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1891. DECEMBER.
- Dec. 12.—Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
West Herts : Monthly Medal.
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.
Nairn : Pullar's Medal.
Wilpshire : Monthly Medal.
Warwickshire : Military Gold Medal.
Tooting : Monthly Medal.
Sutton Coldfield : Medal Competition.
Formby : Pearson Prize.
Hayling Island : Monthly Competition.
Didsbury : Captain's Medal.
Dalhousie : Handicap Match (Second Round).
- Dec. 16.—Royal Epping Forest : Spurling-Kentish Gold Medal.
Dec. 17.—Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Competition.
Dec. 19.—Royal Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove : The De Worms Challenge Cup ; Club Prizes.
Disley : Second Winter Handicap.
Seaton Carew : Club Cup.
Sutton Coldfield : Lloyd Prize.
Ealing : Monthly Medal.
County Down : County Down Railway Cup.
Tooting : Special Prize (limited to 18 handicap).
Lytham and St. Anne's : Bury Cup.
- Dec. 22.—Whitley : Joicey Cup.
Dec. 23, 24 and 28.—Royal Isle of Wight : Single Tournament, for Prize value £10, given by the Club (entries close 22nd).
Dec. 25-26.—Littlestone : Christmas Meeting ; Foursome Tournament (Match Play).

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- Dec. 26.—Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Southport : Christmas Meeting.
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Monthly Medal.
Royal Isle of Wight : Christmas Meeting ; Bembridge Gold Medal ; "Eaton Memorial Gold Putter."
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.
Warwickshire : Club Cup Competition.
Ilkley : Christmas Cup.
Manchester : Club Prizes.
Richmond : Christmas Meeting.
Birkdale : Captain's Cup.
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Cup ; Captain's Prize.
Monthly Medal and Optional Sweepstake.
Seaford : Monthly Medal.
Richmond : Walton Cup (Open) ; Pollinger Challenge Cup ; Lawson Scratch Cup ; Members' Handicap Prizes.
- Dec. 26-28.—Guildford : Christmas Meeting.
Dec. 28.—Burnham : Monthly Medal.
Dec. 28-29.—Royal Eastbourne : Winter Meeting.

1892. JANUARY.
- Jan. 1.—Royal Cornwall : Monthly Medal.
Jan. 2.—Lytham and St. Anne's : Captain's Cup.
Birkdale : Monthly Medal.
Lundin : Handicap Medal.
Manchester : Monthly Medal.
Royal Liverpool : Winter Optional Subscription Prizes.
Redhill and Reigate : Turner Medal.
- Jan. 5.—Whitley : Joicey Cup.
Birkdale : Club Ladies' Prize.
- Jan. 9.—Warwickshire : Club Cup (Final).
Tooting : Monthly Medal.
Didsbury : Captain's Prize.
Dalhousie : Handicap Match (Third Round).
- Jan. 16.—Warwickshire : Lefroy Prize (Final).
Royal Epping Forest : Quarterly Medal.
Formby : Pearson's Prize.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Bury Cup.
- Jan. 19.—Whitley : Joicey Cup.
Jan. 20.—Royal Epping Forest : Spurling-Kentish Medal.
Jan. 23.—Birkdale : Captain's Cup.
Jan. 30.—Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Cup.
Seaford : Monthly Medal.

- FEBRUARY.
- Feb. 2.—Whitley : Joicey Cup.
Birkdale : Club Ladies' Prize.
- Feb. 5.—Royal Cornwall : Monthly Medal.
Feb. 6.—Royal Liverpool : Winter Optional Subscription Prizes.
Lundin : Half-yearly Meeting.
Manchester : Monthly Medal.
Birkdale : Monthly Medal.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Captain's Cup.
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.
- Feb. 13.—Formby : Pearson Prize.
Feb. 14.—Dalhousie : Handicap Match (Fourth Round).
Tooting : Monthly Medal.

THE RIVERSIDE GOLF CLUB.

Until quite recently it was not known that Taplow possessed ground capable of developing a Golf course, likely soon to become one of the most attractive of inland greens. The fact is so, however. The ground is situated on Barge Farm, on the Thames, and runs from the Great Western Railway to Bray Lock, and is within easy reach of London, Windsor, Slough, and the Maidenhead district. It is within ten minutes' walk of Taplow Station. The first impression on arriving at the links does not exactly convey to one accustomed to Scottish greens that it is likely to produce much sport. The ground is firm, the grass is short, yet the long stretch of turf at the start appears monotonous. This impression, however, is quickly dispelled when once the whole of the course is seen and traversed. The further one proceeds the more interesting it becomes; in fact, considerable efforts must be made by the first-class golfer to carry some of the hazards. They consist of high hedges, ditches, burns, and ponds. A good iron player would have most telling effect here. Nearly all the approaches must be *played*, a fozle landing one in many cases underneath a 10-foot hedge. The course is prettily situated throughout, glimpses of the Thames catching the eye now and then.

To show that the course is not by any means a short one, perhaps a little description of the strokes required may be interesting to some. Suffice it to say, without going into a detailed account of the play, that in every hole of the round, excepting the last, an abundance of hazards, already enumerated, must be crossed. First hole, 2 drives; second, drive and iron; third, 2 drives; fourth, 2 drives; fifth, 2 drives and iron; sixth, drive and iron; seventh, drive and iron; eighth, drive; ninth, drive and iron; tenth, drive and iron; eleventh, 2 drives and iron; twelfth, drive; thirteenth, 2 drives; fourteenth, 2 drives; fifteenth, 2 drives and iron; sixteenth, 2 drives and short iron; seventeenth, drive and short iron; eighteenth, 3 drives.

Tom Dunn, Tooting Bec, planned out the course, and he expresses the opinion that it will turn out a capital links.

A pavilion will shortly be erected at the Home hole for the convenience of members in keeping their clubs and obtaining refreshments.

A ladies' club is to be formed. Their links are close to the pavilion, and rooms there will be set apart for their comfort.

The services of a first-class professional will be engaged to teach, play, mend and make clubs, and look after the ground.

The subscription to the club is two guineas, for a limited number of original members.

Application for membership should be made to Mr. Meadows Taylor, Riverside Club, Maidenhead.

THE LAMENT OF THE MIDDLE-AGED NOVICE.

Break! Break! Break!

On Elie links by the sea,
Both driver and cleek and putter;
And never a prize for me.

Ah! well for the golfer's fame,
That he learnt as a boy to play!
Ah! well for his chance to win,
That he went four rounds in the day!

And the old and the young go on
O'er bunker, and road, and hill;
But, oh! for the nerve of the youthful hand,
And the veteran golfer's skill!

Break! Break! Break!
On the sandy links by the sea;
But worse the disgrace of the ball that lay dead,
And the hole that was lost by me.

GOLF-ON.

SIDCUP GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday last yet another was added to the long list of Golf clubs inaugurated during 1891. The country around this rising suburb is noted for its well-wooded undulating scenery, and it is in the midst of this that the Sidcup enthusiasts have had a links laid out under the supervision of Beveridge (the professional in the employment of Messrs. Slazenger), who pronounced it the best inland links he had seen, and a distinctly sporting course to boot.

Numerous natural obstacles present themselves, and the whole of the ground is under grazing orders.

Sir John Pender has accepted the presidency, but was unable to tee off. In his absence the captain (Mr. T. Barker) drove the first ball, and went over the course with a visitor, Mr. Chamberlain, of the Eltham Golf Club. Numerous members then followed, and a record of 63 for one round was put in.

The club has been fortunate in obtaining nice rooms at a farmhouse adjoining the Home hole, and at the conclusion of operations the members repaired thither to enjoy a repast thoughtfully provided by the lady visitors.

The captain has presented a prize. A monthly medal has also been given by Mr. R. A. Patterson, and Dr. Shapley has offered for competition during the first year a medal for best novice score.

In course of time it is hoped that home-and-home matches will be played frequently, and the hon. secretary, Mr. Crouch, would be glad to arrange the same with any clubs of moderate pretensions, and within a reasonable distance.

DUFFERS' GOFF.

And it came to pass that when the time had arrived which was appointed by the elders, two mighty men of valour went forth to Goff.

And the season was propitious; and the issues of the combat might have been as prophesied, but they were not.

And Malcolm, the elder, straightway marched to the field of battle, and with mighty flourish "foozled his tee."

Franciscus, the younger, accepted the challenge, and forthwith removed a hide of turf from off the face of the earth, and the same was never seen any more.

And the combat waxed fierce when from out the ranks of the people there came forth two striplings who thirsted for glory and lucre, and offered to "Caddy."

And when after much and prolonged strife the desired haven was reached (Hole 1) there was great joy.

And a mighty shout went up when that was completed which was prophesied, and Malcolm was "one up."

And Malcolm the elder's ball was rescued from the pit in a coat of many colours.

And there was great consternation when Franciscus "topped his ball," and took headlong flight into a "whinny;" and all seemed lost.

But again succour came, and peace reigned round about. And it happened that on the third journey Malcolm, the elder, "sliced his tee," and the result thereof was marvellous to behold.

For it came to pass that Franciscus, the younger, who turned to "mark," arrested the flight of the missile with his face, he not having eyes in the back of his head wherewith to see.

Then Malcolm, the elder, was sore distressed, and hastened unto Franciscus, who "hid his face."

And stars of great magnitude and in myriads shone brightly; but Malcolm could not see them, only Franciscus; and gore was shed.

And straightway they crossed the desert and came unto a house by the wayside, which was said to be the house of a great man, one Pender (the good Sir John).

And the woman of the house ministered unto Franciscus, who thirsted.

And by the way a chariot was forthwith brought; and Franciscus was carried into his camp, and mourned his unhappy luck.

And Franciscus held court with the tribes who came to bring tributes, and they were many.

ADVICE TO YOUNG GOLFERS.

XII.—CONCLUDING ARTICLE.

There have been remarkable instances of professional golfers who were invincible as match players (for holes), but who never came to the front in stroke competitions such as the Open Championship. There have likewise been players who have carried off the blue ribbon more than once, and who have shortly afterwards succumbed in matches to opponents whom they out-distanced on the championship day. This leads one to remark that play by strokes and for holes may be said to be entirely different games.

In stroke play it must be evident to all that each player has to contend against every other golfer in the field, and he has to play against an unknown score. He ought, therefore, to play his game entirely irrespective of the opponent with whom he may be matched, and with the sole object of making as low a total score as possible. It does not do, therefore, to risk dangerous shots, which may place the ball in difficulties, costing one or two strokes to extricate it. Cautious play is to be greatly commended. It is better to lie short of a hazard, even though this may entail one stroke more to that hole, than to run the risk of carrying the hazard for the possible chance of doing the hole in a stroke less. The same applies to putting. An endeavour should be made to lay a long putt dead, so as to make certain of holing out the next stroke rather than to play to go down and incur the risk of the ball missing the hole, and running such a distance past the flag as to make the next putt uncertain of achievement.

In a hole game the case is different. Your opponent is before you—you require to pay attention to nothing else, and you know exactly how the game stands. It does not matter what the respective scores are, and even if your round be many strokes worse than your opponent if you but have a majority of holes to your credit you are safe. A cautious game is of course good play, but there is not the same need for it here as in stroke competitions. In many cases it may be the proper thing to run every risk to obtain a hole, or even a half. Suppose, for instance, your opponent is dormy one. Your only chance to save the match is to *win* the last hole—a half is no use—and everything ought to be risked to attain that end. Again, suppose that in the course of the game your opponent lies on the green off a long shot, and you are to play the like, a hazard intervenes, and the chances are about even whether you carry it or go in, or say that the chances are rather against its being carried; it is evident that unless you *do* carry on to the green the hole is lost, and the proper thing to do, therefore, is to run the risk. If the stroke is brilliantly played, a hole is saved; and if the ball is lodged in the hazard, matters are no worse than if a short shot had been played, as the hole is lost in either of these events. These remarks apply very obviously to putts. Your opponent lays a long putt dead, and you are going to play odds. Unless you hole that putt you lose the hole. It is, perhaps, needless to say that in this case the ball should get every chance of going down. Risk even a gobble, but give it a chance. If the ball is out it is of no consequence whether it lies six inches or six yards from the disc.

By far the most pleasant way for beginners to learn Golf is to play in foursomes composed of two good players and two beginners, the latter, of course, being on different sides. By this means the inexperienced escape a great deal of the monotony of bad Golf to which they must necessarily be subjected when playing in singles. The good players, too, help the game on, and they can always give their partners serviceable advice. At the same time, it is difficult to find men who can really play Golf who are willing to make up such foursomes, and if a beginner is fortunate enough to be able to get into such foursomes, he should keep in mind that his bad play must be very aggravating to his partner, and he ought to conduct himself with due humility accordingly. There is nothing a golfer hates more to see than a good lying ball badly played, perhaps lodged in a hazard, and beginners often make mistakes of this kind.

