tie being won by Mr. T. R. Outhwaite. In the ladies' foursomes Miss May Thomson and Miss Pearson took first places, Miss Monteith and Miss L. Prain being second. Miss L. Prain and Mr. T. R. Outhwaite, after a severe tussle, won the first prize in the mixed foursomes, and Miss Dennison and Mr. Monteith the second. At the close of the competition General Briggs presented the prizes in the absence of Lady Anstruther of Balcaskie, lady patron of the club, and bespoke a large field in the competition for the Cairnie cup on September 18th.



HANDICAPPING.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Will you kindly answer me the following question in your next issue, and oblige:—

In handicapping for Golf, how many strokes should a player receive in twenty-four holes (playing by holes) if his ordinary handicap is twelve strokes (playing by strokes); also where and when should he receive the strokes?

I am, Sir, &c.,
NOVICE.

Prestwick.

[The customary practice in handicap match competitions by holes is to allow three-fourths of the handicap. In this case the handicap on eighteen holes would be 9, but, as the round is a fourth more, the handicap would be increased to 12. Where the strokes ought to be taken is a matter usually settled by the local committee, or by the players on agreement between themselves if the match be a private one; but usually the strokes are so distributed over the whole series of holes as to make the match as even a contest as possible, giving a preference, in most cases, to the allocation of the stroke on the longer holes. There is no definite automatic rule, as yet, which can be applied to all greens, although our correspondent may have seen from letters which have appeared that an effort in that direction is sought to be given effect to by some golfers of high repute.—ED.]

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE GUTTA BALL.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have just received your publication of July 10th. A friend has also kindly sent me a copy of the March 26th publication, and for the remarks made about my brother and myself I am deeply beholden. With reference to what you say in your review about the gutta balls, an unobservant reader might infer that I had claimed to be the discoverer of them, but I assure you I made no such claim. The fact—as I stated—that they had been offered for sale, and that I had bought one, proves that I was not the discoverer. I only claim to be the one who first fairly brought them to the notice and appreciation of the golfing world, and a very great boon to Golf they have proved.

It may interest golfers to know more about my first gutta ball, which was deleted from my manuscript, along with other matter, by the friend to whom I sent it. The ball was larger than the conventional "28"—I should say about a "30"—and was quite round, without a mark upon it, and instead of paint was coated with a sort of "size." I expected great results from it, but, to my chagrin, on striking it fairly, instead of rising and flying as a good ball ought to do, it ducked and bobbed along the ground, more like a performance of hop, skip and jump, than a display of the noble game of Golf. Some friends whom I brought to see the performance, jeered at me, and advised me to stick to leather; "there was nothing like leather!" they said. Although mortified, I was not out of conceit with my ball, and retired with it to try and find out the cause of its

failure. It occurred to me that the "size" on it might deaden its elasticity to the stroke, so I scraped it all off, when I saw a smooth, brown, solid ball. I told no one, but went away by myself to try it, and the result was most gratifying. I struck it as before, and, *mirabile dictu*, it left the club "like a thing of light and life," and flew beautifully, going much further than I expected. I tried it again and again, with the same splendid result. I then again convened my friends, and astonished them with the powers of my wonderful ball. They could not deny its powers, but, like hankerers after old ways, they had to find fault. They took exception to its colour, "a nasty, dirty brown," and they said it would never be seen. It served me, however, for a long time, enabling me to do very satisfactory work with it; but, alas! like "the best laid schemes of mice and men," it "gaed a-gley," for one day when playing on the "Links o' Innerleven," I drove my fine ball—by inadvertence of course—into a field of barley adjoining, and there it lies. Had that field possessed the fecundity of the cow which swallowed the ball on Buxton links (as per your fine illustration), what a crop of guttas there would have been; enough to serve for "tees" for generations!

By that time I had bought gutta percha and made other balls for myself, and I may state that they were without indents of any kind, perfectly spherical and smooth. If any required hammering, they were beaten with a smooth-faced hammer, which effected the purpose. I also painted them, and was no longer taunted with the objectionable colour, and my leaded balls I considered as *crème de la crème*, and so did Hugh Philp.

I am looking forward to becoming a subscriber to your next volume of GOLF, which secures the preservation of the numbers in their entirety.

I am, Sir, &c.,
H. THOMAS PETER.

Victoria, British Columbia,
July 31st, 1891.

GOLF IN INDIA.—THE "ECLIPSE" BALL, CLUBS PROFESSIONALS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In your "Competition" column, when reporting the result of matches, the number of holes in each green is not stated. As Golf is spreading in India almost as fast as it is in England, people are always anxious to pick up hints on the game whenever they can get them, and amongst other authorities they resort to your most interesting journal. But complaints have been made that the reports given in the above column are not explicit enough. I would suggest, therefore, that you should publish along with each report the number of holes played over. Of course every golfer knows that all the famous links, such as St. Andrews, Hoylake, &c., are supposed to have eighteen holes, but many others have only nine holes.

Balls seem to go to pieces very quickly in this climate. The most popular is the "Eclipse" ball; but once it is bruised it is useless, as it cannot be made up again. The price of balls range from Rs.9.8 to Rs.12 per dozen, and as most of us cannot make them up again, Golf becomes an expensive amusement. Is there such a thing as a mould for re-making balls with? If so, the gutta-percha ball would be the most economical for India.

I think a professional would do a very fair business in the Madras Presidency. The means of travelling are so easy, he could make the round of half-a-dozen large stations, and make a fairly good business of it at each. A great majority of the players are beginners, who would gladly pay to be put up to the use of their clubs, especially with regard to their use in approach and half-strokes, &c. Again, many greens have no hazards, while others have only one or two. A professional would be of great use, therefore, in laying out greens. The sale of clubs and balls is increasing by leaps and bounds, and if he would settle, say, in Bangalore, I am sure he would make a very good thing of it.

I am, Sir, &c.,
Mysore, India, July 21st, 1891.
NOVICE.

HAZARDS.

It has struck me as a noteworthy circumstance on several occasions when playing over some of the new courses that have been opened in later years, that it has been thought necessary to make what are familiarly known as hazards so difficult that most of them really amount to "unplayable places." As this seems to me to be a growing evil, I send you a few remarks which may possibly be of use to those, who, perhaps with only a short experience of the game, may be called upon, in order to avoid the expense of professional advice, to lay out new golfing courses. It will, at any rate, give an opportunity for the expression of opinion on this important subject.

In the old rules of Golf, referring to matches by holes, the great guiding principle, the *sine qua non* indeed of the game, was that the ball should be played as it lay or the hole lost. I am sure that every one who has had any wide experience of the game, will admit the excellence of the law in this respect, as giving ample opportunity for the exercise of judgment and skill. So far was this rule carried, that it was one of the most pressing requirements of the game to be able to take the ball out of a bad lie in a bunker or whin; and the accuracy that has been attained both as regards direction and strength by many of our first-class players, is simply astonishing.

One instance only will I quote. It happened in a big match many years ago now, between young Tom Morris and Davie Strath. I forget exactly how the game stood; but, if I remember rightly, young Tom was one up and two to play. When he came up to his ball, he found it lying so close against a wall that he could not play it in the direction of the hole. Davie's ball in the odd was on the green, so that to lose a stroke by simply tapping the ball out meant to Tommie probably the loss of the hole. A long consultation was held between himself and his caddie, and after a great deal of deliberation, and shifting of clubs and positions, Tommie settled himself down and played boldly at the wall, off which his ball rebounded and lay dead. This was a truly marvellous stroke—luck, some might have called it, perhaps to a certain extent correctly—but it must be admitted that it was really the result of a careful study of the position of the ball, and skilful execution on the part of the player. It won him the match; and although such a stroke is a rarity anywhere, it is only necessary for any one to play a round or two with the Kirkaldys at St. Andrews, or Johnny Ball at Hoylake, or the well-known Horace at Westward Ho!—to see the wonderful strokes they can make out of a bad hazard.

But at many of the new greens now-a-days, the hazard simply means a place where, if the ball lodges, it is practically unplayable; where Samson himself, had he been the finest golfer that ever breathed, could not have even extricated it. A rule has therefore had to be introduced which enables the player to pick up his ball with his hand, in rude violation of the old laws, and tee it or drop it behind the hazard, losing one or two strokes, as the case may be. You will excuse me, my friends, when I say that is not Golf, and in my opinion spoils the game by doing away with that very part of it which necessitates the greatest skill and judgment. What is the remedy? Only this, that in selecting hazards the greatest care should be taken that there are as few places as possible in them where if the ball lands it becomes unplayable. Whins that are like unto the mustard-tree of the Bible, or bunkers with big stones and deep cart ruts in which the ball descends so low as almost to become invisible, long grass or furze where the ball disappears entirely, are not fair hazards in the proper application of the word, and should be avoided if possible.

Another great mistake in the laying out of new courses is, that the hazards are too often placed immediately in front of the teeing-ground, requiring only a very short carry. Now this is a mistake. It does away, my young muscular friend, with half of the pleasure of the game, and may keep you in the Slough of Despond for the whole of your life. For the veriest duffer in creation can carry a short distance from the tee, if he will only use a mountain of sand. If hazards are found immediately in front of a teeing-ground, they should necessitate a carry of at least 130 to 140 yards, and this can, as a rule, be arranged by putting back the teeing-ground. The beginner may grumble at the extension of carry at first, but he will soon find that it is

the surest way to learn to drive clean and accurately. The old people are the only ones that have a right to complain; and for them a safe, but circuitous way round should be found, which, my dear young friend, if you ever want to learn to play the game decently, you must carefully avoid. The prettiest stroke of all at Golf, however, and one that I consider gives the greatest satisfaction to the player, is a long shot either with driver or brasse, from a fairly good lie on the course over a good hazard, on to the green. It is comparatively easy to learn, and only requires a little practice and perseverance. The conclusion from this, therefore, is that hazards are as a rule better, in front of the holes—of course allowing a fair run from the edge of the hazard up to the green—than in front of the teeing-grounds. This arrangement will also insure good practice with the irons, which, if you want to play at all, you must learn to use properly. In too many of the new greens this portion of the game is sadly neglected, owing to the fact that the approach to the hole is entirely free from hazards of any kind. The result is that a topped shot is often quite as good, and frequently better, than a properly played stroke, and I would repeat again that this is not Golf.

