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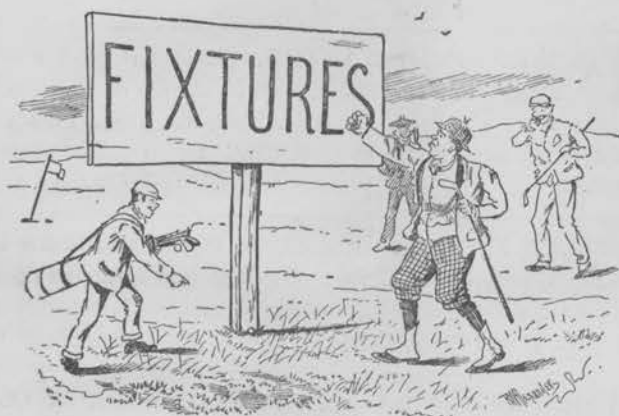
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FEBRUARY.

- 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.
Cambridge University v. Great Yarmouth.
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.

MARCH.

- Mar. 3.—Birkdale : Ladies' Prize.
Hayling Island Ladies Club : Monthly Competition for Bath Challenge Star.
Cornwall County Golf Club : Monthly Medal.
Royal Blackheath : Monthly Medal.
Oxford v. Cambridge at Wimbledon (12.30).
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.
Tantallon : Spring Meeting.
Edinburgh University : Challenge Shield ; McEwan Medal.
Redhill and Reigate : Allen Medal.
Luffness : President's Prize Clubs.
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.
Bowdon : Monthly Competition.
Cambridge University v. Old Cantabs.
Monifieth : Panmure Medal and Average Medal.
Aldeburgh : Monthly Medal.

- 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.
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.
Mar. 16.—Royal Eastbourne : South Lynn Vase Tournament.
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.
King James VI. : The Mac-Leish Cup (4th round).
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.
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Monthly Medal.
Royal Isle of Wight : Spring Meeting ; Foursome Tournament (entries close March 27th).
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.
Mar. 28-30.—Guildford : Easter Meeting.
Great Yarmouth : Easter Prize Meeting.
County Antrim : Spring Meeting.
Mar. 28-31.—Felixstowe : Easter Meeting ; Monthly Challenge Cup.
Hayling : Easter Meeting.
March 28 to April 4.—Royal North Devon : Easter Meeting.
Mar. 30.—Southport : Competition for Walker Cup.
Royal Liverpool : Easter Monday Competition.
Royal Isle of Wight : Eaton Challenge Shield ; Mr. Longman's Prize for Best Handicap—Score limited to 18 strokes.
West Lancashire : Easter Meeting.
Aldeburgh : Flintham Cup.
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.—Hayling: Houldsworth Challenge Plate (open).
Prestwick: Spring Meeting.
- Apr. 2.—Prestwick: Spring 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.
Aldeburgh: Monthly Medal.
King James VI.: The Mac-Leish Cup (2nd round).
Redhill and Reigate: Allen Medal.
- 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.
King James VI.: Kinnaird Cup.
- Apr. 11.—Whitley: Emmers' Prize.
Littlestone: Monthly Medal.
West Herts: Monthly Medal.
Guildford: Monthly Handicap.
Tooting Bec: Monthly Medal.
Lanark: Gold Ball and other Prizes.
King James VI.: The Mac-Leish Cup (3rd round).
- Apr. 14.—Pau: Havemeyer Cup; Ladies' Club.
Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Cup.
Whitley: Jockey Cup.
- Apr. 15.—Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Gold Medal; Noakes Cup.
- Apr. 16.—King James VI.: Spring General Meeting.
- Apr. 16-18.—Royal Wimbledon: Spring Meeting.
- 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.
West Lancashire: Monthly Medal.
Formby: Captain's Prize.
King James VI.: The Mac-Leish Cup (4th round).
West Herts: A Silver Medal.
Redhill and Reigate: Club Medal.
Monifieth: Gilroy Challenge Cup.
King James VI.: Club Gold Medal; Imrie Silver Cup;
Pullar Inkstand.
- Apr. 20.—Brighton and Hove: Captain's Prize Tournament.
- Apr. 22.—Monifieth: Gilroy Challenge Cup.
King James VI.: The Mac-Leish Cup (5th round).
- 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.
Royal Eastbourne: Spring Meeting.
West Lancashire: Spring Meeting.
Tooting: Spring Meeting, Annual General Meeting, and Club Dinner.
- Apr. 25.—Felixstowe: Monthly Challenge Cup.
King James VI.: The Mac-Leish Cup (6th round).
- Apr. 25-29.—Monifieth: Gilroy Challenge Cup.
- Apr. 28.—Whitley: Jockey Cup.
Birkdale: Final Ties Ladies' Prize.
- Apr. 30.—Nottingham: Monthly Medal.
Minchinhampton: Spring Meeting.
Guildford: Spring Meeting.

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GLASGOW GOLF CLUB DINNER.

The annual dinner of the Glasgow Golf Club was held on Monday night, the 16th inst., in Ferguson and Forrester's restaurant. Dr. Clark occupied the chair. Dr. Ogilvie, Dr. Robertson, and Dr. Colville acted as croupiers. Among those also present were:—Drs. Watt, Duffus, and Freeland Ferguson; Messrs. John Hamilton, George Gillespie, W. H. Griffin, Wm. Gilfillan, A. Muir, John Muirhead, Wm. Milne (secretary), and Robert Turnbull (treasurer); J. Raymond Currie, J. R. Motion, H. Spence, James Meek, George Newton, W. Jarvie, R. A. Paterson, D. G. Miller, A. W. Todd, William Doleman, John Thomson, Thomas Kerr, R. Philp, William Thomson, J. B. Low, C. J. Kerr, and R. Scott. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had been pledged, the Chairman gave the toast of the evening, "The Glasgow Golf Club." After giving a short history of the game he said the Glasgow Club, like the game, was very old. Although it was not known exactly when it first came into existence, it was quite as old as some of those clubs which were more celebrated, and whose names had been recorded. There were minutes of the Town Council showing

that at least a century ago the game was practised in Glasgow. Unfortunately the club had a chequered career. For many years the number of members was very limited, and for a period the club was defunct. It was, however, very gratifying to know that never was the club in such a state of prosperity as at the present moment. (Applause.) In addition to about thirty-six life-members, there were 430 paying members. There was also a considerable amount of money to the good. (Applause.) But a large membership of enthusiastic players was generally attended with inconvenience, especially on medal days. The consequent overcrowding of the course had directed the attention of the committee specially to some means of alleviating or remedying that, and they were on the look-out to secure if possible some additional course to relieve the pressure, and, he might mention incidentally, to take these steps on account of the insecurity of the tenure of the club's agreement for the present course. Personally he was not low-spirited, but there had been a few murmurs by some of the East-end members on the ground that the golfing part of the park was public property, and that their wives and children could not get playing on the grass without the risk of having their legs or heads broken. Yet, he was perfectly satisfied that no independent body of men like our Town Council examining into this question could fail to find that the Golf club was a direct benefit to the community. (Applause.) He had great hopes that the club would long be allowed to enjoy the privilege of playing on Alexandra Park, not on its own account, but on account of the public. The toast was enthusiastically pledged. Mr. Dundas next proposed the toast of the "Champion and Medal Winners," coupled with the name of Mr. Doleman, who responded. Other toasts followed, and songs were sung during the evening.

NEW COURSE AT WINDERMERE.

A short time ago, on the invitation of the Rev. J. Myles Moss, George Lowe, professional of the Lytham and St. Anne's Club, visited Windermere to report if the ground at Cleabarrow, about one mile from Bowness, on the Kendal road, was suitable for a green. Lowe's report being favourable, a meeting was called, at which a number of the golfers in the district and others desirous of starting attended. It was resolved at this meeting that Lowe be again asked to come and lay out a nine-hole course. The second visit of the professional was on Friday, the 20th, when, after various alterations, in which a good deal of hard walking was done, a nine-hole course was fixed on, holes cut, tees marked, and played over by Lowe without the loss of a ball.

Starting from a slight eminence, close to the road, a good drive gets on a hillock, from which a clear view of the first flag is gained. A brassie and iron will be required. The second hole will be about 210 yards. The short drivers will do best to keep to the left of the large rock in the direct line. A medium drive will clear and reach the open ground. The third hole should be nearly reached in two—about 360 yards. The fourth is probably the best valley hole on any Golf link. It looks so tempting, that on addressing my ball I could not help asking, "Is it possible anyone could drive out of it"? I did not, but taking too much turf, landed in a fine bed of rushes about eighty yards in front of the tee. Two good hits and an iron on to the higher ground, on which is the hole, should be the play. The fifth and sixth holes are a drive and iron, easy enough to play, but plenty of difficulties if wide of the spots wanted. The seventh is a good cleek shot. There is a water pond in front of the tee, and the hill side on the right of the green. From the tee to the eighth hole a grand view is had of the country, the hole being in a direct line for the lake. A fair drive gets safely over the rough valley on to the rising ground. A topped ball here will pay the full penalty. The ninth hole is a fair drive, but wide of the mark; either way will very likely be among the heather. The scratch play should be as follows:—5 4 5 5 4 4 3 4 3=37.

Mr. Moss expects a membership of fifty to start with, which will, no doubt, be largely increased by visitors to the Lake district during the season.

GEORGE LOWE.



THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Much has been said lately in your paper regarding the intention to hold the competition this year at St. Andrews, instead of Prestwick, as in the previous rotation, and some of the remarks made as to the alteration of venue, clothed somewhat in the garb of authority, I will venture to characterise as rather premature. Although sorely tempted, I have studiously abstained from publicly alluding to some of these statements, for the best of all reason that the subject has never been discussed by the committee of this club, nor any views expressed on behalf of the committee; but since Mr. Henry Lamb in his letter in your last issue states that the meeting of delegates at Hoylake was "distinctly informed that Prestwick did not desire to have the competition held on their green," I can refrain no longer, and must enter a protest. On the contrary, as delegate from this club I had intended being present at that meeting (but was unfortunately prevented by illness on the morning of starting) for the express purpose of moving and voting for the competition being held here. Moreover, had I known a member of the Prestwick Club was to be present at the meeting, I should have wired to ask him to act for me and to the same effect. Probably it would have been better had Mr. McBain waited for some authorised expression of opinion on this subject from this club before writing to the effect he did; nevertheless, perhaps he may be excused, since Mr. Lamb thinks that "Prestwick has only to make its voice heard at the coming meeting to have its turn restored." All I can say is, that I hope Mr. Lamb's prophetic statement may be realised, and I feel sure many others will agree with me.

Yours truly,

HARRY HART.

Hon. Sec. Prestwick Golf Club.

Ayr, February 21st, 1891.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—J. McB. seems very much offended at my suggestion that golfers in the South of England probably now outnumber their Scottish fellow sportsmen. Of course, before contradicting my statement, J. McB. went into all the statistical details and is quite prepared to prove his positive and unqualified statement. If so, I bow, and quite admit that my statement was a guess. If, however, J. McB. is only making a further guess in contradicting me, I am not at all inclined to give way.

Golf links are now being formed on every available common and in a large number of parks in the south of England; and the good clubs are all, or nearly all, full, and there is a waiting list (of enormous length, too, in some instances) at most.

Why my statement should be considered an insult to the golfers of the "land o' cakes" I cannot conceive, for I consider it the greatest compliment that the game and the original introducers of it could possibly receive.

The exact number of Scottish and Southern golfers, however, is a minor detail. The object of my letter was to point out

that we in the South consider ourselves entitled to have the amateur championship played in our district in due rotation, and I am glad to see Mr. H. A. Lamb has endorsed my contention.

The entries in last year's competition show a fair proportion from the South.

With apologies to J. McB.'s wounded sensibilities,

I am, Sir, &c.,

February 20th, 1891.

A COMPETITOR.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—There is much in Mr. Henry A. Lamb's letter in your last issue I should like to write you about, but I leave all matters connected with the amateur championship to be settled by those who are in the "inside turn."

I cannot, however, allow one of his statements to pass unchallenged. He says: "Hoylake is hardly a championship course, and you may there also 'scuffle' (a truly Lamb-like term for 'top!') quite half your tee shots with impunity." This, Sir, in my opinion, and that of all golfers who know our green, is a statement which, to say the least of it, is very wild. There are, in fact, only two holes (the second and fifth) at which a topped ball from the tee is not at once properly punished by disappearing down a rabbit-hole, or being landed in a bunker. What may be the dark and hidden meaning in Mr. Lamb's expression of opinion that "the championship course demands a player that is not only a golfer but a man," I leave your readers to determine. Do they manufacture golfers at Sandwich out of anything but men?

