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## FEBRUARY.

- Feb. 14.—Whitley : Crawley Prize.  
Lytham and St. Anne's : Captain's Cup Competitions.  
Tooting Bec : Monthly Medal.  
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.  
West Herts : Monthly Medal.
- Feb. 16.—Cambridge University : Linskill Cup and Pirie Medal ;  
General Meeting, Lion Hotel, 8.30.
- Feb. 17.—Pau : May Jubilee Medal.  
Royal Blackheath : Bombay Medal.
- Feb. 18.—Royal Epping Forest : Spurling-Kentish Gold Medal ;  
Noakes Cup.
- Feb. 20.—Durham : Osborn Cup.
- Feb. 21.—Whitley : Emmerson Prize.  
Birkdale : Club Medal.  
Prestwick St. Nicholas : Meikle and McLaren Prizes.  
Disley : Fourth Winter Handicap.  
Dublin : Monthly Medal (final).  
Aberdeen : Pickop Cup.  
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.  
Dublin : Monthly Medal.  
Nottingham : Monthly Medal.  
Disley : Fourth Winter Handicap.
- Feb. 23.—Cambridge University : St. Andrew's Medal.
- Feb. 24.—Whitley : Joicey Cup.
- Feb. 26.—Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
- Feb. 28.—Birkdale : The Buckley Cup.  
Seaford : Monthly Medal.  
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup ; Captain's Prize.  
Royal Liverpool : Winter Optional Subscription Prize.  
Haydock Park : Legh Challenge Cup.  
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.  
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Monthly Medal.

## MARCH.

- Mar. 3.—Birkdale : Ladies' Prize.

- Mar. 3.—Hayling Island Ladies Club : Monthly Competition for  
Bath Challenge Star.  
Cornwall County Golf Club : Monthly Medal.
- Mar. 5.—Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.
- Mar. 6.—Durham : Blagdon Cup.
- Mar. 7.—Birkdale : Mackenzie Cup.  
Aberdeen : Burgmann Cup and Scratch Medal.  
Bowdon : Second Monthly Medal.  
Brighton and Hove : Berens Medal.  
Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.  
Redhill and Reigate : Allen Medal.  
Luffness : President's Prize Clubs.  
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.  
Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.  
Bowdon : Monthly Competition.
- Mar. 10.—Pau : Duke of Hamilton's Medal and Pendant ; Macnab  
Challenge Cup and Badge.  
Whitley : Joicey Cup.  
Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Cup.
- Mar. 12.—Pau : Havemeyer Cup.
- Mar. 14.—Pau : Annual Meeting to elect Officers.  
Whitley : Crawley Prize.  
Lytham and St. Anne's : Captain's Cup Competition.  
Tooting Bec : Monthly Medal.  
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.  
West Herts : Monthly Medal.  
Southport : Monthly Medal.  
Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
- Mar. 18.—Royal Epping Forest : Spurling-Kentish Gold Medal ;  
Noakes Cup.
- Mar. 19.—Pau : Scratch Gold Medal—Ladies' Club.  
Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
- Mar. 20.—Durham : Osborn Cup.
- Mar. 21.—Disley : Fifth Winter Handicap.  
Birkdale : Club Medal.  
Whitley : Wyndham Cup.  
Royal Epping Forest : Quarterly Medal.  
Aberdeen : Pickop Cup.  
Brighton and Hove : The De Worms Challenge Cup.  
Dublin : Monthly Medal.  
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.  
Disley : Fifth Winter Handicap.
- Mar. 24.—Whitley : Joicey Cup.
- Mar. 26.—Pau : Scratch Silver Medal ; Ladies' Cup.  
Southport : Spring Meeting.
- Mar. 28.—Seaford : Monthly Medal.  
Southport : Captain's Cup.  
Luffness : Wemyss Challenge Medal.  
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup ; Captain's Prize.  
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.  
Great Yarmouth : Easter Prize Meeting.  
Royal North Devon : Monthly Medal.  
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Monthly Medal.  
Royal Isle of Wight : Spring Meeting ; Foursome Tournament (entries close March 27th).
- Mar. 30.—Southport : Competition for Walker Cup.  
Royal Liverpool : Easter Monday Competition.

- Mar. 30.—Great Yarmouth: Easter Prize Meeting.  
Royal Isle of Wight: Eaton Challenge Shield; Mr. Longman's Prize for Best Handicap—Score limited to 18 strokes.
- Mar. 31.—Hayling Island Ladies' Club: Easter Meeting.  
Cornwall County Golf Club: Lord Robartes' Gold Medal.  
Royal Isle of Wight: Foursome Tournament (continued).

## APRIL.

- Apr. 1-3.—Royal North Devon: Easter Meeting.  
Apr. 3.—Durham: Blagdon Cup.  
Apr. 4.—Royal Liverpool: Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.  
Prestwick St. Nicholas: Kilmarnock Trophy.  
Birkdale: Club Cup and Hayward Prize.  
Brighton and Hove: Berens Medal.  
London Scottish: Monthly Medal.  
Minchinhampton: Monthly Medal.  
Bournemouth: Monthly Medal.  
Bowdon: Monthly Competition.
- Apr. 7.—Birkdale: Ladies' Prize.  
Pau: Morris Post Cup; Ridley Challenge Prize and Cup.  
Cornwall County Golf Club: Monthly Medal (final).
- Apr. 9.—Pau: Macdona Challenge Cup and Badge.
- Apr. 11.—Whitley: Emmerson Prize.  
Littlestone: Monthly Medal.  
West Herts: Monthly Medal.
- Apr. 14.—Pau: Havemeyer Cup; Ladies' Club.  
Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Cup.  
Whitley: Joicey Cup.
- Apr. 15.—Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Gold Medal; Noakes Cup.  
Apr. 17.—Durham: Osborn Cup.  
Apr. 18.—Whitley: Wyndham Cup.  
Birkdale: Club Medal.  
Disley: 6th Winter Handicap.  
Dublin: Monthly Medal  
Gullane: Spring Meeting.  
Bowdon: Championship Meeting.  
Disley: Sixth Winter Handicap.
- Apr. 20.—Brighton and Hove: Captain's Prize Tournament.  
Apr. 22-24.—Royal Liverpool: Spring Meeting.  
Apr. 24 and 25.—Brighton and Hove: Spring Meeting.  
Luffness: Wemyss Challenge Medal.  
Whitley: Crawley Prize.  
Royal Epping Forest: Gordon Challenge Cup; Captain's Prize.  
Seaford: Monthly Medal.  
Birkdale: Mackenzie Cup.  
Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.  
Brighton and Hove: Mr. H. R. Knipe Prize.  
Luffness: Hope Challenge Cup; Wemyss Challenge Medal.  
Nottingham: Monthly Medal.  
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells: Monthly Medal.
- Apr. 28.—Whitley: Joicey Cup.  
Birkdale: Final Ties Ladies' Prize.
- Apr. 30.—Nottingham: Monthly Medal.  
Minchinhampton: Spring Meeting.

## MAY.

- May 1.—Minchinhampton: Spring Meeting.  
Durham: Blagdon Cup.
- May 2.—Minchinhampton: Spring Meeting.  
Brighton and Hove: The Berens Gold Medal.  
London Scottish: Monthly Medal.  
Prestwick St. Nicholas: Bailie Wilson's Medal.  
Royal Liverpool: Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.  
Lanark: Spring Competition for Hutchinson Cross, Forest Cup, and Gold Ball.  
Bournemouth: Monthly Medal.  
Bowdon: Monthly Competition.
- May 5.—Cornwall County Golf Club: Monthly Medal.  
May 5-6.—Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews: Spring Meeting.  
May 7-9.—Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews: Amateur Championship at St. Andrews.  
May 7.—Whitley: Emmerson Prize (final).  
May 8.—Whitley: Crawley Prize (final).  
May 9.—Minchinhampton: Monthly Medal.  
Royal Epping Forest: Quarterly Medal and Scratch Medal, &c.  
Birkdale: Club Medal.  
Whitley: Wyndham Cup.
- May 9-11.—Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells: Spring Meeting.

- May 12.—Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Cup; Kentish Gold Medal.  
Whitley: Joicey Cup.
- May 15.—Durham: Osborn Cup.
- May 16.—Dublin: Monthly Medal.  
West Herts: Monthly Medal.  
Birkdale: Mackenzie Cup.  
Whitley: Spring Meeting.  
Great Yarmouth: Whitsuntide Meeting.  
Prestwick St. Nicholas: Bennie and M'Laren Prizes.  
Disley: First Summer Handicap.
- May 16-22.—Royal North Devon: Spring Meeting.
- May 18.—Great Yarmouth: Whitsuntide Meeting.  
Royal Isle of Wight: Whit-Monday Meeting; The Bembridge Sailing Club Prize; Club Prize.
- May 20.—Southport: Ladies' Meeting.  
Royal Epping Forest: Noakes Cup.
- May 23.—Nottingham: Monthly Medal.  
May 28.—Nottingham: Monthly Medal.
- May 30.—Royal Epping Forest: Gordon Challenge Cup; Captain's Prize.  
Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.  
Seaford: Monthly Medal.  
Birkdale: The Crowther Cup.  
Luffness: Wemyss Challenge Medal.  
Royal North Devon: Monthly Medal.  
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells: Monthly Medal.

## JUNE.

- June 2.—Cornwall County Golf Club: Monthly Medal.  
June 5.—Durham: Blagdon Cup.  
June 6.—London Scottish: Monthly Medal.  
Minchinhampton: Monthly Medal  
Prestwick St. Nicholas: Bailie Wilson's Medal (to be played off).  
Brighton and Hove: The Berens Gold Medal.  
Royal Liverpool: Monthly Medal; Optional Subscription Prizes.  
Bournemouth: Monthly Medal.  
Bowdon: Monthly Competition.
- June 9.—Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Cup.
- June 13.—Southport: Summer Meeting.  
West Herts: Monthly Medal.  
Gullane: Competition for Club Prizes.
- June 17.—Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Gold Medal; Noakes Cup.  
June 19.—Durham: Osborn Cup.  
June 20.—Nottingham: Monthly Medal.  
Dublin: Monthly Medal.  
Disley: Second Summer Handicap.
- June 25.—Nottingham: Monthly Medal.  
June 25-27.—Bowdon: Captain's Cup.  
June 27.—Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.  
Royal Epping Forest: Gordon Challenge Cup; Captain's Prize.  
Seaford: Monthly Medal.  
Luffness: Wemyss Challenge Medal.  
Brighton and Hove: The De Worms Challenge Cup.  
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells: Monthly Medal.
- June 30.—Luffness: Club Handicap Medal.

## JULY.

- July 3.—Durham: Blagdon Cup.
- July 4.—Minchinhampton: Monthly Medal.  
London Scottish: Monthly Medal.  
Prestwick St. Nicholas: Eglinton Medal.  
Brighton and Hove: The Berens Gold Medal.  
Royal Liverpool: Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.  
Bournemouth: Monthly Medal.  
Bowdon: Monthly Competition.
- July 7.—Cornwall County Golf Club: Monthly Medal.
- July 11.—West Herts: Monthly Medal.  
Littlestone: Monthly Medal.
- July 14.—Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Cup.  
July 15.—Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Gold Medal; Noakes Cup.  
July 17.—Durham: Osborn Cup.  
July 18.—Dublin: Monthly Medal.  
Gullane: Club Gold Medal, and other prizes.  
Disley: Third Summer Handicap.
- July 25.—Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.  
Luffness: The County Cup Competition; Wemyss Challenge (Cup) Medal.  
Royal Epping Forest; Gordon Challenge Cup; Captain's Prize.  
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells: Monthly Medal.

## AUGUST.

- Aug. 1.—London Scottish : Monthly Medal.  
Brighton and Hove : The Berens Gold Medal.  
Seaford : Monthly Medal.  
Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.  
Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.  
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Bank Holiday Meeting.  
Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.  
Bowdon : Monthly Competition.
- Aug. 3.—Royal Liverpool : Bank Holiday Summer Meeting.  
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Bank Holiday Meeting.  
Royal Isle of Wight : Summer Meeting ; Webster Cup ; Leslie Melville Prize and Badge.
- Aug. 4.—Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews : Calcutta Cup Tournament (Under handicap. Entries close July 28th.)  
Cornwall County Golf Club : Monthly Medal.
- Aug. 7.—Durham : Blagdon Cup.
- Aug. 8.—Littlestone : Monthly Medal.  
Luffness Hope Challenge Medal and Gold Pendant (open to any members of any county clubs.)
- Aug. 11.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Cup.
- Aug. 14.—Durham : Osborn Cup.
- Aug. 15.—West Herts : Monthly Medal.  
Dublin : Monthly Medal.  
Disley : Fourth Summer Handicap.
- Aug. 19.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Gold Medal ; Noakes Cup.
- Aug. 25.—Cornwall County Golf Club : Lord Robartes' Gold Medal.
- Aug. 29.—Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup ; Captain's Prize.  
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.  
Luffness : Captain and Club Prizes ; President's Medal and Gold Pendant.  
Seaford : Monthly Medal.  
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Bank Holiday Meeting.