I am, of course, aware that there is not always a very great choice, owing to the rough nature of the land at disposal, either as to the kind of hazards, or the exact position where they should be placed. That is so doubtless in many cases. But what I would recommend shortly is this, that if you want to give a fair opportunity to your friends of learning to play the game properly, you should as far as possible, 1st, avoid hazards in which the ball becomes practically unplayable; 2nd, arrange the hazards so that they should be in front of (with a fair margin for run up to) the holes, rather than in front of the tee; 3rd, if you have to place the hazards in front of the tee, then see that there is a fair carry to accomplish from the tee. One word more for the sake of the "feeble ones." By all means provide a safe way round, but be careful that such a circuitous meandering is penalised by the loss of a stroke, or, in perhaps rather plainer words, that he who goes that way takes a stroke more to reach the putting-greens, than he who goes straight, provided he carrieth everything properly.

BETA.

Review.

THE DUFFERS' GOLF CLUB PAPERS. By a Member. Montrose, the *Standard* Newspaper Office. One Shilling.

This book contains fourteen short articles, by no means consecutive in their history, which have appeared in the *Montrose Standard* newspaper, describing the inauguration, personalities, and golfing journeys of a select band of local golfers who, rather by haphazard than intent, became known as "The Duffers' Golf Club," because their average playing capacity ranged somewhere between 95 and 110. Admission to the club was to be strictly by selection, and the membership was restricted to eight, each player being expected to post his half-crown at least on every single or foursome. Occasionally, however, a lunch was thrown in as one of the stakes of the competition. The club had no office bearers, no committee, and no name; but it was managed on a truly democratic principle by the whole of the members, who met at regular intervals, discharged business, and made matches. The original list of members comprised two clergymen, two doctors, two lawyers, and two country gentlemen. The bulk of the book is taken up with a record and description of the various matches between these gentlemen. Scope is afforded to the author for the exercise of a good deal of quiet humorous pictorial power, which he seems to be possessed of, and a certain facility in hitting off odd phases of character. By far the best delineation in the book is that of Willie Cusht, the local professional and general factotum of the club. His oddities are handled sympathetically, and one begins to take an interest in him as compared with the somewhat mediocre level of commonplace investing the doings and sayings of his employers. For southern readers the Forfarshire dialect will be somewhat of a stumbling block, but, to Scottish golfers, it will appear as the natural vehicle for a good deal of quaint golfing humour.

Eminent Golfers.

XIV.—WILLIE PARK, SENR.

Willie Park, Senr., or "Auld Willie" as he is now familiarly called, was born at the village of Wallyford, near Musselburgh, in the year 1833, so that he is now 57 years of age. His parents were poor but respectable folk, his father being a sturdy Scottish ploughman. Leaving Wallyford while Willie was quite a boy, they came to reside in a small cottage which formed one of a row of houses running along the side of the high road which skirts Musselburgh Links. These cottages have long since been demolished, and now on the same site stands the beautiful suburb of Linkfield. Settling here, Willie had only to cross the high road, and he was on the ground which in after years he made famous by his prowess as a golfer. Seeing there was something to be earned by carrying Golf-clubs, more especially as ploughmen's wages were not too high in those days, naturally Willie and his two younger brothers, Mungo and David (both afterwards famous as golfers), began their careers as caddies on the links of Musselburgh. In the summer evenings when their duties had ceased (for in those days few gentlemen golfers played after four or five o'clock), then the caddies began to play on their own account. It was difficult at first for Willie to procure clubs and balls. Money was scarce then; clubs, and especially balls, were very dear. The present of a club or the finding of a lost ball was a great good stroke of fortune. But Willie rose to the occasion, and when he could not get a club he found a substitute in the shape of a large, thick stick, hooked at the end—in other words, a *shinty*. With this, Willie made such progress that in a very short time his opponents, with the aid of the more orthodox weapon, were no match for Willie with his *shinty*. The driving and putting of Willie's *shinty* were simply marvellous.

In a short time, however, Willie managed to procure a few clubs, and, having vanquished the lesser lights among the caddies, he proceeded to attack the more renowned members of that body. The matches now were innumerable; night after night the struggle went on, and in summer was often prolonged till darkness compelled them to stop. His great opponents at that time were two caddies (both, I believe, still alive) one called "Gundy Geordie" and the other Bob Cosgrove. Before Willie obtained the mastery of these two the struggle was long and severe. On one occasion, playing with the latter, so keen was the contest and so determined was each not to yield to the other, that they only ceased when darkness compelled them, after having played fifteen rounds of the Musselburgh links. Willie, I believe, lost on this occasion. His strength was overtaxed, for he has never, all his life, been of a robust constitution. However, he played his opponent the following day, and came off the victor. When, at last, he had vanquished everyone at home he looked abroad for an opponent to meet him. At that time there were only four *great* professionals in the golfing world: Allan Robertson, Willie, and Jamie Dunn and Tom Morris. Failing to get a match on in any other way, the whole golfing world was astonished one fine morning in 1854 when there appeared in the *Scotsman* a challenge from Willie Park offering to play Allan Robertson, Willie Dunn, or Tom Morris. But to this no response appeared. Shortly after this he visited St. Andrews at the Autumn meeting of 1854, and there met the men he had challenged.

They all seemed rather backward in playing him, but at last Tom Morris agreed to play him a match of two rounds or thirty-six holes over St. Andrews. The match was played there and then, the result being rather an easy win for Willie by five holes. This was the match which really inaugurated Willie's professional career as a golfer when he was twenty-one years of age. Willie was now anxious to play Allan Robertson, but Allan again refused. However, rather than miss the opportunity of playing Allan, he offered to play his own ball against Allan and Tom. Still Allan refused. His matches henceforth were principally with Tom Morris, if we except a three-green match with Willie Dunn over Musselburgh, Prestwick, and St. Andrews, which Park won by twelve holes. It is only justice to Willie Dunn to state that he was then hardly seen at his best, having been away from Scotland for several years at Blackheath, where he had little or no practice.

Shortly after this, Willie met Tom Morris at North Berwick, coming off the victor on the day's play by ten holes. In 1856 Willie and Tom Morris played over Musselburgh, Prestwick, North Berwick, and St. Andrews, for £100 a-side. Willie won over Musselburgh and Prestwick, while Tom had rather the advantage over North Berwick and St. Andrews. The match, however, ended in Willie's favour by six holes. The same match was played a little later, which again ended in Willie's favour by nine holes. Four years elapsed before what is called a big match took place between the two men. But during that time they had a host of minor matches whenever they chanced to meet; sometimes at Musselburgh, sometimes at Prestwick, sometimes at one place, sometimes at another. So many matches were played that I shall confine myself chiefly to the different greens, or big matches, as they were then called. In 1862 another four-green match was arranged between him and Tom. This time Willie had his first reverse, having to accept a severe beating, losing on every green and being defeated on the match by seventeen holes. While every credit is due to Tom for the way he stuck to his younger rival, it was well observed at the time that Park owed his defeat more to want of proper training than anything else. This, however, should in no way detract from the victory obtained by Tom who, all through the match, played a splendid game.



The next match between the two occurred a few years later, in 1871, and is remarkable for its sensational ending. When three out of the four greens had been played they came to Musselburgh, when Morris stood one hole a-head. Starting the last round an enormous crowd of nearly 2,000 people were following, but Willie began now to gain on Tom, and at the Barrack-entry hole he stood one up. At Mrs. Forman's, Tom missed a short putt, which gave Willie the hole and made him 2 up and 6 to play on the match. The excitement was intense, and Park's supporters cheered lustily. Tom went into Mrs. Forman's, as Willie thought, merely for a refreshment, but never returned to play. After waiting nearly half-an-hour Willie played out the remaining six holes, and claimed the match. The conduct of the referee on this occasion was much blamed at the time, but it is needless to refer to it now. There can be little doubt, had the game gone on, Willie would have won pretty easily, seeing his score for the six holes was 21. Tom played the holes out next day, taking 26.

The last great match between the two took place in 1882, ending at North Berwick, when Willie had to accept a defeat of four holes.

As I have already mentioned, the above are only the different

green matches between Willie and Tom. They had an infinite number of other matches, too numerous to mention. Two of these will suffice: one at Prestwick and the other at St. Andrews. In June, 1861, a most extraordinary single came off at Prestwick. The match was one of four rounds, or 48 holes. At one time Tom stood 7 up and 18 to play. Park now came away with a splendid game, and at the seventh hole of the last round he stood 1 up and 5 to play. They halved the eighth, Willie won the ninth, and the tenth was also halved, thus making Willie dormy 2 up and 2 to play. Old Tom, however, with great pluck stuck to his man, and holding the eleventh, or Short hole in two, Willie found the match must come to the last hole. At the last hole Tom lay dead in his fourth shot, while Willie had a longish putt for a half to win the match. But no man ever equalled Willie as a putter, and so the ball went down, and "he on whom fortune had so long frowned," was victor by a hole. To those who knew the old round of 12 holes on Prestwick, the scores in this match are worth recording.

	PARK.	MORRIS.
First Round	54	56
Second Round	56	50
Third Round	54	55
Fourth Round	53	59
	217	220

The other match was over St. Andrews in 1865, being one round of 18 holes. Morris won by 2 holes; the play on both sides was magnificent, the scores being 82 and 84.