Mr. Lamb has my sincere sympathy in his memorable journey from Hoylake to St. Andrews last May. Had he not been in such staid company as that of Mr. Harry Everard, I, for one, should have thought he had travelled by night, after attending one of the famous "musical" evenings in the bar parlour of the "Royal." Let me assure him he can now go direct to Liverpool from Hoylake, change carriages there and in Edinburgh, and be in St. Andrews without requiring to multiply his conveyances.

I am, Sir, &c.,

A BRITHER SCOT.

Hoylake, February 21st.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I am sure that all golfers who are interested in the matter, are obliged to Mr. Henry A. Lamb for the light he has thrown on the inner workings of the championship meeting at Hoylake last May; and they will, I am equally sure, look forward, with no less interest to the result of the forthcoming meeting at St. Andrews, particularly in view of the motion Mr. Lamb proposes to submit to the delegates. Very little need be said further on the subject in the meantime.

Some of us, however, do not think, in the event of a rearrangement of the conditions, whether they are permanent or from year to year only, that the first competition thereafter should take place at Sandwich, albeit that in the opinion of one of the members the links there may be the finest on earth.

Though I do not say it was intentional, a slight was placed on the West of Scotland by the withdrawal of the competition from Prestwick, and I think it would be a graceful act, and some reparation to the *amour propre* of the great body of golfers in the West of Scotland, if the delegates should resolve that next year's championship meeting should be held at Prestwick. I assume, of course, that Prestwick is willing to have the championship played over their very fine links, for I can hardly conceive, as Mr. Lamb seems to suggest, that "Prestwick did not desire to have the competition held on their green."

There is, I should suppose, hardly a club in the kingdom that would not consider it an honour to have their green selected as a championship green. No doubt, Prestwick consider theirs an exclusive club—witness, for instance, their entrance-fee, £15, the highest in the land—but, in spite of their exclusiveness, they cannot overlook the prestige that is conferred by their course being considered one of the amateur championship greens. At the same time, they cannot be overlooked in favour of any other club or links in the West of Scotland. Their

prestige, as the originators of Golf championships, and otherwise, entitles them to be first considered.

But for this, Troon would in all likelihood put in a claim to be chosen, and with good reason, for the links and the clubhouse there would afford ample accommodation for such an event, and would in other respects be very suitable.

May I be allowed to assure "Onlooker," solely with a view to soothing his ruffled feelings, that his friend's suggestion was a sagacious one, and that it was Captain Burn that was meant. We are so accustomed to "Burns" in Ayrshire that we are apt to overlook the fact that the name is spelt in any other way, especially if the matter is of secondary importance.

Captain Burn, I presume, hardly cares for any apology on my part.

Yours voluminously,

J. MCB.

Ayr, February 21st, 1891.

GOLF ON SUNDAY.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The Sabbath was made for man, because he required it. If he does not fulfil the purpose for which it was given, he acts contrary to the Supreme will which created him.

Man being a responsible being, and having certain sure principles given him for guidance, it is left with him to determine in detail how he should spend the day—only he must bear in mind what man's chief end is, and "remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." The right and wrong must thus be judged—not by the opinion of numbers. Certainly a man should have the courage of his convictions, but let him be careful how and why his convictions are formed.

There, perhaps, is an evil in spending the whole day in certain religious works, or devotions, which should be carried out weekday, as well as Sunday; but how few make this mistake. Man must have rest, for body, mind, and spirit. The first two are gained by ceasing from toil and worry, the last by engaging in worship. These, the Sabbath should and can supply. It is essentially a day of rest.

I am, Sir, &c.,

A GOLFING ENTHUSIAST.

A NEW CLUB GRIP.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—We beg to thank you for your very gratifying notice respecting our patent reliable hand grasp. In your otherwise admirably written notice you fall into one error regarding it, and as the point is an important one we shall be greatly obliged if you will be good enough to rectify in your next issue. The grasp is not made of solid rubber as you convey, but is a patented combination of rubber and cork, a combination, we are glad to say, quite free from the disadvantages attendant to solid rubber grips.

If you will please attend to this you will much oblige,

Yours respectfully,

WM. CURRIE & CO.

Caledonian Rubber Works, Edinburgh,

February 20th, 1891.

THE LUFFNESS FIXTURES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In your list of fixtures for this week appears that of Luffness, President's Prize Clubs, March 7th. I am a member of this club and up to writing have received no notice that this competition (postponed from Handsel Monday) is to be held on that day. I am also a member of Tantallon Club, North Berwick (and there are many others in a like position), and find from a note of the arrangements for the current year that the Brodie and Aitchison medals are also to be played for on the above date. As one who should like to play in both matches,

is it not possible that the Luffness committee might alter their date—say to the 28th—when the Wemyss medal is to be competed for, so as to allow players like myself the opportunity of taking part in both competitions.

I am sure a hint to the committee of the Luffness Club is all that is necessary to have the date altered as suggested.

I am, Sir, &c.,
PRO BONO PUBLICO.

East Lothian, February 17th, 1891.

THE DERIVATION OF THE WORD "LINKS."

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—This is a Scottish word, and not in the singular, but the plural form. It is somewhat synonymous with the English word "downs." It means the sandy flat ground on the seashore, covered with what is called bent grass, &c. The name is sometimes applied, though improperly, to ground that is sandy and barren, though not contiguous to the sea.

I am, Sir, &c.,
Wimbledon Club, W. G.

MATCH HANDICAP TABLE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Can any of your readers inform me whether there be in existence a table showing at what holes strokes are to be taken in a nine-hole course.

In "Golf" (Badminton series) page 444, there is such a table for a full course of eighteen holes; but I am unable to discover the principle upon which it is framed; and wish to know whether it can be adapted, and if so, in what way, to a course which is not full sized.

I am, Sir, &c.,
AN INQUIRER.

February 20th, 1891.

[The table given in the Badminton book is more for the purposes of illustration than as a model which must be inflexibly followed in all match handicap competitions. Each table must be constructed according to the nature of the links over which the competitors play; and the principle followed is to allow two-thirds or three-fourths of the handicap allowance between the players, the committee fixing by table the holes at which the strokes so allowed shall be available. There is no more difficulty in doing this with respect to a nine-hole course than with respect to an eighteen-hole one. The committee must take care, however, that the strokes are not uniformly allocated on short holes, but rather on the longest, or medium distance holes, which are generally the points of the round where a strong, vigorous driver gains the advantage over a less powerful and less skilful rival. Thus in the Queen Victoria Jubilee Vase Tournament at St. Andrews a player who, for example, gets three strokes takes them at the second, eighth, and fourteenth holes, the distances being 417 yards, 170 yards, and 475 yards respectively.—ED.]

BALL STRIKING OPPONENT'S CADDIE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Two gentlemen have played four strokes each to the green, and have a fair putt to hole out in five. One gets down, and feels sure of a half at least. The other plays the like, and as his ball runs past the hole and strikes his opponent's caddie, he claims the hole. Is he entitled to it?

I am, Sir, &c.,
AN INQUIRER.

[Yes, he is entitled to claim the hole. The rule is clear—"If, however, the player's ball strike his opponent or his opponent's caddie or club, or is moved by them, the opponent loses the hole." (Rule IX., par. 25.) It is a very hard case in the circumstances described, because one might argue, with a fair show of reason, that the player having missed his putt for a half, lost the hole as soon as the ball had passed it, though, of course, the ball had not ceased to roll. The law is on his side, however, and the rule having been infringed the hole is his.—ED.]

INTERNATIONAL GOLF MATCHES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—After reading "J. McB.'s" fervid outburst of patriotic enthusiasm in this week's GOLF, I cannot help thinking it somewhat extraordinary that no one has ever come forward to suggest the possibility of arranging a series of international matches between representative teams chosen from the two rival nations on either side of the Tweed.

Within the past year or two Golf has made such rapid strides in England, that the argument of one-sidedness cannot now be reasonably urged against the scheme; and I have little doubt that with a carefully compiled body of regulations to govern the encounter, we should witness some close and exciting contests, tending to awaken a greater popular interest in the game throughout the entire country. We all know with what keen appreciation the British public regard a cricket or a football match fought out on these lines, even when they understand little or nothing of the game themselves, and what is more likely than that international Golf matches, by bringing public observation more closely to bear upon the game, should not only increase the number of its votaries, but also stimulate its present followers to attain a higher degree of proficiency.

Into the details of such a competition it is not my purpose to enter. That would, of course, be a matter for arrangement between delegates to be chosen equally from the two countries, on whom would rest the responsibility of deciding how many matches should be played, what should be the number of players on each side, and on what greens the encounters should take place. To them, too, should be left the question as to the admissibility or non-admissibility of professionals.

This, sir, would be the best way of putting to a practical test the arrogant assumption of "J. McB.," that he would be ready to "place the golfers of Scotland in one scale" and "the rest of the golfers in the world in the other," and then "back Scotland" against the lot. The Australians have taught us that though England is undoubtedly the birthplace of cricket, there is no such thing as an exclusive supremacy with us, even in that game which we call national. Why then, in the case of Golf, should St. George, having rendered so good an account of himself in that dragon affair, be afraid to take his coat off, and request St. Andrew, in all politeness, to tread on the tail of it?

And now, I suppose, after writing the above, I shall have to get behind a policeman every time I see a Scotchman half a mile off.

I am, Sir, &c.,
EGERTON M. C. MACDONA.

1, Garden Court, Temple, February 20th, 1891.

THE DERIVATION OF THE WORD "GOLF."

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The game of "Golf," as Englishmen call it, has been undoubtedly introduced from Scotland. How did it acquire that name amongst Englishmen?

In early Scotch official records the game is several times alluded to as "Gouff," which accords with the ordinary Scotch pronunciation at the present day.

It has been said that the word "Golf" takes its origin from a Germanic or Celtic source, referring to the club, or instrument, with which the ball is struck (*e.g.*, German, "Kolbe," a club; Dutch, Belgic, Swedish, "Kolf," a club; Icelandic, "Kylfa," a club. It has been also shown that the importation of golf-balls from Holland was once a subject of interdict by Scottish sovereigns, implying that the game once flourished abroad as well as in Scotland.

Some have sought for an origin in the Latin word, "clava," a club; and some in the Greek word "kolaphos," a blow.

All these words no doubt are cognate, and belong to the Aryan group; but I think the expression is rather referable to the action of striking, than to the instrument with which the blow is struck.

In Sanskrit we have the root "AG," to impel, to cause to move, which appears also in the sister language of the Greeks under the form "ago," to lead off, to sweep away, and also in the kindred Latin under the same form and signification.

The letters "k" and "g" are both "gutturals," and interchangeable, and in a softened form are "palatals." The Germanic family have retained the more guttural forms, especially in dissyllables; but as terminals have become dropped, gutturals have almost necessarily softened.

In Scotch we have the word "Gouf," a blow, and also "Gowff," a blow that causes a hollow sound; and, again, the words "goiff," "gowfer," and "goffer."

The liquid "l" in the word "Golf," though still slightly preserved in English, is fast being lost. When joined to another consonant it is chiefly retained to influence the vowel sound. It is no longer heard in the words "talk" and "walk," for instance, and it is scarcely perceptible in the word "Golf."

Scotch is remarkable for its tendency to slide consonants, especially the liquid letter "l," and to emphasize the vowels. The letter "l" has long been discarded from the word "Golf," if ever it was there; the vowel "o" has been softened into "ou," and probably the letter "f" will in its turn be whittled away.

On consideration it would seem that the word "Golf" is of Scotch origin, and not of foreign importation, and that the form of the word, viz., "gouff" as used in Scotland is distinctly Scotch in its nature.

The game as played in Scotland for centuries past is essentially Scotch in its plan and characteristics, and little can be inferred from the fact that games at balls, either with or without clubs, have been practised in foreign countries, for doubtless such games in some form or another are referable to periods of remote antiquity.

I am, Sir, etc.,

W. G.

Wimbledon Club, February 21st.

REMARKABLE GOLFING INCIDENT.

To the Editor of GOLF.

Sir,—Your interesting little paper has reached this distant part of the world, and is read with great pleasure by golfers of whom we have a large number in the Colony. Golfing stories seem to find favour with your readers. May I give one from South Africa.