## SEPTEMBER.

- Sept. 1.—Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews : Jubilee Vase Tournament. (Under handicap. Entries close August 25th.)  
Cornwall County Golf Club : Monthly Handicap.
- Sept. 3.—Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.
- Sept. 4.—Durham : Blagdon Cup.
- Sept. 5.—London Scottish : Monthly Medal.  
Brighton and Hove : The Berens Gold Medal.  
Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.  
Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.  
Bowdon : Monthly Competition.
- Sept. 8.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Cup.
- Sept. 12.—West Herts : Monthly Medal.  
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
- Sept. 16.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Gold Medal ; Noakes Cup.
- Sept. 18.—Durham : Osborn Cup.
- Sept. 19.—Brighton and Hove : The De Worms Challenge Cup.  
Dublin : Monthly Medal.  
Gullane : Captain, and other prizes.  
Disley : Fifth Summer Handicap.
- Sept. 24-26.—Minchinhampton : Autumn Meeting.  
Luffness : Mr. Tait's Silver Cup and Star.  
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup ; Captain's Prize.  
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.  
Seaford : Monthly Medal.  
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Bank Holiday Meeting.
- Sept. 29 and 30.—Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews : Autumn Meeting.

## OCTOBER.

- Oct. 3.—London Scottish : Monthly Medal.  
Brighton and Hove : The Berens Gold Medal.  
Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.  
Royal North Devon : Extra Monthly Medal.  
Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.  
Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.
- Oct. 6.—Cornwall County Golf Club : Monthly Handicap.
- Oct. 7-9.—Royal North Devon : Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 7-9.—Royal Liverpool : Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 10.—Southport : Cup Competition.  
West Herts : Monthly Medal.

- Oct. 10.—Littlestone : Monthly Medal.  
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup (Yearly Competition).  
Royal Epping Forest : Captain's Prize (final).  
Royal Isle of Wight : Autumn Meeting ; Tottenham Gold Medal ; Club Prize.
- Oct. 12.—Royal Isle of Wight : Foursome Tournament for Prize given by the Club.
- Oct. 13.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Cup.
- Oct. 16-17.—Brighton and Hove : Autumn Prize Meeting.
- Oct. 17.—Dublin : Monthly Medal.  
Royal Epping Forest : Quarterly Medal.  
Disley : Sixth Summer Handicap.
- Oct. 17-19.—Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 21.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Gold Medal ; Noakes Cup.
- Oct. 31.—Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup.  
Luffness : Wemyss Challenge Medal.  
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.  
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Monthly Medal.

## NOVEMBER.

- Nov. 5.—Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.
- Nov. 7-9.—Gullane : November Meeting.
- Nov. 7.—Brighton and Hove : The Berens Gold Medal.  
Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.  
Bowdon : Killick Gold Medal.  
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
- Nov. 10.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Cup (final).
- Nov. 14.—Littlestone : Monthly Medal.  
West Herts : Monthly Medal.
- Nov. 21.—Dublin : Monthly Medal.  
Disley : First Winter Handicap.
- Nov. 28.—Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.  
Royal Liverpool : St. Andrews Day Meeting.  
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Monthly Medal.
- Nov. 30.—Royal Isle of Wight : St. Andrew's Day Meeting ; Moreton Cup ; St. Andrew's Cross.

## DECEMBER.

- Dec. 5.—London Scottish : Monthly Medal.  
Brighton and Hove : The Berens Gold Medal.  
Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.
- Dec. 12.—Littlestone : Monthly Medal.  
West Herts : Monthly Medal.
- Dec. 19.—Dublin : Monthly Medal.  
Brighton and Hove : The De Worms Challenge Cup.  
Brighton and Hove : Club Prizes.  
Disley : Second Winter Handicap.
- Dec. 23, 24 and 28.—Royal Isle of Wight : Single Tournament, for Prize value £10, given by the Club (entries close 22nd).
- 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."

"Are we to aim at having rules for golfers or rules against golfers"? By all means have rules for golfers. We don't want any rules against golfers, except against those golfers who are continually studying the rules. Every good golfer certainly ought to make himself master of the rules—he generally does if he is a good golfer ; but to render Golf enjoyable and a healthy recreation something more than golfing by rule is necessary. Many men, although good golfers may not be able to write much about Golf ; or they may be too modest to attempt to offer any advice on the subject. We could not have a better illustration of this than in Mr. Ball's modest reply to his interviewers, "Tell the Editor I can't think of anything that his readers would find interesting ;" and I am sure we are all delighted to see golfers sending in what contributions they can to give us a little amusement by taking our minds off Golf even for a minute.—R. J. B. T.

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## ADVICE TO YOUNG GOLFERS.

## III.

The golfer being now in a position to commence his game, some hints on the subject of play will be given.

**TEERING THE BALL.**—Except in the special cases provided for in the Rules, the ball can only be teed for the first stroke at each hole. Teeing grounds are laid off at every starting point, and "the ball must be teed within the marks," and not "in advance of such marks nor more than two club lengths behind them." The quotations are from the St. Andrews' Rules. As a general rule, there is no use of throwing away distance, so the ball should be teed as far forward as is allowable.

For a good tee the following conditions are essential: 1. There must be no obstruction, such as rising ground, long grass, &c., *behind* the ball; and 2, the player's stance must be good, that is, the ground he will stand on when playing the stroke should be on the same level as the ball, and should have an even surface so that he can stand firmly. The ground in front of the tee should also be clear of obstructions, but if the ball has room to rise in its flight, that is all that is necessary. If there is a bunker or hazard immediately in front, the ball should be teed, if possible, so as to obviate the necessity of driving across the hazard. This prevents the risk of a topped ball rolling into the difficulty. To have a drive trapped in such a way, more especially where the hazard could have been avoided, is, to say the least of it, humiliating. Ground rising very slightly in the direction in which the ball is to be driven is best. On some greens teeing-grounds are specially made or turfed up, but on others the marks are merely placed on the natural links. A tee should always be chosen on grassy ground where possible and not on earth, the grass yields to the club but the earth does not, and if the ball happens to be struck a little too low the effect will not be of so much importance in the former case as in the latter. A small quantity of the sand provided for the purpose should be laid down on the spot selected for the tee, tapered into a cone, then pressed down with the palm of the hand, and the ball placed lightly on the top of it, not imbedded in the sand, as is too frequently the case. The sand should be damp. Dry sand is almost useless.

The golden rule is, tee low. The majority of young players err in teeing far too high. The ball should be just raised off the level of the ground, and no more. If the habit of teeing high is once acquired it is difficult to overcome, and it renders play through the green more uncertain than if a low tee as is above recommended be used.

A maxim frequently heard is, "play a hanging ball against the wind." A "hanging ball" means that the ball lies on ground sloping downwards in the direction in which the ball is to be played; and although a hanging ball can be driven further against the wind, it is very difficult to hit accurately, and no player unless of some experience should attempt such a stroke.

To see if the tee is a good one, take up the proper stance, just as in playing, lay down the club-head behind the ball, and swing the club gently back. If the ground or anything interfere with the swing, or if the stance is uncomfortable, change the tee at once. The player who has the "honour," or the right of driving first, is entitled to the prior choice of a tee.

**THE GRIP OF THE CLUB.**—A right-handed player grasps the top of the club with his left hand, the right being immediately below and touching the other, and he swings the club over his right shoulder. A left-handed player does just exactly the reverse. A good left-handed player is a rarity, and a left-handed professional is a phenomenon. Some golfers hold the club at the extreme end, others well down the grip, in fact, some with the right hand almost touching the wood below the leather, this refers to the full swing; in half shots and putts the club is held much lower down the shaft, so as to get greater steadiness. There is nothing to choose between the two styles. The important matter is the grasp. The shaft or grip should not be across the palm of the hand, but across the junction between the fingers and the palm, the knuckles of the fingers being undermost. The left hand should hold the club firmly and

the right loosely. The left hand holds the club, the right directs the stroke. The second, third, and fourth fingers of both hands should grasp more tightly than the thumb and first finger. The thumb should not be placed down the shaft, but should lie in an oblique direction across it. The arms should not be too much stretched out from the body. Without an illustration it is difficult to describe the proper position.

**THE STANCE.**—There are two stances, both equally correct; the first described is the most generally seen, but the second is adopted by at least one professional champion. In the one, the feet are placed about 24 inches or so apart (with the toes not too much turned out), both feet being in the same line, and in this case the ball should be opposite the players' left heel, at right angles, of course, to the line of the feet. In the other mode the feet are placed about the same distance apart, but instead of being in the same line the right foot is placed a little behind the left, and the ball should then be more directly opposite the player. In both cases the knees should be a little bent, the left shoulder slightly elevated and the right shoulder slightly depressed. The distance from the ball at which the player should stand depends upon himself. If he lays the sole of the club flat down beside the ball and goes back as far as he comfortably can, he will be about the right place.

**THE SWING.**—The proper stance being taken up, the club should be swung back in a circle over the right shoulder till the club-head can be seen appearing past the left shoulder. The wrists should be kept flexible; the shoulders and body should move easily with the arms in the swing; the right foot should remain firm on the ground, but the left should, as the club goes round, be gradually raised on the toe, the heel turning outwards. When the top of the swing is reached, the club must be brought back again smartly so as to strike the ball. In the downward swing the motion is the exact converse of the above. The club should not touch the body in any part of the swing. It is to be kept in view that the larger the circle described by the head of the club the better, and the arms should be kept as well out from the body as is consistent with ease of swing. The ball should be struck with a clean sweeping motion, not jerked; and after the impact the club-head should not be stopped abruptly, but should "follow through," as it is called—that is, the circle described by the club-head should be continued till the whole force of the stroke is expended. To aid this the player should, after the ball is struck, allow his body to go after the ball, rising gradually on his right toe, but without actually moving, or stepping, off his original stand.

The follow through prevents high driving, in which the ball is sent high into the air to the detriment of the distance it ought to go. Very often in such cases the ball goes away with a loud "whish," as all long drives should, and the caddies on the Scotch greens (great critics on golfing matters) will generally be heard to remark, "Mair soond nor sense in that ane."

An easy style is the great thing to cultivate, and a young player is recommended to give attention to style, above all things, and good play is certain to follow. Nothing will excuse a bad style except brilliant Golf, and the two are rarely seen together.

Until a style is acquired the backward swing should be done slowly. An excellent plan is to practice the swing with a club, without actually playing the ball.

When any person past middle-age begins Golf he can seldom hope to acquire so good a style as one who has played from his youth up, but he should not be discouraged by this. If he finds that he cannot take a full swing he will be able to do quite well with a shorter swing, three-quarter or half, and he will probably play all the steadier; but he can never expect to drive so long a ball, as this depends greatly on length of swing.

J. A.

*(To be continued.)*


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Archie Simpson, the well-known Carnoustie player, has gone to take charge of the green at Bembridge.



## THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I am glad to see that some discussion is being raised in your journal as to the fairness and general advisability of the competitions for the Amateur Championship taking place on St. Andrews and Hoylake greens alternately.

I always understood that when it was arranged to play at Hoylake, St. Andrews, and Prestwick, that that arrangement was more or less a temporary one, and that it was intended in a few years when English greens had improved to play on four greens, two Scotch, and two English.

At the meeting of delegates last spring at Hoylake a representative of an English green moved that the competition should be played alternately on St. Andrews and Hoylake, and this was carried.

Now it seems to me, and to a great many others, that this arrangement is most unfair. Both Hoylake and St. Andrews are flat greens, excellent in their way, but tricky, most difficult to judge distance upon, and requiring a thorough and special knowledge. I do not think that such a competition should be played on two such similar greens and on them only.

Golf has become an almost universal game in England now, and in the South of England there are resident many players who will hold their own against most in any competition; and the Amateur Championship ought in common fairness to be played in the South, once in every four years.

At the present time the players at St. Andrews and Hoylake have an enormous, and I must say I think an unfair, advantage over other competitors. Many men can play a far better game over hilly country where good clean driving with a fair amount of loft is requisite, and where the approach shots have to be played over difficulties and the amount of loft judged to a nicety.

I, in common with a very large number of other golfers, consider that in order to be a true test the Amateur Championship should be played in turn on four greens, two in Scotland, and two in England, St. Andrews, and any other the Scotchmen like to choose, and Hoylake and a green in the South of England (where there are probably now as many amateur golfers as in the whole of Scotland). As St. Andrews and Hoylake are both flat greens I think the other two chosen should be as much as possible the reverse. If this were arranged everyone should be satisfied, and the event would be looked forward to with more and more interest every year. If something of this kind is not done, I am afraid an English Amateur Championship will soon be started. I have heard it spoken of more than once.