Willie held the old champion challenge belt three times and the present cup once, but perhaps a greater test of him as a player lies in the fact that whether in the championship or other competitions you were almost always sure to find Willie's name among the first four. Besides his worthy rival, old Tom, Willie also encountered a younger generation of professionals. Among others, young Tom Morris, Davie Strath, and Bob Fergusson. He succeeded in beating young Tom over the greens of Musselburgh and St. Andrews by 7 holes, but lost to him by 1 hole over North Berwick. He was successful by 1 hole against Davie Strath at North Berwick, and in the two matches he had with Bob Fergusson each scored a win.

Willie's feats on Musselburgh links are even at the present day the theme of conversation by those old enough to remember them. In the early days of his career, the round of Musselburgh consisted of only 8 holes, but by many players this was considered a finer golfing round than the present, and quite as difficult if not more so. His record for the two rounds (16 holes) puts all others on almost any green far in the shade, he having accomplished the two rounds in 31-32. He has often done the present round in 34, and when at the top of his game would back himself for 38.

On one occasion, playing with a Mr. Nighton, of Edinburgh, he was promised a good watch, provided he drove a ball from the face of a watch at each of the nine holes without damaging it (I expect the watch he drove off would not be a particularly good one). Willie accomplished the feat without in the least injuring the watch, but I am sorry to say he never got the promised good one, the gentleman unfortunately dying two days after the match was played.

Those who know Musselburgh links will have noticed a tall chimney in connection with the Oil Works close to the Top Hole. To drive over this was always reckoned a great feat among professionals and others. Willie has done it scores of times, and was open at any time to back himself to do it for an odd half-crown.

Lately, there has been a good deal written in GOLF on long drives. Now Willie Park was a long driver, but, notwithstanding all that has been written, I question much whether even he could reckon upon driving every time off the tee more than 180 yards. The great feat for drivers in Park's early days was to carry from the Table Hole over Linkfield bunker, a distance of 160 yards, and few could do it. Of course it was all carry and up-hill, with a huge yawning bunker at the extreme end of the drive. Willie has accomplished this frequently, and I would advise all those who think 180 or 200 yards not a long drive, the first time they visit Musselburgh to try this shot. I am afraid they will find it just a trifle difficult.

In concluding this notice of Willie Park, Senr., although as a rule comparisons are odious, I should like to observe, regarding him and old Tom, that while Willie was the more brilliant player, Tom was the staid. When Willie came out as a player, he was undoubtedly the first, but I should not like to say he was *facile princeps*, for in my opinion there never has been any golfer to whom this term could be applied. I do not think it admits of a shadow of a doubt that had Allan Robertson accepted Willie's challenge he would have had no better chance in the first few years of Willie's career than either Willie Dunn or Tom Morris.

The great features in Willie's play were his driving and his putting. His approach was scarcely so good, both old Tom and Willie's brother Davie being in my opinion better approachers with the iron. But as regards his driving and putting he was irreproachable. While many may have equalled him and possibly a few surpassed him in driving, no player in my opinion ever equalled him as a putter.

May his highly respected son hand down his reputation to posterity.

A. H. DOLEMAN.

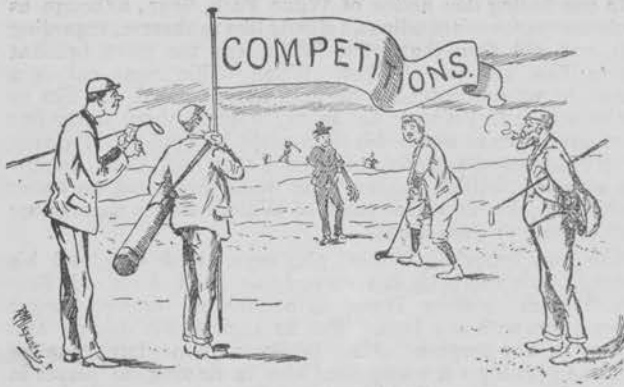
[Our portrait is from a photograph taken when Park was in his twenty-eighth year, after he had won the challenge belt, and when he was in the very front rank as a brilliant player.]

GOLF TOURNAMENT AT DUNBAR.—A handicap Golf tournament was held over Dunbar links on Saturday. The weather was all that could be desired, and the attendance of visitors was very large. Provost Brand acted as starter, and, commencing at 11.30, promptly dispatched thirty-one couples. When the cards had all been handed in, it was found that Messrs. Forbes Wallace and A. F. Adair had tied for first place, the scores being—Mr. Wallace, 94, less 12=82; Mr. Adair, 100, less 18=82. They agreed to play twelve holes to decide the winner, when Mr. Wallace was found to be the winner of the Merchants' cup, the gold pendant, and a silver flask. Several other ties were then played off, after which Provost Brand, in presence of a large number of people, presented the prizes to the successful competitors. In presenting the prizes, he said he had never seen a more brilliant golfing day, and he believed Dunbar links had never seen such a large gathering of people. The course, he said, had been very much improved within the last few years, and now its popularity was shown by the numbers who play over it. The following is a list of the prize-winners:—Mr. W. Forbes Wallace, Merchants' cup, gold pendant, and silver flask; Mr. A. F. Adair, Aitchison medal, silver pendant, and Gladstone bag; Messrs. W. Duncan and M. Gray (second tie); Messrs. W. Melville, William Scott, R. M. Rogers, J. Carrie, J. H. Fullerton, A. Horne, M'Rorie, J. Bisset, Peter Fyshe, A. A. Dick, A. H. Morgan and Dr. George Melville (second tie), R. Cunningham, W. Dick and W. B. Smith (second tie). Special scratch prizes—Messrs. J. Bisset, William Scott, D. J. Innes Ker. Consolation prizes—Messrs. A. K. Finlayson, W. Wright.

Willie Fernie on Friday night played Mr. E. D. Prothero and Mr. H. S. C. Everard the best of their balls, over Troon links. Going round in 78, he won the first match by one hole; and going round in 79 the second round, he halved the match.

A certain M.P., well-known in Trades' Union circles, while playing recently on a green not a hundred miles from North Berwick, was driven into rather severely, the cruel shot lodging in the sedentary regions of his body. The offending player came gallantly forward to express regret, and being opposed in politics to the honourable member, he was doubly gratified to be frankly forgiven with the remark, "Only you have made my seat rather shaky." An unsympathetic onlooker improved the occasion by suggesting to the M.P. as the subject of his next address, "The evil results of a strike."

Mr. Broadhurst, M.P., who is on a political tour in Scotland, visited Archerfield on Saturday week last, and had a day's Golf on the course there. In a single with Mr. Law, in which the latter gentleman conceded a third, the member for West Nottingham lost by one hole, the match being very close and interesting throughout.



ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB.

A very interesting handicap subscription match was played on Saturday, the 22nd inst. The weather was all that could be desired, and some very good play was witnessed. Fifteen members competed, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss Pettit ...	107	25	82	Mr. J. L. Godlee ...	126	30	96
Mr. H. E. Johnson .	95	12	83	Mr. Gwyn Jeffreys...	120	20	100
Mr. J. B. Pettit ...	87	scr.	87	Mr. E. Stapylton ...	116	12	104
Mr. G. Gibb ...	98	6	92	Mr. Richards ...	126	18	108
Mr. F. D. Bright ...	117	25	92	Mr. Garrett Smith...	135	27	108
Mr. H. E. Hill ...	113	18	95	Mr. H. Theobald ...	137	18	119

Messrs. G. O. Jacobs, C. A. E. Wells, and S. B. Tristram gave no returns.

The gold medal will be played for on Saturday, August 29th.

ALNMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

A GOOD PERFORMANCE.

Messrs. C. A. and F. T. Ridley, members of the above club, in an 18-hole match last Tuesday week, against Messrs. Yearnshire and Rowe, compassed their first round in 37, this being within two strokes of Mr. J. E. Laidlay's record of 35. The figures were—3 5 4 5 5 3 5 3 4=37. The Messrs. Ridley proved victorious in the match, and later on in the day Mr. C. A. Ridley, playing against Mr. T. Tate, beat that gentleman; Mr. Ridley's score reading, 1st round, 42; 2nd round, 41=83.

CALCUTTA GOLF CLUB.

This club has the proud position of being the mother club in India, having been instituted in the year 1829. History relates its existence at that time and in the days of the Honourable John Company. Mr. W. A. Carey states a Golf club was established in Calcutta on the 24th March, 1839, of which Lord Ramsay was captain, but no doubt this date is a misprint for 1829. The only record now remaining of the first half century of the club is the existence of a large quantity of brass buttons still in, its possession bearing the Scotch Thistle, the Golf arms and motto "Far and Sure" and the year 1829. Doubtless the irrepressible White Ant invited many comrades to dine sumptuously off the records, but we have still two members hailing from the north side of the Tweed, who were at the resuscitation of the club in 1866, when the course in those days was in front of Government House.

The club has had ups and downs, and but for timely pecuniary assistance some years ago, bankruptcy might have been the result; but with good nursing the club is now rich, and the members have everything that can possibly be wished for—Golf, bowls, tennis, quoits, and billiard tournaments.

Changes, and rapid ones, do take place in India, and from the handful of members who used to meet under the big tree, where the pavilion, erected in 1885, now stands, the club now boasts of over 400 resident members, with an additional 100 or more on the supernumerary list.

The popular Lieutenant-Governor is the President, and among the "ancients" on the life membership list still here we find "the Major," "the Chief," and of little more recent date, "the Douk," and the honorary ground secretary, who has been in active management for so many years, and has seen the club pulled through many difficulties. In addition to these, but now absent, are Mr. Jas. Dods, who did much for the welfare of the club in days of yore; also Mr. Jas. H. Mudie and Mr. Jas. Henderson, all of whom were excellent

and keen golfers. Many of the little band, however, have joined the majority, and among them the club's good old friend, Edward Morriss, who did yeoman service in days gone by.