Some time ago a foursome was arranged at Estcourt, an up-country township where there is no regular course, but a stretch of open country where one or two Scotchmen occasionally pursue the game. It happened that as the first ball was struck from the tee a Kafir crossed the line of fire at a distance of about eighty yards. The ball struck him with considerable force on the chest, and bounded into the air. The Kafir, with that smartness characteristic of his race, caught the ball before it reached the ground, and wishing to do a service to the "umlungu," or white man, he rushed forward with it to the foursome party, and selecting the magistrate of the district handed it to him. The question at once arose whether this could be regarded as a rub of the green. It was left unsolved by a decision to make a fresh start.

I am, Sir, &c.,

A SCOT ABROAD.

Pietermaritzburg, Natal, January 28th, 1891.

[It was a rub on the green, and the ball ought to have been dropped by the agile "fielder" where he caught it, without a penalty. The embarrassing services of "fielders" are well known on Blackheath, Wimbledon, Tooting, and, in fact, on most English greens.—ED.]

Mr. A. B. Tancred, of Kimberley, who is considered the finest batsman in South Africa, has a brother ten years old, whose average for ten innings is something over 100—an astonishing performance for one so young.

A Musselburgh worthy suffering from toothache went to have the tooth extracted. "Which ane is 't, Jock?" inquired the dentist. "Pu' them a', doctor," said he, "they're a' fiends alike."

Review.

PICTORIAL TUTOR FOR THE PIANOFORTE. Five Shillings. Magazine of Music Office, 29, Ludgate Hill, E.C.

This exquisitely finished book is far from being a dry, matter of fact compilation of the familiar pianoforte tutor type. It is really a piece of musical literature, richly embellished with portraits of famed musicians, and containing much interesting biographical matter as to their careers, their habits, their styles of playing, their every-day surroundings, and their interpretations of certain musical masterpieces. In the first portion of the book the child is led by ingenious and well-executed pictorial arrangements of the keyboard to pick out and distinguish the notes with ease. From this simple and attractive basis he is "lured on," so to speak, into the more complex elements of music, the way being always smoothed to him by an arrangement of the indispensable and hitherto monotonous five-finger exercises, so that a tune entitled "The Bells" is the outcome. Pictures represent bad positions and habits to be avoided at the keyboard, the true seat, the varying positions of the hands being shown in well-drawn diagrams, while sketches, songs and stories enliven the progressive study throughout, and lead the youthful student on to an understanding of the principles on which our music is based that cannot be otherwise than complete, and indelibly imprinted on the mind by reason of the fertility of resource shown in clearing up obscurities by means of pictorial aid. In the second division of the book, time, speed, rhythm, and phrasing are shown in the same complete and elaborate manner, a large number of extracts being given, making the student early familiar with the works of Mozart, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Wagner, Bach, Chopin, Schumann, Gluck, Weber, and Schubert. This portion of the book contains charmingly executed portraits on a large scale, accompanied by entertaining notices, of Liszt, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Stavenhagen, Otto Hegner, Von Bülow, Rubinstein, Clara Schumann, Hallé, Sir A. Sullivan, and Sims Reeves. In the third part of the book, descriptions and illustrations are given of the best method of acquiring the art of accompanying songs, carols, and sacred music, a large number of those compositions being set out. All the pieces are carefully fingered. There is much general advice to the student as to practice, scale playing, readings and interpretations of certain pieces, and generally all the practical hints needed to equip one contemplating a musical career. A more complete and better finished pianoforte tutor has not been seen, and it deserves to be made widely known. A word of praise is due to Mr. Wheeler and the other artists for their admirable illustrations.

FETTERCAIRN GOLF CLUB.

A meeting of the Fettercairn Golf Club was held in the School-room last week, Rev. A. Belcher presiding. The office-bearers for the ensuing season were elected as follows:—president, Sir J. R. Gladstone, Bart., of Fasque; vice-president, Hon. C. J. Trefusis, Fettercairn House; captain, the Rev. A. H. Belcher; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Robert Murray; committee, Messrs. W. Middleton, A. Neil, and J. Murray. Subscriptions were announced from Sir J. R. Gladstone, Bart., and Mr. George Grant, Phesdo.

A capital tale is related of a father and son, in a church in the Highlands, who became severed by the Free Church rupture. They both preached in one church up to that time, but the son seceded. The congregation seceded also, leaving the old gentleman "alone in his glory." So, the church being empty, the father thought the pulpit might be also. But the Presbytery ordered him to resume his ministrations, and if he had not a congregation, he was to find one. The next Sunday found the venerable pastor in the pulpit, and his wife in her pew. Not another soul was present, and the old man, looking down on his better half, discoursed as follows:—"Jessie, my dear, I need no lecture ye; I can dae that at hame. So we'll just gang ower the way, and hear our son Tam."



In order to meet a demand which has grown up, we shall henceforth insert in the body of the paper advertisements for professionals, club-makers, green-keepers, &c., under a special heading, the charge for which will be 3s. 6d. for four lines, and 6d. for each line thereafter. There will also be a special heading for apartments, houses and properties to let, so that golfers who may meditate a change of quarters at holiday times will be enabled to see what accommodation can be had in the neighbourhood of golfing-greens elsewhere. The charges for this class of advertisement will be extremely moderate, and it is to be hoped that secretaries and golfers generally will do their best to second our efforts to make the Journal a widely recognised means of communication among all those who are in any way associated with golfing interests.

Owing to the enormous pressure upon our space it has been found necessary to curtail the list of fixtures with the close of April. We recognise, however, the great value of this feature of the paper to Golf clubs all over the country, and we shall publish once a month a complete list of all the fixtures up to the end of the year so far as they have reached us.

Mr. Henry A. Lamb, the captain of the Royal Wimbledon Golf Club, will be presented with his portrait, painted by Mr. John Pettie, R.A., on Saturday, in the club-house at Wimbledon.

"DOR Y."

It can scarce be conce d
How wrathful I grow,
How language is apt to wax stormy,
When a man I believed
I could easily lay low,
Triumphantly cries out, "I'm dorny."

ALPHA.

Speaking at the dinner of the London Morayshire Club, the Duke of Fife said whilst they in London had been shivering over their fires this long winter, living principally upon cough mixtures, Morayshire had been bathed in sunshine and luxuriating in a congenial climate; and flowers, so a friend wrote him, were growing in the open air. If all this were made generally known, he was sure that at the next approach of winter the denizens of the rigorous South would all fly to Morayshire. The glories of the Southern health resorts would fall before the Laich of Moray. Lossiemouth, Burghead, and Hopeman would break out into Hôtels Métropole. Gaudy piers would be erected to accommodate Teutonic orchestras, and Scotland would at last be avenged on Dr. Johnson when the hated southron would cry aloud that the best road in England was the one that led to Morayshire. There are splendid Golf courses at Lossiemouth and Nairn.

We had the privilege of announcing last week that Golf is about to establish itself in Chester. A club has been formed, and links secured at a short distance from the city, on property belonging to Mr. Howard, of Sealand, to the extent of 150 acres, close by the Hawarden Bridge at Queen's Ferry. When negotiations with the railway company have been completed, members will be able to leave their business for an hour or so, and enjoy an invigorating game on an extremely healthy expanse of marsh, surrounded by picturesque scenery. The proposed nine holes are on a beautiful piece of turf, dry and level, and ensuring good lies, whilst in due time putting-greens as true as billiard tables can easily be made without expense. Further, there will be few, if any, lost balls, and nothing to try the temper much, like breaking clubs in trying to extricate the ball from whins or stones or deep bunkers. Indeed, the fault of the ground is its uniform flatness. There are not enough natural hazards, and the beginner may be inclined to think Golf a very easy game, as he is not likely to get much punishment from a topped ball.

The sketch of the Scottish professionals in last week's issue was from a photograph taken by Mr. Stevens, Banker, Reading, in October, 1887, not 1877 as erroneously printed.

Earl Ferrers' Golf course at Staunton-Harold, Leicestershire, has been extended from a nine to an eighteen-hole course. Tom Dunn, revisited the ground within the last few days and played several rounds over the course, which has been greatly improved by the extension, some very sporting hazards having been introduced.

Q.—"What is the difference between the North Pole and the South Pole?"

A.—"The difference of all the world."

Play for the medal of the West Herts Club on February 14th, was interfered with in the morning by the Old Berkeley Hunt crossing the course in pursuit of a fox. This is a rare occurrence on any links.

After the Oxford and Cambridge University Golf match, the two teams will meet and consider the question at issue, "To move or not to move." On Saturday, Cambridge will play Great Yarmouth, which will have the advantage of being captained by Mr. J. G. Gibson. The match will be played with eighteen men a-side. On the 7th of next month an interesting match will take place between the present Varsity Club and Old Cantabs, when the seniors will be captained by the Hon. Ivo Bligh.

Here is a Golf story. A certain prominent Natal official made up his mind to learn the game, and, in order to avoid the possible ridicule attending a public display, went out attended only by his Kafir boy. Kafirs, however, are observant, and this native watched the proceedings with the utmost interest and curiosity, blended with wondering amusement. After a short practice, his master left him to carry home the clubs and balls, and on his way the Kafir was met by other Kafirs. The inevitable conversation ensued, and the boy was called upon to explain the mysteries of the game he had been watching. By way of reply he carefully erected a "tee," and placing the ball upon it, selected the driver and placed himself within scientific striking distance. He shook his shoulders and slowly and deliberately brought the club over his shoulders, then with a rapid swing he struck the ground a foot away from the ball, raised a cloud of dust, and ejaculated "d—." It was the game as he had seen it.

At the Easter meeting of the Hayling Golf club, which begins on Saturday, March 28th, and continues until Wednesday, April 1st, one of the principal competitions will be that for the Houldsworth Challenge Plate, presented by Sir Wm. Houldsworth, M.P. It is open to all amateurs being members of any recognised Golf club, and the handicap allowance is limited to 24 strokes. Entries must be made before Saturday, March 14th.

Eminent Golfers.

III.—MR. J. E. LAIDLAY.

It is no such easy matter in these days of keen competition to arrive at such a pitch of excellence as shall ensure a place in the ever-increasing army of first-class golfers, but few will be disposed to deny to Mr. John Ernest Laidlay the fullest right to such a distinction. He was born November 5th, 1860, and at the age of about twelve, went to school at Loretto, Musselburgh, a school which, from its proximity to the well-known links, has turned out many a good golfer. Yet it may not be invidious to say that Mr. Laidlay has excelled them all; where many have done well he has done better still; and he stands on a pinnacle of fame, not indeed entirely unchallenged by the rest of the amateur world, but still, on an eminence sufficiently commanding to ensure a tolerable immunity from attack by all save a privileged few. On almost every green he has played on there stands recorded some monumental performance with which his name is associated: he began operations at the mature age of sixteen, by holing every hole at Musselburgh in 4, in the course of one round, and from that time to this every sort of success, short of winning the open championship, has fallen to his share; and in these competitions also he has frequently been but a very short distance removed from the absolute pride of place.