I trust this question now it has been opened will not be allowed to drop, but that we shall hear the views of all likely competitors for championship honours, both Scottish and English.

I am, Sir, &amp;c.,

February 3rd, 1891.

A COMPETITOR.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—May I be allowed to briefly reply to Mr. Jas. Cullen who

evidently knowing something about the matter, refers in last week's issue of GOLF to a paragraph of mine in a previous number, as to the Amateur Championship.

I alleged a rotation of the Amateur Championship meeting at St. Andrews, Hoylake, and Prestwick. Mr. Cullen says, "certainly no delegate understood that these greens should continue to be taken in rotation." Is Mr. Cullen speaking for the whole of the delegates, and, if so, is he authorised to do so? My information about the understanding of the delegates leads me to a different conclusion from that set forth by Mr. Cullen.

Your correspondent is no doubt right (as was also Mr. Burns, in the *Scotsman*) in regard to the "original conditions" under which the championship was instituted, if he means that there were no written conditions, but I cannot admit that there was not an expressed understanding as to the tri-annual rotation on the part of some, if not on the part of all, the delegates, Mr. Cullen's *dictum* notwithstanding; and there can be no doubt that, until Mr. Burns wrote to the *Scotsman* the other day, the great body of golfers considered such rotation as a thing of course. There is no doubt, further, that the announcement last May, that the championship meeting would not take place this year at Prestwick, came as a complete surprise to all except the very few who, like Mr. Cullen, were in the secrets of the committee; and in any case if there has not been an established rotation hitherto, a rotation has, according to Mr. Cullen's showing, been now established.

Mr. Cullen is no doubt entitled to his opinion as to the "result arrived at" being a good one; but as to the majority agreeing with him in that opinion, that is a different matter. I fail to see that he is entitled to speak for the majority; and the mere fact that he is of that way of thinking does not justify him in generalising in this sweeping way. The probability is that not even a tithe of the majority of your readers have ever given the conditions of the Amateur Championship any consideration at all, and I can tell Mr. Cullen for a fact that he will not find a majority of golfers in the West of Scotland of his way of thinking.

But, after all, the point in dispute as to rotation or no rotation, is a secondary one. We have never got even a plausible reason why the Amateur Championship meeting should not have taken place this year at Prestwick, and that is the main point. Mr. Burns fights shy of any explanation, and the only attempt I have ever seen by way of justification of the Hoylake decision is in the following sentence from Mr. Cullen's letter, which I quote to show to what straits the apologists of the new *régime* are reduced to account for a somewhat unaccountable position. "The two greens chosen are well-known, central, and offer ample accommodation to players and those visitors who may wish to see the matches." I have heard something like these sentiments expressed before, but when they come to be examined they will not bear examination.

Setting aside St. Andrews, which seems to have a prescriptive right to be first considered, let us see wherein Hoylake is superior in any of the respects mentioned to Prestwick. Well, in the first place, Hoylake has not anything like the prestige of Prestwick, it is not so central as Prestwick as regards the great body of golfers; there is more accommodation on the links at Prestwick than at Hoylake, and it is much more conveniently situated. It is hinted that there is not sufficient accommodation in the neighbourhood for visitors. Such nonsense! Apart from lodgings and hotels, in Ayr and Prestwick, there is the Ayr Station Hotel, with its seventy or eighty bedrooms, only three miles off; and when it is pointed out that golfers may get from the hotel to the club-house on the links and back again, without having to walk a hundred yards, for threepence, or alternatively for sixpence, it is needless to say anything further on that score. But evidently some discontented individual has fancied himself aggrieved, and has raised a note of disparagement against Prestwick, and we all know that when one dog barks all the rest of the dogs begin to bark for company, and without any other apparent reason.

There is this further in favour of Prestwick, let me say, that it is practically neutral ground. The same cannot be said of St. Andrews and Hoylake.

I have nothing to say against the Amateur Championship being made a movable feast, and taken all over the country like, say, the grand National Hunt. I think there are a number of

arguments to be urged in favour of such an arrangement; and there is very little reason why, to gratify "Celt" and his fellow golfers, the championship should not even be played in Ireland.

I am, Sir, &c.,

J. McB.

Ayr, February 6th, 1891.

### ADVICE TO YOUNG GOLFERS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I am glad to see your correspondent, J. A., in noticing my letter practically concedes the point for which I am contending, viz., more playing through the green with wooden clubs, and less with iron ones; the latter, as he very correctly observes, being more destructive to the green than the former. I shall, however, notice his letter more in detail when I have had the pleasure of perusing his forthcoming article advocating the much-needed reform in question. It is quite evident from your correspondent's reference to Musselburgh links that he is as fully alive as I am to the great danger of links being cut up by so much iron-play. How it is to be avoided is the question.

I am, Sir, &c.,

ALEX. H. DOLEMAN.

Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club.

### COURTESY ON THE GREEN.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have always understood that on a golfing green all players, provided they conform to the rules of the game, are socially equal; and I am, therefore, surprised to find that in your number of 30th January you have raised an incident in the golfing life of the Chief Secretary for Ireland, illustrating an excess of idol worship on the part of a pair of gallant golfers, to the dignity of a "Tee Shot." Surely this interesting narrative would have been more appropriately enshrined in the pages of the Little Peddlington Primrose League Journal!

Poor Mr. Balfour! No wonder he was "amused" at the spectacle of the two veterans, drawn up to attention by a caddie, saluting him as he passed on to the teeing-ground. No doubt he recalled the celebrated words of the late Mr. George Glennie—"It's no' gowf—at a', just monkey tricks."

Deep anxiety for guidance must be my excuse for troubling you with this letter. How are we to conduct ourselves in future? When my pet politician takes to Golf (he was only eighty-one in December last) am I to invite him to pass me at "The Maiden," and what am I to do if my caddie, being a civilian, is unable to give me the word of command to salute. Again, supposing my adversary does not share my political views, is the niblick to decide the question of salute or no salute? Oh! Sir, it is a perplexing business altogether.

I am, Sir, &c.,

17, St. Helen's Place, JOHN J. HAMILTON.  
London, E.C., February 3rd, 1891.

### QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Since I commenced playing Golf I have industriously studied, amongst other works on the subject, a book by Mr. W. T. Linskill. I observe that it is therein stated that anyone having carefully learnt the rules of the St. Andrews Club, will not desire to have "one jot added thereto, or one tittle taken therefrom." In common with many others, I cannot agree with the learned author on this subject. With the recent spread of the game it seems to me that these rules need considerable revising and additions made, which will make them applicable to all grounds.

The moving ball question, also the resting of the club on ground "within a bunker, on sand, on a mole-hill, on a road, &c.," appear to me to give rise to endless discussion. I do not know what the roads at St. Andrews are like, but on some links they are composed of very hard macadam, on which every care and help is required to avoid breaking clubs, especially for beginners. Again, for medal play there is no rule corresponding to No. 45 for match play, naming a penalty for an infringement of rules. The loss of a hole is a severe penalty; what should correspond to this in medal play? Yesterday my partner in the round for a handicap, played his ball into a rut on a road. Through ignorance, he deliberately with his iron raked away the side of the rut nearest himself, thus giving a nice clean stroke at the ball. He appeared astonished at being penalised one stroke, at the same time the advantage gained might have been worth far more. I shall be much obliged if you or any of your readers will give me information on following points:—

1. What is the penalty in medal play for a foul stroke (by which considerable advantage may be gained), or for an infringement of rules?

2. A ball on grass resting against a stone, or other "break club," by lifting which the ball would roll; is it allowable to prop the ball with any smaller substance to prevent it rolling?

3. What are the duties of the captain of a club, relatively to those of secretary?

By inserting this letter and obtaining information on these subjects, you will confer a favour on some members of a new club who are anxious to play religious Golf, but who certainly find the old rules ambiguous and badly expressed in many instances.

I am, Sir, &c.,

BEGINNER.

P.S.—Since writing above, the following question has arisen. Supposing a ball after being played strikes a stone, or any sufficiently hard substance, to make it rebound on to the club directly after playing, does this constitute striking a ball twice and entail a penalty? Near the putting-green the rebound and second blow might make a considerable difference.

[Our correspondent's letter is an interesting one, and raises some noteworthy points in the rules. The rules governing medal play are really more stringent than in match play—as, of course, they ought to be. Thus, in medal play the infringement of the rules always carries with it the penalty of a stroke, if the infringement be accidental, and possible disqualification if the circumstances warrant this extreme penalty being imposed in the opinion of the committee. Our correspondent's partner in scraping away the mud behind his ball with his iron disqualified himself as a winner in a medal or prize competition. (1) The penalty is one stroke, or disqualification, according as the circumstances of the case laid before the committee warrant their decision. Each case must be dealt with on its merits. (2) It is not allowable to prop up a ball while removing, or after removing, a "break club." If the ball is moved the penalty is a stroke. (3) The duties of a captain are purely honorary and ceremonial—to preside at meetings and dinners of the club, to give away prizes and make felicitous little speeches. (4) The penalty here comes under rule 6 (special rules for medal play), and is one stroke; in match play the loss of the hole.—ED.]

### THE DERIVATION OF THE NAME "CLEEK."

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—It has been seriously stated in print that the name "cleek" has been given to this club in allusion to the "click" or sound emitted when a Golf-ball is struck by it. This is erroneous.

Etymology is not based on phonetics; neither need a Scot resort to English. His mother tongue is quite expressive enough.

In Scotch, a "cleik" means an iron hook, and the verb to "cleik" or "cleek" means to "catch up" or "snatch away" with a hook.

This name, therefore, is peculiarly appropriate to a club which is specially intended to sweep away a ball out of a rather uneven or bad lie.

I am, Sir, &c.,

Wimbledon Club.

W. G.



## A MOVED BALL—WHAT IS IT?

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—There has been some hair splitting going on in the columns of GOLF recently as to this question, and in the hope that you may not have vetoed its continuance I send you the following incident supplying as it does a problem which, it appears to me, comes within the scope of the controversy.

On a windy day, in fact a very windy day, when it was indeed blowing something between a gale and a hurricane from the south west, two players, whom we shall call Machalfwone and Toppington, were playing a single in presence of some of their friends—as usual, to decide a wager as to their respective merits.

Toppington was dorny one, and played a good shot from the tee, and though when he came up he found his ball in an "iron scrape" (the result of some defaulter), a halved hole, at least, and the match were still within his reach. He played out with the iron in the teeth of the gale, and the result, I venture to say, was never, on any occasion before or since, farther from the intention of a good player. The ball soared away up into the sky until it got completely under the control of the wind; then, like the bushman's boomerang, it returned to Toppington's feet, and to the amusement of all except that gentleman it rolled into the identical scrape from which he had played it. And not only did it return into the scrape, but to that precise part of the scrape, within a hair's breadth (not to mention a split hair's breadth) from which it had been played.

The question that here arises (for it counted against Toppington at the time) is, was that ball to be considered a moved or displaced ball, and count a stroke against the player, or was it to be regarded technically as having simply oscillated, seeing that it returned to its original position and as not counting a stroke?

What does Mr. Lamb or J. P. C. think of it?

Ayr, February 2nd, 1891.

J. McB.

## ODE TO "THE MAIDEN."

(With apologies to Mr. Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan.)

On the sand near the sea stood a man clothed in red,  
Using language most truly expressive,  
A niblick swung violently over his head,  
And his language was still more expressive.  
I said to him, Golfer, oh, why that queer cry?  
Has a small grain of sand penetrated your eye?  
He glared at me fiercely, his only reply  
Was scarcely refined but expressive.

I still stood and watched him, 'twas fearfully sad,  
This language so truly expressive,  
He made one last stroke, oh, how hopelessly bad,  
And his language was still more expressive.  
Then he flung up his arms and he tore at his hair  
And fell dead on the sand, oh, so young and so fair,  
And the last words he uttered in raving despair  
Were scarcely refined but expressive.

Now I'm just as sure as I'm sure that my name  
Is not language most truly expressive,  
That 'twas you who were callous and therefore to blame  
For that language so very expressive.  
Now I, too, adore you; so certainly I  
Shall perish as he did, and you will know why,  
Though I probably shall not exclaim as I die  
In language that's strong or expressive.

J. F. F.

FIRST FEMALE (to companion who is connected with a golfing family).—"Did you hear that your brither has broken the record the day?"

SECOND FEMALE (excitedly).—"Oh, the blackgaird, that he is; he's aye gettin' into some scrape or ither."