There are two courses of nine holes each, and they are well filled by members every afternoon. So much so that we learn the ground secretary has been puzzling his brains to know where land could be secured outside of the town to make a real good course, with made-up bunkers, just to show the "Griff" what he might expect to encounter when he goes home, as well as keep the more experienced hands in trim to negotiate the formidable bunker called "Hell" at St. Andrews, the "Schipka" at North Berwick, the "Lion's Den," "Cardinal" or "Himalayas," at Prestwick; the "Unknown Sahara" (a sand desert of 140 yards drive), or the Maiden (a hill—horse-shoe shaped, 50 feet high—the face of which is loose sand) at Sandwich, the treacherous rabbit holes of Hoylake and rushes at Westward Ho!

The Pavilion is so small that something must be done by way of additional accommodation, and the only thing which suggests itself is to make the starting point from the jail end and apply to Government for that site, and do away with the unsightly dead wall which makes one feel quite sick to look at.

CUMBRAE GOLF CLUB.

A two-a-side match took place on Saturday on the links at Millport between the visitors and residents, and resulted in a win for the former by 22 holes. The links, which have been greatly improved this year, are now in excellent condition, and on Saturday, the weather being favourable, a most enjoyable game was played. The following are the scores:—

VISITORS.		Holes.	RESIDENTS.		Holes.
Mr. T. L. Walker ...	...	9	Mr. A. Russell ...	...	6
Mr. J. Frater ...	...		Mr. J. L. Davidson ...	...
Mr. R. D. Ker ...	...	6	Mr. J. C. Sharpe ...	...	6
Mr. J. S. Ranken ...	...		Mr. R. L. Davidson ...	...
Mr. R. Fulton ...	...	5	Mr. H. H. Thompson ...	...	8
Mr. W. Hay ...	...		Mr. H. W. Davidson ...	...
Mr. J. Paterson ...	...	11	Mr. W. Barclay ...	...	2
Mr. O. Antonio ...	...		Mr. W. Sinclair ...	...
Mr. A. Hay ...	...	14	Mr. R. L. D. Watson ...	...	1
Mr. J. Walker ...	...		Mr. A. H. Duncan ...	...
		45			23

DORNOCH.

A match was played on August 18th between a team of eleven players representing visitors and a similar number of the home players. The latter were victorious by seven holes. The following were the competitors:—

VISITORS.		Holes.	HOME PLAYERS.		Holes.
Mr. A. Nimmo, jun. ...	...	0	Mr. J. Sutherland ...	...	3
Mr. J. H. Grant ...	...	0	Mr. M. Macdonald ...	...	1
Mr. J. M. Gray ...	...	0	Mr. J. Campbell ...	...	2
Mr. P. Park ...	...	0	Mr. G. R. Kennedy ...	...	2
Mr. A. Struthers ...	...	0	Mr. H. A. A. Kennedy ...	...	7
Mr. F. H. Stewart ...	...	0	Mr. H. Munro ...	...	3
Mr. J. MacEwen ...	...	0	Mr. G. Bridgeford ...	...	4
Mr. W. M'Kenzie ...	...	4	Mr. J. Leslie ...	...	0
Mr. George Robb ...	...	0	Mr. A. Innes ...	...	4
Mr. J. L. Stirling ...	...	4	Provost Sutherland ...	...	0
Professor Nicholson ...	...	11	Mr. A. Morrison ...	...	0
		19			26

The annual meeting and tournament of the Northern Counties was begun on the 19th inst. At an early hour the district was visited by a somewhat severe thunderstorm, followed by heavy rain, and at the hour of starting—ten o'clock—the green was still wet. At half-past ten the sun shone out, but just then the wind began to blow off the sea, and increased steadily, till at eleven o'clock it was quite a gale. This made low scoring difficult. The principal competition was for the club's scratch silver medal, and for it twenty-four couples started. For the last three years Mr. J. Sutherland, secretary of the club, was the winner of the medal, but on his handing in his card with 86, it was generally thought that this score would be eclipsed by more than one player. This, however, was not the case, although Mr. K. Campbell finished in 87, having taken 5 to the last hole, and Mr. Sutherland consequently wins the medal and gold medallion for the fourth time, besides the silver medal. The same round of the green decided Dr. Murray's Glasgow challenge vase (handicap) played for at the spring and autumn meetings, and a dozen prizes consisting of clubs and balls. The players started in the

following order :—Professor Nicholson, Edinburgh, and Mr. A. Innes, Dornoch; Mr. T. C. H. Hedderwick, London, and Mr. Malcolm M'Donald, Dornoch; Mr. William M'Kenzie, Inverness, and Captain Leslie, Dornoch; Mr. J. M. Gray, Glasgow, and Mr. J. Sutherland, Dornoch; Mr. J. B. Grimmond, Wimbledon, and Mr. George M'Intosh, Dornoch; Mr. A. Birnie, Inverness; and Mr. Hugh Munro, Dornoch; Mr. A. McHardy, Inverness, and Mr. David Peters, Dornoch; Mr. J. N. R. Hamilton Bruce, Edinburgh, and Dr. M'Rachan, Dornoch; Mr. G. F. Blair, Inverness, and Mr. John Campbell, Dornoch; Mr. J. M. Stirling, Perth, and Mr. F. C. Crawford, Wimbledon; Mr. P. Park, Inverness, and Mr. A. Nimmo, St. Andrews Royal and Ancient; Mr. A. H. Steele, Inverness, and Mr. George Bridgeford, Dornoch; Mr. W. Gordon, Wimbledon, and Mr. H. J. Stephen, Edinburgh; Mr. G. H. Grant, St. Andrews Royal and Ancient, and Mr. H. M. M'Kay, Dornoch; Mr. G. Robb, Edinburgh, and Mr. J. Guild, Inverness; Mr. J. S. Watson, Inverness, and Mr. H. A. A. Kennedy, Dornoch; Mr. W. Warlow, Wimbledon London Scottish, and Mr. J. M'Kenzie, Muir of Ord; Mr. A. M. Gray, Glasgow, and Mr. F. H. Stewart, Oxford University; Mr. A. Struthers, Edinburgh, and Mr. Hercules Ross, Inverness; Mr. J. MacEwen, Kirkwall, and Bailie W. S. Fraser, Dornoch; Mr. A. K. Sellar, Tain, and Mr. John Bell, Dornoch; Mr. W. Hardey, Edinburgh, and Mr. George Kennedy, Dornoch. The following are the prize-winners :—Silver medal and gold medallion, Mr. J. Sutherland, 86; dozen balls for second best scratch score, Mr. J. Campbell; Dr. Murray's challenge vase, Mr. J. Sutherland, aggregate of spring and autumn scores, 172. The following are the winners of clubs and balls :—Professor Nicholson, 98, less 12=86; Mr. W. Harvey, 104, less 18=86; Mr. A. Campbell (scratch), 87; Mr. G. Bridgeford, 94, less 7=87; Mr. A. Innes, 96, less 8=88; Dr. M'Lachlan, 106, less 18=88; Mr. J. Sutherland, 86, plus 3=89; Mr. M. M'Donald, 88, plus 1=89; Mr. A. K. Sellar, 104, less 15=89; Mr. H. A. A. Kennedy, 92, less 2=90; Mr. H. Munro, 92, less 2=90; Mr. A. Birnie, 94, less 4=90. At the annual business meeting of the club on Tuesday evening, the 17th, Mr. John Leslie and Mr. J. Sutherland were unanimously re-appointed captain and secretary of the club respectively.

The Northern Counties meeting was continued on the 20th inst. The weather during the first part of the day was wet and disagreeable, but shortly after noon it cleared up, and golfers enjoyed themselves to their heart's content in capital golfing weather. The greens were in first-class order, and in the afternoon there were rather better scores handed in than on the opening day of the meeting. The principal item on the programme was the team match for the Northern Counties trophy, which, under ordinary circumstances, has to be played for by a team representative of any club south of the Grampians against a select team of the northern counties. As no southern team had entered, however, the trophy was played for between teams of twelve men a-side representative of Inverness and Dornoch clubs. The following will show the result, namely, that the home club was successful by 11 holes :—Inverness.—Mr. A. F. Steele, 0; Mr. J. Birnie, 0; Mr. A. Birnie, 0; Mr. P. Park, 0; Mr. G. Walker, 0; Mr. A. M'Hardy, 0; Mr. J. Guild, 0; Mr. P. J. Blair, 0; Mr. J. M'Kenzie, 0; Mr. W. M'Kenzie, 8; Mr. J. Watson, 0; Mr. Hercules Ross, 5; total, 13. Dornoch.—Mr. J. Sutherland, 2; Mr. M. M'Donald, 2; Mr. J. Campbell, 5; Mr. H. A. Kennedy, 1; Mr. G. R. Kennedy, 3; Mr. George Bridgeford, 0; Mr. H. Munro, 7; Mr. A. Innes, 0; Provost Sutherland, 4; Captain Leslie, 0; Mr. Bailie W. S. Fraser, 0; Mr. A. Morrison, 0; total, 24. The same round of the green decided the winners of the challenge gold medal, presented by Mr. Leslie, captain of the club. For the President's aggregate medal the following were the scores :—Dr. M'Lachlan, 92, less 18=74; Mr. W. Gordon, 96, less 14=82; Mr. Hercules Ross, 100, less 15=85; Mr. G. R. Kennedy, 89, less 2=87; Mr. J. Sutherland, 85, plus 3=88; Mr. J. M. Gray, 91, less 3=88; Mr. W. Mackenzie, 96, less 8=88; Mr. A. Birnie, 92, less 4=88; Mr. G. Bridgeford, 96, less 7=89.