It may prove of interest to our readers if we lay before them a *résumé* of his more noteworthy exploits. In 1878 he became a member of the Luffness Golf Club, and in September of that year won his first medal with a score of 77, which remained a record for several years. In 1880, 1881, and 1882 he repeated his victory on this green. In this latter year he reduced his record at Musselburgh to 35, and in 1883, having joined the Honourable Company won the spring medal on that green with 85 for the two rounds. In 1884, after a tie with Mr. Leslie Balfour at 83, he won this medal again. In 1885, good though he had been before, he appeared to become still better, improving in medal play, and making several good scores both in and out of competitions. Starting with a win for the Fettes-Loretto medal in April, he entered for and won the Carnoustie Tournament, playing the final with Mr. H. S. C. Everard in the then record score of 77, being two strokes below what Mr. John Ball, jun., had accomplished in the same competition. This score remained a record until quite a recent date. Having joined the Royal and Ancient, he in October won King William IV.'s medal in 87, at St. Andrews; following this up shortly afterwards with a splendid 77 at Musselburgh for the Fettes-Loretto medal, which he won, as also that of the Honourable Company, with 83 the same autumn. In 1886 a splendid score of 79, at Hoylake, secured him first honours, which he supplemented by winning Lord Stanley of Alderley's medal with 84 the same week. In the autumn, after carrying off the New Club medal at North Berwick with 76, and the St. Andrews gold medal with 87, he found himself opposed to Mr. Horace Hutchinson in the final of a tournament at North Berwick—which he placed to his credit. The open championship was held at Musselburgh this year, Mr. Laidlay being 162, as against the winning score of 157 made by David Brown. In 1887 he capped all that he had previously done; and his wins may be epitomised as follows:—In March, New Club medal at North Berwick, 81; in



April, Honourable Company's medal at Musselburgh, 79 (this score being a record for that medal); in April, Fettes-Loretto medal with 87; in May, Lord Stanley of Alderley's medal at Hoylake, 84; First medal at Prestwick, 91; Bombay medal at St. Andrews, 86; in August, New Club medal at North Berwick, 72 (this being a record for the competition); and the Old Club medal with 76; in September, at St. Andrews, King William IV.'s medal in 83 (a tie with Mr. A. Stuart's record score for the medal); this score added to that of the spring meeting totalled 170, and gained for Mr. Laidlay the Glennie medal for the best aggregate score. It is worth noting, in connection with this score, that the winner of the championship has never yet beaten it in a championship competition on that green; and only once has it been equalled, viz., by Jamie Anderson in 1879. The other professional scores are 179, 176, and 171 in three consecutive years play there. After the St. Andrews autumn medal he carried off those of Prestwick, with 87; of Fettes-Loretto with 88 at Musselburgh, and of the Honourable Company with 80 (36 and 44). In the course of this year eleven first and two second medals fell to his share, and for the

open championship he was 165, as against 161 by Willie Park, jun., at Prestwick. In 1888, after winning the Honourable Company's spring medal with 83, he established a record for medal play with two 38's = 76, in the Fettes-Loretto meeting. Subsequently, he won the Royal Liverpool medal with 88; the North Berwick New Club medal, 81; the Glennie medal for the second year in succession, with 174; the Honourable Company's autumn medal with 80, and Fettes-Loretto autumn medal, 80. He was second to Mr. John Ball, jun., in the amateur championship. In 1889, after winning Fettes-Loretto first medal with 85, and Honourable Company's second medal with 86, he won the amateur championship at St. Andrews. This was a thoroughly well-deserved victory, for all through the competition he had to dispose of the most stubborn enemies—Messrs. H. H. Hilton, and A. F. Macfie being specially tough customers. In the final with Mr. John Ball, the match was halved, and, according to the conditions, they had to play on till one or other won a hole: this Mr. Laidlay did at the second hole, with a most brilliantly played four, the second shot, in particular, with his cleek from a very difficult place being a masterpiece of execution, winning for him in point of fact the hole and the match. In 1890, his best medal score was a 72 at North Berwick, a tie with his record in 1887. He won both in spring and autumn the medals of the Honourable Company and Fettes-Loretto; and in spring, the gold medal at Liverpool; at that time he and Mr. John Ball, jun., again met, and notwithstanding the capital game shown by Mr. Laidlay, the Hoylake crack and present champion defeated him by 5 and 4 to play.

It is of course exceedingly improbable that any exceptional score should be made upon a medal day, for the obvious reason, amongst others, that these bear such a small proportion to the matches played in ordinary practice. Accordingly, it is to these we must look for the miraculous. In 1885 then at North Berwick, Mr. Laidlay holed the first ten holes in 33, made up as follows, 3 3 3 2 3 4 3 3 4 5; this score has never been equalled. The same year in playing Col. Briggs and Sir Walter Simpson a best ball match at Musselburgh, he holed the two rounds in 72—34 and 38; the 34 being made up as follows, 5 5 5 3 4 3 3 3 3. In 1889, at Luffness, in a match with Mr. Horace Hutchinson, both gentlemen were successful in breaking the record, which stood at 75. Mr. Laidlay improved upon

this by no less than 6 strokes, the details being 4 4 5 4 5 3 4 4 5=38; 3 4 3 3 4 4 4 3 3=31—a total of 69, Mr. Hutchinson scoring 74.

Mr. Laidlay's experience of links has been tolerably varied, but it is probably with North Berwick and Musselburgh that his name is most intimately associated. To those familiar with the former green it is a matter of common knowledge that the quarter game is the all-important factor in successful play, and it is probably to his habitual practice there that his unrivalled excellence as an approacher is due. The mashie is in his hands a deadly club, he uses it with a confidence bred of unflinching success, but it is also true that he uses every sort of iron and cleek to perfection, graduated from the tremendous power of driving with them which he exhibits, down to the shortest and most artistic "pitch." Contrary to the practice of many fine players, he plays all these shots entirely from the left foot, assimilating his method to that of his driving, and also of his putting. In this latter department he has evolved a style all his own; he invariably uses a putting cleek, with which he puts somewhat in the style of a batsman playing forward to a pitched up ball at cricket; his right hand grasps not the shaft of the club, but has firm hold of the closed fingers of the left hand; by this device the wrists in his opinion move in more complete harmony with one another. He does not putt with a flexible wrist, rather the contrary, but the nett result of his *modus operandi* is that his putts run wonderfully true. He is perhaps seen at his best at some 12 to 18 yards from the hole, when he plays them dead straight up to it, then, after getting the chance of going in, they lie stone dead some 6 or 8 inches the other side. His excellent putting often pulls him through when he is a little off in his long game, which sometimes happens to him as to others; but when he is driving his best, and following it up, as he always does, with his admirable approaches, he is all but invincible. When in form he rarely plays a round without some characteristic holes, such for instance as a very long drive, a very long cleek shot to within 10 feet of the hole, and the putt holed out, securing in 3 what other people are fairly content to do in 5. In all great contests he is equal to the occasion, so far as determination to win is concerned, if that be possible, and the finish of his match with Mr. John Ball, jun., at St. Andrews in the Amateur Championship of 1888, will long live in the recollection of those who witnessed it as a fine exhibition of pluck and brilliant play. Not less noteworthy was the final between the same two at Hoylake, in 1890, when, though fortune was against Mr. Laidlay on this occasion, he played a dreadfully up-hill game with consummate nerve, and only succumbed to play which was altogether exceptional, even for Mr. Ball. It will be gathered from the foregoing remarks that Mr. Laidlay's capabilities are no whit behind those of the finest professionals of the day.

Our sketch is from a photograph taken by Mr. A. F. Macfie.

H. S. C. EVERARD.

OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE.

FORMER MATCHES.

March 6th, 1878, Oxford won by 24 holes; March 6th, 1879, Cambridge won by 10 holes; March 11th, 1880, Oxford won by 8 holes; March 11th, 1881, no match; March 9th, 1882, Cambridge won by 1 hole; March 1st, 1883, Oxford won by 2 holes; March 13th, 1884, Oxford won by 2 holes; March 12th, 1885, Oxford won by 38 holes; March 11th, 1886, Oxford won by 37 holes; March 8th, 1887, Cambridge won by 12 holes; March 8th, 1888, Cambridge won by 8 holes; March 8th, 1889, Oxford won by 9 holes; March 4th, 1890, Cambridge won by 1 hole.

Oxford one match to the good.

The Oxford v. Cambridge Golf match will, by permission of the Royal Wimbledon Golf Club, take place on Tuesday, March 3rd, over the links at Wimbledon. Play to begin at 12.30.

A HISTORIC FOURSOME.

The following lines were written by the late Mr. D. L. Burn, one of the veterans of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews; and as they now first see the light they will be read with much interest by many golfers all over the world, to whom their author was one of the most interesting and genial personalities in the "club."

THE MATCH OF THE SEASON, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1866.

COL. WALKER, TOM MORRIS v. D. L. BURN, DAVID LAMB.

First Hole.

Attended by their ragged cads
Four dirty young St. Andrews lads,
Waiting each player's stern command
To tee his ball with practised hand.
Burn struck his ball towards the "burn,"
The Colonel followed in his turn.
The first lay sweetly on the sward
The second met its just reward,
And plunged into the muddy stream—
Not a good stroke was that I ween!
Which left poor Tom to play one more
Whilst Lamb and Burn holed out in four.

Second Hole.

The Lamb led off with dashing stroke,
No word from old Tom Morris broke;
He sped a wondrous driven ball,
But anxious thought was in his eye,
Till far and safe he saw it fall,
Tho' nought revealed to standers by
The mind within well skilled to hide
His well-concealed but honest pride.
Altho' his smile so beaming now
Said more than words could well avow,
The hole played out was fairly won,
And Lamb and Burn were both outdone.

Third Hole.

All even now the match appears,
The gallant Colonel full of fears
Leads with a foosly feeble stroke!
Burn grins, and follows with a joke.
But at the end becomes aware
The hole is halved—the match all square.

Fourth Hole.

The champion* led—no word he spoke—
Lamb followed with a splendid stroke.
Tom smiled and said, "Tis well we've met,
Not this shall be our parting yet;
Play, play your best for many a hole,
But wait until we reach the goal."

Fifth Hole.

The gallant Colonel drew his ball,
And into "Hell" we saw it fall.
"Ah, Colonel, now we've come to grief,"
Said Tom to his erratic chief.
But when to "Hell," black depths profound
He came—on grassy tuft he found
The ball well tee'd by impious hand
Free from all danger—free from sand—
The hole was lost by Burn and Lamb,
So Hell in this case proved a sham!

Sixth to Eighteenth Hole.

I know not how the rest were done;
But this I know, the match was won
By Burn and Lamb, who full of glee
Did the last hole in only three.

SECOND ROUND.—Repetition of the first—only that the gallant Colonel being short-sighted took all the bunkers for the putting-places, and gave the champion a great deal of iron work, which his adversaries applauded with Iron-ical smiles!

* T. Morris.

ANOTHER NEW CLEEK.

Mr. Thomas Carruthers, 5, Gillespie Place, Edinburgh, has sent me a specimen of his Patent Socket Cleek. I have tried it for driving, wrist shots, and putting, and I am very favourably impressed with its superior merits. I am going to play at Blairgowrie soon, and shall tell the readers of this Journal what I think of it after a day's play.

Meanwhile let me describe it. The socket, which is the patent part, is two inches shorter than that of the ordinary cleek, and the shaft is a little longer than my regular driving cleek. That the shaft may be firmly attached, it is made to pass right down to the heel, where the socket has an opening. After being well driven in, the projecting part is cut off and filed flush with the iron. One of the defects in the old style is the uncertainty that the shaft exactly fits the socket, for the shaft-maker did not know the cleek-maker's work. Here, however, the shaft-maker drives the shaft right through, making all perfectly tight.

Besides, when the socket is short and thin and tubular, the weight of the cleek-head is less in the heel and more in the blade. If an unshafed cleek of the old make be balanced, you will find that it will rest when leaning over a stick which passes through between the socket and the blade. But in this case the metal is so adjusted that the cleek-head balances on a stick, right under where the ball should be struck, in the centre of the blade. In striking the ball with the patent cleek, therefore, the greatest certainty is available, the centre of gravity of the head being on the same spot as in the case of a wooden driver by the adjusting of the lead. In the old cleek the centre of gravity of the head—on the line of balancing—is at the heel, whereas here it is just behind the best striking-place of the ball. In this way greater driving power and more certain direction are secured. For there need be no heeling—a capital exception in the game.

I am not so sure about the advantage of a longer shaft. In the specimen sent to me there seems to be too much spring—certainly too much for my play; but many may prefer this for long cleek-driving. A brassie would not be required, for this weapon will drive as far from any position. The straightness of the driving, especially in windy weather, is a great boon which seems to be counted on with this cleek.

Mr. Anderson, of Anstruther, makes a very neat cleek, and I am glad to see that Mr. Carruthers sticks to the time-honoured leather grip. Irons are made in the same style; but I have not seen one.

J. G. MCPHERSON.

Still another tribute to the popularity of the Royal Game is announced in the invention of the patent socket for iron clubs by Mr. T. Carruthers, Edinburgh, another amateur who has entered the lists with the professionals in the contest for the improvement of the implements of the noble game. Without in any way derogating from the credit due to previous inventors, I am free to say that I have not come across any invention so meritorious in my own judgment as this one. It would not be desirable that all golfers should be of the same taste with respect to the clubs they use, and I have no doubt many will prefer one or other of the cleeks now in use to Carruthers' cleek, but, in the language of the great Golf magician, "commend me" to the latter. The patent socket from which the various advantages flow is equally applicable to all iron clubs; but I shall treat only of the cleek, as it is in that club that the merits of the invention are most apparent, and I think also real.