## A NEW CLUB "GRIP."

Messrs. William Currie and Co., Caledonian Rubber Works, Edinburgh, have sent for our examination and test a driver with an improved solid indiarubber grip in place of the customary and time-honoured inner layers of woollen swathing, with an outer covering of leather riband. This is a small point of detail in the equipment of a club to which far too little attention has hitherto been directed. Many golfers, it is true, have long been sensible of an ill-defined sense of security in the grip of the club while playing, of a tendency to slip with the swing of the club, or upon its violent impact against the ball or the turf, and a consequent tension of muscular force, leading sometimes to fatigue, in the grasp of the hands so as to counteract the proneness of the club to slip round in the palm. Many home-made expedients have been devised in lieu of the leather grip, or in modification of it. Some players have used the pickly indiarubber covering of the lawn-tennis racket, others have besmeared their golfing gloves with the sticky, malodorous pitch of the club-maker's workshop, others have tried cork, others again have tried an irregular winding of cord above the leather; while the professional adopts the heroic expedient of rubbing his club-grips with a plentiful supply of pitch, which glues the naked hand so steadfastly to the club that, unless the player's skin is as tough as bull-hide, there is danger of leaving fragments of the hand adhering to the club.

Messrs. Currie's improved indiarubber grip is designed to supersede the old leather grip, and to render these expedients as aid to security unnecessary. It is a solid piece of indiarubber of the ordinary thickness of the club-handle firmly fixed to the shaft, and scored with a spiral indentation in imitation of the folds of the leather. It permits of a very firm hold being taken of the club, either with or without gloves on the hand. There is absolutely no danger of slipping a stroke while playing; there is always a sense of refreshing coolness about the grasp; it cannot cause friction or blisters in the hand, however hard or long one may play in dry, hot weather, while in rain the moisture cannot possibly prejudice it, or affect the play to the same extent as wet, greasy leathers. The grip is, besides, practically indestructible, and in this point alone it has a great advantage over the leather, which has to be continually renewed. We tested the club in the presence of a good many golfers, and the consensus of opinion after trial was summed up in a brief but expressive phrase, "it is a fine grip."



Just my luck! Who on earth can play a shot like that?

(With the permission of Baird, Limit'd, and Messrs. R. & R. Clark, Edinburgh.)

## Eminent Golfers.

### II.—WILLIE FERNIE.

Willie Fernie is one of three brothers, and his two brothers are, like himself, professional golfers, and club and ball makers. The family are of St. Andrews, which is sufficient to account in great measure for what may be called the family calling—for Fernie's father was a well-known golfer in his day. The subject of the present sketch was born there in 1857, and is, consequently, now over thirty-three years old. He began to play Golf under the only conditions in which anyone can hope to attain as nearly as possible to perfection in the game, viz., before he could remember. He began to practise imitations of mature Golf at the immature age of petticoats; and long before he reached the dignity of possessing a club and ball of his own, he used to practice the swing with a piece of stick naturally crooked at the end, and a cork. The implements are rude, but they have laid the foundation of many a celebrated golfing career, and from them Fernie, like many another golfer, unconsciously learnt the handling of more perfect instruments. Of course, the future champion passed through what may be termed the apprentice stage of the professional golfer's life—the caddie stage—Fernie was, however, not intended by his immediate progenitors for a professional golfer. But his heart was in the game, and, though the parental authority was against it, the son's natural bent triumphed, and he finally threw in his lot with the professionals. At the age of fifteen he won his first laurels, albeit they did not, to any striking extent, foreshadow the commanding position the winner would eventually take among professors of the Royal and Ancient Game. He tied with Davie Strath in a tournament at St. Andrews for last but one, and last prizes, and, on playing off the tie, won the last prize. This very modest triumph he secured on his fifteenth birthday—7th May. He early became a member of the St. Andrews' artizan club, and was one of the leading players of that club for five years, playing regularly for the club prizes, and winning many of them from scratch. But his first notable success as a professional on the Golf links was obtained at a meeting of the leading professionals at Earlsferry, after he had attained his majority. At this tournament, by coming in with the lowest score, he established his reputation as a Golf player, and had thenceforward to be taken into account in all meetings with his colleagues. It is to be noted that on this occasion he came out first twice in one day in the professional event, and in the all-comers event; and that in a field which included such players as Rolland, Anderson, the Simpsons, Kidd, and others of equal repute.

In 1880 Fernie was appointed green-keeper, at Dumfries, to the club which was then newly constituted, and which had laid out a Golf links on the banks of the Nith. Shortly after his installation at Dumfries, he played in 1881 in an open professional tournament at Alnmouth, and again took precedence of his professional brethren, doing the four rounds of a nine-hole course in 164. The result of the meeting gave rise to an interesting contest between Fernie and Park. It was contended that Fernie had won by a fluke from Park who, the favourite, was second, and three strokes behind. Fernie thereupon offered to play Park two matches, one over Alnmouth and one over St.

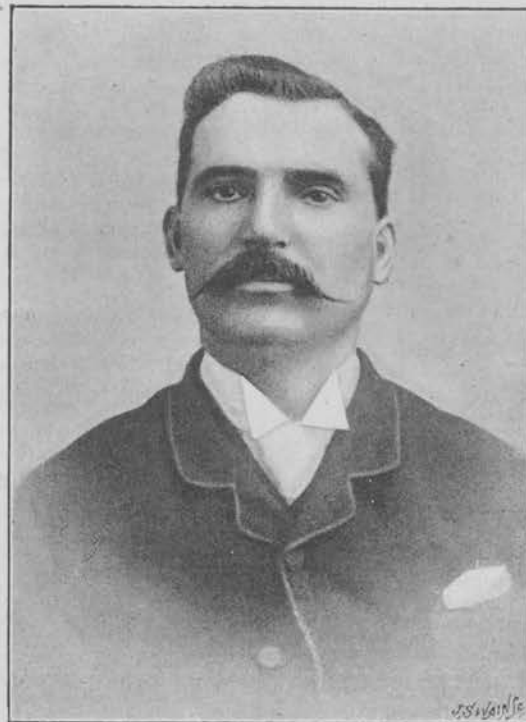
Andrews. The matches were arranged, and came off; and Fernie proved that his success in the tournament was no fluke by winning both events, that over Alnmouth by one hole, and that over St. Andrews by nine up and seven to play. In 1882 Fernie took second place for the championship, when Bob Fergusson won it for the third year in succession. Bob just escaped winning it for the fourth time in the following year; but he was destined to be beaten by his young rival, who had played him second in 1882. Fernie tied with Fergusson, and, on playing off the tie, the former was the victor by one stroke. Fernie was accordingly named champion for 1883, and it is worthy of notice that this victory was won by Fernie playing over a neutral green, and that to one of the holes he took ten strokes. The champion, it may be further noted, had on this occasion played over Musselburgh for the first time, never having even seen the ground previously. During his sojourn at Dumfries he established a record for that green, doing the double round in 68. This figure has not been lowered, but it was some time ago equalled by Fernie's brother, George, who was for some time green-keeper there, and who has recently been

exhibiting remarkable form, playing over Troon, where he is now located along with his brother. In the beginning of 1884, Fernie went as green-keeper to Felixstowe, on the Suffolk coast; and, as at Dumfries, he made a record for the green at 36, 33=69. Here he was to some extent removed from the region of tournaments, but he attended the open meeting at Prestwick in 1885, and still maintained his position as a first-class golfer by tying for second place with Rolland at 163, when Jack Simpson won the championship in 160. At a second tournament at Alnmouth this same year he again had the satisfaction of leaving all-comers behind him, winning the first prize after a tie with Willie Park. When he went to Felixstowe, Fernie found the course to be an eleven-hole one—rather a cumbrous arrangement. On his advice the number of holes was curtailed, and a re-arrangement by Fernie made the course a much better nine-hole one.

At the end of 1886 Fernie came North again, having agreed to become custodian of Ardeer Links, a nine-hole course at Stevenston, on the Ayrshire coast. During his sojourn at Ardeer he played in an

open tournament at North Berwick, and again came out first after a tie with Archie Simpson. Then followed within a short interval of each other tournaments at Montrose and Littlestone, at which Fernie again distinguished himself, heading the list on both occasions.

After being about a year at Ardeer, Fernie was engaged by what has now become the important club at Troon to take charge of the links there, and he has been there ever since. A short time prior to his transference to Troon, Fernie had his first encounter with Willie Campbell, who had then an established reputation as a match player. This engagement may be described as one of a series of home and home matches, played over Prestwick (Campbell was then in charge of this green) and Troon, each match consisting of 36 holes over each. In the first match, which took place in the autumn of 1888, Fernie beat his opponent by 7 up and 6 to play. In the second, which took place in January of 1889, he suffered a severe defeat from Campbell by 12 up and 11 to play. Fernie on this occasion seemed to be completely off his game, while his opponent by contrast showed very fine form. Fernie was far from satisfied with the result of the match, and challenged Campbell to a renewal of the combat. This took place in July of the same year, and, after a match that proved much closer





than either of the previous two, it was won by Fernie at Prestwick by 2 up and 1 to play. Each of these three matches was for £25. In August of the same year Fernie came out winner of first honours in a great two days' tournament at Troon, at which twenty-three professionals played. Fernie holed out in four rounds of 72 holes in 74, 78, 80, 80, = 312; Willie Campbell being second with 317. Playing in the championship contest at Prestwick last year, Fernie tied with Archie Simpson for second place at 167, when, as is well remembered, Mr. John Ball, jun., won the championship with 164. More recently in a tournament at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, promoted by the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club, at which all the leading Scottish professionals, with the exception of Ben Sayers, were present, Fernie again came to the front with 155 for the double round of 36 holes, Archie Simpson being second with 160. A week or two previous to this, he came out twice a winner at a tournament promoted by the New Club at North Berwick.

Altogether, Fernie's record as a professional player is, perhaps, as brilliant as that of any living golfer, and in tournament play he has been first more often than any of his contemporaries, his position in this respect being nearly equal to that of young Tom Morris. He has a large club-making business at Troon, with half-a-dozen men working under him, and consequently has his hands pretty full. He nevertheless finds time to keep up his play, and, judging from recent performances, he does not appear to have yet passed the zenith of his game. When he first came to Troon the record of that green was 78, but it has been undergoing a process of reduction at the hands of Fernie ever since, and it now stands at 72, a figure which he twice accomplished in one day (*vide* GOLF, 19th December last). Our sketch is from a photograph by Mr. S. E. Davies, of Troon.

J. MCBAIN.

RANELAGH GOLF CLUB.

A member of the club having offered a £5 5s. cup to be played for, the following regulations have been framed by the committee:—The competition will be open to all members of the club, who have paid their subscription for the season by the 14th inst. Competition will begin on Saturday, the 14th inst., and continue on each Saturday to the end of the season. The last day of play for the competition being Saturday, 18th April. The competition round may be played either in the morning or afternoon, without, however, previous play on the same day. The cup must have been competed for by the winner not less than five times; the aggregate of the three lowest scores shall decide the competition. The scores of each competition shall be marked by another competitor, failing whom by some other person whom the secretary may appoint. The scores shall be marked on the authorised cards, and be given in to the secretary immediately after the completion of each competition round. The order of play, and all other details, will be subject to the decision of the secretary. All matters affecting score shall, in the event of dispute, be referred to the Editor of GOLF, whose decision shall be final.

PROBLEM No. 4.—ANSWER.

As there is no provision in the St. Andrews or other rules (so far as I am aware) for this case, it falls to be decided legally. In Scotch law, there is a somewhat analogous case, viz., that when a farmer's crop is unexpectedly destroyed by lightning he can claim exemption from paying rent: similarly, B could claim exemption from suffering by reason of the elements, lay down another ball and win.

As there is no such law in England, it would be an extraordinary case of "lost ball, lost hole."

H. M. B.



We desire to call the attention of our readers to the fact that in a few weeks time we shall publish Volume I. of GOLF, handsomely bound in red, and containing a complete Index as to competitions, articles, and other points of information, which will render reference and verification easy. It is scarcely necessary to point out to the executives of Golf clubs that such a volume is indispensable in the case of disagreement, or where authentic details are quickly needed. Apart, however, from this very important feature connected with the everyday life of club organisations, the volume will contain a great deal of valuable literary matter of perennial interest fresh from the pens of golfers imbued with the best traditions of the game, and whose memories go far back into other years when Golf was not so popular or so widespread as it is now, as well as from the pens of gentlemen who are admitted to be among the foremost exponents of the game as we all know it. Our principal contributors, so far, have been men not only well known as golfers but as literary men of high repute. There is Mr. Andrew Lang, Mr. Horace Hutchinson, Mr. Percy Thornton, Professor Tait, Sir Walter Simpson, Dr. Greenlees, Dr. McPherson, Dr. Kerr, Dr. Highet, Mr. H. S. C. Everard, and many others.

We have also had the aid of Captain Alexander's versatile pen in infusing brightness and amusement into our pages by his clever drawings of some of the phases and vicissitudes of the golfer's career on the links. The volume will also be found valuable for the descriptions it contains of old and new greens in the United Kingdom, as well as in other parts of the world. As only a limited number of copies will be on sale, an early application should be made in order to prevent disappointment. A few library editions will be bound in calf, should any of our readers so desire it. Full particulars as to price, &c., will be announced shortly.