The third and last day's play of the Northern Counties' meeting was begun on Friday morning, the 21st inst., in beautiful weather. Twenty-four couples were started for the Ospidale quail, as a scratch prize, presented by Mr. John R. Gilchrist, vice-president of the club. Mr. H. A. Kennedy, Dornoch, and Mr. John Birnie, Inverness, tied with 88. On the tie being played off in the afternoon it resulted in favour of Mr. Birnie, who repeated his forenoon score as against Mr. Kennedy's 93. A silver inksand, given by Mr. Gilchrist, vice-president, as an aggregate prize, extending over the three days of the meeting under handicap, was won by Dr. MacLachlan, Dornoch, with 254, an average of 84. In a sweepstake competition, the following were the best scores :—Mr. A. Struthers, 91, less 7=84; Mr. William Gordon, 98, less 14=84; Dr. R. Stirling, 89, less 4=85; Mr. H. A. Kennedy, 88, less 2=86; Mr. A. Innes, 94, less 8=86.

DURHAM GOLF CLUB.

The final of the eight competitions for the Blagdon cup was played

on Friday, August 21st. The result of the series is two wins each to Messrs. O. F. N. Treadwell and E. W. F. Walker, who will play off for the cup and second prize, and one each to Messrs. F. Cluff, G. C. Roberts, H. E. Ferens, and Rev. A. Robertson, who will have to play off for the third prize. The result of Friday's competition is :—

	1st Rnd.	2nd Rnd.	3rd Rnd.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Rev. A. Robertson...	44	41	41	126	30	96
Mr. E. W. F. Walker ...	31	36	38	105	4	101
Mr. E. S. Robson ...	38	36	37	111	8	103
Mr. T. Wilcox ...	45	43	42	130	25	105
Mr. F. W. Cluff ...	44	42	42	128	20	108
Mr. H. E. Ferens ...	42	42	45	129	15	114

Mr. A. McKinley retired.

FORFARSHIRE.

The fifth competition for the silver badge and money prizes was concluded by the members of the Montrose Mercantile Club last week. The winner of the badge and first money prize was Mr. R. L. Sinclair with the score of 109—9 behind his registered number. The prize for the lowest score on the green was gained by Mr. E. Cobb with the fine score of 79. The following were the next best scores :—First Class.—1st average prize, Mr. D. Cobb, 84—at number; 2nd, Mr. George M'Intosh, 81; 3rd, Mr. G. M. Smith, 82; and 4th, Mr. Alex. Paterson, 90—all 1 above; 5th, Mr. J. G. Cobb, 82—2 above. Second Class.—1st, Mr. Wm. Davidson, 98—2 below; 2nd, Mr. James Scott, 90, and 3rd, Mr. James Falconer, 93—both 1 below; 4th, Mr. A. Cook, 92—at number; 5th, Mr. A. B. Ritchie, 101—1 above. Third Class.—1st, Mr. J. R. Davidson, 100—1 above; 2nd, Mr. F. Robertson, 104, and 3rd, Mr. James Fullarton, 106—at number.

Matches between the Edzell Club and visitors at this favourite summer resort were played last week. Play was stopped on Monday night by heavy rain, but the first match was concluded on Wednesday evening. The visitors' team, which included some well-known Monifieth and Montrose players, again proved much too strong for the club, the result being as follows :—

VISITORS.		EDZELL.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. R. R. Balfour ...	2	Mr. D. Ferguson ...	0
Mr. D. M'Kenzie ...	2	Mr. A. Nairn ...	0
Mr. I. Drimmie ...	3	Mr. D. Nairn ...	0
Mr. T. Adams ...	1	Mr. T. Bennet ...	0
Mr. J. Ross ...	1	Rev. T. Sturrock ...	0
Mr. D. F. Drimmie ...	5	Mr. W. Robertson ...	0
Mr. W. W. Drimmie ...	2	Mr. J. Davie ...	0
	16		0

Another match was played on Saturday, when the men were better matched, and the result was a win for the Edzell Club by 4 holes. The players started in the following order :—

EDZELL.		VISITORS.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. D. Nairn ...	0	Mr. I. Drimmie ...	1
Mr. T. Bennet ...	0	Mr. T. Adams ...	5
Mr. D. Ferguson ...	0	Mr. J. D. Edwards ...	7
Mr. J. Coupard ...	0	Mr. J. Ross ...	2
Rev. T. Sturrock ...	9	Mr. M'Intosh ...	0
Mr. J. Davie ...	0	Mr. D. K. Drimmie ...	1
Mr. W. Moncur ...	3	Mr. W. W. Drimmie ...	0
Mr. F. Nairn ...	8	Mr. A. Will ...	0
	20		16

Last week considerable progress was made in the competition for the Leith medal of the Caledonian Club, of Carnoustie, the final heats being decided as follows :—

Fourth Round.—Mr. George Fox, jun., scratched to Mr. C. Brand (13); Mr. W. Harris beat Mr. H. Whyte (12) by 2; Mr. A. Cant beat Mr. D. R. Stewart (5) by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. D. Whitton beat Mr. W. K. Lorimer (8) by 4 up and 2 to play.

Fifth Round.—Mr. W. Harris beat Mr. Charles Brand (10) by 2 holes; Mr. D. Whitton beat Mr. A. Cant by 1.

Final Heat for Places.—Mr. W. Harris beat Mr. D. Whitton by 2 up and 3 to play; Mr. A. Cant beat Mr. C. Brand (10) by 3 up and 4 to play.

In addition to the Leith medal, prizes were given to the four survivors of the heats, and these have been gained as follows :—First prize and medal, Mr. William Harris; second prize, Mr. David Whitton; third, Mr. Alexander Cant; and fourth, Mr. Charles Brand.

The return match between the Scotsraig and Broughty Clubs took place on Saturday last over the Tayport course. The match had been arranged for fifteen a-side, but the visiting club could only muster twelve

players. Two rounds of the course were played, being eighteen holes, and, throughout, the play was very close. It was anticipated that the Scotsraig would hardly be able to hold their own against the veterans in the ranks of the Broughty; but the course is rather a difficult one to strangers. The game was most enjoyable, and Scotsraig are to be congratulated on their victory over such worthy opponents, although by so small a majority as eight holes. Appended is the result of the match:—

SCOTSCRAIG.			BROUGHTY.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Dr. Orr...	8	Mr. A. Bowman	0		
Mr. W. Smith...	7	Mr. J. Bowman	0		
Mr. W. Hogg...	1	Mr. T. Smyton	0		
Mr. A. S. Black	1	Mr. W. K. Lorimer	0		
Mr. W. Davidson	0	Mr. D. Bisset, jun.	0		
Mr. G. B. Black	0	Mr. D. Bisset, sen.	0		
Mr. J. Dickson	0	Mr. Walker	0		
Mr. A. S. Thomson	0	Mr. J. S. Fairweather	8		
Mr. J. Simpson	7	Mr. F. Begg	0		
Mr. Williams	0	Mr. Drimmie	0		
Mr. Milne	0	Mr. Cowan	5		
Mr. Hutcheson	0	Mr. A. Millar	3		
	24		16		

A match between James Simpson and Robert Scott, two well-known local cracks, and got up under the auspices of a few of the summer visitors, was played over Carnoustie links on Saturday last. A very close game all through was played, the match being square at the seventeenth hole. Simpson, however, secured the last hole, thus winning the match. The following are the details of the play:—

Simpson:—

Out	4	3	7	4	4	4	5	5	6=42	} 85
In	4	6	4	5	6	7	4	3	4=43	

Scott:—

Out	4	3	4	5	4	4	5	5	6=40	} 85
In	4	6	4	4	6	6	6	4	5=45	

FORMBY GOLF CLUB.

The fourth monthly competition for the captain's prize was held on Saturday, the 15th inst., a strong westerly wind blowing. Scores:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. E. C. Edgecombe	115	25	90	Mr. W. F. Chadwick	105	8	97
Mr. J. Shepherd	94	3	91	Mr. J. E. Pearson	110	12	98
Mr. R. H. Prestwick	100	8	92	Mr. H. S. Roughton	120	18	102
Mr. C. T. Dixon	106	12	94	Mr. R. Gould	106	3	103
Mr. E. Hewer	97	2	95	Mr. B. L. Tarleton	133	20	113
Mr. W. Potter	97	2	95				

No returns from Messrs. J. S. Beauford, P. S. McCulloch, C. Howarth, F. C. Calthrop, and G. A. Thomson.

FORRES.

Dr. Milligan has won the Finlay cup for the month, with a score of 100, less 5=95. The return match between the Forres Club and Visitors was played last evening, when the club again won by seven holes. Scores:—

VISITORS.		FORRES.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. C. J. Dunlop	0	Mr. T. Sutherland	1
Mr. H. A. Watson	0	Dr. Carruthers	3
Mr. W. S. Anderson	0	Dr. Milligan	3
Mr. C. Brown	0	Dr. Fowlie	4
Mr. R. Chambers	4	Mr. A. Davidson	0
Mr. A. Anderson	0	Mr. A. Fraser	3
Mr. W. McLean	1	Mr. D. K. Stewart	0
Mr. J. Seymour Keay, M.P.	2	Mr. A. McPherson	0
Mr. C. W. Calder	0	Mr. A. Ledingham	0
Mr. T. M. Henny	8	Mr. W. McDonald	0
Mr. H. Brown	0	Mr. George Milne	3
Mr. G. Douglas	0	Mr. H. McIntosh	0
Mr. R. Malcolm	0	Mr. John Leask	5
	15		22

ABERFOYLE.—The first annual competition for the Lee challenge medal and badge took place on Saturday, the 15th inst., under most favourable auspices as to weather. The match was keenly contested, as will be seen from the undernoted scores, and was won by Mr. Andrew Blair, Bailie Nicol Jarvie Hotel, Aberfoyle. Scores:—Mr. Andrew Blair, 50 and 51=101; William Patrick, 48 and 54=102; Mr. J. W. M'K. Brown, 51 and 52=103; Alexander Blair, 54 and 52=106.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