For years back I have been in the habit of selecting my cleek-heads, and altering them myself to suit my fancy. There is great pleasure to be derived from operations of this sort by golfers. My first point was to secure superabundance of metal to stand reduction. My second was to select the shortest neck, and I preferred also a short blade, and this involved thickness of blade which I regarded as of first-rate importance. Having laid aside after careful weighing a few heads that fulfilled these conditions, I then introduced my pencil into the socket and selected the one which had the tube reaching down furthest towards the sole, or in other words that had the longest hollow in the neck.

If the "set" was not to my taste, I put the head into the fire, and when red hot placed it in a vice with cheeks adjusted, gave

it a twist with an iron bar, fitted into the socket, which made it flat or upright, straight faced or spooned, according to the character I wished to give it for driving, pitching, or putting. This is a matter of no difficulty to one having a mechanical turn. The cleek being now firmly shafted, I filed down the shell of the socket till it was little more than sufficient to hold the wooden shaft, in order to concentrate the weight as near as possible at the point of contact between the blade and ball. Every golfer knows that for effective driving this is of the greatest importance. It constitutes the chief merit of Park and Forrester's patents. I was in the habit of treating my cleeks thus before these patents were obtained, and was satisfied of the advantage gained.

The points desired were:—

1. To get the greatest length of wood in a cleek-shaft of given length, thus securing the maximum of elasticity and power.
2. To get the requisite weight immediately behind, or as near as possible to, the ball which secured the most effective energy at the proper point.
3. To get a shorter blade so as to minimise the danger of "wobbling" when the stroke is being delivered, and to present less surface to the resisting atmosphere, grass, or sand.
4. To get a broader sole, less liable to cut the turf.

Each of these advantages in itself was trifling, but the cumulative effect was considerable. So much, however, did I reduce the iron in the socket that I had to use the sand-paper sparingly; and in the event of the shaft being broken it was a delicate operation to fit in another, from the danger of splitting the socket. The life of my cleek was thus necessarily short.

Now all the advantages I was seeking and obtaining on a modest scale are secured by Mr. Carruthers most happily and in abundance.

In the patent two inches are taken off the socket. The tube is carried down the neck and out at the sole. The metal thus taken from the socket is transferred to the blade, and the result is two inches longer of the wooden shaft, and, the weight being equal, the centre of gravity is transferred from the angle in the old to near the centre of the blade in the new. The sole is a good deal broader, and minimises the agricultural proclivities of this most effective weapon, and the strength is fully kept up, there being as much wood in the new as in the old socket.

I may mention that I have no interest in the patent or patentee, but, having quickly recognised the merits of the invention from my own experience, I willingly give my brother golfers my views on them.

GREGOR MACGREGOR.

A COMBINED CLUB COVER AND STAND.

A want that will be appreciated by golfers, is the combined club cover and portable stand for carrying and supporting Golf-clubs during play. Mr. Peter Paxton, Golf-club maker, Eastbourne, has just brought out and patented the contrivance. It is composed of a small rod three feet long. Near each end is a ring projecting at right angles, which is fitted inside the club cover. At the base is a removable two-pronged fork; at the other end is a socket in which the supporting leg is secured. The latter consists of a stem torqued at each end, the fork at the upper end serving as a rack for the clubs projecting from the cover, and the lower fork as a support in the ground. The support leg and the two-pronged fork at the bottom maintain the club cover in a suitably inclined position. The support leg can be closed to the outside of the bag, or taken off and enclosed with the clubs for travelling. By unscrewing the two-pronged fork at the bottom, the stand can easily be taken out of the bag. It can be fitted to any ordinary club cover without the least injury to it. It has, we believe, been highly approved by all who have seen it, for its usefulness, lightness, and simplicity. A pocket is fitted on the outside for carrying balls. For Sunday golfing, practising alone, or on the links, for those who do not always employ caddies, and for ladies it is an excellent thing. It entirely does away with stooping to pick up the clubs; in wet weather it is invaluable, as no part of the club cover touches the ground.



PROFESSIONAL MATCH.—ROLLAND v. HUNTER.

The first professional match on the Limsfield Chart Golf course (briefly noticed last week), was played on Monday, February 16th, between Douglas Rolland, the club professional, and Hunter, professional at Forest Row. The greens were in good order, and the day was perfect. From the first tee, Rolland foundered his drive. Hunter drove well to within 10 yards of the green, and holed in 4, getting 1 up. Both men played steadily to the second hole, and halved in 4. At the big sand pit Hunter drove well, and the home man sent his tee shot into the face of the bunker, and played clear in 2 more, Hunter getting the hole in 5. Score, 2 up. Both men drove off well on the long top green, but Rolland, with a magnificent drive, landed on the green in 2, and holed in 4. Hunter, 1 up. The fifth hole was played by both in excellent time, and halved in 5. Sixth hole.—Beautiful straight drives of fair length, but Hunter's approach was admirable, and he holed in 4, making him 2 up again. Seventh hole.—Rolland made a magnificent drive, holing out in 4. Score, Hunter, 1 up. Steady play at the eighth hole, gave it to Rolland in 4, putting them level. At the ninth tee Rolland drove grandly. Hunter topped his drive and landed his second iron shot on the road, among a number of carriages. He failed to get off with his mashie; and his opponent holed out in 4, beginning the second round 1 up. Tenth hole.—A very fine drive of Rolland's laid him within a few yards of the green, Hunter topped again into the whins, and Rolland holed in 4, getting 2 up. The eleventh drive, Rolland sliced over the road into bad ground. Hunter, playing very steadily, took the hole in 4 as against 5. Rolland 1 up. Both men then drove very well over the sand pit water into safe lying, but neither approached very well, and Rolland took 5 to win the hole, getting 2 up. Another magnificent drive of Rolland's at the long top hole enabled him to hole in 4, while Hunter, who had played through the green very straight and well, made an unluckily approach, his ball falling badly. Rolland, 3 up. They halved the fourteenth hole with very steady play. At the fifteenth hole, both men drove well, but Hunter's ball got into bad country behind an ant-hill, and he approached short. His putting was also disturbed by an errant dog. Rolland holed in 4, winning the return match with 4 up, and 3 to play, or 13 up and 12 to play on the whole encounter. Rolland made a grand drive again at the sixteenth, leaving him only a short approach, and they halved in 4. At the seventeenth hole, Rolland drove a very long ball, far over the road. Hunter drove a good length, and by a miracle got excellent lying, just on the edge of the road ditch. Rolland's second shot, a full iron one, hit the flagstaff just above the ground, and left him dead. He holed in 3, while Hunter with a good approach took 1 more. This hole was quite sensational Golf.

At the last tee Rolland drove well but missed his second; and the other man, who topped at the tee, holed in 4 to Rolland's 5.

The figures were:—Rolland, out 44, in 38=82; Hunter, out 44, in 42=86.

With the exception of the foundered drives, the driving was good on both sides, though we need scarcely say Rolland's was far the longer ball. Hunter's approaches were wonderfully neat and finished. The winner showed as usual the value of a cool and even temper in regaining what looked at first like an up-hill game.

In the afternoon an excellent foursome was played between Forest Row (represented by the Rev. A. T. Scott and Hunter), and Limsfield (by Rev. F. W. Parsons and Rolland). The home club was again victorious by 4 up and 2 to play.

SCOTSMAN CLUB.

The monthly medal competition took place over the Braids course at Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 19th inst., in fine weather. Ten couples started. Mr. J. Mercer won with the score of 94, less 6=88; Mr. Alex. Aitken being second with 119, less 30=89.

MORNINGSIDE GOLF CLUB.

The opening match of this newly-formed club was played on the Braids at Edinburgh, on Tuesday, the 17th inst. Already sixty members have joined. It was a match between teams chosen by the captain and secretary. The captain's team won by two holes up.

HAWICK CLUB.

The Bombay medal was played for on the Hawick course on Wednesday, the 18th inst., in splendid weather, with the following result:—1, Mr. James Barrie, 107, less 25=82; 2, Dr. Barrie, 90, less 5=85; 3, Mr. John Macdonald, 98, less 12=86; 4, Mr. G. P. Ross, 88, less 1=87.

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS.

The conditions under which the above club held one of their fixtures on Saturday were of the most favourable character, so far as the weather was concerned, and were strikingly in contrast with the conditions under which the last fixture was played. Then only four couples started. On Saturday, thirteen couples started. Then the first handicap prize was won with a score of 106, less 15=91. On Saturday the first handicap was tied for at 78, one of which scores was from scratch. The weather on Saturday was, in short, all that the most fastidious golfer could desire, and the result was that the average scoring was very much under what it was on the previous competition. The competition was for the prizes presented by Capt. Meikle and ex-Captain McLaren, and when the cards came to be compared they revealed the tie above alluded to for the first and second prizes, viz., Andrew Boon, 78, less 0=78; J. Howat, 88 less 10=78. Mr. Boon's 78 is the lowest he has yet made in a competition, and it deserves to be detailed:—

First round ... 4 5 3 3 5 4 5 4 5=38 } 78.
Second round 4 4 4 4 6 5 5 3 5=40

Mr. James Gibson won the third prize with 80, less 0=80, so that it appears that the scratch players were well to the fore. The full scores were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
A. Boon ...	78 scr. 78	W. J. Fergusson ...	117 30 87
J. Howat ...	88 10 78	J. Andrews... ..	91 3 88
Jas. Gibson... ..	80 scr. 80	Capt. Meikle ...	98 10 88
And. Crawford ...	93 12 81	J. Bowden	108 20 88
John Wallace ...	94 12 82	J. Gray	99 8 91
A. J. Larke	98 16 82	W. Kennedy	106 14 92
D. Steven	100 18 82	M. Smith	111 18 93
R. Pyper	99 16 83	A. M. Turner	103 8 95
W. Williams	93 9 84	J. Mercer	114 18 96
W. Beatson... ..	99 15 84	D. Walker	119 22 97
D. Ferguson	100 16 84	R. Raeside	112 14 98
T. McLaren	101 14 87	H. M. Giles	113 12 101
W. J. Templeton ..	99 12 87	A. Muir	no card.

At a meeting of the committee held after the competition, Capt. Meikle presiding, it was unanimously agreed to raise the subscription for casual summer members to £1 per month. It was also unanimously agreed to take steps with a view to lengthening the course from nine to at least twelve holes.

SUTTON COLDFIELD GOLF CLUB.

The February monthly handicap was held on the 7th inst. The Rev. W. C. R. Bedford took the cup and sweepstakes.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Rev. W. C. Bedford	105 15 90	Mr. J. H. Chavassi	121 24 97
Mr. T. S. Eddowes	126 34 92	Rev. H. E. Wilson	109 12 97
Capt. Wilson, R.A.	108 14 94		

Seventeen other members took part in the competition.

ABERDEEN.

During the month of February, so far as it has gone, the weather here has been remarkably mild and pleasant, and golfers have been taking full advantage of it. The Balgownie links have been crowded every Saturday with members of the Aberdeen Club, engaged in singles and foursomes, while over the old course on the Aberdeen links matters have been equally lively. On Saturday last the members of both the Victoria and Bon-Accord Clubs had competitions in full swing, and as the weather was favourable there was a large turn-out of players. The members of the Victoria Club competed for their scratch prize, and Messrs. J. Williams and John R. Smith's prize, the first named going to first-class and the last to second-class players. Some forty players in all entered the lists, and the scoring over all was fairly good. A comparison of the cards showed that Mr. A. Mitchell, with a score of 92, had carried off the scratch prize, while an allowance of six strokes (86) made him also the winner of Mr. Williams's prize for the month. Among the second-class players Mr. John Grant, with the creditable figure of 99, less 6=93, proved to be the winner of Mr. Smith's prize. The following are a few of the lowest scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. A. Mitchell ... 92 6 86	Mr. J. Forrest ... 97 4 93
Mr. W. H. Reid ... 94 6 88	Mr. J. Russell ... 94 scr. 94
Mr. J. Hazelwood... 97 8 89	Mr. R. Anderson (2) 98 3 95
Mr. G. Anderson (1) 98 9 89	Mr. A. McConnachie 96 scr. 96
Mr. J. Grant ... 99 6 93	Mr. G. Mortimer ... 99 3 96

The members of the Bon-Accord Club competed for Mr. Michie's prize, and some very good work was also done by them, Mr. James Florence carrying off the prize with a score of 91, less 7=84. The following are a few of the lowest scores handed in :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. J. Florence ... 91 7 84	Mr. J. Ogilvie ... 101 12 89
Mr. H. Glass ... 94 9 85	Mr. L. Anderson ... 96 5 91
Mr. J. W. Murray... 93 5 88	

HOLYWOOD LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The competition for Captain Harrison's prize of a watch bracelet, took place on Monday, the 16th instant. It was played by strokes under handicap, and was won by Mrs. Roper with a net score of 135, for two rounds. The second prize, subscribed for by competitors, fell to Miss H. S. Shaw. The monthly medal will be played for on the 2nd March.