Men who are learning Golf very commonly, either unintentionally or intentionally, make themselves obnoxious under circumstances where a little ordinary consideration would smooth

matters, not only for themselves, but also for the rest of the green. The most ordinary case is that where a couple of learners get immediately in front of two good players. Now, the latter, by reason of their good play, are bound to get on much more quickly than their predecessors. They will far out-drive them, and will not have to stop so often to play. But, unless at a very long hole, they will have difficulty in passing the duffers, and any obvious attempt to do so will only result (as many know by experience) in a neck-and-neck race by both couples to get to the hole first, and the odds are in favour of the players who have the start. This might all be avoided by the beginners allowing the good players to pass them at one of the tees. There is nothing ignominious in being passed on the green, and in many cases, such as that stated above, it is only a piece of civility to allow better players to go on. Inexperienced players cannot keep their places on the green, because their rate of progression is bound to be slower than average; and it is very discourteous to keep the couple following waiting at every stroke, when by the exercise of a little common sense this could be avoided.

The best partner one can have at Golf is one who is just a little superior, say, two or three strokes or a hole. The fact of your partner being better than you are puts you on your mettle, and punishes you for any mistake you make. His being just a little better ought to make you play up, because it is not impossible for you to halve the match, or even to win it. On the other hand, if your opponent is much superior, you are apt to press and to be disheartened, and this will spoil your game.

In conclusion, it cannot be too strongly impressed upon all golfers that the game should be played in a fair, honourable, and gentlemanly manner, and that whether the play is in a competition or for a prize, or merely for enjoyment. There are many ways of taking an undue advantage of one's opponent which are not contraventions of the rules. Moving or talking when one's partner is addressing the ball, making remarks about the putt about to be played, all fall under this category. Other examples might be quoted, but any person with gentlemanly feelings will know instinctively what ought to be avoided. Any golfer who persistently infringes the etiquette of the game will soon find himself unable to obtain a partner, except one of his own kind, and he can never have the same satisfaction if he wins his match as the man who plays a fair and honourable game.

J. A.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

Great Yarmouth has long been a favourite watering-place and summer resort for those whose home is in the Midlands. There they can enjoy the pure, strong, bracing air coming from the German Ocean, so different from the mild, sometimes relaxing air of an inland valley; they "snuff up the wind like dragons," and return to their work refreshed in body and mind.

The general charms of Yarmouth are not very dissimilar to those of other watering-places, and need not be dilated upon here; suffice it simply to mention the grand old parish Church of St. Nicholas, the beach, the market-place, the piers, the aquarium, which have long played their part in the making of the town.

Something totally different from these, however, was destined to bring a new flood of visitors to Yarmouth, viz., the golfers, whose home is not in the Midlands particularly, nor Highlands, nor Lowlands; say rather that they gather from "a' the airts the win' can blow."

About eight years ago, thanks to the energy of one or two individuals backed up by an enlightened corporation, the North Denes, formerly a waste piece of land useful for maintaining a few sheep and rabbits, were converted into golfing links, which have gradually increased in size and their Club in popularity. Scarcely a decade of years, and what a change of scene has been made by the conquering march of Golf! Thick brakes of golden gorse have been uprooted and burned; sandy slopes have been turfed here and there; greens have been laid down where formerly the *flora* would have pleased the botanist more than the golfer; heavy soil and manures have been imported and mixed with the sea-sand; in fact, neither expense nor

labour have been spared, and the result is that now Yarmouth is visited by some of the best exponents of the game of Golf in England, and another attraction is added to the numerous former ones.

A visitor acquainted with the Denes of old, and walking round the modern course for the first time, might well exclaim, after the fashion of a famous old Highland couplet:—

“If you'd seen that turf before it was down,
You'd have lift up your hands and blessed Dr. Browne.”

In the original course the holes were favoured with names, some of them highly aristocratic; there was the “Wellington,” the “Nelson,” also the “Windmill,” and the “Gate-hole,” &c.; but these fell into disuse during the frequent alterations, and at present plain matter of fact numbers are deemed sufficient, but we hope that, now that the magic number of eighteen (which none dare exceed) has been reached, the nomenclature of holes will again receive the attention of the club, as there is decidedly something in a name.

The first hole is a long one, 506 yards, almost as long as a span of the Forth Bridge. The tee is admirably suited for all sorts and conditions of players. Should a nervous man, or a duffer, driving off in presence of a crowd, top the ball, or heel, or toe it, the course is here so wide and good that the chances are entirely in the player's favour; no yawning bunker is within ken. The long driver should clear the road, and be on the green in 3. The second hole (330 yards) requires some manœuvring. On the right the ground is sandy, on the extreme left runs a ditch. Take a happy medium, inclining rather to the left, and with your brassie you may reach in 2 one of the best greens in the round. The third hole (164 yards) is an iron shot; but beware, 'tis not so easy as it looks. Nearly up, in a straight line, is about the worst way to negotiate this hole. Be up, a little to the left, and you are sure of a 3. The way to the fourth hole (220 yards) is to the left of the bigish bunker which lies directly between tee and flag; having done this satisfactorily, an old-fashioned Musselburgh putt or a neat Cambridge loft should lay the ball about dead. Top not your ball at the fifth tee (hole 365 yards), unless you wish to “rax y'rsel' weel” in the whins, neither heel it on to the railway, lest it be carried farther than you list in a truck, like that wonderful Cockenzie drive immortalised lately in the columns of GOLF. Some play well to the left, but nothing is better than a drive far, sure, and straight, followed up with a good brassie second. You should then be within reach, but not sight of the hole, with an excellent sporting loft to play. The hole lies in a hollow, and to reach it you must clear a whinny “brae.” Beyond the hole there are more whins; a word to the wise is sufficient. Now comes the Bunker hole (264 yards); this bunker is the Pandey of Yarmouth, yea, a very Tartarus. So fatal has it been to natives and novices that in the early days of this links, and I rather think still, the tee-line is moved forward nearer the brink of the awful chasm on field-days, to give the *minus-eighteen-and-upwards* men a chance. This is an easy 4-hole after a good and well-directed drive, but many a good man has gone wrong, after clearing the bunker, by driving into the treacherous hazards on the right. The hole lies on a lovely little smooth plateau. The seventh hole (164 yards) is a sporting one indeed, but with a well-timed cleek shot or a spared brassie it is a sure 3. The eighth hole is one of the easiest. A straight, fairish drive, and you will see the ball disappear over a slight eminence; on reaching it I trust you will have a chance of a gobble in 2. The ninth (220 yards) is a difficult hole to negotiate when the wind is contrary, but on a favourable day one can reach it from the tee. If you are out in 40 thank your stars and play steady. The tenth hole (379 yards) requires management. The present captain of the Great Yarmouth Golf Club, Mr. Horace Hutchinson, has been on the green in 2, but the way to the hole for most men is to play two straight, easy shots down the course towards the paling; the ball is pretty sure to lie well, and the green can be reached with cleek or brassie. Six is not bad for this hole, 5 decidedly good. Now comes a succession of simple holes. A lofted drive or a good cleek shot will take the ball very near the eleventh disc (181 yards); care must be taken to clear the west end of the great bunker, and it is to be remembered that a good skimmer will carry the ball into gorse beyond the hole. A 2 is of frequent occurrence. The twelfth hole (154 yards) is best

negotiated with a skied drive, one “that with no middle flight intends to soar” over every obstacle, and fall rather dead. How often does one see a pretty tee-shot caught in the bunch of furze about twenty yards from the hole! The thirteenth hole (308 yards) should be reached in 2. The fourteenth, or Gate hole (220 yards), which has managed to retain its name, is an easy 4. The fifteenth (252 yards) is another of the same. At the sixteenth hole one always expects to reduce average, as it is the Short hole (132 yards), and the putting-green is wide, but there is a “kittle” brake of gorse to clear, and many a one would have liked his tee-iron stroke over again. The way to the second last hole (428 yards) is a little to the right of a bee-line from tee to flag; here the ground is firm and good, and you have a fine straight course for your second. Be up in 3, and you do well. The last hole (374 yards) is an easy one, but beware of the ditch on the right, and cricket pitches on the left. It generally takes 2 and an iron to reach the green, where the sward is like velvet, and the balls run sweetly off the face of a wooden putter; 80 strokes is a first-class round.

To sum up, the Yarmouth course is not a difficult one, and there are few long holes; but the hazards are numerous and of considerable variety—water, sand, gorse and palings, which gives scope for the best of players, and a chance to others of showing their comparative skill. Many of the putting-greens are still far from perfect; there is a predominance of small, narrow-leaved dandelions hard to eradicate, and of plantains; but there is every reason to suppose that the same energetic management that transformed the North Denes into a pleasant links will, in the course of time, make the greens more and more like those of St. Andrews and North Berwick. Formerly the club-house was little more than a “but and a ben,” the latter being used by the resident professional as a workshop. Things are changed since then, and in the near future I believe that a substantial and commodious club-house will be built, one of the best signs of a prosperous club. I have heard a Cambridge man remark that the Great Yarmouth Golf Club contained as good a set of fellows as could be found. *Floret, floruit, floreat.*

RECORDS.

The third, eleventh and sixteenth holes have each been done in one stroke. The ninth is also said to have been done in 1, but that is an *on dit* somewhat difficult to credit.

The best medal score is 76, made by Mr. Horace Hutchinson on April 7th, 1890. The circumstances were peculiar, and an instance of fortune favouring the brave. It was a day of wind and rain, but the wind changed during the proceedings, and “certain fortunate golfers” (see *Yarmouth Mercury*, April 12th, 1890) “who had started in the nick of time were thus blessed with a fair wind, both on the outgoing and on the home-coming. Among this number was Mr. Horace Hutchinson.” This fine score has, however, been beaten by Mr. Alexander Crawford, who accomplished the round in 73 on November 7th, 1889. The following are the particulars of his score:—

Out...	...	5	4	3	5	4	4	4	3	3=35	} 73
In	5	3	3	4	4	4	3	7	5=38	

This gentleman performed another wonderful feat in the earlier days of Yarmouth Links. At a long and difficult hole, which no longer exists, he made a magnificent drive from the tee; his partner (who shall be nameless) fozzled, and Mr. Crawford, rising to the occasion, holed the ball with a full cleek shot! Mr. Crawford held the record till February 26th, 1891, when Christmas Stephens, a young professional player, went round in 68, a score not likely to be equalled for some time. Mr. W. P. Fulcher, the Yarmouth crack, certified the score, and saw every ball holed out:—

Out...	...	5	5	3	4	5	3	3	4	3=35	} 68
In	4	3	3	4	4	3	3	5	4=33	

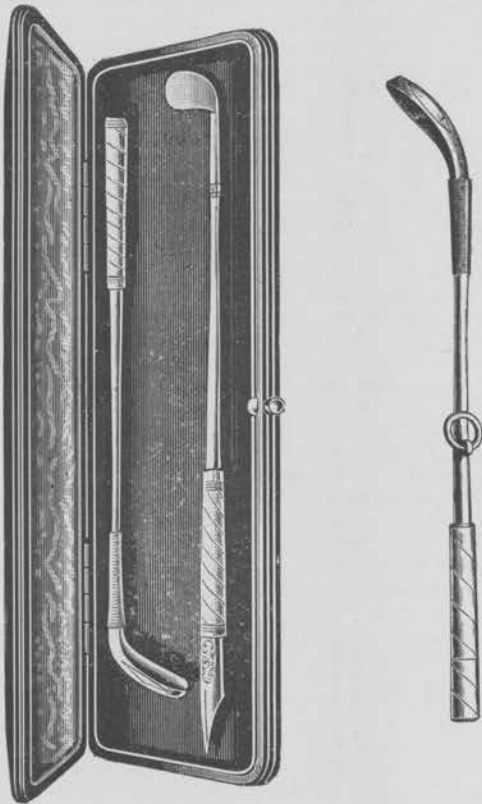
Christmas is a born golfer. He took kindly to the game when it was introduced, being soon known as far the best of local caddies. He has steadily improved in his play year by year, and is now almost invincible on his own green.

A word of praise is due to Tolmie, the club professional (from Forgan and Sons, St. Andrews). Both in the shop and on the greens his work will stand inspection, while no novice need desire a better exponent of a useful, free style with an easy, full swing.

H. M. B.

NEW GOLF PRIZES.

Messrs. Mappin and Webb continue to add to their already extensive list of Golf novelties for prizes. Their latest novelties consist of Golf-club pen and pencil cases in silver, enclosed in morocco case lined with silk and velvet, and possessing a gold nib. The price, complete, is £1 18s.