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We understand that the extra members authorised at the recent general meeting of the Bournemouth Golf Club have nearly all been elected. Medal play is fixed for the first Saturday in every month, beginning February 7th.

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Why does one who has just taken orders remind you of a man missing an easy putt? Because he wants *accuracy*.

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"THE PENDULUM" PUTTER.  
(From Captain Hamilton's point of view.)

Ziketty—dicketty—dock,  
"The Pendulum" putts like a clock:  
The long game done  
It holes in one,  
Ziketty—dicketty—dock.—ALPHA.

LANDLORD BULGER (of the Golfers' Arms).—"Can you refer me to a work from which I can learn how the ancients constructed those catapults that would throw stones half a mile?"

McGUTTY.—"Don't believe I can. Why do you want such information?"

BULGER.—"Well, you see, I've advertised in GOLF that the 'Golfers' Arms' is within a stone's-throw of the links; and now I have got to rig up some plan for throwing that stone. I am enterprising, but not mendacious."

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There has been a good deal of Golf at Pau during the winter, but all the principal trophies, including the town medal, the St. Andrews Cross, and the Duke of Hamilton's gold medal, will be played for in the course of next month.

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Playing round the Tooting Bec course with Mr. C. E. Nesham on Thursday, the 5th, Mr. Arthur Denman holed out in the fine score of 78, made up as follows:—

Out	...	...	...	5	5	4	4	5	4	5	5	3	=	40	
In	...	...	...	4	6	4	4	4	3	5	4	4	=	38	
													Total	...	78

We believe that this is the amateur record score of the green.

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The challenge for the Inter-University Golf Match came from Oxford this year, proposing Tuesday, March 3rd, as the day most suitable. The Oxford University Golf Club further suggests that for the future the important contest against Cambridge should be played on the splendid links at Sandwich.

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Wimbledon course, which has done very well since the Inter-Varsity match was started, would be quite good enough to go on with. Wimbledon is tolerably handy both for Oxford and for Cambridge men, and nothing could be kinder than the treatment always extended to the rival eights by the members of the Royal Wimbledon Golf Club.

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Tom Dunn, the Tooting Bec professional, has gone to Dinard, on the Normandy coast, to alter and re-arrange the course at that charming little French resort of holiday makers. He has taken with him his son John, who is not only a first-rate club maker but plays a good game; and it is arranged that John shall remain at Dinard for at least a month. Golfers on this side of the Channel who may wish to try the course will thus be certain of getting a good match when they visit the green.

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Yet another dog.—In Natal last winter, when conversing about Golf one day on the outside of a tram-car, my Indian helmet was blown off my head into the road. The car was going at a pretty quick pace, so that in a few minutes the helmet was left far behind. A brown retriever dog (Captain Nolan's, of the Durban volunteers) seeing the hat lying took it up in its mouth, scampered after the car which it overtook, and would give it up to no one but myself. Having done this, and without waiting to receive thanks for its trouble, it jumped off the car and walked quietly away home. The curious thing is that Captain Nolan was at the time sitting beside me, and of whom the dog took no notice. "Might it not be well to secure a dog for Golf?" asks one of last week's contributors. I don't know, but my dog used to find lost balls for me, bring them out of water and marshy places, carry a couple of clubs, and go back to the links after a club which may have been left there by accident.—R. J. B. T.

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The Whitley Golf Club has proved such a great success up to the present time, that, as a proof of the energetic manner in which the affairs of the club are looked after, a movement is on foot to build a large club-house for the use of the members.

The Golf links at Lossiemouth were the subject of a question and answer in Parliament the other evening. Mr. Seymour Keay asked the Secretary of State for War, on Monday night, whether it has been brought to his notice that the Artillery Volunteers at Lossiemouth have been deprived of a rifle range for the past two years to the serious detriment of the corps both as to numbers and efficiency; and, whether Her Majesty's Government can do anything to remedy the grievance complained of? Mr. Stanhope replied that Golf links having been laid out by permission of the proprietor of Lossiemouth, the Artillery volunteers removed their targets on the understanding that another site would be found for a range. Up to the present time this has not been found by the proprietor, but further inquiries would be made.

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There are more English visitors at Pau this season than has been the case for many years. A very brilliant representation was given at the Pau circus on Saturday by the gentlemen of the Pau hunt, for the benefit of the poor of the town. The receipts amounted to nearly 10,000f.

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A Scottish divine, who was exceedingly popular, on one occasion repeated his afternoon discourse in another chapel in the evening. After sermon, the doctor, having met an old woman of his own flock (one of a class which may be seen any Sunday picturesquely grouped on the pulpit stairs of Presbyterian churches) entered into conversation with her. "Hoo's a' wi ye, Janet," quoth the divine; "Brawly, doctor, brawly. Are ye weel enuch yoursel' for you've gi'en us cauld kail het again the nicht." "Hoot, hoot, Janet: ye're wrang about the kail. You ken it haena had time to cool."

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A smart reply is credited to Sir William Thomson, of Glasgow University. The late Dr. Joule, of Manchester, was a quiet and retiring man of science, and a welcome if occasional visitor to Sir William Thomson, they being old friends, and the story is told that at the period when Sir William was bringing out his sounding machine, in which steel wire takes the place of the ordinary lead line, he showed Dr. Joule a bundle of piano-forte wire, telling him at the same time that it was for "sounding." "What note?" inquired Dr. Joule, not quite understanding. "The deep C," promptly replied Sir William.

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A wrestling match took place in the Waterloo Rooms, Glasgow, last week between Tom Cannon, of Cincinnati, and Antonio Pierri, known as "the terrible Greek." The match was conducted in the Græco-Roman style of wrestling, and was for £100 a-side and the championship gold and silver belt, valued at 100 guineas, which is at present held by Pierri, the match being the outcome of a challenge by Cannon. Captain Kay, Edinburgh, acted as referee. Shortly after eight the combatants entered upon the prepared platform, and began the match at ten minutes after the hour. After an extraordinary display of physical power, which lasted for 26 minutes 40 seconds, the first fall was awarded to Cannon. An interval of a quarter of an hour elapsed before the second round was entered upon, and after 21 minutes 30 seconds' wrestling, Pierri succeeded in getting Cannon's shoulders square with the ground, and won amid much applause. The third round was conducted with an equal amount of agility, vigour, and strength, and at the end of 20 minutes Cannon intimated that his fingers were giving, and as he was also still suffering from the fatigue of his journey from America, he asked for the match to be closed in a given time, and if it resulted in a draw he was prepared to have another match. Pierri asked to have the match finished at once, but ultimately it was agreed to wrestle for ten minutes, and in the event of no fall, a draw to be declared. After wrestling for ten minutes, and there being no fall, the match was declared a draw, and the large audience dispersed amid a good many expressions of dissatisfaction. It is probable that another match will take place within the next three weeks. As regards the physique of the two men, Cannon, who is the elder by eight years, having been born in 1852, is also the heavier, the Greek being in all respects a much better proportioned man.



## NORTH BERWICK.

Few matches of more than ordinary interest engaged attention here during the week ending the 31st ult., and the very boisterous weather prevailing rendered golfing somewhat unpleasant. Amongst those who enjoyed a round over the links were General Brewster, Sir G. Clark, Majors Isaacson and Johnston, Captain N. M. Wylie and Mr. F. T. Tennant. On Friday the 30th ult., Captain Wylie engaged in a single with Major Isaacson, the former winning. Colonel Graham had a round of the green on Saturday, the 31st ult., and Lady Clark was accompanied by Bob Cosgrove, professional. The familiar figures of the railway men recently on strike are now missed on the links; but the improved through-train facilities between North Berwick and Edinburgh will doubtless result in a larger influx of golfers from the city on Saturdays than for the past few weeks.

The work of preparing the greens for the spring season is being actively proceeded with at present, and the fine ladies' course is also receiving a due share of attention. Alterations and additions to the new club-house are now in progress, and, when these have been completed, this fine building will be made suitably commodious to meet the requirements of one of the principal clubs in the kingdom.

The members of the North Berwick School Board were engaged at their statutory meeting last week in discussing the advisability of recommending new regulations for the employment of caddies. Provost Brodie, an enthusiastic and excellent golfer in his palmy days, and who still manifests a keen interest in the royal game, introduced the subject by reminding the Board that the matter was considered by them some twelve months ago, when an interview was obtained with some of the influential golfers connected with the links here. He had learned from GOLF that recently a very excellent arrangement had been adopted at St. Andrews (copies of GOLF containing the details of the scheme being produced for reference). The lessees of the North Berwick green had, since the question was last before the Board, added to their number to look after the interests of the links; but nothing of a substantial character had yet transpired. He now considered it advisable that as a Board, possessing a deep interest in the welfare of the boys of North Berwick, they should again move in the matter; and he proposed that the lessees and the Golf Committee be approached with a recommendation to adopt a course similar to that prevailing at St. Andrews. This recommendation became the unanimous finding of the meeting.

Over the North Berwick links the royal and ancient game was much resorted to during last week, and on Saturday the green presented a more animated appearance than has been witnessed since the beginning of the year. The influx of visiting golfers for the day by the early trains was exceptionally large, the teeing-ground being soon studded with players waiting to drive. Amongst friendly games, a three-ball match took place in the middle of last week, in which Captain N. M. Wylie, Captain R. G. Suttie, and Mr. Walter Forbes were engaged. A very close and an interesting game resulted in favour of Mr. Forbes by one over Captain Wylie and two over Captain Suttie. On Thursday Mr. Forbes and Davie Grant played a single. The professional, who conceded his opponent "half-one," lost by three holes after a close game. Amongst those over the

links during Saturday were Mr. J. W. Tod and Mr. Kinloch, who enjoyed two rounds in Company. Ben Sayers and Mr. Walter Forbes had a splendid match, the former receiving "half-one." In both out and home play the game was interestingly equal, and was still undecided at Pointgarry in, the match then standing all even and one to play. Heeling his ball from the tee, Mr. Forbes unfortunately drove over the wall into the garden, and the professional accordingly was successful by a nole. Three rounds at the beginning of the week between the same couple ended after somewhat exciting tussels in favour of Sayers.

The monthly contest for the handicap trophy of the Bass Rock Club was held over the North Berwick course on Saturday, when a very fair number of competitors assembled. Owing to a strong and gusty wind against the players in the out half the scoring was abnormally high, a fair proportion of the members making no return. The winner of the badge at the previous competition and scratch medallist of the club figured amongst the absentees, and on this occasion the trophy was gained by Mr. J. D. Rathsay, one of the youngest members of the club. Mr. Rathsay completed the round in 88, less 8=80. The next handicap scores returned were as follows:—Mr. Adam Hogg, 87, less 6=81; Mr. James Henderson, 86, less 2, 84; and Mr. James Mitchell, 89, less 2=87.

## FORFARSHIRE.

The first week of February brought gladness to the heart of the golfer. The weather was mild and gentle, quite spring-like in its character, and it is needless to say that strong are the hopes expressed that we have now got through with the winter. This, perhaps, premature advent of spring has excited considerable commotion in golfing circles, and appearances indicate that a general resumption of the game will be early. The various clubs have been getting in order for the ensuing season, and every week now will witness some competition.

The Broughty Golf Club held their annual meeting last week under the presidency of Mr. Alexander Bowman, the captain, and the members have every reason to be satisfied with the state of its affairs. Mr. William Young, the secretary, had a favourable report to submit, the club having a balance on the right side, while the total number of members was forty-five. The election of office-bearers was then proceeded with, and resulted in some important changes. Mr. David Smyton, Monifieth, was elected captain; Mr. Daniel Drimmie, vice-captain; Mr. Alexander Bowman, Cottage Place, Broughty Ferry, secretary and treasurer; and Messrs. Irvine Drimmie, James Smart, David Bisset, William Smith, and J. H. Dunlop, councillors. A proposal to increase the annual subscription to 4s. was adopted, and it was also agreed to approach the other clubs who play on Monifieth links, and ascertain if they were favourable to a proposal to have flags on poles placed on the greens on special occasions. Five new members having been admitted, it was decided that the opening competition for the Miller cup should take place to-morrow (Saturday, 14th).