RANELAGH COLF CLUB.

CUP (HANDICAP) COMPETITION.

In a dense fog on Saturday, the 21st inst., the second series of the Cup competition was played at Barn Elms, only a few cards being handed in. A slight alteration in the proposed mode of handicapping will be adopted. Competitors must send in at least five returns, on four of which they will be handicapped for the final and winning round on the 18th of April. Members joining the club in time to fulfil the regulations will be eligible to compete. Scores :—

FIRST SERIES.—Mr. Dockrell 100, Mr. Oxley 114, Mr. Allen 107, Mr. W. E. Beak 96.

SECOND SERIES.—Mr. Wyburgh 134, Mr. Cumberlege 129, Mr. Allen 121, Mr. C. Wintle 115, Mr. J. J. Hamilton 111, Mr. C. A. S. Leggatt 88, Mr. W. E. Beak 110.

DURHAM GOLF CLUB.

The first of eight monthly competitions for the Osborn Cup was played under handicap on Friday, February 20th, with the following result :—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	3rd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. Duncanson ...	35	36	36	107	13	94
Dr. O. F. N. Treadwell...	37	33	34	104	4	100
Mr. G. P. Blagdon ...	42	35	37	114	14	100
Mr. S. Osborn ...	37	38	35	110	9	101
Capt. H. W. Roberts ...	41	39	43	123	22	101
Mr. F. W. Cluff ...	42	39	47	128	27	101
Mr. A. McKinlay ...	40	43	35	118	14	104
Rev. A. Robertson ...	51	52	49	152	47	105
Mr. Alan Hutchinson ...	43	43	47	133	27	106
Mr. J. Hutchinson ...	44	44	39	127	17	110
Mr. N. Cochrane ...	61	51	55	167	50	117

KIMBERLEY GOLF CLUB.

The first medal day of the Kimberley Golf Club came off successfully last month, when the silver medal was won by Mr. C. E. Nind, who made the round in 125, less 45=80. The second prize (half-a-dozen Golf-balls) was taken by Mr. A. Ramsay, who started scratch, and did the round in 64. His score comprised one three, five fours, and five fives, his highest being eight. Mr. Ramsay is an old player and a medallist of the Montrose Club. The next medal day will take place in April.

THE BRAIDS GOLF CLUB.

The first competition of the season for the gold medal and the first stage of the Murray charm was played over the Braids new course in most delightful weather on Friday, the 20th inst. There was a turn-out of eighteen couples, and the competition resulted in the medal being won by J. Johnston with a score of 81, less 6=75. The details of Mr. Johnston's score are as follows :—

Out ...	5	6	3	5	4	4	5	4	5=41	} 81
In ...	5	5	3	5	4	6	6	2	4=40	

LARKS GOLF CLUB (MUSSELBURGH).

The quarterly competition for the Crandle cup and a series of prizes took place on Thursday, the 19th, over Musselburgh links. Mr. Robert Bell, 95, less 6=89, and Mr. A. McCulloch, 97, less 8=89, tied for the cup and the first two prizes, a writing desk and a club cover. The other prize-winners were :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
*Mr. T. K. Campbell 99 8 91	*Mr. D. Clark ... 98 4 94
*Mr. P. Ireland ... 117 26 91	*Mr. R. Cockburn.. 108 14 94
Baillie Smith .. 101 8 93	*Mr. J. R. Newlands 122 28 94

* Tie.

HARRISON GOLF CLUB (EDINBURGH).

This club held its first general meeting of the season in Tynecastle Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 19th inst., when the following office-bearers were elected for 1891 :—captain, Robert Glass; vice-captain, Andrew Tait; treasurer, John Blythe; secretary, John Campbell, 206, Dalry Road, Edinburgh; committee: D. Black, R. Dixon, D. A. Henderson, and J. Murray.

TYNESIDE CLUB.

The winter cup was played for over the Ryton Willows on the 19th inst. in fine weather. This was the ninth competition for this trophy, and Mr. G. F. Charlton, the hon. sec., must be complimented upon the excellent score of 86, which has only been beaten once this season. Details :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. G. F. Charlton 86 scr. 86	Mr. J. G. Burdon... 101 10 91
Dr. Limont ... 102 14 88	Mr. J. G. Sharp ... 109 12 97
Mr. C. A. Ridley... 91 scr. 91	Mr. C. Cooper ... 110 10 100

Previous winners in this contest are Messrs. C. A. Ridley and J. B. Radcliffe, and Mr. Charlton meets these gentlemen in the final.

WHITLEY CLUB.

The Emerson prize was competed for on the 17th inst., for the fourth time, in beautiful weather for the game. Six members started for the competition, the scores being :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. G. F. Boyd... 122 30 92	Mr. G. W. Williams 109 scr. 109
Mr. J. Hedley ... 108 7 101	Dr. A. Wilson ... 117 7 110

Messrs. F. W. Wyndham and W. B. Shaw made no returns. The Routledge Cup, the gift of County Councillor Routledge, was the principal event on Wednesday, the 18th, and this brought out a good muster of players. It should be stated that this competition is confined to those who are not accounted "champions" at the game, in fact it has been organised for the benefit of the novices. Mr. W. B. Shaw, with a handicap allowance of 30, carried off premier honours. Scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. W. B. Shaw 119 30 89	Mr. R. Aitken ... 124 25 99
Mr. C. Smith ... 124 30 94	Mr. H. M. Robson 147 30 117

The remainder of the players made no returns.

The fifth contest for the Emmerson prize took place on Saturday over the Whitley course in fine weather. Eighteen members competed, but only six made any returns, the ultimate winner being Mr. R. T. Thomson, with a net score of 93. Results:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. R. T. Thomson	89	+4	93	Mr. F. W. Wyndham	119	16	103
Mr. C. A. Ridley	97	scr.	97	Mr. J. Hutchinson	121	15	106
Mr. J. Hansell	123	22	101	Mr. H. Philipson	169	30	139

NORTH BERWICK.

The golfing season gives indication of being early in full swing in the district this year, the delightful weather accounting in great measure for the comparatively large number of visitors who are frequenting the links. Whilst the course was by no means crowded on Saturday, play may be said never to have been allowed to flag from the time of the arrival of the first forenoon train. Throughout the last week golfing was of course slower than on Saturday; but the green was on the whole busily occupied, considering the early stage of the season. Amongst the more important friendly matches engaged in were the following:—On Wednesday of last week Ben Sayers played the better of the two balls of G. Douglas and W. Thomson (professionals). Sayers exhibited a splendid game, finishing in 73; but the task proved more difficult than he had anticipated, as the score of his opponents exceeded his own record for the green only by a stroke. Completing the round in 67—34 out and 33 in—the couple beat Ben at the gate, after a fine game, by three up and two to play. Captain N. M. Wylie and Captain R. G. Suttie had a single of two rounds on Friday, the former winning rather close games. Mr. J. Brodie and Mr. F. Eeles engaged Mr. J. Gould Smith and Mr. J. Black, the latter couple being successful at the home hole. On Saturday, Mr. J. W. Tod played his own ball against those of Mr. Rutherford Clark and Mr. Kinloch in an interesting game of thirty-six holes. The couple appeared to have the match fairly well in hand almost till the close; but Mr. Tod, by fine play, ultimately emerged successfully from the game by two holes. Mr. K. Lountain had a single with W. Thomson (professional), when the result of last week's match was exactly reversed, Mr. Lountain just beating his opponent at the home disc. Sayers and Captain H. Kinloch opposed in a foursome Davie Grant and Captain D. Kinloch. A very equal and exciting match eventually found the former couple the victors by a hole. Mr. Adam Hogg and Mr. James Mitchell, of the Bass Rock Club, engaged in a single on Saturday, the latter winning a good game. General Brewster visited the links last week, and among those who went round the course in company were—Provost Brodie and Mr. Webber, Mr. R. Clark and Mr. Kirkwood, and Captain Suttie and Mr. Hadow. The greens are in good order at present, and the green-keeper and his assistants are busy at work in anticipation of the requirements of the season.

FORMBY GOLF CLUB.

The fifth of the winter monthly competitions took place on Saturday, the 21st. inst., when the weather was all that could be desired, nevertheless, the scoring was poor. At the same time a cup presented by some of the officers of the 2nd Battalion Cheshire Regiment was competed for. The result of the day's play was a tie between Mr. F. Hermon and Mr. Walter Roughton, which will be decided at an early date.

The following scores were handed in:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. F. Hermon	90	5	85	Mr. J. Low	117	20	97
Mr. W. Roughton	93	8	85	Mr. J. B. Hunter	106	8	98
Mr. G. R. Cox	90	3	87	Mr. J. E. Dean	110	12	98
Mr. L. J. Ferguson	95	6	89	Mr. D. Webster	110	11	99
Mr. W. S. Taylor	96	6	90	Mr. C. A. Rawcliffe	108	8	100
Mr. J. S. Beauford	97	6	91	Mr. J. Ainsworth	116	16	100
Mr. F. E. M. Dixon	95	3	92	Mr. J. Kirke Crooks	116	15	101
Mr. J. Shepherd	97	4	93	Mr. A. Hood	119	18	101
Mr. W. F. Chadwick	102	8	94	Mr. H. Owen	123	15	108
Mr. P. S. McCulloch	104	10	94	Mr. W. Bates	126	18	108
Mr. H. Spalding	106	12	94	Mr. C. Blundell	128	15	113
Mr. H. Case	120	25	95	Mr. H. J. Bromilow	140	18	122
Mr. G. A. Thomson	115	19	96				

Messrs. C. Atkinson, A. B. Cauty, E. Hewer, H. H. Hosak, J. H. Law, W. McLelland, J. K. Osgood, J. Quinn, F. A. Rockliff, L. K. Roughton, J. F. Shepherd, made no return.

BUTE CLUB.

The fourth competition for the McCall gold medal was engaged in by the members of the above club over the links at Quochag, Kingarth, on the Island of But, on Saturday, 14th inst. The conditions were favourable, and on the double round of nine holes being completed it was found that Mr. A. Primrose was the winner of the medal with the lowest score. The following were some of the scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. A. Primrose	101	0	101	Mr. A. Baxter	122	10	112
Mr. A. M'Gaw	110	4	106	Rev. J. Saunders	124	10	114
Mr. D. Crawford	112	1	111				

BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB.

The third competition for the club medal took place on Saturday last, the weather being most delightful, with the following results:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
T. O. Clinning	109	25	84	J. C. Barrett	123	22	101
W. Bowker	104	15	89	R. Latchford	134	30	104
R. G. Hayward	99	9	90	G. Crowther	106	scr.	106
W. E. Buckley	105	15	90	C. A. Colman	129	20	109
E. P. Stephenson	108	17	91	W. J. Drewitt	148	30	118
I. H. F. Hulton	105	12	93				

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

KELSO v. HAWICK.

Nine members of the Hawick Club competed against a similar number representing the Kelso Club on the course at Friars' Park, Kelso, on Saturday afternoon. Splendid weather prevailed, the course was in good order, and the game, in which considerable interest was manifested, resulted in favour of Kelso by 34 holes. Details:—

KELSO.			HAWICK.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Walter Rutherford	7	P. Cruikshank	0		
T. D. C. Smith	6	James Barrie	0		
Thomas Bennett	1	G. P. Ross	0		
Dr. Rutherford	6	W. Hume	0		
James Newton	0	Dr. Barrie	3		
W. M. Maston	7	A. H. Craw	0		
A. Pott Stevenson	1	R. Michie	0		
Allan Stevenson	4	J. Hodgson	0		
James Forsyth	5	James Scott	0		
	37		3		

REGISTER HOUSE CLUB.

A competition for the club medal and other prizes was held over Burntisland Links, Edinburgh, on Saturday. There was a good muster of players, and at the close of three rounds the following were returned prize-winners:—A. M. Runciman (medallist), 85, less 15=70; Peter Grant, 83, less 12=71; T. B. Robertson, 97, less 23=74; J. M. Marr, 76 (scratch); Duncan Stewart, 103, less 25=78.

EAST OF FIFE CLUB.