A continuous and heavy downpour of rain from early morning on Saturday last until ten o'clock kept many of the distant members of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club at home, and consequently the entry for the fifth competition for the silver cup presented by Mr. C. W. Macara, of Manchester and St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, was smaller than at any of the previous meetings, not more than thirty players facing the tee. During a greater part of the day also, and especially after noon, the wind was very high. The best net score of the day was 88, by Mr. G. F. Smith, Eastwood, Bolton, and his 91 was also the best gross score. He was closely followed by Mr. W. H. Hampson, South Shore, 111, less 20=91; Mr. F. E. M. Dixon, Formby, 98, less 5=93; Mr. H. Bowman, Manchester, 111, less 17=94; Mr. J. Talbot Fair, Lytham, 107, less 12, 95; Mr. W. Newbigging, St. Anne's, 115, less 20=95; and about half-a-dozen others under 100 nett. The first Optional Sweepstakes was won by Mr. G. F. Smith, the second by Mr. W. H. Hampson, and the third by Mr. F. E. M. Dixon. The last competition for this cup will take place on Saturday, September 19th, and the six winners will play off for possession at the autumn meeting of the club in October. The full score of Saturday's play was as follows:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton	91	3	88
Mr. W. H. Hampson, South Shore	111	20	91
Mr. F. E. M. Dixon, Formby	98	5	93
Mr. H. Bowman, Manchester	111	17	94
Mr. J. Talbot Fair, Lytham	107	12	95
Mr. W. Newbigging, St. Anne's	115	20	95
Mr. J. Bradbury, South Shore	116	20	96
Mr. A. B. Scholfield, St. Anne's	103	6	97
Mr. J. Marcus Rea, St. Anne's	105	8	97
Mr. F. C. Morgan, Manchester	104	5	99
Mr. C. Pilkington, Manchester	120	21	99
Rev. W. G. Terry, St. Anne's	118	18	100
Mr. B. Thompson, St. Anne's	115	13	102
Mr. J. Buckley, Norbreck	121	15	106
Mr. W. P. Fullagar, Lytham	132	25	107
Judge Coventry, London	134	25	109

No returns from Messrs. J. H. Evans, Manchester; S. F. Butcher, Bury; H. Fisher, Wrea Green; R. W. Hutton, Disley; F. W. Catterall, St. Anne's; W. J. Crighton, Manchester; R. H. Crestwich, Manchester; J. E. King, St. Anne's; C. A. Birley, Bartle Hall; W. H. Crossland, Manchester; E. T. Wilson, St. Anne's; Rev. G. E. Badeley, Blackpool; Rev. A. T. Davidson, Scorton; Dr. Forbes Dick, Lancaster.

NORTH BERWICK.

Last week the weather for the most part was very favourable for Golf, and daily the green here was well occupied, over a hundred players driving from the tee during the forenoon. As on Saturday the demonstration usually held in connection with the launch of the lifeboat was conspicuous by its absence, the links were comparatively lively on such a day, and altogether the present month has witnessed the fascinating game exceptionally popular amongst the visitors at this resort. Of last week's friendly matches the following are some of the more interesting:—On Tuesday a return foursome took place between Mr. R. M. Harvey partnering Ben Sayers and Mr. E. Parrott partnering Charlie Crawford. On the previous occasion Mr. Parrott and Crawford were successful; but they were beaten on Tuesday at Pointgarry by three up and one to play. The Hon. Randolph De Vere Capel and Sayers had two rounds of the green with Captain Sawyer and Davie Grant on Thursday, the 20th inst. In each round the play was exceedingly close, the professionals showing their best form, and the amateurs being well matched. Grant and his partner won the first round by a putt at the Home hole, and in the second the result was exactly reversed, Sayers and his partner being successful also by a putt at the last disc. On Saturday Mr. W. M. De Zoete and Mr. G. Gordon Robertson engaged in two rounds. In the forenoon Mr. De Zoete was successful, whilst the second game resulted in favour of Mr. Robertson. Ben Sayers and Davie Grant had an interesting tussle on Saturday, the former winning at Pointgarry by two up and one to play. As showing the excellence of the game, Ben completed the round in 71 and Davie in 73. Sayers had the advantage in the out half, and his score for that portion was 37 against 39 by his opponent; but homeward the play was equal, and each covered the in-half in 34. Mr. Adam Hogg won a good game from Mr. James Mitchell. George Sayers, a brother of Ben, had a round with Mr. L. S. Anderson, the professional winning and completing the round in 73. A foursome took place between Rev. G. S. Mackay partnering J. White (professional) and G. Douglas with J. Lumsden (professionals). In the first round Mr. Mackay and his partner were successful by two, but their opponents showed remarkably good form in the second

round, the two professionals winning by eight holes. On Monday of the present week the weather was rather dull but very suitable for Golf, and throughout the day there was a pretty regular procession of couples from the teeing-ground. Just now interesting events in connection with the Royal game at North Berwick are neither few nor far between. Arrangements have been made for holding the annual tournament for visiting and resident boys, the trophies being the Elcho medal and the scratch medal. The annual gathering of the members of the Old (North Berwick) Club is just at hand, and the usual mixed matches in connection with the ladies' green and other competitions are in prospect.

PRESTWICK LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A competition for boys and girls, under the auspices of the Prestwick Ladies' Golf Club, took place over the Ladies' links, on Saturday, and was attended with very fine weather. The following are the results:—

Girls under nine: 1, Nellie Donald; 2, Constance Patrick.

Girls under twelve: 1, Elsie Little.

Girls under fifteen: 1, Minnie Matthews; 2, Alice Matthews.

Boys under nine: 1, Ronald Anderson; 2, Stuart Forsyth.

Boys under twelve: 1, Colin Donald; 2, Claud Hutchison; 3, James Gilfillan.

Boys under fifteen: 1, Gilbert Whigham; 2, Frank Hutchison.

ROYAL CORNWALL CLUB v. WEST CORNWALL.

ROYAL CORNWALL CLUB.		WEST CORNWALL.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Major Carden ...	3	Mr. R. Fox ...	0
Brigade-Surg. Elliot ...	0	Mr. J. Mudge ...	4
Mr. Young Jamieson ...	2	Mr. R. F. Tyacke ...	0
Mr. E. Cochran ...	6	Mr. J. Mills ...	0
	11		4

Majority for the Royal Cornwall Club, 7.

This first match between the two clubs was played on Bodmin Race Course, on Tuesday the 18th, the home team winning easily. Mr. Cochran having to take the place of Col. Parkyn at the last moment, proved too much of a match for Mr. Mills, otherwise the result might have been closer.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

The customary children's competition took place at Hoylake last Wednesday week, the 19th inst. There was a fair muster, and the weather was favourable. Appended is the result of the various classes:—Master Austin Bird won the tie in the third class, and Miss Graham was successful in the tie by the young ladies.

Boys', First Class, aged 12 to 16 years. Eighteen holes. Fourteen competitors:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Jack Graham (14)	101 scr. 101	Alex. Cochrane (13)	129 17 112
†Lionel Darbyshire (14)	119 15 104	M. Phillips (12)	134 20 114
†Jack Hutchings (14)	113 5 108	E. G. Howarth (12)	139 20 119
William Blake (13)	115 5 110	Cyril Nicholson	140 15 125
W. G. Howarth (12)	126 15 111	C. Delany	154 18 136
		J. Hume	160 20 140

* Medal and first handicap prize. † Second handicap prize.
‡ Third handicap prize.

Second Class. Age 9 to 12. Twelve holes. Six competitors:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Vincent Blake	86 scr. 86	C. K. Pierce	98 6 92
†George Cochrane...	99 10 89	C. B. Charles	92 scr. 92
†Chas. Roberts	96 6 90	W. T. Sleddon	106 8 98

* First prize. † Second prize. ‡ Third prize.

Third Class. Age under 9. Five holes. Six competitors:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Allan Graham	42 scr. 42	†Austin Bird	54 10 44
†James Cochrane	44 scr. 44	G. Delany...	55 scr. 55
†Graham Darbyshire	52 8 44	Robert Spalding	121 30 91

* First prize. † Tie for second and third prize.

Extra prizes for boys over 15 years of age, under handicap:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*G. Hamilton	110 10 100	— Nixon	113 scr. 113
†A. Holt	110 6 104	D. Hamilton	134 20 114
F. Wilson	119 8 111	E. Simpson	No return.

* First prize. † Second prize.

Girls, age over 9. Eight holes. Sixteen competitors:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Miss Smyth	58 scr. 58	Miss Bates	74 4 70
†Miss Nora Cook	69 8 61	Miss Cook	82 12 70
†Miss Graham	63 scr. 63	Miss D. Simpson	74 3 71
†Miss May Nicholson	64 1 63	Miss Bird	102 25 77
†Miss E. Smyth	69 6 63	Miss Glover	97 14 83
†Miss Hamilton	71 8 63	Miss Hume	96 13 83
Miss E. M. Simpson	67 scr. 67	Miss D. Hutchings..	101 16 85
Miss Hutchings	84 15 69	Miss M. Bates	112 20 92

* First prize. † Second prize. ‡ Tie for third, fourth, fifth, and sixth prizes.

TROON GOLF CLUB.

LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S FOURSOMES.

Troon Golf Links on Saturday were practically given over to the ladies for the day. The occasion was the annual foursome competition, in which a lady player and a gentleman player are associated as partners in a handicap contest for a series of valuable prizes. The round on Saturday was the medal round of the principal links (sixteen holes) out to "Tel-el-Kebir," the eighth, leaving out the "Monk," the ninth, and "Sandhills," the tenth, and in from the teeing-ground, going to "Fox," the eleventh. The day was admirably adapted for the turn-out, and it was fully taken advantage of by the members of both the ladies' club and the gentlemen's club and their friends. The gathering at the first tee in front of the club-house was a gay and brilliant one, the variety of toilet, both male and female, making an exceedingly effective picture, full of harmonious light and shade, the attire of the ladies principally supplying the tints, and that of the gentlemen the contrasting hues. Add to this a background supplied by the distant outline of Arran, seen under one of its most favourable aspects, and the painter, had he been there, had all the materials for a charming golfing picture. Most of the gentlemen present, headed by Mr. Anderson, captain of the club, devoted themselves to their fair guests for the time being, and altogether the combined meeting was an unqualified success. It is true there were one or two suppressed grumbles at what was treasonably termed "the petticoat invasion," but it only required these to accentuate the general enjoyment of the meeting.