The pencil case, as will be seen by the accompanying drawing, is a good one, and the price (11s. 6d.) is very reasonable.

These novelties will, no doubt, be found a welcome variety in the shape of prizes at club meetings, or for individual presents at Christmas or on other occasions.

PERTH LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GOLF CLUB.—The last competition of the season was played by the above club over the North Inch course on Thursday in a hurricane of wind. Seventeen holes were played, and, considering the atmospheric conditions, the score of Mr. P. Stewart (captain), 81, scratch, was remarkably fine. The other best scores were:—Mr. D. Cunningham, 99, less 10=89; Mr. D. Duff, 101, less 12=89; Mr. John Paterson, 103, less 10=93; Mr. R. Robertson, jun., 108, less 10=98; Mr. W. Baker, 116, less 17=99; Mr. W. Davidson, 117, less 18=99.

BRIDGE OF WEIR.—RANFURLY CASTLE CLUB.—The competition for prizes presented by two members has now reached the final stages. In the third round eight couples will compete in the undernoted order, and they must all play off their ties by Saturday, 12th inst.:—Mr. J. B. Stewart against Mr. T. Carruthers, jun.; Mr. R. Fleming against Mr. W. N. Scott; Mr. W. Adam against Mr. R. Brownlie, jun.; Mr. Neil Robson, jun., against Dr. Sandeman; Dr. Mudie against Rev. Thomas Carruthers, M.A.; Mr. W. Aitken against Mr. R. Park Lyle; Mr. John Lockie against Mr. John Thomson; Mr. R. Stevenson against Mr. R. B. Mitchell. The members of this club, on Saturday last, competed for the usual monthly gold medal. The weather all day was miserably wet, and, in consequence, the number of members who entered were fewer than formerly. The result is as follows:—Mr. A. M'Pherson, Greenock, 116, less 30=86; Mr. D. M. Leish, 117, less 30=87; Mr. R. B. Mitchell, 94, less 6=88.

LEFT-HANDEDNESS.

Nature is said to be just and impartial, but she must reckon with the *left hand* if she would prove her claim to these attributes. Why has that poor hand, with the great majority of the race, been relegated to inaction, and that other—the right—been made the common agent in carrying out the high behests of the human and the Divine will? Why is the left-hand identified with weakness, perfidy, niggardliness, wrongness, awkwardness, perversity, wickedness, and eternal misery, while the right is identified with strength, trust, liberality, rectitude, cleverness, willingness, well-doing and eternal happiness? We need not quote passages in support of the statement that such has been the case. It is only too true, and till some good cause has been shown, we must libel Nature for her injustice and partiality. That our concern on the subject is pardonable will be apparent when we state that the patronymic of our clan has got mixed up with *left-handedness*.

On referring to Murray's Dictionary the reader will find the following entry:—

“CAR, a. Sc. Also Kar, Ker [a. Gael. *cearr*, wrong, awkward. Ir., *cearr*, left-handed, wrong, *cearr-lamhach*, left-handed. Manx, *kiare* in *lau-chiare*, left-hand]”.

Following this are quotations from Jamieson's Dictionary, and other authorities to show that *car-hand* or *ker-hand* has been the common Scottish word for left-hand, the *car-gate* being the road to destruction.

When golfing one day at Musselburgh, we heard our urchin-caddie contemptuously describe a left-handed golfer who was operating in front of us as a *kerry-parawed player*. The name Kerr, according to a certain tradition, is identical with this Gaelic word, and may be traced to the fact that the Dalriadic King, Kynach-Ker or Connchad, Cear as he is called in the Duan Albanach was left-handed. We do not by any means accept this tradition as history, but it has always been enough to give us an interest in the subject and a certain sympathy with the left-handed player, although we do not follow the bent of our royal Dalriadic ancestors in being *kerry-parawed*. The whole subject of left-handedness has just been discussed by Sir Daniel Wilson in the excellent Nature series now being published by Macmillan.*

We advise all who wish to study a piece of thoroughly literary and scientific work, and who have any interest in the subject, to read Sir Daniel's volume. For curling and golfing friends we here jot down some remarks on left-handedness, based on the above treatise and on independent observation. It is not surprising when we think of what Nature has done, and of the accumulated evil connections of the name, that to be left-handed is to be placed at a certain disadvantage in life. No mother would have her child so if she could help it. There are positive grievances which must be endured by those who are so unfortunate as to be car-handed. Not the least is to feel that in curling, and even in golfing, a left-handed player is a bit of a nuisance. A left-handed friend of ours finds it necessary to take a boy with him when he goes to curl, to look after the special cramp which he requires. We could not for a while find out whether the late Dr. Cairnie, who did so much for curling, had lost his right or his left arm. One he had lost by a gunpowder explosion, but we were not sure which till we read the following rule of the Largs Curling Club, “Left-handed players are bound to replace the foot-iron upon the right side of the toyee, under a penalty of one gill of whisky for every time they neglect to do so.” This was made by the doctor, not for the doctor; and it settled the question as to his one arm. Certainly the left-handed curler is troublesome, and in Golf we do not care to be drawn against a man who faces us direct when he addresses himself to the ball; the “very oppositeness” of his clubs and his play puts us out a little, and we do not recover ourselves till a few holes have been played.

The question comes to be, can this deviation from the normal be prevented? Can we save the ker-handed from after-misery by seeing that they conform in infancy to the universal

* “Nature Series: The Right Hand: Left-handedness.” By Sir Daniel Wilson, LL.D., F.R.S.E., President of the University of Toronto, &c. Macmillan and Co., London and New York, 1891.

right-handed fashion? And can we not turn the tables on the right hand if we so will, and determine that from this time henceforth the left shall be the right, and *vice versa*. Is the common use of the right hand really Nature's arrangement after all, or is it just fashion or habit which can be altered if we so determine?

Poor Carlyle when his right hand became paralysed, and he had no hope in his left, thus reflects on the subject, "Curious to consider, the institution of the Right hand among universal mankind; probably the very oldest human institution that exists, indispensable to all human co-operation whatsoever. . . . Why that particular hand was chosen is a question not to be settled, not worth asking except as a kind of riddle; probably arose in fighting; most important to protect your heart and its adjacencies, and to carry the shield on that hand."

The question has not yet been settled. The doctors, as usual, differ; and Sir Daniel Wilson, though he has an opinion, seems chary of pronouncing a verdict till such time as his own brain has been dissected, a time which all who know him would fain identify with the Kalends of Greece. It is over the question of nature or habit that the war of difference is waged; and perhaps Carlyle is right when he says it is "a question not to be settled." Dr. Humphrey holds that, "the left hand may be trained to as great expertness as the right." Dr. Evans believes, "that the habit of using the left hand in preference to the right, though possibly to some extent connected with the greater supply of blood to one side than the other, is more often the result of the manner in which the individual has been carried in infancy." Sir Charles Bell accounts for right-handedness by the fact that the left side is weaker than the right, not only in regard to muscular strength, but also in vital or constitutional properties, and more liable to disease. Dr. Struthers finds the reason in the disposition of lungs, heart and viscera, the right side being 15 oz. heavier than the left, and the centre of gravity of the body being thus "nearly 3-10th of an inch distant from the medial plane toward the right side." Dr. Buchanan follows up this view by remarking that left-handedness in woman is more common, because she is generally more gracefully constructed than man. Dr. Hyrtl, of Vienna, holds that "the left subclavian artery has its origin before the right in 2 out of 100 cases, and in these cases left-handedness exists."

Dr. Gratiolet carries the discussion into a higher region altogether, and dealing with the brain as composed of two hemispheres, he maintains that the anterior convolutions of the left hemisphere of the brain are earlier developed than those of the right, which fact, "owing to the well-known decussations of the nerve-roots accounts for the earlier development of the muscles and nerves of the right arm." He maintains that almost invariably the weight of the left hemisphere of the brain exceeds that of the right by an eighth of an ounce. Sir Daniel Wilson adopts this explanation, and in accordance with "the whole tendency of the most recent investigation" he arrives at the conclusion "that the source of right-handedness, and so of the exceptional occurrence of left-handedness, is to be sought for in the preponderant development of one or other hemisphere of the brain." So much for the differences of the doctors. It may be held that the heavier and more complex organisation of the left brain is the effect rather than the cause of the common right-handedness, but it seems to us that this is answered effectively by the chapters in Sir Daniel Wilson's work, which deal with primitive man, and the evidence of etymology. In these it is proved that "not only among cultured and civilized races, but among the barbarous tribes of both hemispheres, in Australia, Polynesia, among the Arctic tribes of our Northern hemisphere at the present day, and among the palæolithic men of Europe's post-pliocene times—not only has a habitual preference been manifested for the use of one hand rather than the other, but among all alike the same hand (the right) has been preferred."

The case, we fear, is hopeless. It is in vain to appeal against Nature's treatment of the poor left-hand. There are, however, some compensations which left-handed people may accept as consolations. Their hand of might may have an evil reputation which it is useless to war against, and they must perhaps remain a hopeless minority of 2 per cent. or so of the human race, yet let them take comfort in what Nature does to atone for her injustice. To begin with, the left-handed are generally very skilful. We cannot vouch for their reputation at curling

or Golf, but Sir Daniel Wilson himself is a proof that the highest honours may be won with the left hand. In Art, the left-handed have certainly distinguished themselves. Leonardo da Vinci, Hans Holbein, Mozzo, of Antwerp, Amico Aspertino and Ludovico Cangiago were all left-handed. The two last-named could work equally well with both hands. Such power of both hands is the special advantage of the left-handed. The right is not neglected when the left is in power, as the left is when the right is ruler. The left-handed person is therefore generally ambidextrous, and so gains great advantage over his right-handed rival. Dr. Cairnie, in his "Essay on Curling" (p. 64), describes an ambidexter named Aleck Cook, whose presence must have inspired his curling opponents with terror. "He was a powerful man, and had arms of extraordinary length, which he could swing so high with the curling-stone behind him, that when about to raise the double-guard, a person standing on the tee opposite could see its entire bottom." Sir Daniel Wilson after referring to Golf (p. 73) as a game in which the implements, being of necessity right-handed, "subject the left-handed player to great disadvantage, unless he provides his own special clubs," goes on to say that on the historical links of Leith, where Golf is still played with keenest zest, among its present practisers is a left-handed golfer, who, as usual with left-handed persons is practically ambidextrous. He has accordingly provided himself with a double set of right and left drivers and irons, so that he can use either hand at pleasure according to the character of the ground, or the position of the ball, to the general discomfiture of his one-handed rivals. We are familiar with some of the most remarkable specimens of golfers, but we do not know this *enfant terrible* of Sir Daniel's, and we fancy there will be a "run" upon him for some time to come. We commend him to all the *kerry-pawed* players. What achievements beyond even the championship are open to them! And let us point out that they need not have two sets of weapons. The back of an ordinary club-head is really a bulger face; is that not so, and have you not simply to play the club the other way if you wish to change hands? Right-handed players in their turn must practice with the left hand. Have they not all been in certain situations where a left-handed stroke would have been an infinite gain? There is medical advice in Sir Daniel Wilson's volume in favour of this course. Thus Dr. Brown-Sequard (p. 204), "We have a great many motor elements in our brain and our spinal cord which we absolutely neglect to educate. Such is the case with the elements which serve for the movements of the left hand. Perhaps fathers and mothers will be more ready to develop the natural powers of the left hand of a child, giving it thereby two powerful hands, if they believe, as I do, that the condition of the brain and spinal cord would improve if all their motor and sensitive elements were fully exercised."

At present as, we have pointed out, it is with the left-handed that all the advantage lies in the way of ambidextrous power, and they ought to be proud of their position. Is there not a new era ahead on the links and elsewhere when both hands will be properly educated and equally honoured, and when each combatant will emulate Donald the Hammerer, and that "passionate Entellus" of whom Virgil says (*Æneid* V. 456) :—

Præcipitemque Daren ardens agit æquore toto,
Nunc dextra ingeminans ictus, nunc ille sinistra ?

JOHN KERR, F.S.A. Scot.

EAST OF FIFE CLUB.—Owing to the present state of the weather the competition for the monthly silver medal of this club did not draw out many competitors on Saturday afternoon. At the close Mr. Wiliam Brown, Pittenweem, gained the medal with a scratch score of 87.

BEARSDEN CLUB.—The monthly competition for the Smith medal took place on this course on Saturday. Owing to the disagreeable nature of the day the ground was sloppy and the turnout of players small. Mr. S. Armstrong and Mr. W. Smellie tied for the possession of the medal with the following scores :—Mr. S. Armstrong, 129, less 24=105; Mr. W. Smellie, 125, less 20=105. The best score was made by Rev. J. S. Carswell, 114, less 15=99, a former holder of the medal.