At a special meeting of the club—Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bart., Balkaskie, captain of the club, presiding—it was unanimously agreed to extend the club's present course by offering to lease about six acres of land known as the Holland Dams, belonging to the burgh of Pittenweem, and immediately joining the east end of the course.

MOFFAT v. ANNANDALE.

A match was on Saturday afternoon played at Moffat between the home club and the Annandale Club (Lockerbie), six representatives a-side. The greens were in good order, and a most enjoyable match of two rounds—eighteen holes in all—was won by the Moffat representatives by 30 holes to 5.

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE CLUB.

The usual monthly competition for the medal and prizes took place over the Braids at Edinburgh, on Saturday, with the following result:—1, W. G. Munro, jun., 86 (scratch); 2, A. Paterson, jun.

LEITH CLUB.

The competition for scratch and handicap medals took place on Saturday afternoon in favourable weather. The scratch medal was won by Mr W. M. Archibald with 38 and 32—70; and the handicap medal tied for by Mr. R. Hutchison, sen., 39 and 32—71, less 4=67, and Mr. T. Kirk, 40 and 35—75, less 8=67. The next lowest scores handed in were as follows:—Mr. D. Mackay, 77, less 8=69; Mr. R. Hutchison, jun., 77, less 8=69; Mr. P. Stoddart, 88, less 16=72; Mr. J. Duncan (scratch), 73; Mr. C. Gibson, less 75, less 2=73.

KINGHORN.

The Golf course was frequented on Saturday by a large number of golfers from Edinburgh, Kirkcaldy, and Burntisland, and in the afternoon the course was well occupied. The opening season promises to be a good one for Kinghorn. The green-keeper has the course and putting-greens in capital condition.

FORFARSHIRE.

Splendid weather continues to be enjoyed in this quarter, quite unlike the usual experience of the month of February. As a consequence, Golf is being engaged in with enjoyment every day, and the season may be now said to have got fairly started.

Down Carnoustie way, on Saturday, the local Caledonia Club resumed their monthly sweepstake competitions under most auspicious circumstances, which included an excellent day, a large field, and a very remarkable scoring record. The winners of the sweepstakes were as follows:—1, David Smith, 91, 8 below average; 2, William Young, 81, 7 below; 3, tied for by John Dewars, 96; J. R. Wilson, 103; and J. P. Bruce, 101, all 4 below. W. Young is one of the finest players in the county, and his reputation will be enhanced by his splendid performance on Saturday. He went the round at 81 strokes, and won the special prize for the lowest score. His card shows the following details:—

Out	5	5	4	4	6	3	5	4	4=40	} 81
In	5	5	5	4	4	5	4	4	5=41	

Among the best scores made in the competition were the following:—John M'Andrew, jun., and David Whitton, 94; D. M. Booth, J. P. Morrison, and George Fox, jun., 98.

The same evening the quarterly general meeting of the above club was held in the club-house, when Mr. D. M. Both presided. The affairs of the club appear to be in a highly flourishing condition, and the way it is gaining in strength may be conceived from the fact that on Saturday no fewer than a dozen new members were admitted. Among the matters brought up for discussion was the question of the extension of the club-house premises. The plans for the proposed alterations submitted by the secretary, Mr. J. P. Bruce, architect, met with the hearty approval of the meeting. They provide for a club-room 33 feet in length, a large dining-room, a smoking-room, spare room, lavatory, and an additional bedroom for the clubhouse-keeper. The decision arrived at after the question had been fully debated was, that at the next half-yearly general meeting a motion will be made to double the accommodation of the club-house. The account of the presentation by the members of the Caledonia Club to Archie Simpson on the occasion of his departure this week for Bembridge, in the Isle of Wight, must be reserved for the next issue of GOLF.

In the competition of the Broughtly Club for the Miller cup the following members tied, namely, Messrs. James Cowan, A. H. Hutt, and Hugh M'Culloch, all at 12 strokes below their respective averages. Mr. Cowan had 13 odds to allow the other two, who had equal averages. The tie was played off on Saturday afternoon, when Mr. Hutt succeeded in winning the trophy, coming in at 6 below his average, and Mr. Cowan came in at 3 below, while Mr. M'Culloch came in square. The result was, therefore, that Mr. Hutt was winner of the cup and 1st sweepstake; Mr. Cowan, of the scratch prize and 2nd sweepstake; Mr. M'Culloch of the 1st average and 3rd sweepstake; and Mr. James Ross of the 2nd average and 4th sweepstake, the last mentioned player having come in at 10 below his registered number.

ST. ANDREWS.

During the past week charming golfing weather has prevailed, and the links have presented a very busy spectacle. Particularly was this the case on Saturday, when, besides the ordinary matches, an interesting tussle took place between Edinburgh and St. Andrews Universities. The start in this event was made at 11.30, and some excellent play was witnessed on both sides. The match throughout had the merit of being exceedingly close, a number of the ties being halved, and though Edinburgh was defeated, it was not by any means disastrously. The following was the result:—

ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.		EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY.	
Holes.		Holes.	
T. Carmichael	7	W. G. Bloxom... ..	0
J. T. Paterson	1	Dr. A. H. Vassie	0
P. C. Anderson	1	B. Hall Blyth... ..	0
F. W. M. Hodge	0	D. C. Stevenson	1
R. Barclay	0	F. V. Haggart... ..	0
A. Cant... ..	5	C. L. Blaikie	0
H. M. Kyle	0	R. H. Blaikie	8
A. MacKenzie	0	F. A. Begbie	0
W. Anderson	3	Dr. Hawtmain	0
Total	17	Total	9

Majority for St. Andrews, 8 holes.

The best score of the day was made by the St. Andrews captain, Mr. Carmichael, who did the round in 84, being 42 each way. One day during the week, what in lawn tennis would be called a "mixed double" took place between Mr. Everard and Miss Boothby on the one side, against Tom Morris and Miss Stewart on the other. From beginning to end the play was close, but it finished at the burn by two in favour of Mr. Everard and Miss Boothby. The ladies are rapidly demanding consideration as golfers, but some of the "nobler sex" do not seem to think that ladies have any right on the green, and show them scant courtesy by playing up and passing them. On Monday Capt. Burn, Mr. Hull (getting four strokes), and Mr. Everard played a three-ball match of two rounds. It might have been expected that one or other of the players would have gained some advantage, but at the close of the day the trio were all square. On Thursday last week Andrew Kirkcaldy and Mr. D. Leitch had a return match. On this occasion the professional played an extraordinary fine game, doing the round in 76 strokes, and winning an easy victory.

EDINBURGH THISTLE CLUB.

This club met on Saturday at the Braid Hills to play for their monthly trophy. The afternoon being fine, the hill was crowded. Twenty-eight players started to play the full round, which was in good condition, there being several good scores returned. At the finish it was found that Mr. J. Nelson had established a record for the new course by finishing the round in 77, also winning the trophy with a score of 77, less 3=74; Mr. Rankin being seconded with 103, less 26=77.

EDINBURGH CYCLISTS' CLUB.

On Saturday the Cyclists' Golf Club held their first scratch competition for two prizes over Musselburgh Links. There was a small turn-out of members, and the prizes were won by Messrs. George Morrison and Allan Carswell with scores of 101 and 120 respectively.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

The competitions for the club challenge cups took place on Saturday in capital weather. Mr. Chas. Cooper was found to be the winner, with a commendable score of 71 net.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. C. Cooper	78	7	71	Rev. F. L. Cope	95	19	76
Mr. W. S. Merry-weather	92	20	72	Mr. G. Newby	82	5	77
Mr. P. A. Raps	79	7	72	Mr. A. B. Crosby	85	7	78
Mr. W. Purves	78	5	73	Mr. P. B. Kent	89	10	79
Mr. W. S. Woodiwis	95	20	75	Mr. O. K. Trechmann	88	9	79
Mr. L. K. Fawcitt... ..	96	20	76	Mr. James Tennant... ..	83	4	79
				Mr. R. Elliott	92	12	80

Messrs. S. Walker, C. Trechmann, A. Gladstone, A. B. Wilson, G. E. Casebourne, A. Robinson, C. J. Bunting, S. Strover, and H. Simpson made no returns.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

February 23rd—St. Andrews handicap medal.—The day was lovely, and the green in first-class condition, the putting-greens being very true. One round of eighteen holes was played with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. R. O. J. Dallmeyer	110	30	80	Mr. J. M. Cowan	115	24	91
Mr. A. J. L. Hill	99	18	81	Mr. E. C. P. Boyd	92	scr.	92
Mr. A. M. Joshua	93	7	86	Mr. P. W. Everett	102	9	93
Mr. H. P. Frean	94	8	86	Mr. D. A. M. Brown	94	scr.	94
Mr. W. T. Linskill	87	scr.	87	Mr. G. T. Warner	101	7	94
Mr. C. F. Badeley	94	7	87	Mr. D. Carlisle	107	13	94
Mr. R. A. Nicholson	89	scr.	89	Mr. E. D. C. Strode	104	9	95
Mr. C. M. Hutchinson	101	12	89	Mr. H. Parker	113	16	97
Mr. G. L. K. Finlay	101	12	89	Mr. C. H. Pasteur	110	10	100
Mr. H. M. Braybrooke	94	4	90	Mr. T. Whish	120	20	100
Mr. C. Pigg	95	5	90	Mr. G. H. Duckworth	130	30	100
Mr. L. Dale	109	18	91	Mr. A. C. Deane	133	30	103
Mr. K. McFarlane	105	14	91				

Messrs. A. M. Chance, R. J. Younger, J. O. E. Pease, T. H. Watson, W. R. Rendell, G. C. Skipwith, S. Massingberd, I. Heron Maxwell, F. P. Woodward, H. J. Dunlop, H. J. Debenham, E. W. Vaughan Williams, J. N. Lindsay, H. A. Adamson, A. H. M. Cox, H. J. Recket, E. Adams, no returns.

Team fixed to play against Oxford at Wimbledon on March 3rd:—

R. A. Nicholson (Trin.), D. A. M. Brown (Trin. Hall), E. C. P. Boyd (Trin.), A. M. Chance (Trin.), J. L. Low (Clare), H. M. Braybrook (Pemb.), R. J. Younger (Jesus).

For the eighth place the choice will be from the following:—

A. M. Joshua (Trin.), J. E. Pease (Pemb.), C. F. Ba deley (Jesus), H. P. Frean (Pemb.), C. M. Hutchinson (St. Johns).

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.

The February competition for the club medal took place on Saturday, the 21st inst., and the London members were very pleasantly surprised to find Earlswood Common entirely free from fog. They left behind them a London "particular," which, however, was exchanged for brilliant sunshine and summer-like warmth as soon as Merstham Tunnel was cleared. The extended course had some holes still a little in the rough, and the scores ruled somewhat high. Mr. Schacht, however, went round in 95 gross, and secured a win. He now holds both medals for the month. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.					
Mr. A. Schacht	95	6	89	Mr. W. H. Pelly	113	16	97
Mr. H. B. Fox	108	15	93	Mr. C. Hall	117	18	99
Mr. T. P. Shepherd	118	22	96				

Over 100, or no returns.—Messrs. F. C. Milford, A. H. Eve, G. Allen, L. Horner, Sir H. T. Wood, Messrs. T. Fenwick, R. C. Haldane, W. Amsden, D. Pym, W. Bates Avery, A. M. Shaw, T. M. Maitland, E. Amsden, A. J. Eames, S. C. Watney, Kenneth Munroe, C. H. Waterlow, T. Gill, J. C. Tucker, C. J. Trevarthen.

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

Twenty-eight members started in the competition for the Bombay medal (scratch) on Tuesday, the 17th inst. Fog was painfully in evidence throughout the day. Some fine play on the part of Mr. W. O. S. Pell, brought that gentleman in winner of the medal at a score of 118. The gross scores of the several competitors are given below:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. O. S. Pell	118	Mr. Frederick Gilbert	146
Mr. J. G. Gibson	123	Mr. C. M. Baker	148
Mr. Robert Whyte	123	Mr. C. Lethbridge	149
Mr. F. J. Walker	129	Mr. Wm. Morris	150
Capt. H. Gillon	130	Mr. H. H. Turner	150
Mr. A. Schacht	130	Mr. E. E. Larking	154
Mr. A. H. Newington	137	Mr. J. R. Baillie	155
Mr. E. A. Walker	137	Mr. J. Osmond	157
Mr. W. K. Graham	143	Mr. Francis Gilbert	160
Mr. C. W. Harrison	144	Mr. W. G. Barnes	168
Mr. T. A. Raynes	144	Mr. W. C. Johnson	172

Major H. H. Crookenden, Mr. J. R. J. Brawly, the Rev. J. H. Ellis, and Messrs. G. H. Ireland, W. G. Kentish, and J. M. Sawyer did not return their cards.