In all there were thirty-four ladies took part in the play, and each had a male partner, and a large gathering surrounded the tee from which they were despatched from the first tee. The ladies had the honour in going from this tee, but it was an honour that some of them would have been pleased to dispense with, in view of the number of critical eyes watching the proceedings. Some of the ladies were, nevertheless, remarkably strong players, even at the long game, and some of them on this occasion did at least as much of the work as their male associates. The handicapping turned out to be in favour of the best players, for when all the cards came to be examined and compared they revealed that seven out of the eight prize-winners were those with a handicap of six or under. The second prize-winners, Miss Cowie and Mr. L. Robertson, were the second foursome to finish, and it was not till the eighth foursome holed out that their score of 84 was lowered. In the eighth foursome Miss Hutcheson and another Robertson (A. C.) handed in what proved to be not only the lowest handicap score of the day, but showed the lowest number or strokes for the round. Three 9's, forming a tie for the last prize, came in hard upon each other, the first being in the eleventh foursome and the last in the fourteenth. One of these scores, it will be observed, was handed in by Miss Jeanie Bishop, one of the most expert players of the club (and a pupil of Willie Fernie's), whose partner was Mr. R. Dundas, an experienced player, the couple having the distinction of being the only couple playing from scratch, the next to them in this distinction being Miss Bishop, a sister of the above-mentioned, whose partner was the Rev. Mr. Anderson, who had only one stroke of handicap. Undernoted are the full results:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss M. A. Hutcheson and Mr. A. C. Robertson	85 4 81
Miss Cowie and Mr. Lawrence Robertson	90 6 84
Mrs. Morrice and Mr. J. M. Bishop	101 16 85
Miss Bishop and Rev. John Anderson	90 1 89
Miss Mabel Dickie and Mr. John Merry	93 3 90
Miss Jeanie Bishop and Mr. R. Dundas	91 scr. 91
Mrs. Fleming and Mr. Alex. Abercrombie	105 14 91
Miss Wharrie and Mr. Jas. Wilson, jun.	112 21 91
Miss Walker and Dr. Clark	99 7 92
Mrs. Salmund and Mr. Chas. Aird	110 18 92
Miss Jane Cowie and Mr. G. de M. Mackirdy	100 7 93
Miss Dickie and Mr. Wm. C. Mitchell	108 12 96
Miss Anna Ross and Mr. R. Hutcheson	104 7 97
Miss Ethel Robertson and Mr. W. M. Paton	108 11 97
Miss Bessie Walker and Mr. Forrest Salmund	109 12 97

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Miss Dundas and Mr. David Reed	105	7	98
Miss Ivy Clark and Mr. T. B. A. McMichael	104	5	99
Miss McLaggart Cowan and Mr. D. Dundas	108	9	99
Miss Greenlees and Mr. Jas. A. Morrice ...	113	14	99
Miss Sarah Brown and Mr. J. T. King ...	107	7	100
Miss Jeanie Dickie and Mr. John Clark, jun.	110	10	100
Miss Pearson and Mr. Chas. H. S. Brown ...	109	8	101
Miss Mary Cowan and Mr. R. B. Symington	122	20	102
Miss A. Greenlees and Mr. Joseph Reid ...	112	9	103
Miss Hay and Mr. Philip Robertson ...	121	18	103
Miss Katie Bishop and Mr. N. D. McMichael	109	5	104
Miss Bella Walker and Mr. Hugh Cowan ...	110	4	106
Miss Ross and Mr. George Newton ...	117	11	106
Miss Connell and Mr. McLaggart Cowan ...	115	8	107
Miss McMichael and Mr. Jas. Hutcheson, jun.	120	13	107
Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. R. Johnston Paton ...	118	9	109
Miss Bertha Robertson and Mr. T. A. Dowie	120	10	110
Miss Agnes Brown and Mr. John Dundas ...	123	10	113
Miss Daisy Clark and Mr. John M'Gowan ...	122	8	114

Winner of captain's prize, Miss Jane Cowie.

The undernoted competitions should have taken place on Friday, but on account of a thunderstorm they were postponed, and took place on Saturday forenoon under the direction of the ladies' club, and resulted as follows:—

GIRLS' FOURSOMES.

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Miss Lizzie Stoddart and Mr. James Robertson	63	6	57
Miss J. Anderson and Mr. George White ...	70	12	58
Miss M. Stuart and Mr. C. Brown ...	77	16	61
Miss I. Ross and Mr. B. Clark ...	70	9	61
Miss E. Robertson and Mr. J. Raeside ...	73	11	62
Miss J. Brown and Mr. T. Ross ...	78	13	65
Miss L. Wharrie and Mr. G. Boyd ...	81	16	65
Miss M. Fullarton and Mr. J. Wharrie ...	81	15	66
Miss P. Fleming and Mr. George Raeside ...	88	19	69
Miss M. Bishop and Mr. J. B. Dickie ...	76	6	70
Miss W. Robertson and Mr. W. Clark ...	82	11	71
Miss G. Robertson and Mr. H. Bishop ...	84	13	71
Miss M. Fleming and Mr. H. Dundas ...	96	22	74
Miss M. Walker and Mr. C. Adams ...	93	15	78
Miss D. Robertson and Mr. R. McAllister ...	100	20	80
Miss A. Paton and Mr. W. Bishop ...	105	20	85

BOYS' FOURSOMES.

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
K. Dundas and James Dickie	85	20	65
C. Adams and George Wilson	97	30	67
C. Cowan and W. Fullarton	88	20	68
J. McAllister and C. Kemp	108	27	81

Tea and cake were provided for the competitors and their friends on the lawn in front of the club-house, where the prizes—six in number—and a variety of prizes for the juveniles were exhibited. At the conclusion of the contest the prizes were here presented by the captain to the ladies, who alone were the recipients. Before handing the prizes Mr. Anderson said he was very pleased to congratulate the ladies on the success of their annual foursome competition. Last year, when acting in a similar capacity, he had been privileged to say that the turn-out then had been the largest that had ever taken place, and he was in the position of saying that this year beat last year by two couples—34 this year against 32 last year. They had made a slight alteration in the course, as last year there had been some crowding. They decided to make the round eight holes out and eight holes in, and he hoped this had met with their approval. (Cheers.) He further intimated that the three 9's constituted a tie for the sixth prize, but that to obviate the necessity of playing off the tie, the committee had decided to give two other prizes. (Cheers.)

On the motion of Dr. Clark, secretary of Glasgow Golf Club, a vote of thanks was awarded to Captain Anderson, and the proceedings terminated.

THE CAPTAIN'S PRIZE.

The following is the result of the fourth round for the captain's prize:—Mr. A. Yates (4) beat Mr. James Robertson (scratch), absent; Mr. T. B. A. McMichael (3) beat Mr. D. Fullarton (5); Mr. E. D. Prothero (scratch) beat Mr. D. Dundas (4), after a tie; Mr. John Sturrock, jun. (6), beat Mr. John Clark, jun. (5).

TYNESIDE CLUB.

The club competition took place on the 20th inst. at Ryton, but the attendance of players was very small. The result of the contest was that Mr. James Hedley was declared the winner.

INNERLEVEN GOLF CLUB.—A handicap foursome tournament was begun at Leven on Friday last. Twenty-two couples entered, but as some of them did not turn up, three couples in the first round were allowed to walk over. The competition was by holes, and the figures in brackets are the handicap in strokes, those receiving odds having to settle before starting at what holes they wished to take their strokes. First Round—Mr. John Adamson and Mr. P. F. Howden (9) beat Mr. J. L. Sievwright and Mr. P. Proudfoot (7) by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. Andrew Dewar and Rev. A. M'Kenzie (8) beat Rev. G. J. Murray and Mr. John Whyte (10) by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. Robert M'Gowan and Mr. Carr Lees (8) walked over, Rev. C. M'Gregor and Mr. William Greenhill, scratched; Rev. William Proudfoot and Dr. A. F. Crole (2) beat Mr. James Robertson and Mr. R. W. B. Creeke (6) by 2 holes; Mr. S. N. Johnston and Mr. T. C. Balfour (11) walked over; Mr. W. Lang Todd and Mr. A. M'Laren scratched; Mr. Percy Balfour and Dr. R. J. Cownie (3) walked over; Dr. W. Spence and Dr. A. H. Vassie scratched. The following had byes:—Rev. W. W. Scotland and Rev. James Muir (13), Mr. John Balfour and Rev. Wilne (8), Mr. John MacGibbon and Mr. R. R. Prentice (8), Mr. David Crole, jun., and Mr. James H. Smith (9), Mr. Robert Smith and Mr. William Henderson (5), Mr. James Forgan and Mr. C. Fred. Balfour (9), Rev. A. B. Campbell and Sheriff Lees (3), Mr. H. W. Hutchison and Mr. J. H. Carswell (5), Mr. Robert Russell and Mr. R. A. Smith (2), Mr. G. W. Williamson and Mr. A. P. Forrester Paton (13). Second Round—Mr. John Balfour and Rev. William Milne beat Rev. W. W. Scotland and Rev. James Muir by 2 up and to play after a tie; Mr. John MacGibbon and Mr. R. R. Prentice beat Mr. David Crole, jun., and Mr. James H. Smith by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. Robert Smith and Mr. William Henderson beat Mr. James Forgan and Mr. C. Fred. Balfour by 3 up and 2 to play; Rev. A. B. Campbell and Sheriff Lees beat Mr. H. W. Hutchison and J. H. Carswell by 7 up and 5 to play; Mr. Robert Russell and Mr. R. A. Smith walked over; Mr. G. W. Williamson and Mr. A. P. Forrester Paton scratched; Mr. John Adamson and Mr. P. F. Howden beat Mr. Andrew Dewar and Rev. A. M'Kenzie by 1 hole; Mr. Robert M'Gowan and Mr. Carr Lees beat Rev. William Proudfoot and Dr. A. F. Crole by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. Percy Balfour and Dr. R. J. Cownie beat Mr. S. W. Johnston and Mr. T. C. Balfour by 3 up and 2 to play. The tournament was continued on Saturday in fine weather. Third Round—Mr. John MacGibbon and Mr. R. R. Prentice (8) beat Mr. John Balfour and Rev. William Milne (8) by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. Robert Smith and Mr. William Henderson (5) beat Rev. A. B. Campbell and Sheriff Lees (3) by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. John Adamson and Mr. P. F. Howden (9) beat Mr. Robert Russell and Mr. R. A. Smith (2) by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. Percy Balfour and Dr. R. J. Cownie (3) beat Mr. Robert M'Gowan and Mr. Carr Lees (8) by 2 holes. Fourth Round—Mr. Robert Smith and Mr. William Henderson beat Mr. John MacGibbon and Mr. R. R. Prentice by 1 hole; Mr. Percy Balfour and Dr. R. J. Cownie beat Mr. John Adamson and Mr. P. F. Howden by 3 up and 2 to play.