"PETER'S SET?"

A CLEEK STORY.

Several years ago, while spending a brief holiday at one of those charming nooks which abound on the Fifeshire coast, and are almost invariably found in close proximity to a Golf course, the following incident in connection with the Royal and Ancient game came under my notice. The name of the spot I do not care to give, but shall refer to it as Dukescross for convenience sake. Dukescross was one of those places by no means uncommon nowadays in Scotland, where to the benighted individual who did not play or cared nothing about Golf life would simply have been intolerable. Every man, woman, and child in Dukescross either played the game or had some more or less important stake in its prosperity and popularity, the result being that Golf was the chief topic of conversation all day long. Like most Fifeshire villages, Dukescross had a strong local club, whose members for the most part belonged to the artisan class. Although the opportunities for practice are generally very limited when compared with their more leisured brethren, these working-men are almost to a man powerful and skilful golfers. I suppose the explanation is that they have, so to speak, been cradled in Golf, and that a game now and again serves to keep them in excellent form. The Dukescross "Thistle Golf Club" was no exception to this rule in point of golfing ability, and there was considerable excitement abroad when it leaked out that the "Thistle" had been challenged by the crack club of a rather more fashionable seaside resort about a dozen miles distant.

When the inevitable day arrived I made for the starting-point, where I found the members of the two clubs assembled discussing in animated tones the forthcoming match, and cracking jokes about the probable fate of the various couples. It was easy enough to distinguish between the members of the two clubs. Why, oh why, will the British working-man when he sallies forth to pulverise an opponent in a Golf match rig himself out in "store clothes." It is the same everywhere. Last year the winning team of the Braids championship trophy at Edinburgh were attired in "go-to-meeting" coats and felt hats. Of course, every man has a perfect right to please himself in the matter of dress; but I put it to readers of GOLF, is it possible to conceive a more unpicturesque and exquisitely uncomfortable "get-up" to play Golf in than a tailed black coat and a stiff felt headpiece? I confess I cannot. And so it was with the Dukescross "Thistle" men. The "Linnets," on the other hand, were dressed in immaculate style, down to the knickerbocker spats and nailed boots. They certainly looked a formidable lot, each man brimful of confidence, and armed with a bagful of up-to-date clubs.

Just as I arrived on the ground I was greeted by an old golfing acquaintance, "Professor" Downey, who informed me that he was staying at —, and had come to "help to take those Thistle fellows down a peg, don't you know." The "Professor" (it was purely a courtesy title) was a really good fellow, but inordinately vain of his golfing powers. He might perhaps allow that Ball, Laidlay, and one or two others, were a trifle too strong for him, but in a general way he feared no man. There are few clubs that do not include among their members one or more Downeys. The man who has the Golf fever bad affords a curious and interesting study. In private life he may be, and probably is, an eminently respectable, steady-going, and rather prosaic person; but wind him up on his favourite game, and mark the change. Get him to tell you about his last match (in which he was badly beaten), and he will forthwith launch into a lengthened and distressingly minute description of the play at every hole; how his game had been perfect all through the greens, but that he was lamentably weak in his putting, and so forth, until he has—theoretically, at least—played the match over again, and won in a common canter. It is in moments like these one feels that it was lucky for George Washington that he knew nothing of Golf; otherwise, it is just possible his reputation for truthfulness might not have ranked quite so high.

Downey was now introduced to his partner (or opponent). Mr. Peter McDougall, the gentleman in question, was leaning against a corner of the club-house, apparently regarding the

proceedings with profound indifference. He did not look as though he took Golf seriously, and I felt certain that Downey was disposed to regard Peter as a foeman utterly unworthy of his steel. With pot-hat of somewhat ancient cut cocked over one eye, black shiny coat, and the baggiest of "breeks," Peter, as he lounged against the doorway calmly puffing a decidedly disreputable-looking "cutty," could not be said to look a likely runner-up for the amateur championship.

But in no game are appearances more deceptive than in Golf, and so it was with Peter. His only visible connection with the match about to be played was the presence of a cleek, which he carried under his arm. The cleek had evidently seen long and arduous service, and the merest glance was required to convince one that there was nothing "patent" about it.

Downey seemed to take it for granted that Peter's caddie would appear at the proper time with the remainder of the "set." But, somehow or other, I had already formed a strong impression that Peter did his own caddying, and that the "set" was at that moment under his arm. A few minutes later we were on the teeing-ground. As there was no appearance of Peter's caddie turning up, and as that worthy produced from his pocket a ball that had evidently been painted for the occasion, it seemed to dawn upon Downey that he was about to be matched against a player whose sole weapon consisted of a cleek that might have belonged to the Medieval Ages.

"You'll excuse my asking," said Downey, with an anxious ring in his voice, "but you're surely never going to play all through with that thing?" pointing to the cleek.

"Oh, aye," responded Peter, laconically; "and what for no? I can play jist as weel with this ane as wi' hauf-a-dizzen clubs."

"But it won't be anything like a fair match. What chance can you expect to have against a fully-equipped opponent?"

"'Quipped, or no 'quipped," replied the imperturbable Peter, "I can dae a' my gowling fine with this bit cleekie; and jist tae show ye that there's naething in it, I'll lay ye a modest five shullin's that a' bate ye."

Downey was now completely cornered. He was fairly in for it, so with a show of great reluctance at taking what he called a mean advantage, the bet was made, and I was appointed stakeholder.

A man witnessing for the first time a game of billiards, being asked what he thought of it, said, "There was one fellow who made a jab at a ball with a long stick, and immediately exclaimed 'damn!' while another fellow, also with a long stick, standing by, said at the same moment, 'hard lines.'"

The same description might very appropriately be applied to the McDougall-Downey match. Whether it was the knowledge that he was competing against a solitary old cleek, or whether he was merely dead out of form, will never be known; but the fact remains, that Downey, in that round of eighteen holes, gave vent to a great deal of expressive, but not quite parliamentary language. As I handed over the stakes to Peter he observed with quiet pawliness, "Ye ken what a' tel't ye afore we started: if ye're shair o' your game with ony iron club, ye'll never be very faur ahint your man." Canny Peter simply walked round the "Professor," who had to put up with a seven hole defeat—not bad for an old cleek.

Every story should point a moral, and in this instance the moral appears to be that the making of a good and successful golfer is not a question of "patents," and that the old-fashioned cleek and driver, with the right man behind them, are a match for all the new-fangled clubs in existence. "Learn tae play a guid game wi' the cleek, and ye'll no be far wrang," was Bob Ferguson's advice to a turf-lifting novice, and who shall gainsay the sage of Musselburgh?

THE CHIEL.

AIRDRIE GOLF BALL.—This biennial event came off on Friday night on a scale of great magnificence at the County Buildings, which were elaborately fitted up and decorated for the occasion. There was, notwithstanding a considerable amount of illness, a very representative gathering of the *élite* of the district. The music was by Herr If's band, and the purveying by the Queen's Restaurant Company, Glasgow.

THE NEW RULES.

BY the courtesy and kindness of Mr. Stuart Grace, the secretary of the Royal and Ancient, we have been supplied with an advance copy of the new rules as finally adopted by the authorities at St. Andrews at their meeting on September 29th last. Golfers will remember that a few years ago a discussion sprang up as to the desirableness, or otherwise, of having greater uniformity established in the rules, that they should be made more comprehensive, and, if possible, an assimilation of match and medal play carried out. As the result of the agitation, the Royal and Ancient appointed at the general meeting of the club on September 23rd, 1890, a strong committee of golfers to undertake a revision of the rules, formulate suggestions, and submit them to a subsequent meeting. A very difficult and delicate task was carried out by this committee in a thoroughly practical manner, though it was not to be expected that all their recommendations would receive the warm assent of golfers as a body. Since those recommendations have been tabled by the committee, our correspondence columns have borne witness to the diversity of views entertained on many of the points dealt with, some correspondents even indulging in a strain of mild anathema that any Junta of golfers should presume to lay their sacrilegious hands on laws deeply sanctified by immemorial custom, and bred in the bone and sinew of many successive generations of players. Had this committee achieved no more important reform than the definition of a "hazard" their work would have been valuable; but now that the rules are before us in their complete shape, one is enabled to estimate exactly the net gain which the reformers have been able to secure for players as a class.

In a previous article (*vide* GOLF, page 104, Vol. II.) we indicated a number of points wherein the draft rules differed from the old ones. In the interval between that time and now the committee of the club have evidently been the recipients of a good many suggestions from their own members, while it is not too presumptuous to hope that they have also been, to some extent, students of the criticism contained in a variety of letters which have appeared in these columns. The difficulty of harmonising, with any satisfactory result, so many diverse views is by no means a light one; and this difficulty the committee seem to have felt. A study of the new rules in their final shape convinces us that the doctrine of compromise has been largely given effect to. In some cases, new wine has been poured into old bottles; in other cases, old wine has been poured into new bottles; or, in other words, old legislation has been modified to suit wider and more modern requirements by a recasting of the phraseology of the old rule. The antique spirit, however, is there; the vesture is modern.

The first point that strikes one in considering the new rules is that the attempt to assimilate match and medal play has been abandoned. All the old penalties of "lost hole"

instead of a stroke, as suggested by the first draft of the new rules, have been replaced for the infringement of certain rules. Thus, for bending or breaking anything fixed or growing near the ball, or for grounding the club (the rule, by the way, uses the barbarous expression, "*soling* the club") in addressing the ball, the penalty is now a lost hole instead of a stroke, as in the first draft. The same penalty is exacted in the case where a player's ball strikes himself, partner, or their caddies, or where he strikes the ball twice, whereas before it was suggested that a stroke should be the penalty. Again, for touching the putting-line with club, hand, or foot while playing, the penalty is loss of the hole, instead of a stroke. We, therefore, come back to the *status quo ante*, according to which we have two sets of rules for practically the same game. The points which are clearly established in comparison with the rules in force are:—

- (1.) The hole is $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter (not $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches, as had been usually supposed).
- (2.) Any movement of the club which is intended to strike the ball is a stroke.
- (3.) "The Honour" is retained as we now know it.
- (4.) The club must not "touch" the ground while a ball is in a hazard.
- (5.) A hazard is defined with all reasonable fulness, and we rejoice to see that players may know what to do with "snow or ice," neither of which is in the nature of a hazard.
- (6.) The rule as to ball stuck fast in wet ground is replaced.
- (7.) So is the rule about a ball being covered with fog, bent or whins, though the committee might have done something when they were about it to get rid of the bewildering "&c.," which still stands in the rule.
- (8.) "The stimie" is retained.
- (9.) So is the definition of a moved ball.
- (10.) "The lost ball, lost hole" rule is replaced, limit of search being five minutes. This is a rule which is absolutely indefensible, except as a matter of private arrangement between players when the green is exceptionally crowded. Stroke and distance is the only legitimate and fair penalty.
- (11.) A ball must be played wherever it lies, or the hole given up.
- (12.) Playing the wrong ball is a stroke penalty, not the loss of the hole.
- (13.) Rule 33 (par. 2) is quite unintelligible. It reads:—"The player may have his own or his partner's caddie to stand at the hole, but none of the players or their caddies may move so as to shield the ball from, or *expose it to*, the wind." The penalty for infringement is loss of the hole. That is to say, you may not do either one thing or the other. What, then, are players to do since their individual discretion is left? To impose a penalty for shielding the ball from the wind is intelligible; but moving from the putting-green, so as to leave your opponent to struggle

unaided with wind and rain, has not hitherto been considered a breach either of rule or of etiquette. The phrase "or expose it to" is not in the draft rule; it has been imported into it subsequently; and the committee have failed to note that the incorporation makes pretty thorough nonsense of the paragraph.

The net gain, therefore, is that we are all very much where we were before. The rules have been straightened up in a literary sense, but the penalties remain to all intents and purposes unchanged. We think that as matters now stand the committee were wise in not introducing at present any serious dislocation of the rules, as would have been the case had a number of the proposed draft rules been adopted as they originally stood. The abolition of the stimie was particularly repugnant to a very large number of golfers, and the fanciful provision dealing with "the honour" was one wherein it was not easy to see that the resulting advantages of the change were at all commensurate with the disturbance of a rule which has hitherto worked well and smoothly in practice.

RECENT GOLF PATENTS.

This list is specially compiled for GOLF by Messrs. Cassell and Co., registered patent agents, 22, Glasshouse Street, Regent Street, London, W., from whom all information relating to patents may be obtained free upon application.

18,644. An improved marker for Golf.—Lylph Lumley, 11, Wellington Street, Strand, London.