The above is the forty-fourth annual competition for the Bombay medal of this club, the competitions being held in the month of February in every year. Recent winners of the medal have been:—Mr. John Penn, in 1880-81 and 1885; Dr. W. L. Purves, in 1882; Mr. H. A. Lamb, in 1883; Mr. W. H. Richardson, in 1884; Mr. F. Stokes, in 1886; Mr. J. G. Gibson, in 1887-8-9; and Mr. Robert Whyte, in 1890.

The final heat in the competition for the two cups, presented by the captain, Mr. Robert Whyte, was played off on Tuesday, the 10th inst., in good golfing weather. Messrs. F. S. Ireland and G. O. Jacob, receiving one stroke, defeated Messrs. C. W. Harrison and F. J. Walker, by 2 up and 1 to play.

THE ROYAL EPPING FOREST GOLF CLUB.

On Wednesday, the 18th inst., the above club held the monthly competitions for the Spurling-Kentish gold medal, and the Noakes cup. The weather was beautiful, although the morning was somewhat raw and foggy, but luckily this was all gone by mid-day. There was a good muster of members, and the following are some of the best scores handed in:—

Spurling-Kentish gold medal.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.					
*J. M. Kerr	93	8	85	H. C. Fisher	108	12	96
*G. Thompson	97	12	85	John Walter, jun.	108	12	96
C. A. Tewson	105	16	89	J. W. James	117	18	99
J. Dunlop Hill	102	12	90	F. F. McKenzie	117	18	99
J. G. Glover (capt.)	107	12	95				

*Tied.

Noakes cup (limited to ten strokes):—J. M. Kerr, 93, less 8=85.

PAU LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Mr. Ross's prize, consisting of a pair of scent bottles, was played for on Monday, February 9th. The following are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Hon. Ev. St. Aubyn	79	19	60	Mrs. Boreel	92	20	72
Mrs. Maud ..	79	18	61	Miss N. Ross	82	9	73
Mrs. Inglis...	80	15	65	Miss C. Halkett	92	18	74
Miss Y. Newall	85	20	65	Miss M. F. Barham	96	20	76
Mrs. Platt ...	75	8	67	Miss Newell	80	3	77
Miss Bloomfield	84	17	67	Miss Pearce	100	20	80
Mrs. Newall	84	17	67	Lady A. Townsend	101	20	81
Miss M. Newall	71	3	68	Mrs. Walker	101	20	81
Mrs. A. Troyte	88	20	68	Mrs. Jones	102	20	82
Miss Cunningham	88	19	69	Miss Parr	104	18	86
Mlle. de Longneuil	88	19	69	Miss Potter	106	20	86
Miss Kindersley	90	20	70	Miss Herbert	106	20	86
Lady Nugent	83	12	71	Mrs. Reid	118	20	98
Miss Pemberton	91	20	71	Miss Ellis	138	20	118
Hon. El. St. Aubyn	86	14	72				

Also played: Miss Levett, Hon. V. Mostyn, and Hon. M. Mostyn.

NEW FOREST GOLF CLUB.

The ninth monthly handicap for the club gold medal and the shield foursome, took place on the Bramshaw links on Saturday, the 14th. The weather was everything that could be desired for golfing. A great improvement will be made in the course, when the new No. 2 and No. 3 greens are finished. Capt. Aitchison, R.N., and Lieut. Goldfinch, R.N., tied for the medal, Capt. Aitchison, not having previously won it, carrying it off, thus enabling him to compete in the final for holding. Mr. Hargreaves and Mr. Mason carried off the shield. The competition for the shield in March and the medal in April will be the last open competitions to members for these two prizes. Scores as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.					
Capt. Aitchison,		Mr. T. Mason	135	30	105		
R.N.	110	16	94	Mr. R. Hargreaves	124	18	106
Lieut. J. Goldfinch,		Mr. J. Jeffreys	129	20	109		
R.N.	94	scr.	94	Mr. J. Goldfinch	143	30	113
Lieut. P. De Cres-		Capt. Maitland	136	22	114		
pigny, R.N.	95	scr.	95	Col. Cameron, V.C.,			
Mr. A. Goldfinch	109	9	100	C.B.	172	30	142

Shield Foursomes.—Mr. R. Hargreaves and Mr. T. Mason, 62; Capt. Aitchison, R.N., and Mr. J. Jeffreys, 63; Lieut. J. Goldfinch, R.N., and Capt. Maitland, 63; Lieut. P. de Crespiigny, R.N., and Col. Cameron, V.C., C.B., 67.

DISLEY GOLF CLUB.

The fourth winter handicap was contested on Saturday, Feb. 21st, in fine and sunny weather. Mr. Garrett and Mr. T. Mills divided the first and second sweepstakes, and Mr. J. Mills took the 3rd prize, Mr. T. Mills securing a win for the winter handicap medal. The best scores were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. H. Garrett ...	114	28	86	Mr. R. Hutton ...	113	10	103
Mr. T. Mills ...	118	32	86	Mr. T. Midwood ...	140	36	104
Mr. J. Mills ...	127	33	94	Mr. J. Milne ...	123	18	105
Rev. J. Bourne ...	117	18	99	Mr. G. Lees ...	141	36	105
Mr. A. Hutton ...	120	21	99	Mr. S. Thackeray ...	138	36	102
Mr. T. Norris ...	138	36	102	Mr. G. Hutton ...	130	21	109

No returns from several members.

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday the final competition for the club cup (1890), postponed from the 10th ult., was decided. The winners left in were Mr. W. M'Laren, Mr. W. O. S. Pell, Mr. T. Latham, Mr. T. H. Ashton, Mr. F. C. Hunter Blair, Mr. M. J. Paterson, Mr. H. F. Thursby, Mr. J. W. Traill, Mr. R. O. Milne, and Mr. N. W. Brown. Result:—1, Mr. R. O. Milne, 97, less 7=90; 2, Mr. T. Latham, 100, less 7=93; 3, Mr. J. W. Traill, 111, less 17=94. The links were in excellent condition and presented a crowded appearance in the afternoon.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

The weekly handicap was played on Friday, February 20th, with following result:—

FIRST CLASS.							
Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. G. E. King ...	93	11	82	Mr. A. R. Hamilton ...	97	8	89
Hon. D. H. Cairns ...	99	15	84	Mr. T. P. Powell ...	105	16	89
Mr. W. D. Davidson ...	92	7	85	Mr. H. J. Whigham ...	91	scr.	91
Mr. D. G. Hogarth ...	105	18	85	Mr. G. M. Style ...	99	6	93
Mr. A. W. Gordon ...	95	9	86	Mr. J. C. Miller ...	105	12	93
Mr. J. B. Pease ...	86	scr.	86	Mr. C. E. Brownrigg ...	103	9	94
Mr. R. C. Carter ...	104	18	86	Mr. W. M. Lindsay ...	113	18	95
Mr. A. E. Ripley ...	95	7	88	Mr. R. W. Macan ...	107	9	98
Rev. F. H. Hall ...	106	18	88				

SECOND CLASS.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. L. Armitstead ...	105	32	73	Mr. F. C. Bramwell ...	115	30	85
Mr. E. G. Carmichael ...	101	24	77	Mr. A. J. Boger ...	109	20	89
Mr. R. H. Moore ...	112	34	78	Mr. A. D. Miller ...	105	not hcpd.	
Mr. E. G. Hardie ...	114	30	84				

Eight members made no return.

DUBLIN GOLF CLUB.

The first handicap of the present year, for the club monthly medal, took place on Saturday, when a large number of members turned out. Considering the wind which was blowing across the links, the scoring was very good. Mr. T. R. McCullagh won with a gross score of 103, less 30=73.

The following were the scores handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. T. R. McCullagh ...	103	30	73	Mr. F. E. Cuming ...	94	11	83
Mr. G. C. May ...	104	28	76	Mr. G. M. McMurdo ...	108	23	85
Mr. W. H. Dodd ...	106	30	76	Professor Palmer ...	107	22	85
Surgeon Kelly ...	89	12	77	Mr. J. H. Pigot ...	97	11	86
Mr. D. M. Wilson ...	96	17	79	Dr. A. Traill ...	109	22	87
Mr. O'Connor Morris ...	97	17	80	Mr. Granby Burke ...	120	30	90
Mr. J. Brown ...	100	20	80	Mr. J. Petrie ...	99	7	92
Mr. J. Lumsden, senr. ...	91	9	82	Col. Knox ...	120	28	92
Mr. W. R. Joynt ...	112	30	82	Mr. A. L. Figgis ...	115	22	93
Mr. J. Lumsden, jun. ...	90	7	83	Mr. J. M. Dickson ...	111	17	94

Several members made no return. A match has been arranged with the Royal Belfast Club, and will be played on Good Friday, 27th March, on the links at Holywood, Co. Down.

RHYL GOLF CLUB.

The first ladies' competition was held on Thursday, 19th inst., over the new ladies' course, in lovely summer-like weather, before a large assembly of spectators. The play of the ladies was very good, that of the first three particularly so. A keen contest resulting in Miss Lloyd Williams taking first prize with

the excellent score of 121 from scratch, Miss Mainwaring and Miss A. Pennant following closely with 127 and 129 respectively. Miss May Pennant had the misfortune to get badly bunkered in the road both rounds, and so lost her chance of the prize.

Appended are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss Lloyd Williams ...	121	scr.	121	Mrs. J. Lewis ...	181	27	154
Miss Mainwaring ...	127	scr.	127	Mrs. Bryans ...	164	9	155
Miss A. Pennant ...	129	scr.	129	Mrs. Conwy ...	184	27	157
Mrs. Birley ...	160	27	133	Miss F. Hughes ...	207	27	180
Miss K. L. Williams ...	157	10	147	Miss Conwy ...	215	27	188
Miss G. Pennant ...	159	12	147	Miss G. Hughes ...	241	27	214
Miss M. Pennant ...	150	scr.	150				

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the Badger cup and the club prize took place on these links on Thursday and Saturday, the 12th and 14th, with the following results:—

THE BADGER CUP.

	1st Round.		2nd Round.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
	1st	2nd	1st	2nd			
Mr. J. H. Mitchell ...	55	63	115	12	103		
Mr. J. Kinmond ...	77	67	144	35	109		
Col. Boothby ...	56	57	113	scr.	113		
Mr. T. Kinmond ...	68	65	133	20	113		

Capt. Shaw, Messrs. W. A. Canning, C. Dumphries, and C. Lloyd Carson, made no return.

THE CLUB PRIZE.

	1st Round.		2nd Round.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
	1st	2nd	1st	2nd			
Mr. J. Kinmond ...	66	66	132	35	97		
Mr. C. Dumphries ...	66	67	133	35	98		
Mr. J. H. Mitchell ...	59	56	115	12	103		
Mr. T. Kinmond ...	64	67	131	20	111		
Mr. C. Lloyd Carson ...	78	72	150	35	115		
Mr. G. B. Blyth ...	94	83	177	35	142		

ROYAL CROMER GOLF CLUB.

At the annual general meeting of this club, held in January, it was agreed to put on an entrance-fee of one guinea, leaving the annual subscription the same, that is, one guinea. Mr. B. Bond-Cabbell, of Cromer Hall, was unanimously elected captain in the place of Mr. R. W. Ketton, who served in the same capacity for the two previous years, and who received a hearty vote of thanks for the way in which he had fulfilled the duties, and for his exceeding generosity during his term of office. The club now numbers over 200 members, showing an increase of about 100 since the commencement of last year. Further evidence of the progress of the club is the fact that the links are now being enlarged to eighteen holes.

The final competition for the absolute possession of the silver medal presented last year by the late captain, Mr. R. W. Ketton, was played on the 7th February. The competition was for previous winners, viz., Mr. C. H. Aveston, Mr. H. C. Dent, Dr. Heasman, and Mr. P. M. Lucas. The latter had won it twice during the previous year. The winner now was Dr. Heasman, with a score of 103, less 15=88; the other scores being P. M. Lucas, 95, less 6=89; C. H. Aveston, 106, less 11=95; H. C. Dent, 113, less 18=95.

A prize meeting will be held in Easter week, the dates to be announced in our next issue.

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