The spring quarterly meeting of the members of the Panmure Golf Club, was held on Saturday within the club-house, Monifieth; Mr. P. D. Mitchell, presiding. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and approved of, applications for admission to the club came up, when six new members were ballotted for and duly admitted members. The remainder of the business was of a routine nature. The members then started to compete for the handsome cup, presented by the late Mr. William Brand, of Mylnefield, going out in the following order:—John Jones and S. Worrall, A. R. C. Patterson and J. Prain, jun., D. Low and W. R. Sharp, P. S. Brown and E. Carmichael, D. Anderson and P. D. Mitchell, H. B. Gilroy and G. Gilroy, jun., J. L. Luke and R. Gilroy, A. G. Morgan and W. Gibson, T. H. Smith and W. Low, W. Mann and J. Watson, J. Sharp, jun., and J. S. Ogilvie, A. P. Mathewson and I. Drimmie, D. I. Lamb and R. R. Sharp, W. O. Cunningham and D. M'Intyre, David Gilroy and James Cunningham, C. E. Gilroy and G. A. Gilroy, T. Lillie and Dr. Cowans. A strong west wind prevailed, but the greens were in fine condition. On the cards being examined it was found that the cup had been won by Mr. David Anderson, of the Grange, with the excellent score of 78 strokes, being the record of the green for the Panmure Golf Club. Considering the nature of the weather, this performance



was quite phenomenal. Mr. Anderson's card showed the following details:—

Out ... ..	5	3	5	4	5	4	4	4	4	4=38	} 78
In ... ..	5	4	3	5	4	4	4	4	6	5=40	

Last year the cup was won by Mr. D. I. Lamb with the score of 90 strokes. The following were the next best scores in Saturday's competition: Messrs. D. I. Lamb, R. B. Sharp, James Cunningham, jun., and C. E. Gilroy, 87; R. Gilroy, 88; A. R. C. Patterson and J. Sharp, jun., 91; D. Low, 92; W. R. Sharp and P. D. Mitchell, 93; John Jones, 94; James Prain, 98; and George Gilroy, jun., 99 strokes, each respectively.

**KINGHORN THISTLE CLUB.**

The annual supper in connection with this club was held on Saturday, when a large number of members turned out. Bailie Darney, president of the club, occupied the chair. The secretary's report showed the club in a flourishing state as regards numbers and finance.

**EAST OF FIFE CLUB.**

The monthly silver medal of the club was played for on Saturday afternoon. The green was in good order, but a strong westerly wind prevailing during the competition made the home play a difficult task. Only a few competitors entered, the conditions being three rounds of the course, or eighteen holes. At the close the medal was declared won by Captain W. Cummings, Pittenweem, a new beginner, with a score of 95, less 18=77, the next best scratch score being 85.

**HAWICK CLUB.**

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday afternoon, when there was a fair number of competitors. Result:—1, Mr. T. Hodgson, 109, less 19=90; 2, Mr. G. P. Ross, 96, less 1=95; 3, Mr. W. Hume, 98, less 2=96.

**STOCKBRIDGE GOLF CLUB (EDINBURGH).**

The "Wallace" monthly medal of this club was played for over Leith links on Saturday, when Mr. Sullivan proved the winner with a score of 92, less 9=83, for eighteen holes.

**SCOTSMAN CLUB.**

Ten couples played over the Braids (new) course on Saturday for the "Caxton" medal. A troublesome wind blew across the course, and the putting-greens were somewhat rough and uncertain. The scores consequently were higher than usual. Mr. T. Brotherson won the medal with a score of 99, less 12=87; Mr. D. Robb being second with 101, less 13=88.

**GLASGOW CLUB.**

Splendid golfing weather attended such fixtures as came off in Scotland on Saturday, and at Alexandra Park, where the Glasgow Club turned out in great force, the weather was very fine, and the ground generally in good condition. The occasion was the competition for the monthly medals, when forty-seven couples started from the tee. In respect of the very favourable conditions some good scores were made, the best being that of Mr. James R. Motion, who came in with 73, three strokes above the record, made up as follows:—

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

The following were the results:—

CLUB MEDAL.			
Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. R. Motion ...	73	0	73
Mr. F. G. Tulloch	81	0	81
Mr. J. A. Shaw ...	83	2	81
WILSON MEDAL.			
Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. Fullerton...	83	7	76
Mr. D. S. Sinclair	89	11	78
Mr. R. Wilson ...	90	9	81
SCOTT MEDAL.			
Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. Shanks ...	94	15	79
Mr. R. Young ..	97	18	79
Mr. J. Guthrie ...	94	14	80

**ANNANDALE CLUB (LOCKERBIE).**

The monthly competition for Mr. Alexander Rogerson of St. Michael's medal was played on Lockerbie Hill on Saturday. Mr. Donald Stewart, schoolmaster, won with a total of 83 (74, plus 9) for eighteen holes.

**BRIDGE OF WEIR.**

The competition for the monthly medal among the members of the Ranfurly Castle Golf Club took place on Saturday. The weather was fine, but the ground rather heavy, and seven couples started. When the round was completed and the cards were handed in it was found that the scoring had been higher than average. The lowest scorer was Dr. Sandeman, who was thus the winner of the medal, and the cards handed in gave the following results:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Dr. Sandeman ...	107	21	86
Mr. R. B. Mitchell	105	7	98
Mr. Jas. Fleming ...	118	30	88
Mr. Thos. Carruthers	113	15	98

**LANARK CLUB.**

The members of the Lanark Club held their principal fixture on Saturday, when the competition for the Orchard shield, postponed from New Year's Day on account of the frost, took place. The conditions as to weather and ground were favourable, but there was only a limited turn-out. The competition, which was a handicap one, is rather different as to its conditions from ordinary competitions. The couples are arranged so that a first-class player and a second-class player go together, and each player is allowed half the aggregate odds of the two players. When the two rounds of the green (twenty-eight holes) had been completed it was found, on the cards being compared, that the shield and accompanying badges had been won by Messrs. Paterson and Wm. Davidson. The best scores, after deducting handicap, were:—Paterson and W. Davidson, 128; J. A. Vassie and W. Horn, 135; J. Stodart and Vassie, 136; J. Vassie, jun., and Rev. W. Smith, 139; Haddow and Frame, 141; J. M. Davidson and Sir W. C. Anstruther, 144; T. Watson and Hon. A. Y. Bingham, 144; J. Annan and W. Annan, 147.

**DURHAM GOLF CLUB.**

The first of a series of eight competitions for the Blagdon cup was played at Pinkerknowle, on Friday, February 6th. Result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Dr. O. F. N. Treadwell	108	4	104
Mr. S. Osborn ...	125	7	118
Mr. J. Duncanson ...	117	12	105
Mr. A. McKinlay ...	132	12	120
Mr. F. W. Cluff ...	134	25	109
Mr. G. P. Blagdon ...	133	12	121
Rev. A. Robertson...	159	45	114
Mr. N. Cochrane ...	193	50	143

Messrs. J. Hutchinson, H. W. Roberts and A. Hutchinson retired.

**GREAT YARMOUTH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.**

Monthly competition, January 30th. Miss FitzRoy won compass (scratch) and medal (handicap); score, gross 62, handicap 7, net 55. Mrs. Bellamy, Miss Hamilton, Miss J. Waters, and Miss Frere played.

February 3rd.—Miss FitzRoy again won the compass and medal; score, gross 74, handicap 5, net 69. Mrs. Turner, Miss Frere, and Miss Hamilton played.

**TYNESIDE CLUB.**

The competition for the club cup took place over the Ryton course on the 5th inst. in fine weather. This was the seventh contest for this trophy, and six couples started but only two members made returns. A keen struggle for premier honours took place between Messrs. Thomson and Radcliffe, the final resulting:—Mr. J. B. Radcliffe, 90, plus 2=92; Mr. R. T. Thomson, 92, plus 1=93.

**LEITH GOLF CLUB.**

This club played their monthly competition for medals on Saturday. The scratch medal was won by Mr. C. Gibson with the score of 69, less 2=67; handicap medal by R. Hutchison, jun., 72, less 8=64.

**ABERDEEN.**

Saturday was a magnificent day for golf, and quite a large field of competitors turned out at the Balgownie Links to play for the Aberdeen Club's monthly scratch medal and Colonel Burgmann's cup. The round had been considerably altered since the previous month, and was a good deal more difficult,

a number of competitors thus coming to grief and spoiling their cards. Among the few handed in some excellent scores, however, were returned, notably the 85 of Mr. W. F. Orr, the well-known Glasgow and Dornoch Club player, who is presently located here, and who succeeded in carrying off the scratch medal. Mr. Basil S. McLellan also handed in the excellent score of 86, which with three strokes of a handicap, made him the Burgmann cup winner for the month. The remaining scores could only be classed as fair. The following are a few of the lowest :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. B. S. McLellan	86 3 83	Captain H. V.	
Mr. W. F. Orr	85 0 85	Brooke	94 0 94
Mr. W. G. Jamieson	94 3 91	Mr. R. B. N. Find-	
Captain Miller Wall-		later	99 3 96
nutt	95 3 92		

On the same day the members of the Bon-Accord Club competed over the usual links course for their monthly scratch and handicap medals. The favourable weather brought out quite a large field of competitors, and when the cards handed in were compared it was found that Mr. Alexander Smart had won the scratch medal with the creditable score of 89, 5 off=84, and tied with Mr. James Florence 91, 7 off=84, for the handicap medal. The following players came next in order :—W. Smart, 90; L. Anderson and A. Jaffray, 95 each; James Paterson, 98, and J. W. Murray, 99.

TROON CLUB.

The weather on the Ayrshire coast on Saturday the 31st ult., was of an extremely stormy character, and in consequence the turn-out of players on the links at Troon on the occasion of the competition for the monthly gold medal was very limited. A large number of players were in attendance at the club-house, in the expectation that the storm would abate, but only the following ventured out: Mr. Hugh Lauder, Mr. Geo. Morton, Dr. Wm. Brown, Mr. Thos. Morton, Mr. John Merry, Mr. J. W. Wilson, Mr. T. B. A. McMichael, Mr. Wm. Findlay, and Mr. And. McMurray. The scoring was of course high, and the winning score was considerably above the average. We give the two best scores :—Dr. Brown—winner of the medal—115, less 18=97, Mr. And. McMurray, 111, scratch, 111.

PRESTWICK CLUB.

The same weather conditions prevailed at Prestwick on Saturday the 31st ult., as over the rest of the Ayrshire coast, but here the number of competitors who went out to play for the monthly gold medal was not so much under the average as might have been expected. In all eight couples started, the players being Mr. Robert Cowan, Captain Bertram, Mr. Jas. H. Wilson, Mr. W. S. Wilson, Mr. R. N. Fairlie, Mr. Robert Hutchison, Mr. A. H. Donald, Mr. H. O. O. Grant, Mr. C. K. Aitken, Mr. Archd. R. Paterson, Mr. W. J. Anderson, Mr. Thos. Johnston, Sheriff J. M. Lees, Mr. J. Wallace Hamilton, Col D. D. Whigham, Mr. Walter C. Alston. When such cards as were handed in were compared it was found that the medal had been won with a score of 102, which is about 14 or 16 strokes above the average. The winner was Mr. R. N. Fairlie who played from scratch. The only cards handed in were :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. N. Fairlie	102 scr. 102	Mr. R. Cowan	117 8 109
Mr. J. H. Wilson	113 6 107	Capt. Bertram	124 15 109
Mr. W. S. Wilson	106 +3 109		

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS.

Baillie Wilson's medal was the fixture played on Saturday, the 31st ult., over the links of the Prestwick St. Nicholas. The club did not escape the consequences of the unfavourable state of the weather, there being a greatly diminished turn-out of players, and the scoring being unusually high. The following were the starters :—Mr. John Gray, Mr. H. M. Giles, Mr. James Andrew, Mr. Andrew Boon, Mr. A. J. Larke, Mr. John Wallace, Mr. C. I. Hight, and Mr. W. J. Templeton. The medal was won by the last named with 106, less 15=91, which is ten strokes above par. The following four cards were all that were given in :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. J. Templeton	106 15 91	Mr. H. M. Giles	119 12 97
Mr. Jas. Andrew	98 3 95	Mr. C. I. Hight	120 10 110

FORRES.

The members of the Forres Club held the usual monthly competition for the Stuart gold medal on Wednesday, the 4th inst. Heavy rain on the previous day had made the course very difficult to play on, and the putting-greens were exceedingly soft. The medal was secured by Dr. Milligan with a score of 108, less 5=103. The remaining scores were :—D. K. Stewart, 132, less 16=116; Alexander Frazer, 131, less 10=121; Dr. Fowlie, 131, scratch; and Alexander Macpherson, 143, less 8=135.