19,019. Improvements in Golf or tennis balls.—John Armour Turnbull, 154, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow.

19,672. Improvements in Golf clubs.—Robert Ramsbottom, 57, Barton Arcade, Manchester.

19,763. Improvements in the manufacture of Golf balls.—John Alexander Fraser Brand, 154, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow.

19,813. Apparatus for practising the game of Golf in limited space.—Charles Spencer Madan, Crowther Street, Regent Road, Salford, Lancashire.

NORTH BERWICK.

The final of the monthly competitions of the Bass Rock Club for the year took place over the North Berwick Links on Saturday. The turnout of members was not so large as expected, the weather being very disagreeable. Up till Saturday Mr. J. D. Rattray headed the list in the contests for the trophy with three successes, while Mr. John Forrest and Mr. W. Merriles tied for second place with two wins each. Play was keen, and on a return of cards Mr. Merriles was found to have been again successful with a net score of 82. The destination of the trophy thus remains to be decided between Mr. Merriles and Mr. Rattray, a second trophy falling to the loser. The best figures on Saturday were:—Mr. W. Merriles, 94, less 12=82; Mr. James Mitchell, 85, less 1=84; Mr. J. Brown Maclachlan, 97, less 13=84; Mr. J. Greig, 100, less 14=86; and Mr. A. Hogg, 93, less 5=88. In several cases there were no returns.

PERTH ARTISAN CLUB.—On Saturday afternoon the first round of the competition for the gold medal presented to the club by the Licensed Victuallers' Association took place on the North Inch. The course was very wet and heavy. The best scores were:—Mr. W. Anderson, 56; Mr. P. Stewart, 59; Mr. J. Cobb, jun., 60; Mr. R. Halley, 60; Mr. D. McLaren, 63; Mr. J. Cobb, jun., 66; Mr. W. Young, Mr. A. Strachan, and Mr. A. Reid, 67 each; Mr. John M'Arthur, 68.



It may interest readers to know that a five-guinea cup, presented by Mr. Herbert Walton, will be competed for on the Richmond links on Boxing-Day, December 26th, under 18 handicap, open to members of other clubs. Intending competitors must send in their names, with their club handicap, to Mr. Chas. Cowper, hon. secretary, 16, Marlborough Villas, Richmond, on or before Saturday, December 19th.

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A special general meeting of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers was held on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 2nd, at Dowell's Rooms, Edinburgh. The proceedings were private. It was announced that the new club-house at Muirfield would be opened to members on Saturday, but that no formal ceremony would take place.

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A Golf club has been formed at Lerwick, in Shetland, under the name of the Shetland Golf Club. There are over thirty members—Mr. John Bruce of Sumburgh being elected captain, and Lieutenant Forlunger, secretary and treasurer. A course has been obtained at Bressay.

CALCUTTA GOLF CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the above club took place in the Pavilion on Monday, the 16th November, at 5.30 p.m., when the report and accounts for the past season were submitted and passed. From these it appeared that the club was in a very satisfactory condition. One hundred and fourteen new members had joined since 1st November, 1890, and the roll now stands as follows:—Life members, 12; ordinary members, 375; temporary members, 3; honorary members, 12; supernumerary members, 124.

The following office bearers were elected for the ensuing season:—Captain, Mr. Geo. A. Ormiston; honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. A. Smith; honorary ground secretary, Dr. R. C. Sanders; members of committee, Mr. F. E. Patteson, Mr. A. C. Marshall, Mr. J. C. R. Johnston, Mr. William Davidson.

There was placed on the table a most handsome challenge cup, presented to the club by the Ladies' Golf Club, to be competed for annually. A hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for their kindness was proposed and enthusiastically carried. It was intimated to the meeting that the Barrackpore Golf Club had admitted the members of this club to the privileges of honorary membership, and that the committee had reciprocated the compliment.

The committee intimated that, owing to the increased number of entrants, matches for medals and challenge cups would require to be played over both courses in future, so as to divide the competitors. It was agreed that the committee should have power to make all requisite arrangements in regard to this.

The proceedings terminated with a cordial vote of thanks to the retiring committee, and a special vote of thanks to Mr. William Jardine and Mr. Charles A. G. Smith, honorary secretaries, during the past season for their valued services.

HERIOT GOLF CLUB.—The usual monthly competition for the club charm took place at the Braids on Saturday. Mr. S. Walker proved the winner with the net score of 91.



A GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have made some inquiry on the point, and find, as far as I have yet learned, that the originators of the scheme for forming a Golfing Association—*vide Field* of 1886 and 1888—are not at one with Major Baird Douglas as to the method of organising such an Association.

One great objection to the proposal contained in his letter which you published last week, is the connection of the Association with the proposed social club which Major Baird Douglas is also organising. It would, in my opinion, be detrimental to the success, and recognition by many clubs, of the Association, if it were connected preponderantly with any one Golf club, and still more so if connected with a social club, proposed to be run as a proprietary one.

The Golfing Association should, if possible, represent all golfing clubs of a certain strength, whether they be represented in the social "Golfers' Club" or not. The extract of Major Baird Douglas, from his circular of 1890, implying that the special committee of "representative authorities on the game," who "would occupy the same relative position to Golf as the M.C.C. does to the cricketing world," would be composed of members of the social club, has to my knowledge, deterred some from sending their names to him as candidates for that club, and has caused the withdrawal of others.

It has been the hope of some that the "Sandwich Golfing Association," a body formed for the promotion of the game of Golf, and which is a body separate from any Golf club possessed of a golfing green, would have taken the initiative in the formation of the "Golfing Association." As it has not done so, will you, Sir, not undertake the first step and give the lead in ascertaining the clubs which are willing to join an association formed on a basis of its own? The time has now arrived when such should be formed, and I hope that the labours of those who have fought for the formation of this Association since March, 1886, up till now, will shortly have fruition. Meantime, I would ask the secretaries of the Golf clubs to whom Major Baird Douglas has sent the circular quoted in your issue of last week, to ascertain from their committees whether they desire to join a Golfing Association formed in connection with a social club, or a Golfing Association formed apart from any such union.

I am, Sir, &c.,

W. LAIDLAW PURVES.

20, Stratford Place, W.,
December 7th, 1891.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Those of your readers who do not remember the correspondence printed in the *Field* before your paper was started, would do well to read it up, or read the reprint in the "Golfing Annual" of two years ago. They will there find it constantly

suggested that the senior Golf club—the Royal Blackheath—should take the initiative if St. Andrews declines to move.

May I suggest a form of circular to secretaries of Golf clubs:—

"We should be obliged if you would bring before your committee the question of founding a 'Golf Union' for the regulation of all that concerns the game, as is done with other British games and sports, for instance, cricket, football, hockey, racing, tennis, &c."

All other details would be worked out by the Union itself.

I am, Sir, &c.,

A. BUNKER.

December 1st, 1891.

A LOST MEDAL.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—When in Liverpool, not long ago, I picked up a thin silver medal, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter, with a Vandeyck pattern round the edges of both sides. On one side are engraved, in six lines, "The Independent Caledonian Golf Club, Instituted 1810," on the other, three names, with dates, are engraved, with space below them for three times as many. The names are—

H. D. Inglis, 1811;

H. D. Inglis, 1812;

D. Wylie, 1813.

Does this "Independent" club exist still? or, if not, can any golfers give me any information concerning it?

I am, Sir, &c.,

JOHN GLAS SANDEMAN,

Hon. Treasurer, Hayling Golf Club.

THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Having seen a few letters in your paper on the "Golf Championship," I thought some of our crack golfers would have given us something of a practical nature by this time. Some of your correspondents suggest that so many picked scores should be taken. To my mind this would not be a fair way, as every competitor should be allowed to play to the finish. Others say, "Adopt an entrance-fee." I can fully understand their meaning, but the distance some have to travel should be taken into consideration, and the expenses they incur thereby.

The only great mistake I can see is, that the meeting is held far too late in the season; and the players, being aware of the short day in front of them, hurry on with their game, which does not suit everyone. A few I could name, if they got more time and better partners, would be able to produce a closer struggle for that much-coveted prize. That it should remain a game of strokes I fully believe, as that is where you will always find the best golfer.

My suggestion, Mr. Editor, if it is worth anything, is, that the meeting should be held early in August, also about the middle of the week, and that it should consist of two days' play, one round of eighteen holes to be played on the first day as a test game. My reason for that is very simple. The way the players are placed through being drawn cannot bring the best golfers together; hence we see so much inferior play. If this one round was adopted, the players would establish themselves, and that would give plenty of time to draw up the cards for the following day's play. The match should consist of two rounds, or thirty-six holes, and to start in the following order:—The best score of the previous day along with the second best; third and fourth; fifth and sixth, and so on, the best card returned for the two rounds to have the honour of being champion. If this course were adopted there would be little cause for complaint.

However, if anyone can see this in the same light as myself, and can draw it up better, I hope they will do so. One thing I would draw special attention to is, that the meeting should be properly advertised, stating the closing time. There is no excuse for this not being done when there is such a paper as GOLF; then we would not see such able players as D. Brown, D. Grant, and others playing under protest. If you think this worthy of insertion in your paper, I hope I have not claimed too much space.

I am, Sir, &c.,

Glasgow, December 5th, 1891.

J. D.

THE WEIGHT OF GOLF BALLS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Perhaps some of your readers can explain the marking of Golf balls. I believe it is generally understood to mean the weight in drachms, but it can hardly be so.

I have before me four balls, all made and marked by well-known makers, and scales and weights balanced for the weighing of drugs. No. 1, "Black Gutty," marked 26½, weighs 23¾ drachms; No. 2, "Red Gutty," marked 27, weighs 24½ drachms; No. 3, "Red Gutty," marked 27, weighs 26¼ drachms; No. 4, "Red Gutty," marked 27½, weighs 26½ drachms.

There is also a great variation in the size of the two balls marked 27. One is $\frac{1}{32}$ of an inch smaller in diameter than the other.

If you consider this matter worthy of ventilation, kindly insert this in your next issue, and oblige,

Yours, &c.,
ANALYST.

Gloucestershire, December 7th, 1891.

A UNIFORM HANDICAP.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—One of the advantages generally suggested as likely to result from the formation of a Golfing Association, is the possibility of ticketing players with a handicap applicable to all greens, or at least all those recognised by the Association. I imagine the actual figure would not be the same in all cases—7 at Wimbledon would mean 9 at Sandwich, as it does now. But the system of interpretation would be defined. The advantages of such uniformity would be numerous: to mention one only, it would be possible to handicap visitors to a green quickly and satisfactorily, and allow them to play for the sweep, if not for the club prizes.

May I suggest that even now a great deal might be done in this direction by some central authority, such as yourself? I have little doubt that the secretaries of many clubs would be willing to furnish you with their handicap lists, and since it is the custom for most golfers to belong to two or three clubs, it would take very little trouble to determine from actual comparisons of the various handicaps of the same individual what figures correspond in the two cases. A published table of the results would not only be of great interest, but of considerable value, and the work would in no sense be wasted even if a Golfing Association were formed, for such an Association must naturally undertake some such investigation as a preliminary to their establishment of a general system.

You may feel, Sir, that the duties of an editor must be rather liberally interpreted to include such a labour. I merely suggest that a general referee like yourself should undertake it in the interests of neutrality. But if the actual work is a more serious consideration, I can only say that I shall be happy to undertake it, and to lay the results in detail before you for audit, if you will kindly lend me the weight of your influence in encouraging club secretaries to send the handicap lists. A paragraph appended to this letter at your discretion, might be all that is

necessary if you prefer this course. The names of those concerned, and all matters of a personal nature would, of course be entirely eliminated from the published results. Should any anomalies of handicapping in particular clubs be brought to light, I cannot but believe that such clubs would be glad to know the facts.

I am, Sir, &c.,

1A, Dartmouth Hill,
Greenwich.

H. H. TURNER.

[The suggestion which our correspondent has made, with his customary lucidity and ability, deals with a point which we have long pondered since early in the career of this little journal. There can be no doubt that such a comparison and adjustment as are suggested would be of great value; but we were deterred from undertaking the work, first because of the enormous additional labour it would involve, and secondly because of lack of space. If, however, our correspondent lends us his valuable aid (an offer which we gratefully acknowledge and accept), and if club secretaries are disposed to acquiesce in the suggestion by sending handicap lists, we shall do our best to give the experiment a fair trial in order that its value and utility may be practically shown.—ED.]

"S. P. CHARCOAL."—Can any reader supply the address of Walker's "S. P. Charcoal" for killing worms on putting-greens?

RANELAGH GOLF CLUB.

This club has lately made such rapid strides as regards numbers that the committee have felt it necessary to raise the subscription for new members elected after the 13th inst. to £3 3s., and visitors' fees for Saturdays and Sundays to 5s.