CRIEFF.—On Saturday afternoon the first handicap competition for prizes took place in fine weather, and in presence of many spectators. The putting-greens were in splendid order, and the driving excellent. A brassy and driver (presented by Mr. Waggot, Musselburgh) were amongst the prizes. The first prize (medal and brassy) was won by Mr. D. T. Clement with a score of 116, less 30; second prize (a driver), Mr. George Veitch, 113, less 24; third prize (balls), Mr. J. C. Taylor, 155, less 64; fourth, Mr. A. Marshall, 134, less 40, and Mr. J. Gow, 138, less 44—equal; fifth, Mr. W. D. Thomson, 129, less 34. Mr. R. B. R. Mair started scratch and scored 96. Mr. Provost Macgregor and others were also among the players.

MUSSELBURGH LARKS CLUB.—The monthly medal of this club has been won by Mr. David Tucker, with the score of 97, less 20=77. The quarterly competition for the Crandles cup and club prizes was played on Thursday, the 20th inst. Scores:—Mr. G. Drummond, 82, plus 4=86 (winner of the cup); Mr. G. Crandles, 95, less 8=87, and Mr. J. R. Newlands, 111, less 24=87—ties; Mr. D. Clark, 88; Mr. G. Newlands, 89; Mr. J. K. Campbell, 91; Mr. W. D. Niven, 92.

HARRISON CLUB.—The fortnightly medal was won on Friday last, after a tie with Mr. Andrew Tait, by Mr. J. Alderson with a net score of 48 for ten holes.

KINGHORN.—In the Golf tournament got up in connection with Kinghorn Thistle Golf Club, Mr. James Mercer beat Mr. John Greig by 2 holes up and 1 to play; Mr. Thomas Storrar beat Mr. J. Mitchell by 11 holes.

EDINBURGH CLEEK CLUB.—This club held their quarterly competition for the M'Intosh silver cleek over Musselburgh Links on the 20th inst. Mr. M'Intosh was the winner with a score of 106, less 16=90.

FOUR-SOME AT KINGHORN.—An interesting match took place over Kinghorn Links between Messrs. A. Macdonald (Clach-na-Cudain) and Morrison (of the Licensed Victuallers' Club) and Mr. Hepburn and Mason (the local professional). All four players showed capital form, and after an exciting finish, the first-named couple won by one hole. Mr. Macdonald's method somewhat upsets old-fashioned ideas of how Golf ought to be played. He grips the club with the left hand downwards, and moves both feet as he strikes. Yet he plays a very consistent game all through, and with club and iron can hold his own with most amateur golfers. Mr. Macdonald is the well-known shinty player of the Edinburgh Camanachd Club.

"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.—At the Braids on August 19th there was a large turn-out of members in the usual monthly medal competition. The day was oppressively warm. Mr. J. Lawrie, with a score of 86, less 8=78, was the winner of the medal. Mr. T. H. Newlands was second with a net score of 85.

LEVEN LADIES' GOLF CLUB.—The first competition of the recently formed ladies' golf club was held on Saturday, when numerous valuable prizes were offered for competition. Seven couples started, and two rounds of the course of nine holes were played. On comparing cards it was found that Miss Lena Thomson and Miss Marjory P. Wilkie had tied for first place with the very fair score of 70. On playing a single round to decide the tie, Miss Thomson won, taking 34 to her opponent's 39.

LUNDIN LADIES' GOLF CLUB.—On Friday last, the handsome silver mirror presented to the club by Mrs. Gilmour, of Montrave, was played for under scratch conditions, and at the same time a silver blotter and shoehorn, given by the club, were played for under handicap; and a fourth prize was added for the best score with handicap under 10. Twelve couples started, and in spite of heavy thunder-showers many of the scores proved excellent. Scores:—Miss May Ronaldson, scratch, 89; Miss J. Dalryell, 96, less 5=91; Miss J. Fortune, scratch, 93; Miss Fortune, 105, less 8=97; Miss M. T. Hamilton, scratch, 99.

BRUNTSFIELD SHORT HOLE GOLF CLUB.—A prize competition was held over Bruntsfield Links on Saturday afternoon, sixty-six players competing. The recent rains had a very beneficial effect on the course, and the scoring was accordingly lower than usual. The following is the list of prize-winners and their scores:—Mr. R. T. Davidson, 116; Mr. A. Stevens, 115, plus 3; Mr. W. Stirling, 115, plus 3; Mr. J. Riddell, 118; Mr. J. Turnbull, 119; Mr. G. Aitken, 117, plus 2; Mr. J. Knowles, 115, plus 4; Mr. J. Williamson, 119; Mr. J. Stevens, 116, plus 3; Mr. J. Mitchell, 116, plus 4; Mr. R. Knowles, 122; Mr. J. Lauder, 125, less 3; Mr. P. Taylor, 122; Mr. A. H. Catton, 122; Mr. J. Harvey, 121, plus 1.

BURNTISLAND V. "SCOTSMAN."—This match was played at Burntisland on Saturday, on the new green of the local club. The greens were in excellent condition, and several record scores were made, Mr. Dover succeeding in accomplishing the three rounds in 73, his last round being 23. Mr. W. Duncan was also in excellent form, his three rounds being 75. The match ended in favour of the local club by 86 holes. Heavy rains interfered with the play for a considerable time.

EAST OF FIFE GOLF CLUB.—The third annual competition for the silver trophy presented to the club by Captain Gilchrist took place on Saturday, the 22nd inst. There was a large turn-out, a bright and warm sunshine prevailing during the whole play. Owing to a heavy rainfall during the early morn the course had become pretty well saturated with water, which not being thoroughly dried up before the competition began made the putting-greens rather stiff for play. At the close Mr. George Williamson, Pittenweem, was declared the winner with a scratch score of 79.

RYTON WORKING MEN'S CLUB.—The prize (generously presented by the Tyneside Golf Club) after a series of competitions was won by Mr. G. Elmsworth. The gift (a silver teapot) was played for seven times in all, the following having two wins each to their credit, Messrs. Elmsworth, Hall and Yelder. In the deciding competition the scores were:—Mr. G. Elmsworth, 96, less 10=86; Mr. H. Yelder, 96, scratch; Mr. T. Hall, 101, less 14=97.

CORSTORPHINE PUTTING CLUB V. HAMPTON PUTTING CLUB.—The final of the three matches between the above clubs was played on the 20th inst. on the Corstorphine Green. On the first half of the game Corstorphine led by five holes. After luncheon the game was resumed, and after a keen contest resulted in a win for Corstorphine by three holes on the match.

EARLSFERRY AND ELIE GOLF CLUB.—The third competition of this club took place on Saturday, the 15th inst., when the Henry gold medal (scratch) and Glover cup (handicap) and a handicap prize presented by Dr. Cownie, the retiring captain, were played for. Twenty-five couples started, and the usual round of eighteen holes was played. The three prizes were gained by Mr. A. J. Hodge with a score of 83. Dr. Cownie also did the round in 83. Other good scores were Mr. D. M. Jackson, 84; Mr. R. Gibson, jun., 90; and Mr. John Maxwell, 89.

HADDINGTON.—This club competed at Luffness on Saturday for the Macniven handicap medal and other prizes. There was a good muster of players, by whom the green was found in excellent order. Subjoined are the prize-winners:—Mr. J. G. Croal, 94, less 7=87, medal and special prize; Mr. M. McNeill, 101, less 8=93; Mr. R. Croal, 108, less 12=96; Mr. T. Black, 98, less 1=97; Mr. J. D. Watson, 117, less 18=99; Mr. J. Hutchison, 110, less 10=100.

STRATHPEPPER.—The usual weekly medal of the Strathpeffer Spa Golf Club was played for on Saturday. The medal was won by Mr. W. Anderson, with a score of 83.

GRANTOWN.—The weekly competition for the captain's medal took place on Saturday, when there was a good turn-out of players. Mr. R. Winchester, with a score of 85, was the winner, and Mr. Burgess and Mr. Gillan tied with 87 for second place.

CALEDONIA CLUB, CARNOUSTIE.—The competition for the Leith medal and other prizes has now been concluded. The following is the result:—Medal and first prize, Mr. W. Harris; 2nd, Mr. D. Whitton; 3rd, Mr. A. Cant; 4th, Mr. C. Brand.

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