WEST LANCASHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The New Year's Day competition of this club having been postponed an account of snow and frost, was held on Saturday, the 31st ult., in brilliant weather on the links at Hall Road, Blundellsands. Forty-eight started from the "tee." The first club handicap prize and the first sweepstakes were won by Mr. Adam G. Rankine. The second club handicap prize and second and third sweepstakes were tied for by Messrs. Louis J. Ferguson, Walter Fletcher, and Dr. Stookes. Appended is the list of scores under 100 net.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
A. G. Rankine	93 8 85	J. Fairclough	96 2 94
L. J. Ferguson	91 5 86	G. Newsom	99 5 94
W. Fletcher	94 8 86	Rev. R. W. Bardsley	101 7 94
A. Stookes	95 9 86	F. W. Chadwick	101 7 94
J. B. Hunter	99 12 87	M. Rollo	114 20 94
P. O'Brien	105 18 87	J. W. Fowler	95 scr. 95
F. E. M. Dixon	93 4 89	C. A. Rawcliffe	103 8 95
A. Durandu	96 7 89	R. Kerr Waddell	105 10 95
O. Blundell	103 14 89	E. Houlgrave	120 25 95
W. S. Harris	105 16 89	G. F. Smith	100 4 96
James Rose	108 18 90	A. Chisholm	103 7 96
F. Gittins	106 15 91	F. Litchfield	111 15 96
T. R. Job	109 18 91	Hugh Verdon	119 23 96
T. Mellard Reade	109 17 92	W. S. Taylor	102 5 97
Dr. Rowlands	110 18 92	J. Shepherd	104 7 97
G. R. Cox, jun.	97 4 93	G. H. O. Salt	115 18 97
W. H. Allan	103 10 93	F. W. Taylor	117 20 97
F. W. Cornelius	108 15 93	R. H. Prestwich	107 8 99
W. R. Gardner	113 20 93	C. Taylor	121 22 99
W. Barry	115 22 93		

BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the captain's cup postponed from the 24th, took place on Saturday, the 31st ult. A strong wind was blowing during the day, prejudicially affecting the scoring, which was as follows :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. D. S. Crowther	100 25 75	Mr. W. J. Drewitt	132 30 102
Mr. G. Crowther	90 8 82	Mr. T. O. Clinning	128 25 103
Mr. J. C. Barrett, jun.	116 25 91	Mr. A. Woodewiss	135 30 105
Mr. C. A. Colman	118 22 96	Mr. E. P. Stephenson	128 22 106
Mr. J. H. F. Hutton	109 12 97	Mr. R. L. Worsley	133 27 106
Mr. R. Simpson	127 30 97	Mr. W. E. Buckley	127 20 107
Mr. M. Kennedy	125 27 98	Mr. H. Kennedy	134 20 114
Mr. J. Betham	114 14 100	Mr. T. Docksey	139 25 114
Major Pemberton	116 16 100	Mr. T. C. P. Gibbons	148 30 118

No returns from Messrs. R. Latchford and C. E. Milne.

The first competition for the Mackenzie cup took place on Saturday, the 7th inst., with the following result :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
E. P. Stephenson	102 22 80	W. E. Buckley	127 20 107
W. Bowker	114 25 89	W. J. Drewitt	137 30 107
W. W. P. Shatwell	99 7 92	T. O. Clinning	134 25 109
Major Pemberton	108 16 92	G. D. S. Crowther	117 5 112
M. Kennedy	123 27 96	H. Kennedy	134 20 114
C. A. Colman	117 20 97	T. Docksey	144 25 119
G. Crowther	106 scr. 106		

J. S. Irvin, T. C. P. Gibbons, and others, made no return.

DUBLIN GOLF CLUB.

The tie between Mr. J. W. Peisley White and Mr. J. H. Pigot, in the final competition for the monthly medal, was played off on Saturday. The match excited the greatest interest amongst the members of the club, as both competitors play very evenly, each receiving the same handicap on medal days. Mr. White won by four strokes, the scores being as follows :—Mr. White out 45, in 46=91; Mr. Pigot, out 47, in 48=95.

WILMSLOW v. DISLEY.

The return match between the Wilmslow Golf Club and the Disley Golf Club was played on Saturday, February 7th, on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 29 holes.

DISLEY.		WILMSLOW.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. Bell ...	6	Mr. Gilchrist ...	0
Dr. Hodgkinson ...	0	Mr. Tweedale ...	1
Mr. Cummins ...	1	Mr. Bellhouse ...	0
Mr. R. Hutton ...	5	Mr. Swanwick ...	0
Rev. J. Bourne ...	6	Mr. Henry ...	0
Mr. Milne ...	14	Mr. Hughes ...	0
Mr. A. Hutton ...	0	Mr. Beaumont ...	2
	32		3

BOURNEMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

The first medal day of this new club took place on Saturday last, when eleven pairs competed, Mr. Frederick Stokes winning with a score of 91, Lieut. Goldfinch, R.N., and Mr. E. W. Charlton, with scores respectively of 93 and 96 running close up. The course on Balmer Lawn adjoining the pretty village of Brockenhurst, and embosomed in the New Forest, is extremely beautiful and picturesque, and from the Golf point of view is even now a very agreeable and interesting course, with grand natural hazards, and it has great capabilities of future extension and improvement. Notwithstanding the long frost and the heavy rains which have followed, the course and the greens were in very good condition.

BOWDON GOLF CLUB.

The first of the series of eight monthly medal competitions with optional sweepstakes, arranged by the council, took place on the links at Dunham, on Saturday the 7th. The weather, fortunately, was mild, with a light breeze from the south-west, and this proved sufficient to attract a fair number of members and visitors anxious to see the result of the first round for the silver medal, and to inspect the new club-house, which has just been finished. The latter presented quite an animated appearance all day, the interior greatly owing its attractiveness to the very artistic chairs and tables given by the ladies who are honorary members of the club, and who have in so many other ways helped the cause of Golf in this part of the county. The new eighteen-hole course will soon be ready for play, but Saturday's competition took place over the old ground, the putting-greens, owing to Gourlay's exertions, being in very good condition after the late severe weather. Only eight couples out of the list turned up on the teeing-ground, and, later in the day, upon examining the cards, it was found that Mr. F. C. Morgan, with a scratch score of 91, had tied with Mr. S. W. Gillett (handicap 12). Upon these two playing off the former secured a win for the October medal and the first prize in the sweepstakes, Mr. Gillett taking the second. Mr. T. D. Cummins, with a handicap of 3, came in after a round in his usual steady style of play with 92 net. The following are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. F. C. Morgan...	91 scr. 91	Mr. J. Pattison ...	124 18 106
Mr. S. W. Gillett...	103 12 91	Mr. A. Muir ...	136 30 106
Mr. T. D. Cummins	95 3 92	Mr. W. M. Neild...	137 30 107
The Rev. W. H. Crozier ...	107 10 97	Mr. T. Creswick	
Mr. E. F. Alford ...	124 25 99	Oliver ...	107 scr. 107
Mr. A. Cyril Ransome ...	117 16 101	Mr. Henry Staffurth	138 28 110
Mr. Herbert F. Ransome ...	115 12 103	Mr. F. V. Williams	136 25 111
		Mr. T. W. Killick...	160 36 124
		Mr. W. S. Mainprice	155 30 125

No returns from Messrs. J. S. Scott, P. E. Power and W. Bellhouse.

ROYAL ASCOT GOLF CLUB.

The club held its first meeting of the year on Friday and Saturday, February 6th and 7th, and, as the prizes were numerous and handsome, it is not astonishing that the meeting was a success in every way. The weather was all that could be desired, and the greens, which have had much care and labour bestowed upon them, have never been in better order. The respective wins of Mr. Harold Blackett and Mr. Harcourt Sawyer were most popular; but we take it for granted that the

handicappers will take every care of them for the future. Messrs. C. Hamilton and E. Ponsonby returned good scores, but the latter gentleman had a phenomenal start for one who plays so often and so well, and the Rev. J. Stewart's score of 43 for nine holes was a bit of a surprise, after he had taken 71 for the same nine holes in his first round. It is needless to add that Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell won the scratch aggregate prize.

Winner of aggregate scratch prize, Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell—92 and 90=182.

Winner of club cup for 1890, Mr. C. Hamilton—95, less 9=86.

Winner of best nine holes:—Rev. J. Stewart, 43, less 7=36.

Winner of consolation prize:—Mr. C. E. Cottrell, 100, less 13=87.

Winner of Mr. H. F. de Paravicini's prize for 1890:—Mr. J. Oswald, 88, less 8=80.

The following were the best for Mr. C. Haig's prize for best three returns during 1890. Result:—Mr. H. Eden, 86, 84, 84=254; Mr. H. Sawyer, 88, 87, 85=260; Mr. F. J. Patton, 87, 84, 91=262; Mr. E. Ponsonby, 85, 89, 88=262.

Scores of the club competition:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. H. Blackett ...	93	13	80	Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell	90 2 88
†Mr. H. Sawyer ...	100	15	85	Mr. F. J. Patton ...	91 2 89
‡Mr. E. Ponsonby ...	107	21	86	Col. Eden ...	106 14 92
Mr. C. Hamilton ...	95	9	86	Mr. L. B. Keyser ...	101 9 92
Mr. H. Saulez ...	109	22	87	Mr. H. Eden ...	111 14 97
Mr. C. E. Cottrell...	100	13	87		

\* Winner of handicap under 18 strokes. † Winner of aggregate handicap on both days of the meeting. ‡ Winner of handicap over 18 strokes.

The following over 100, or made no return:—Messrs. J. Oswald, Col. Lewes, C. C. Clarke, H. C. Clarke, Sir T. Dyer, W. H. Leese, C. E. Bartholomew, Capt. Cooper-Key, P. Laming, H. H. Longman, F. F. Mackenzie, H. F. de Paravicini, E. H. Parr, G. W. Ricketts, E. H. Whitmore, Rev. H. Wilson, J. Robertson, C. C. Bayley, and C. E. Haig.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE COLF CLUB.

The competition for the De Worms challenge cup, which was postponed from Saturday, Dec. 20th, 1890, on account of the snow, took place on Saturday, Feb. 7th. At the same time the usual monthly competition for the Berens medal was played, and also the club prize for medal winners of 1890. Mr. Walter Carr, the captain of the club for the present year, carried off the three events with the fine return of 90, less 8=82. The links were in capital condition, and the day was very favourable for good scoring. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. Carr ...	90	8	82	Rev. T. H. Belcher	103 12 91
Mr. H. E. Acklom	93	9	84	Mr. W. O. Baily ...	98 5 93
Mr. J. Brock ...	95	9	86	Lieut.-Col. Galwey	108 15 93
Mr. C. E. Nesham	91	4	87	Mr. S. S. Schultz ...	105 10 95
Mr. A. Denman ...	96	6	90	Mr. J. Hinde Crouch	121 23 98

Twenty players made no return.

DINARD GOLF CLUB.

The monthly handicaps for February were played on February 2nd and 3rd. Owing to the approach of the end of the leave season, several of our best players had to rejoin their regiments. The break-up of the frost has also taken off all the hunting element. These causes, combined with the fact that the number of county balls taking place in January diminished the ranks of lady players, gave the handicappers a smaller entry to compete with than has lately been the case, otherwise the links have been so overcrowded during the autumn that fresh ground on a more extended space has had to be found about a mile further off, between St. Lunain and St. Briac.

From the opinion of golfing experts who have inspected the new ground, it is expected to rank second to none in France, and will be beaten by very few in England or Scotland. Tom Dunn, the well-known professional, is laying out the links, and one of his sons comes with him to remain in charge for a time.

The appended scores may seem high, but owing to three of the putting-greens lying within a few feet of the coast, and



play between them being in some cases along the edge, they are much affected by any inland wind blowing, and a very slightly heeled ball requires very little persuasion to retire on to the St. Lunain *plage*, a spot however delightful in summer for bathing purposes, is anything but conducive to good words, when a Golf-ball has to be extracted from it.

Owing also to the proposed move to new ground, not much attention has been paid lately to the present course, so that what was previously inclined to be rough has been rendered considerably rougher by the frost. However, the lovely weather of last week, necessitating in many instances the taking off of coats and playing in shirt sleeves, more than compensated for unexpected difficulties in play. It is only to be hoped that the new ground will be ready for the number of golfers who have promised to come for Easter, and that they will enjoy equally favourable circumstances as regards weather.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Lt.-Col. Dansey ...	111 16 95	Mr. H. Chapman	120 10 110
Col. Villiers-Forbes.	121 21 100	Col. Stack ..	125 11 114
Mr. E. A. Leather	123 22 101	Mr. M. Edye...	140 13 127
Mr. H. Keppel ...	116 8 108		

No returns from Sir George Duntze, Bart., Mr. F. Gilbert-Smith, Rev. R. Peek, Lt.-Col. Okefen, Cte. J. Rochaid, Mr. A. Gardiner, Mr. J. Nation. Played in warm sunshine, south-west wind.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss M. Leather ...	157 30 127	Miss Staveley...	169 19 150
Miss M. Dansey ...	162 35 127	Comtesse des Francs	196 45 151
Mrs. W. Stephenson	162 28 134	Mlle. de Querangal	198 45 153
Miss Forbes ...	145 10 135		

No returns from Miss B. Gordon, Miss M. B. Stephenson, Miss Hamilton, Miss L. Hamilton, Miss Nation, Miss Leather, Miss Duntze.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

The seventh competition for the "Gray Trophy" was played on Saturday, the 7th inst., under favourable circumstances of wind and weather. The greens were not in their usual good condition, owing perhaps to the effects of the recent frost. The winner proved to be the captain, Mr. W. Purves, with a net score of 145, although Mr. Purves took twenty-four strokes for the first three holes, he played a capital uphill game in the remaining twenty-five by negotiating them on, or about an average of five and a-half strokes each. Mr. Newby, who has previously won this prize twice, carried off second honours, and the honorary secretary was *en evidence* third.