Mr. C. A. S. Leggett was the winner in last week's medal competition with the score of 86, less 6=80.

Mr. W. Russell second with 95, less 12=83.

Owing to the continuous rain the course was heavy and the scoring high.

PAU GOLF CLUB.

The links are beginning to have their usual aspect, as a large number of the old *habitues* have arrived for the season, among whom we have noticed Mr. D. M. Macnab, Mr. F. C. Lawrance, Mr. W. G. Lawrance, Lord and Lady Kilmaine, Mr. J. W. Rogers, Capt. and Mrs. Walker, the Hon. Misses St.-Aubyn, Miss Ritchie, and Miss Ellis. There was a luncheon on Wednesday to inaugurate the new buildings which are now completely finished, before which a 5-franc "boggy handicap" was played.

ROYAL PERTH GOLFING SOCIETY.—The fourth competition of the members of this club for the Rosebank cup, which has been in progress for the last month, has just been concluded. About thirty members took part in the competition, and in the final Major Dundas beat Mr. W. MacLeish by four holes. The following are the details of the play:—First Heat.—Mr. J. F. Pullar beat Mr. A. G. Morgan; Mr. A. Burns M'Donald beat Mr. James Speid (absent); Mr. John Bett beat Dr. Robert Stirling (scratched); Mr. J. D. Lumsden beat Mr. R. Kinloch; Mr. W. MacLeish beat Mr. John Stuart; Mr. A. J. B. Baxter beat Major Bushmann; Mr. J. G. Miller beat Captain Livingston; Mr. J. Hill Thomas beat Mr. J. R. Macduff Duncan; Major Dundas beat Major M'Cudden; Mr. R. H. Moncrieff beat Mr. W. G. H. Carmichael; Mr. W. H. Cox beat Mr. James A. Rollo; Mr. A. H. Granger beat Mr. Alexander Campbell; Mr. A. B. M. Grahame beat Mr. M. Jameson, jun. Byes.—Mr. R. Macduff Duncan, Mr. Alexander Macduff, and Mr. J. C. Martin. Second Heat.—Mr. J. F. Pullar beat Mr. A. Burns Macdonald; Mr. John Bett beat Mr. R. Macduff Duncan; Mr. J. D. Lumsden beat Mr. Alexander Macduff; Mr. William MacLeish beat Mr. A. J. B. Baxter; Mr. J. Hill Thomas beat Mr. J. G. Miller; Major Dundas beat Mr. R. H. Moncrieff; Mr. A. H. Granger beat Mr. W. H. Cox; Mr. J. C. Martin beat Mr. A. B. M. Grahame. Third Heat.—Mr. J. F. Pullar beat Mr. John Bett; Mr. W. MacLeish beat Mr. J. D. Lumsden; Major Dundas beat Mr. J. Hill Thomas; Mr. A. H. Granger beat Mr. J. C. Martin; Fourth Heat.—Mr. W. MacLeish beat Mr. J. F. Pullar; Major Dundas beat Mr. A. H. Granger. Final Heat.—Major Dundas beat Mr. W. MacLeish.



ABERDEEN.

The weather here was of the most magnificent description for Golf on Saturday, and two of our local clubs had competitions in progress. The members of the Aberdeen Club played over the Balgowrie course for their scratch medal and the John Davidson cup (handicap). There was a large turn-out of competitors, and some good scores were returned, Mr. J. McK. Ferguson with an 83 being found to be the winner of the scratch medal, while Mr. James Williams, with 86, less 6=80, won the John Davidson cup for the month. The following were the lowest scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. James Williams	86	6 80	Mr. J. B. Craigie	99	10 89
Mr. B. S. M'Lellan	86	4 82	Mr. J. M. Duncan	106	16 90
Mr. F. K. Weir	86	2 84	Mr. R. D. Leslie	98	8 90
Mr. J. McK. Ferguson	83	+2 85	Dr. James Moir	97	6 91
Mr. H. B. Craigie	100	12 88			

The members of the Victoria Club commenced their new season's work by competing for the scratch and handicap prizes. The competition took place over the new round of nine holes on the town's links and Broad Hill, which was played twice. There was a fairly large turn-out, some fifteen couples starting. On comparing the cards handed in, it was found that Mr. A. McConnachie had won the scratch prize with a score of 84, while the handicap prize for first-class players fell to Mr. M. H. Mackie, with a score of 93, less 12=81. The like prize to second-class players was carried off for the month by Mr. B. Nicholls, with a score of 98, less 4=94. The following were the lowest scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. M. H. Mackie	93	12 81	Mr. W. H. Reid	96	6 90
Mr. A. McConnachie	84	scr. 84	Mr. W. Bowman	98	8 90
Mr. W. Stalker	98	12 86	Mr. J. B. Banks	95	4 91
Mr. A. Mitchell	90	3 87	Mr. Alex. Cooper	92	scr. 92
Mr. J. Russell	88	scr. 88	Mr. B. Nicholls	98	4 94

BATH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

This club met at Sham Castle on Wednesday, December 2nd, to play for the challenge star, handicap medal, and prize, given by Mrs. Shelley, for members of two years' standing only. The star was won by Mrs. Thring, the medal by Miss Johnston, and the prize by Miss M. Burn. The scores were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mrs. Thring	96	12 84	Miss M. Burn	140	34 106
Miss Johnston	99	16 83	Miss N. Burn	148	34 114
Mrs. Woodham	105	16 89	Miss Airey	147	24 123
Miss E. Marshall	105	16 89	Miss Stokes	157	34 123
Miss D. Marshall	105	16 89	Miss Emeris	178	36 142
Mrs. Hill	113	12 101	Miss Slight	216	36 180

Miss Heaven, no return.

BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB.

The second medal competition took place on the 5th inst., the scores under 100 net being as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. G. Crowther	96	12 84	Mr. G. D. S. Crowther	104	14 90
Mr. W. W. P. Shatwell	96	12 84	Mr. W. E. Buckley	109	14 95
Mr. W. Bowker	105	16 89	Mr. T. O. Clinning	122	26 96

LEITH.—The competition for the monthly medals was played over Leith Links on Saturday. Mr. A. Strath won the scratch medal with the score of 76. Mr. P. Stoddart won the handicap medal with the score of 78, less 12=66.

BOXMOOR (HERTS) GOLF CLUB.

The monthly sweepstake of this club took place on Saturday, 28th ult., and was won by the Rev. P. S. Ward.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Rev. P. S. Ward	106	10 96	Mr. F. C. Fisher	134	30 104
Mr. R. Turnbull	122	20 102	Mr. C. L. M. Pearson	118	8 110
Mr. F. Cornwell	125	23 102	Mr. J. B. Wildman	120	10 110

Ten other members also played.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.

The last competition for the Berens medal of the present year took place on Saturday, December 5th, and resulted in a tie between Mr. Bulmer Howell and Mr. J. Brock with 90 net. The weather was very bad, and the links in a very soft greasy state, which accounts for the poorness of the returns. Score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. B. Howell	96	6 90	Mr. S. S. Schultz	100	6 94
Mr. J. Brock	98	8 90	Mr. H. E. Acklom	103	8 95
Mr. C. E. Nesham	94	2 92	Captain Twynam	116	18 98
Mr. F. L. Rawson	101	9 92	Major Dudgeon	125	27 98
Mr. A. N. Scott	108	15 93	Captain Richards	121	22 99
Mr. H. T. Ross	109	16 93	Major Marriott	116	16 100
Mr. A. C. Johnston	118	25 93	Mr. H. R. Scott	120	20 100

Fourteen players made no return.

The prize kindly presented by Mr. W. O. Baily for the six best net returns made for the medal during the year was won by Mr. H. E. Acklom with an average of 86.4, Mr. J. Brock being close up with 87.2.

CLAPHAM COMMON GOLF CLUB.

The following is the result of the monthly medal competition, which took place on Saturday, December 5th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. Williams	101	14 87	Mr. J. B. Wood	103	7 96
Mr. T. C. Last	114	25 89	Mr. J. Wood	109	12 97
Mr. E. J. Hunt	106	16 90	Mr. T. R. Pace	112	14 98
Mr. J. W. Pace	110	18 92	Mr. D. F. Russell	120	20 100

Dr. G. S. Woodhead, Mr. P. Wykesmith, and Mr. C. R. Watson over 100.

Messrs. J. Hopgood and W. H. Last made no returns.

CLEVELAND GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the club cup took place on Friday and Saturday over the links at Coatham, there being a good muster of players. The strong south-west wind, however, sadly disconcerted the competitors, and high figures were the order of the day, the winner's total being 95 net, which is much above the usual winning figures. Scores:—Mr. D. Crawford, out 60, home 53, total 113, less 18=95; Mr. T. H. Wynn, 61, 56, 117, less 18=99; Mr. S. Cradock, 56, 63, 119, less 18=101; Mr. A. Scott, 73, 58, 131, less 27=104; Mr. H. Roberts, 59, 45, 104, scratch, 104; Mr. G. Ruxton, 69, 64, 133, less 27=106; Mr. J. W. Kyle, 67, 59, 126, less 20=106; Mr. P. Raine, 68, 58, 126, less 18=108; Mr. W. Robinson, 69, 69, 138, less 27=111.

Several others competed, but made no returns.

FOLKESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly sweepstakes was held on Wednesday, December 2nd. Notwithstanding the heavy state of the greens, some fair returns were made:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. Conwy	102	22 80	Sir B. Edwards	114	16 98
Dr. Scanlan	98	14 84	Capt. Conwy	128	30 98
Mr. Carter	99	12 87	Mr. Pym	125	25 100
Mr. Morris	110	18 92			

Seven others were over 100 net, or made no return.

FORFARSHIRE.

The members of the Monifieth Club to the number of forty-six played for the Panmure medal (scratch) and the Average medal on Saturday afternoon. Although the weather was favourable for the game, the putting-greens were rough, and good scoring was the exception. Mr. David Robertson played an exceedingly fine game, his card showing the grand record of 79 strokes, and he proved to be the winner of the Panmure medal. Messrs. George Wright and David Dargie also played well, their scores being 82 each. The best average game was played by Master Daniel Kerr Drimie with a score of 100, which is 12 below his registered number. In addition to the competition for the regular club medals, the contest for three gold pen and pencil cases (presented by Mr. David Anderson, of The Grange, for

the best aggregate of the five medal competitions during the season) was decided on Saturday, and this imparted additional interest to the proceedings. The prize for the first class was won by Mr. David Robertson with five very good rounds, viz., 80, 85, 81, 84, and 79—total, 409. The next in order were:—Mr. George Wright, with 80, 87, 88, 91, and 82—total, 428; and Mr. David Dempster, with 87, 80, 83, 85, and 91—total, 432. In the second class, Mr. Wm. Harris carried off the prize with a total of 442, viz., 84, 89, 85, 89, and 95. Mr. William Lorimer was second, with 99, 97, 89, 86, and 95—total, 466. For the third class prize there is, strangely enough, a tie. Mr. Robert B. Cowan's totals were 97, 99, 86, 97, and 100—total, 479, and Mr. Robert Christie's scores were 94, 99, 93, 96, and 97—altogether, 479. Mr. George Davidson was next with 504. The club prizes and sweepstakes were won as follows:—First class: Scratch, Mr. David Robertson, 79; average and 1st sweep, Mr. G. Pearson, 87, 3 below; 2nd and 3rd (tie) Mr. David Robertson, 79, and Mr. George Fox, 88, both 1 below; 4th, Mr. David D. Smith, 89, average; 5th and 6th (tie), Mr. George Wright, 82; Mr. David Dargie, 82; and Mr. James M. Walker, 91, all 1 above. Second class: Scratch, Mr. David Smyton, 96; 1st average and 1st sweepstakes, Mr. Robert Christie, 97, at average; 2nd and 3rd (tie), Mr. David Hutcheson, 95, and Mr. David Hanton, 99, 3 above; 4th (tie), Mr. David Smyton, 96; Mr. William Wilson, 98; and Mr. George Davidson, 105, all 5 above. Third class: Scratch, 1st average and 1st sweepstakes, Mr. Daniel Kerr Drimmie, 100, 12 below; 2nd, Mr. William Drimmie, 105, 7 below.

GLASGOW GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly medals took place in the Alexandra Park on Saturday in most unfavourable weather; and consequently the small turn-out of 21 couples. Club medal:—1st, Mr. W. Mitchell (4), 78; 2nd, Mr. A. W. Tod (4), 79; 3rd, Mr. J. Storrar (2), 82. Wilson medal:—1st, Mr. W. E. Bond (5), 76; 2nd, Mr. J. Baird (5), 78; 3rd, Mr. James Meek (7), 79. Scott medal:—1st, Mr. John French (16), 72; 2nd, Mr. J. Lauder (18), 79; 3rd, Mr. W. M. Paton (14), 80. The competition for the captain's prize by holes between the sixteen lowest scorers in the autumn meeting has now been finished. First draw:—Mr. James Baird, 5 odds, beat Mr. D. Todd (scr.); Mr. W. Martin, 2 odds, beat Mr. A. W. Tod, 4 odds, by 1 hole; Mr. G. Newton (13) beat Mr. W. R. Wilson (8) by 1 hole; Mr. A. Y. Peattie (14) beat Mr. A. Neillie (scr.) by 1 hole; Mr. David Ogilvie (15) beat Dr. Murray (8) by 1 hole; Mr. James Denny (5) beat Mr. M. L. MacAulay (6) by 1 hole; Mr. A. M. Macdonald (5) beat Mr. A. V. Lotherian (5) by 3 holes; Mr. W. M'Farlane (13) beat Mr. W. M. Shanks (9) by 5 and 4 to play. Second draw:—Mr. James Baird beat Mr. W. Martin by 5 and 3 to play; Mr. G. Newton beat Mr. A. Y. Peattie by 4; Mr. James Denny beat Mr. D. Ogilvie (scr.); Mr. A. M. Macdonald beat Mr. W. M'Farlane, jnr., by 4. Third draw:—Mr. James Baird beat Mr. G. Newton by 3 and 2 to play; Mr. A. M. Macdonald beat Mr. James Denny by 1 hole. Final:—Mr. James Baird beat Mr. A. M. Macdonald by 5 and 3 to play.

LIMPSFIELD CHART GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medals competed for on December 1st and 2nd resulted as follows:—

LADIES.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss L. Bartlett ...	101 15 86	Miss K. Watney ...	107 15 92
Miss A. Stewart ...	100 12 88	Miss Bartlett ...	106 13 93
Miss Board ...	112 22 90	Miss Watney ...	108 7 101
Miss Rooke ...	104 12 92	Miss E. Board ...	110 6 104

GENTLEMEN.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. B. R. S. Penberton	106 15 91	Mr. Norman Watney	120 25 95
Rev. C. G. Acworth	118 25 93	Mr. H. P. St. John	109 12 97
Mr. E. P. Baily ...	114 19 95	Mr. J. O. Scott ...	115 13 102

LONDON SCOTTISH GOLF CLUB.

On the links at Wimbledon, on Saturday, the London Scottish Club held its usual monthly competition, which ended with the following result:—Mr. S. G. Warner, 102, less 18=84; Mr. J. Armstrong, 103, less 15=88; Mr. T. R. Pinkerton, 89, scratch; Mr. G. G. Kennedy, 114, less 25=89; Mr. W. B. Lindsay, 97, less 6=91; Mr. A. E. Walker, 95, less 2=93; Mr. A. Anderson, 94, scratch; Mr. E. Lehmann, 100, less 6=94.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

The third competition for the captain's cup took place on the links at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea on Saturday last, and fifty-one members of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club went out. The weather and other circumstances were unfavourable. There was a very strong south-westerly breeze, which, of course, does not conduce to good

scoring, and on many parts of the links a considerable quantity of water had lodged owing to the continued wet weather. This is most unusual on this ground, the soil of which is exceptionally dry. The best gross scores were:—Mr. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's, 96; Mr. C. G. D. Hoare, St. Anne's, 97; Mr. A. H. Doleman, South Shore, 99. The best net scores were:—Mr. L. Pilkington, Pendleton, 105, less 17=88; Mr. J. A. Brown, 96, less 7=89; Mr. C. G. D. Hoare, 97, less 6=91; Mr. F. Topp, Little Hulton, Bolton, 107, less 16=91. Mr. L. Pilkington therefore puts in a win for the cup. There was an unusually large proportion of players who did not send in any returns. The first optional sweepstakes was won by Mr. J. A. Brown, and the second and third were divided by Mr. F. Topp and Mr. C. G. D. Hoare. The winners of the competitions now are:—First, on October 10th, Mr. J. M. Rea, St. Anne's, with 92, less 8=84; the second, on November 7th, Mr. C. W. Fisher, Blackpool, with 102, less 17=85; and the 3rd, on December 5th, Mr. L. Pilkington, Pendleton, with 105, less 17=88. The following is the full score on Saturday last:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. L. Pilkington, Pendleton, Manchester	105	17	88
Mr. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's	96	7	89
Mr. Hoare, St. Anne's	97	6	91
Mr. F. Topp, Little Hulton, Bolton	107	16	91
Mr. J. Talbot Fair, Lytham	107	13	94
Mr. F. C. Morgan, Manchester	100	4	96
Mr. A. H. Doleman, South Shore	99	2	97
Mr. H. N. Brown, St. Anne's	114	16	98
Mr. W. Cross, St. Anne's	114	16	98
Mr. W. H. Harrison, Lytham	112	13	99
Mr. E. M. Whipp, St. Anne's	116	17	99
Mr. T. Baxter, St. Anne's	119	20	99
Mr. R. Hampson, Blackpool	112	12	100
Mr. G. Harper, Ashton, Preston	114	13	101
Mr. S. F. Butcher, Bury	112	10	102
Mr. T. H. Miller, Singleton Park	119	17	102
Rev. W. G. Terry, St. Anne's	120	18	102
Mr. H. Fisher, Wrea Green	115	12	103
Mr. S. Gask, Lytham	118	15	103
Mr. A. S. Bles, Manchester	124	20	104
Mr. A. B. Scholfield, St. Anne's	111	6	105
Mr. W. H. Crossland, Manchester	125	20	105
Mr. G. Haig, Manchester	115	9	106
Mr. J. Buckley, Norbreck	121	13	108
Mr. C. H. Atkinson, Singleton	127	19	108
Mr. R. Bickerstaff, South Shore	132	22	110
Mr. John E. King, Manchester	118	not h'cpd.	

No returns from Mr. F. Carlisle, Manchester; Mr. James Mellor, Failsforth; Mr. A. Entwistle, Great Lever; Mr. W. Newbigging, St. Anne's; Rev. A. T. Davidson, Scorton; Mr. J. Eccles, Ashton, Preston; Mr. W. P. Fullagar, Lytham; Mr. S. Fisher, South Shore; Dr. C. de M. Palmer, Buxton; Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft, St. Anne's; Mr. R. Lythgoe, St. Anne's; Major Ormsby, Rossall; Mr. J. Leigh, Lea, Preston; Mr. E. Harrison, St. Anne's; Rev. G. E. Badeley, Blackpool; Mr. A. C. Dickson, St. Anne's; Mr. J. A. S. Fair, Lytham; Mr. J. E. King, St. Anne's; Mr. J. Bradbury, South Shore; Mr. C. W. Fisher, Blackpool; Mr. E. Redfern, St. Anne's; Mr. R. Dewhurst, Lytham; Mr. R. B. Hardman, St. Anne's.

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly silver medal took place on Saturday, November 14th, when the scores were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Middleton ...	93 scr. 93	Miss Chambers ...	113 12 101
Miss Mackenzie ...	96 scr. 96		

Miss A. Clarke made no return.

The return match between the above club and the Kenilworth Ladies' Golf Club took place on the Kenilworth Links on Thursday, November 26th. Each club was again represented by six players, and when the last card had been handed in, it was found that the visitors had won by a majority of 43 holes. Scores:—

KENILWORTH.		NORTH WARWICKSHIRE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss E. Middleton ...	0	Miss A. Dawkins ...	12
Mrs. Smith Turberville ...	0	Miss Middleton ...	0
Mrs. Mitchell ...	1	Miss A. Clarke ...	0
Miss H. Middleton ...	0	Miss E. Whieldon ...	9
Miss Sidebottom ...	0	Miss Ward ...	11
Miss Jepson ...	0	Miss Chambers ...	12
	1		44

GREAT YARMOUTH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.—In the monthly competition, Mrs. Rider Haggard won the compass, scratch, 59; Miss Julia Frere the medal, handicap, 63, less 6=57.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

The weekly handicap was played on Friday, December 4th, but there was a very small field. Result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. F. H. Stewart...	93	4	89	Mr. H. Nicholls ...	96	5	91
Mr. A. E. Ripley...	96	7	89	Mr. R. W. Macan...	104	9	95
Mr. H. T. Knight...	90	scr.	90	Mr. A. Moncrieff ...	107	12	95
Mr. I. G. Smith ...	99	9	90	Mr. R. A. Mant ...	128	30	98

The rest made no return.

PROPOSED CLUB FOR ROTHBURY.

A large and enthusiastic meeting was held on Thursday night, Dec. 3rd, in the Queen's Head Hotel, Rothbury, for the purpose of forming a club for the district. Mr. Watson Armstrong, who has worked hard for the success of the proposed club, was voted to the chair, and he was supported by several well-known residents. The first proposition was as follows: "That it is desirable to establish Golf links at Rothbury, and that an effort be made to form a Rothbury and Coquettdale Club." Mr. Donkin, senr., in the course of an excellent speech supporting the proposition, said, "he thought it would be an easy matter to raise the necessary funds, and after the money the next consideration was a suitable piece of ground. He knew of several suitable places where a nice eighteen-hole course could be formed, and if they brought a professional to view the spots, he could tell them which would be most suitable." The proposition was seconded by Mr. Ridley, and carried. The following committee was then chosen to take the necessary steps for carrying out the wishes of the meeting and to make agreements for the use of land, drawing out rules, &c.: Messrs. Watson Armstrong, W. Foster, J. T. Dixon, W. Francis, E. Cummings, A. O. Mead, T. C. Mitchelson, J. M. Browell, J. W. Riddell, A. Cadogan, J. P. Ridley, R. Donkin, senr.; and hon. secs., Messrs. G. Day and R. Donkin, junr. Mr. Watson Armstrong was appointed president of the new venture, and Mr. J. W. Riddell, vice-president. Another meeting was held on Friday, Dec. 4th, for the purpose of receiving the report of the committee, and it will thus be seen that the formation of a club here will soon be an accomplished fact.

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB

There was a good attendance of members on Saturday last, the 5th inst., to compete for the silver medal under handicap, but owing to the bad weather recently only the following succeeded in completing their rounds without getting into three figures:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. L. Horner ...	95	7	88	Mr. T. P. Shepherd	111	17	94
Mr. W. B. Avery ...	107	16	91	Mr. F. C. Milford...	106	10	96
Mr. G. A. Meredith...	109	16	93	Mr. F. P. Browne...	113	14	99

We understand that it has been decided to hold the annual club dinner at the Hôtel Métropole on Friday, the 22nd January next.

RICHMOND GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition took place on Saturday, the 5th inst., the course, considering the incessant rains being in excellent condition, the greens, with the exception of the two newly-made ones that are being used temporarily, being in most satisfactory order, thanks to the fact that the committee have now, on payment of an increased rental, made arrangements with the farmer to keep all horses and cattle off the course. A horse-roller has been purchased, and during the past week has done much good throughout the course; in fact, its condition leaves little to be desired. An increase in the club-room accommodation has also been made, and the course and its capabilities have been so fully appreciated, that at the first general meeting in January it will be a question for the members to decide whether the list of members shall be at once closed. The winner of the medal, Mr. W. T. Sutthery, who is a beginner, handed in an excellent card of 107 gross, showing most careful and even play, his liberal handicap of 30, however, bringing him down to 77 net. The handicap committee have reduced their limit of 36 to 30, but if any interest is to be maintained in these competitions they must still further reduce it, otherwise the results of the handicapping must be as unsatisfactory in the future as in the past. The following are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. W. T. Sutthery	107	30	77	Major-Gen. Steven-			
Mr. H. C. Robinson	105	20	85	son ...	102	13	89
Mr. R. C. Yerburgh	112	27	85	Mr. S. F. Higgins ...	109	18	91
Mr. W. Gulland ...	106	18	88	Mr. A. Walker ...	119	27	92
Mr. D. C. Millar ...	107	18	89	Mr. H. M. Davidson	101	9	92
Mr. J. G. Wylie ...	107	18	89	Mr. A. L. Jockel ...	96	3	93
Mr. H. E. Taylor...	107	18	89	Comdr. McLaughlin	125	27	98
Mr. W. L. Lawson	110	21	89				

Several scores over 100 net.

The club play a match at Walton with the Ashley Park Golf Club, on Saturday, the 12th inst., six a-side.