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. W. Purves ...	78	77	155	10	145
Mr. G. Newby ...	79	80	159	10	149
Mr. C. Cooper ...	77	88	165	14	151
Mr. O. Trechmann ..	84	86	170	18	152
Mr. F. W. Purvis...	79	87	166	13	153
Mr. A. Robinson ...	85	81	166	12	154
Mr. A. B. Crosby...	86	85	171	14	157
Mr. H. Simpson ...	99	92	191	30	161
Mr. R. E. Leach ...	88	86	174	20	154
Mr. C. J. Bunting...	93	98	191	30	161
Mr. T. E. Pyman...	97	104	201	40	161
Mr. E. W. Walker ...	105	97	202	40	162

The following withdrew during the competition:—Messrs. G. E. Casebourne, A. Gladstone, R. Elliott, J. W. Marshall, S. Walker, L. K. Fawcitt, A. R. Patton, and the Rev. F. L. Cope

WHITLEY CLUB.

The fifth competition for the Wyndham Cup, the gift of the genial captain, Mr. F. W. Wyndham, was the point at issue on the 7th inst, over the Whitley course. Seventeen members started, but only four made any returns, and these were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Dr. C. F. Treadwell	95 6 89	Mr. J. Hausell	121 25 96
Dr. J. Limont ...	107 12 95	Mr. J. B. Radcliffe...	93 +4 97

A novices competition will take place at an early date.

PAU LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Friday, January 30th, the ladies assembled to compete for Mrs. Potter's prize, a handicap limited to ten points. The prize consisted of a beautiful silver shield, the figure of a lady playing Golf in the foreground, the Pyrenees in the back, surrounded with a handsome wreath of oak leaves, acorns, and

fleur-de-lis inclosed in a rich border, all in the most exquisite *repoussé* work. The prize was won by Miss M. Newall, who is at present decidedly the second best player on the ground, her sister, Miss Newall, being the best. The day was perfect—soft, balmy air, with subdued sunlight. After the match, Mrs. Potter was At Home to her friends at the Golf Club. Subjoined are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss M. Newall ...	73	5	68	Miss de Longueil ...	90	10	80
Miss Newall ...	73	4	69	Miss C. Halkett ...	91	10	81
Miss Ross ...	79	10	69	Hon. Mrs. Chetwynd	92	10	82
Mrs. Platt ...	78	8	70	Hon. V. Mostyn ...	93	10	83
Miss N. Ross ...	82	10	72	Miss Kane ...	94	10	84
Lady Nugent ...	83	10	73	Mrs. A. Troys ...	95	10	85
Mrs. Inglis ...	85	10	75	Mrs. Boreel... ..	97	10	87
Hon. E. St. Aubyn.	85	10	75	Miss Herbert ...	101	10	91
Mrs. Maud ...	86	10	76	Miss Pearce ...	102	10	92
Mrs. G. F. Newall...	87	10	77	Miss Pemberton ...	101	10	91
Miss V. Newall ...	87	10	77	Miss Parr ...	104	10	94
Miss Berners ...	89	10	79	Miss Potter...	105	10	95

Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Jones, and many others played, but did not send in returns.

WINCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly medal took place on these links on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., in fine golfing weather, the greens being in very fair order, but most of the players were out of practice after the long frost, which will account for the scores being higher than usual.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Rev. G. Hewett ...	98 17 81	Mr. W. S. Brockley	104 13 91
Mr. C. Hill ...	96 12 84	Col. W. S. Hunt ...	111 20 91
Rev. H. L. Porter...	105 21 84	Mr. H. A. Brooking	103 10 93
Mr. E. H. Buckland	91 5 86	Mr. A. J. Toye ...	107 14 93
Mr. J. M. Dunlop ..	94 8 86	Rev. J. T. Bramston	112 18 94
Mr. C. E. Mertens .	115 26 89	Mr. M. J. Rendall...	118 22 96

Several other members played, but made no return.

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly medal, which was held on the 3rd inst., proved an extremely keen one. Mr. T. A. Raynes eventually came in the winner with a score of 127, less 10=117, Mr. H. H. Turner came second with a net of 118, and Major H. H. Crookenden third with a net of 119. Mr. C. Lethbridge, who was making a good score, unfortunately disqualified himself by holing out with another player's ball. Details of the play are as under:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. T. A. Raynes...	127 10 117	Mr. G. H. Ireland	125 scr. 125
Mr. H. H. Turner	126 8 118	Mr. W. Morris ...	140 15 125
Mjr H.H.Crookenden	124 5 119	Mr. C. W. Harrison	142 16 126
Mr. Robert Whyte	124 5 121	Mr. W. E. Hughes	136 6 130
Capt. H. Gillon ...	125 4 121	Mr. W. K. Graham	144 12 132
Mr. W. O. S. Pell...	125 4 121	Mr. S. Clarke ...	167 28 139
Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote	129 6 123		

No returns from Mr. W. G. Barnes, Rev. J. H. Ellis, Messrs. J. G. Gibson, A. H. Newington and Dr. T. Skinner.

The fourth heat of the foursome competition for the captain's cups has, after repeated postponements on account of weather, now been played off, with the result that Messrs. C. W. Harrison and F. J. Walker, giving 18 strokes, beat Messrs. G. Humphreys and W. H. M. Christie 3 up and 2 to play; and Messrs. F. S. Ireland and G. O. Jacob, receiving 8 strokes, beat Capt. H. Gillon and Mr. G. H. Ireland, 2 up and 1 to play.

It has now been fixed that the Bombay medal of the club shall be played for on the 17th inst., all competitors to start between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

CLAPHAM COMMON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal of the above club, and the challenge handicap cup, were both played for on Saturday last. Three members tied for them. Owing to a thick fog and heavy greens, the scoring was rather poor.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. C. H. Compton	118 25 93	Mr. A. J. Robertson	102 8 94
*Mr. T. R. Pace ...	108 15 93	Mr. D. F. Russell...	114 20 94
*Mr. W. Williams...	107 14 93	Mr. J. B. Wood ...	102 7 95
Mr. J. W. Grover...	114 20 94	Rev. J. H. Ellis ...	108 9 99

\* Tied.

T. Ravenhill, J. Lidiard, P. J. Hunt, T. C. Last, and J. Verran, scored over 100.

CORNWALL COUNTY GOLF CLUB.

The fourth of the present series of six monthly competitions was played on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. The weather was all that could be desired for Golf, and a good field numerically competed, which looks as if the game was growing in popularity in the Far West. Score:—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. W. P. Matthews	64	56	120	40	80
Mr. Young Jamieson	52	55	107	18	89
Mr. R. P. Edyvean	64	61	125	35	90
Col. Parkyn	74	63	137	45	92
Mr. B. F. Edyvean	48	50	98	scr.	98
Mr. E. Cochran	58	55	113	15	98
Mr. Melvill Sandys	55	57	112	14	98
Dr. Elliot, A.M.S.	70	71	141	40	101
Mr. C. H. Hext	54	54	108	5	103
The Hon. Geo. Molesworth	81	77	158	40	118
Mr. R. Pease	90	78	168	40	128

LONDON SCOTTISH GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly gold medals took place at Wimbledon on Saturday. Twenty couples started from the Iron House during the day, but very few cards were handed in. Owing to the dense fog that overspread the common straight play was rather uncertain, and lost balls was the order of the day.

Mr. R. H. Hedderwick won the monthly medal with the score of 95, less 14=81. In the players with handicaps over 18 Mr. James Watson won the medal with the score of 111, less 25=86

Below are the scores handed in, viz.:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
R. H. Hedderwick	95	14	81	Major Lindsay	102	8	94
James Watson	111	25	86	A. B. Chalmers	107	12	95
E. A. Walker	95	6	89	G. G. Kennedy	123	25	98
A. Anderson	91	scr.	91	S. Hoare	117	18	99
D. S. Froy	98	5	93				

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

The weekly handicap, on Friday, February 6th, resulted as follows:—

FIRST CLASS.

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. F. H. Stewart	87	6	81	Mr. W. M. Lindsay	110	18	92
Mr. R. H. Dun	92	7	85	Mr. W. H. McPher-			
Mr. G. E. King	96	11	85	son	92	+1	93
Rev. F. H. Hall	105	18	87	Mr. C. E. Brownrigg	103	9	94
Mr. H. Nicholls	97	9	88	Mr. R. Lodge	100	5	95
Mr. W. D. Davidson	96	7	89				

SECOND CLASS.

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. E. G. Hardy	116	38	78
Mr. E. G. M. Carmichael	107	25	82
Mr. A. H. Mowbray	107	20	87

Seventeen members made no return.

On Wednesday, February 4th, Hugh Kirkcaldy broke the record for the Oxford Links, beating his own previous record of 74 by 1. His round of 73 was made up as follows:—

Out	4	4	3	4	3	4	3	5	4=34	} 73.
In	5	4	3	4	4	5	5	4	5=39	

GLADWYNS (ESSEX) GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, the 31st ult., a capital field turned up to compete for the quarterly cup. A high southerly wind was against good scoring, but was less felt on the ladies' round, and the three leading scores came thence. The winner was in marvellously good form, her putting being especially admired. Best scores:—

	Out.	In.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Miss L. C. Drummond	45	44	89	18	71
Miss M. G. Broke	47	46	93	20	73
Miss A. C. Marsh	53	44	97	17	80
Mr. P. V. Broke	39	37	76	+5	81
Mr. W. E. Manners	58	53	111	27	84
Mr. H. Broke	48	55	103	17	86
Miss Broke	55	49	104	12	92
Miss E. Glyn	59	64	123	30	93
Rev. J. L. Green	47	50	97	2	95

ANTWERP GOLF CLUB.

Owing to the severe weather, the final round for the possession of the monthly medal for 1890 was not played off till February 1st, 1891. Mr. Z. Proctor had won it four times (handicap 33), Mr. L. Potter three times (handicap 13), Mr. W. J. R. Watson three times (handicap 11), and Mr. A. J. Wyley once (handicap 16).

There was still some snow on the ground, and a quantity of casual water. The latter was, in many cases, very hard on long drives, and also through the greens; consequently the scoring was not good. Result:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. Z. Proctor	113	31	82	Mr. W. J. R. Watson	102	11	91
Mr. A. J. Wyley	105	16	89	Mr. A. K. Brodie	130	35	95
Mr. L. Potter	101	11	90				

Other players made no returns.

NEEDLES GOLF CLUB.

Played on Friday and Saturday, January 30th and 31st. The following were the scores for the Seely bowl, handicap limited to 18 points:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
* Mr. G. Symonds,				Mr. A. R. C. Connell	117	15	102
R.A.	108	15	93	Capt. Nelson, R.A.	121	18	103
† Mr. F. Graham	107	13	94	Mr. J. Dover	121	18	103
Mr. W. Graham	104	5	99	Major Walford, R.A.	119	15	104
Mr. F. Tankard	107	7	100	Capt. Hoblyn, R.A.	132	16	116

\* Holder of bowl, and winner of Mr. Tankard's clubs.

† Winner of sweepstakes.

Third monthly competition for the Ward tankard. This prize is played for on the last Friday of every month, and is won, after six months' play, by the competitor who can show the best average of at least four days' scores, or the average of his four best rounds if he plays more than four days:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. G. Symonds,				Major Walford, R.A.	123	15	108
R.A.	104	12	92	Capt. Nelson, R.A.	131	20	111
Mr. F. Graham	107	14	93	Capt. Hoblyn, R.A.	134	18	116
Mr. G. W. Palmer	107	4	103	Mr. A. R. C. Connell	132	15	117
Mr. W. Graham	111	5	106	Mr. J. Dover	144	18	126
Mr. F. Tankard	112	6	106				

TORQUAY AND ST. MARYCHURCH GOLF CLUB.

The January competition for the Cassavetti medal took place on Friday, January 30th, in warm, spring-like weather, though the rain which had fallen heavily in the early part of the week had made the greens rather dead, which was against low scores. There was a capital muster, and the winner turned up in Mr. de Montmorency, who played a capital game. Result:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. de Montmorency	104	16	88	Mr. W. H. Fowler	118	5	113
Capt. Livingstone	103	scr.	103	Mr. P. W. Bushby	133	20	113
Mr. F. D. Crowdy	119	16	103	Gen. Saunders	129	14	115
Mr. J. M. Cripps	106	2	104	Mr. B. Lucy	132	16	116
Mr. L. F. B. Dykes	113	8	105	Mr. W. C. Brown	139	20	119
Mr. W. E. Norris	127	16	111				

Four other gentlemen made no returns. Mr. de Montmorency won the club prize, and holds the medal; and Capt. Livingstone and Mr. Crowdy divide the sweepstakes.

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