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

Tuesday, December 1st.—On this day the competitions for the Photographic Society's gold medal (scratch), the Calcutta cup (under handicap, limited to 21 strokes), and the monthly medal (under club handicap) were all decided. The day was a fairly good one for the game: one or two of the putting-greens were a little difficult, owing to the wet they had recently experienced. Mr. F. S. Ireland won the Photographic medal, with the fine score of 116; the same score, less his allowance of 2, also secured for him the Calcutta cup and the monthly medal. Captain H. Gillon pressed Mr. Ireland very closely for the Photographic medal, with a gross score of 117; receiving only 1 in the handicap, he was 2 strokes behind for the cup and monthly medal. Thirty-one competitors left the first tee. Results of the play were as follow:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. F. S. Ireland ...	116	2	114	Mr. C. B. Lindsay...	155	28	127
Capt. H. Gillon ...	117	1	116	Mr. Robert Whyte...	129	1	128
Mr. A. T. Drysdale.	129	12	117	Mr. W. E. Hughes..	132	4	128
Mr. W. O. S. Pell...	119	scr.	119	Mr. J. W. G. Andras	134	5	129
Col. E. H. Kennard.	131	8	123	Mr. W. R. M. Glasier	159	30	129
Mr. H. H. Turner...	126	2	124	Rev. J. H. Ellis ...	143	12	131
Mr. E. A. Walker...	130	6	124	Mr. C. M. Baker ...	149	18	131
Mr. T. W. Stubbs...	145	21	124	Mr. John Osmond...	148	14	134
Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote	127	2	125	Mr. R.M. Richardson.	154	18	136
Mr. A. H. Newington	130	4	126	Mr. W. Morris ...	147	10	137
Mr. W. A. Adam ...	154	28	126	Mr. G. H. Freaun ...	161	18	143
Mr. J. G. Gibson ...	127	scr.	127	Dr. P. C. Scott ...	162	18	144

Messrs. J. R. J. Bramly, W. H. M. Christie, W. C. Johnson, W. G. Kentish, John Penn, M.P., M. H. Richardson, and John S. Sawyer made no return.

ROYAL CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

The second monthly competition of the winter series was played on Friday last, December 4th. The weather was fine with no wind, and a close competition was the result. Scores:—

	1st Round.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
			
Mr. C. H. Hext ...	50	47	97	5	92
Brigade-Surgeon Elliot	62	54	116	20	96
Mr. Young-Jamieson ...	59	50	109	12	97
Mr. W. Matthews ...	56	60	116	18	98
Mr. E. Cochran ...	58	53	111	12	99
Colonel Parkyn ...	65	65	130	30	100
Major Fenton ...	67	64	131	30	101
Mr. H. J. Graham ...	63	66	129	25	104
Mr. Melvill Sandys ...	59	52	111	6	105

Messrs. B. F. Edyvean and H. Vyvan, no return.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

The first of a series of four competitions to take place during the winter months in connection with the Royal Liverpool Golf Club was played at Hoylake on Saturday, the club being divided into two classes, namely, from scratch to 14, and from 15 to 30 in the handicap. The day was fine, but a fresh breeze prevailed from the south-west, which considerably increased as the day advanced. The attendance was not large, only some thirty couples competing. When the returns were made up it was found that Mr. F. P. Crowther had secured a win in the first winter optional prize, and Mr. Edward Micholls a win in for the second. The first sweepstake was won by Mr. Edward Micholls, the second by Mr. F. Hermon, and the third was divided by Messrs. Chas. Hutchings, H. C. R. Sievwright, John Farrar, and J. K. Housden. The result of the play was as follows:—

First optional subscribers' prize:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. F. P. Crowther..	89	scr.	89	Mr. Edwd. Whineray	100	4	96
Mr. F. Hermon ...	92	2	90	Mr. J. E. Pearson ...	107	9	98
Mr. Chas. Hutchings	91	+2	93	Mr. Jas. Fairclough.	105	5	100
Mr. H. C. R. Sievwright...	98	5	93	Mr. A. Turpin ...	100	scr.	100
Mr. John Farrar ...	103	10	93	Mr. C. J. Crowther..	113	12	101
Mr. John Ball, junr..	87	+9	96	Mr. J. Hornby ...	109	2	107
Mr. G. R. Cox ...	100	4	96	Mr. Wm. Dod ...	121	14	107
				Mr. H. S. Paterson..	124	13	111

Thirteen competitors made no return.

Second optional subscribers' prize:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. Edwd. Micholls	104	16	88	Mr. Jas. Adam Smith	115	16	99
Mr. J. K. Housden..	109	16	93	Mr. Geo. Bickham..	115	15	100
Mr. F. W. Carson...	113	19	94	Mr. J. A. Hutton ...	118	16	102
Mr. Theo. Turpin...	118	23	95	Mr. A. C. Jones ...	121	18	103
Mr. E. Evans, junr.	113	16	97	Mr. A. Dod ...	121	16	105
Mr. R. L. Dalglish..	116	18	98	Mr. W. Sandbrook..	129	24	105

Thirteen competitors made no return.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

Saturday, November 28th.—Prize presented by Col. Mackenzie:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Lieut.-Col. Mayne...	98	9	89	Mr. T. C. Robin ...	104	6	98
Dr. Comerford ...	102	11	91	Mr. H. Spencer ...	103	4	99
Capt. Robin ...	96	4	92	Mr. W. Monckton...	116	17	99
Capt. Fairlie ...	98	6	92	Major-Gen. Renton	115	14	101
Mr. S. Hornby ...	94	scr.	94	Mr. A. Salmonson...	115	12	103
Major Scott ...	97	scr.	97				

Four players made no return.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the Gray trophy took place on Saturday in half a gale of wind, which blew strongly against the players on the way out, making it necessary to calculate its possible effect, and make a necessary allowance; but, strange to say, it very often happens that the ball flies in the exact direction which was intended without the wind taking any effect on the ball. What peculiarity this is, whether in the ball or the method in which it is struck, is a puzzle which only the initiated know how to solve. It was quite plain in watching the play of the various members that the wind played various pranks with most of the drives, as the high scoring shows; in fact, one of the members remarked that he had no idea before of the number of bunkers there were on the course. The winner hailed from the long handicapped rank, and is one of those slashing drivers to whom distance is no object. Mr. Merryweather succeeded in the feat of doing the Doctor's Hole in and by a long drive and a creditable putt. The committee are to be congratulated on their handicapping, which has lately been revised, when no less than three members tied for second honours, the captain for the fourth or fifth time being one of the trio, his score of 94 gross being the best on merit of the day. Score:—Mr. W. S. Merryweather, 102, less 19=83; Mr. P. B. Kent, 105, less 15=90; Mr. G. Newby, 94, less 4=90; Mr. C. J. Bunting, 103, less 13=90; Mr. R. E. Leach, 106, less 15=91; Mr. W. Purves, 99, less 7=92; Mr. O. K. Trechmann, 104, less 12=92; Mr. L. K. Fawcett, 108, less 15=93; Mr. F. W. Purves, 100, less 7=93; Mr. H. Simpson, 111, less 16=95; Mr. R. Elliott, 114, less 17=97; Mr. C. Cooper, 105, less 7=98; Mr. E. W. Walker, 116, less 18=98; Mr. J. F. Whitwell, 110, less 11=99; Mr. W. Ropner, 126, less 25=101; Mr. A. F. Trechmann, 121, less 17=104; Mr. W. S. Woodlwis, 132, less 25=107; Messrs. W. F. Whitwell, J. Sinclair, R. Lindley, C. O. Trechmann, A. R. Paton, A. B. Wilson, S. Strover, A. Livingston, and H. B. Olsen, made no returns.

STAINES GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the Sanger cup took place on the links, Shortwood Common, on Saturday, 28th ult. The following were the scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. H. Tyler ...	94	20	74	Mr. J. H. Roberts...	112	16	96
Mr. A. K. Farlow...	102	12	90	Mr. M. Mossop ...	113	15	98
Mr. E. Green ...	116	24	92	Mr. G. Struthers ...	124	22	102

Several other players made no return.

STINCHCOMBE HILL GOLF CLUB.

Handicap played on December 2nd:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
*Mr. J. A. Bengough	95	20	75	Mr. A. K. Cornwall	126	35	91
Mr. C. F. Vizard ...	107	22	85	Mr. A. Baines ...	115	22	93
†Rev. G. F. Lloyd	108	22	86	Mr. A. Hoare ...	105	10	95
Mr. T. H. Philpott	104	15	89	Mr. C. H. Ridding	120	20	100
Mr. R. Lynch-Blosse	113	24	89	Rev. E. Langley ...	124	not hcp'd	
Mr. N. W. Gresley	113	22	91				

* Wins senior prize. † Wins junior prize.

The monthly medal competition was played on Wednesday, December 2nd, by the lady members of this club, with the following results:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Miss H. Ridding ...	116	10	106	Miss Ridding ...	127	6	121
Mrs. Lynch-Blosse...	117	4	113	Miss E. F. Guise ...	142	18	124
Mrs. A. Hoare ...	130	16	114	Miss I. Cornwall ...	144	18	126
Miss G. Guise ...	125	8	117	Mrs. G. Browne ...	157	28	129
Miss Cornwall ...	153	36	117				

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS.—On Saturday the members took part in the competition for Baillie Wilson's medal under very unfavourable weather auspices, rain falling all day. The cards showed the following results for the game of eighteen holes:—Mr. James Gibson, 84, at scratch; Mr. James Andrew, 84, with 3 of odds; Mr. C. L. Randall, 86, at scratch; Mr. James Howat, 90, with 6 of odds.

TYNESIDE GOLF CLUB.

The fourth bi-monthly competition for the winter cup was played over Ryton Willows on the 3rd inst. in a strong westerly wind. Under the direction of Mr. George F. Charlton, the hon. secretary, the preliminaries were successfully carried out. Owing to the bad weather only 7½ couples turned out. It was found necessary to change the time of starting to 10.30 a.m. instead of the usual time at 1.15. When the cards were handed in the winner was found in Mr. H. H. Blair, who won with a remarkably low score. He had no fewer than four 6's in his first round, and yet finished in 47, taking 50 for his second round, which made his total 97, handicap 12, net score 85. Mr. C. M. Bell with 105, handicap 15, net score 90, tied for second honours with Mr. B. Brummell, whose scores were 107, less 17=90. Scores:—Mr. H. H. Blair 97, less 12=85; Mr. B. Brummell, 107, less 17=90; Mr. C. M. Bell, 105, less 15=90; Mr. J. S. Brown, 121, less 28=93; Mr. J. G. Sharp, 109, less 15=94; Mr. G. F. Charlton, 96, less 2=94; Mr. W. A. Temperley, 124, less 28=96; Mr. A. Dunn, 117, less 20=97; Mr. W. Frazer, 123, less 25=98. The following players retired:—Mr. J. E. Davidson, Dr. J. Limont, Dr. T. W. Teasedale, Mr. T. A. Hutton, Mr. C. Ismay, and Mr. R. Young.

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday the third competition for the Lefroy prize was played. The weather proved fine in the morning, but was showery during the afternoon, and the links were still heavy from rain, making good scores difficult. Colonel Boothby, 105, was the scratch winner; Mr. F. A. Bainbridge, 108, second; and Mr. C. G. Graham, 118, third. The handicap resulted thus:—Mr. F. A. Bainbridge, 108, less 12=96; Colonel Boothby 105, less 4=101; Mr. C. G. Graham, 118, less 11=107; Mr. P. A. Leaf, 121, less 14=107; Mr. W. M. Smythe, 120, less 12=108; Mr. J. W. Liddell, 122, less 11=111; and Mr. H. T. Hickman, 136, less 24=112.

WORCESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

At the monthly meeting of this club, Mr. Milward won the monthly cup and junior medal, and Mr. Erskine the senior medal. Scores:—Mr. L. S. Milward, 108, less 22=86; Mr. H. N. B. Erskine, 99, less 11=88; Mr. W. C. Perry, 111, less 21=90; Mr. F. Freeth, 115, less 25=90; Mr. H. H. House, 116, less 25=91; Rev. L. B. Bubb, 111, less 19=92; Captain Archdale, 104, less 12=92; Dr. H. E. Dixey, 118, less 25=93; Mr. W. E. Paterson, 101, less 8=93; Mr. J. Foord-Kelcey, 104, less 10=94; and Mr. E. F. Chance, 97, +1=98.

ORKNEY.—The handicap competition of the Orkney Golf Club for Sheriff Thom's star came off at Pickiequo, Kirkwall, on Saturday, the course being three rounds, twenty-one holes. Annexed are the five best scorers:—Mr. McEwan, scratch, 109; Dr. Bell, 120, less 6=114; Mr. Buchanan, scratch, 115; Sheriff Armour, 122, less 6=116; Mr. Walls, 126, less 6=120; Dr. Russell, 129, less 6=123.

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