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JULY.

- July 18.—Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Gullane : Club Gold Medal, and other prizes.
Disley : Third Summer Handicap.
Epsom : Monthly Medal.
Formby : Captain's Prize.
Rochdale : Summer Handicap.
Lea Hurst : Monthly Competition.
Seaton Carew : Club Cup.
Buxton and High Peak : Silver Challenge Vase.
Berkhamsted : Summer Meeting.
Edinburgh Institution (F.P.) : Summer Meeting at Luffness.
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.
Wimbledon Ladies' : Monthly Medal.
- July 24.—Durham : Blagdon Cup.
Harrison (Edinburgh) : Medal.
- July 25.—Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Luffness : The County Cup Competition ; Wemyss Challenge (Cup) Medal.
Royal Epping Forest ; Gordon Challenge Cup ; Captain's Prize.
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Monthly Medal.
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.
West Lancashire : Monthly Medal.
Felixstowe : Monthly Challenge Cup.
Haddington : Somerville Medal.
Seaton Carew : Thompson Medal.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Macara Cup.
Cathkin Braes : Vice-President's Prize.
Warwickshire : Club Cup.
- July 31.—Edinburgh Viewforth : Silver Medal.
Harrison (Edinburgh) : Cleek and Iron Competition.

AUGUST.

- Aug. 1.—London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove : The Berens Gold Medal.
Seaford : Monthly Medal.
Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.

- Aug. 1.—Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Bank Holiday Meeting.
Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.
Bowdon : Monthly Competition.
Haydock Park : Captain's Cup (seventh Competition).
Seaton Carew : Gray Trophy.
St. George's (Sandwich) : The St. George's Cup and Cross.
Cathkin Braes : Gold Medal.
Richmond : Monthly Medal.
Warwickshire : Leaf Prize.
Redhill and Reigate : Turner Medal.
- Aug. 1 and 3.—Littlestone : August Meeting.
- Aug. 1 to 4.—Felixstowe : Second Summer Meeting.
- Aug. 3.—Royal Liverpool : Bank Holiday Summer Meeting.
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Bank Holiday Meeting.
Royal Isle of Wight : Summer Meeting ; Webster Cup ; Leslie Melville Prize and Badge.
West Lancashire : August Meeting.
Hayling Island Ladies' : Summer Meeting : Fourth Competition (scratch) for Secretary's Inkstand ; Rev. Filmer Bennett's Prize (handicap) ; Visitors' Prize.
St. George's (Sandwich) : The Gemmell Cup.
Redhill and Reigate : Final of three competitions for non-resident Challenge Prize ; Optional Sweepstakes.
- Aug. 4.—Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews : Calcutta Cup Tournament (Under handicap. Entries close July 28th).
Cornwall County Golf Club : Monthly Medal.
Hayling Island Ladies' : Bath Challenge Star ; Rev. Filmer Bennett's Prize (handicap) ; Visitors' Prize.
Aldeburgh : Silver Medal.
Hayling Island : Monthly Competition.
- Aug. 6.—Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Competition.
- Aug. 7.—Durham : Osborn Cup.
Harrison : Medal.
- Aug. 7 and 8.—Innerleven : Summer Meeting ; Amateur Champion Gold Medal.
- Aug. 8.—Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
Luffness Hope Challenge Medal and Gold Pendant (open to any members of any County clubs.)
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.
Wiltshire and District : Monthly Medal.
Alnwick : Marsh Painting.
Rochdale : Captain's Prize.
Selkirk : Turnbull Medal and Captain's Prize.
West Herts : Monthly Medal.
- Aug. 10-12.—Harrison, Edinburgh : Cup and Prizes.
- Aug. 11.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Cup.
- Aug. 15.—Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Disley : Fourth Summer Handicap.
Formby : Captain's Prize.
Epsom : Monthly Medal.
Seaton Carew : Club Cup.
Lea Hurst : Monthly Medal.
Cathkin Braes : Match with Dumbarton.
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.
- Aug. 19.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Gold Medal ; Noakes Cup.

Aug. 20.—Tyneside: Bi-Monthly Competition.
 Aug. 21.—Durham: Blagdon Cup.
 Harrison, Edinburgh: Medal.
 Aug. 22.—Rochdale: President's Silver Cup.
 Haddington: Macniven Medal.
 Lytham and St. Anne's: Macara Cup.
 Aug. 25.—Cornwall County Golf Club: Lord Robartes' Gold Medal.
 Buxton and High Peak: Monthly Medal.
 Aug. 25 to 28.—Minehead: Autumn Meeting.
 Aug. 29.—Royal Epping Forest: Gordon Challenge Cup; Captain's Prize.
 Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.
 Luffness: Captain and Club Prizes; President's Medal and Gold Pendant.
 Seaford: Monthly Medal.
 Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells: Bank Holiday Meeting.
 Royal Eastbourne: Monthly Medal.
 West Lancashire: Monthly Medal.
 Lanark: Anstruther Medals (handicapped couples).
 Dundee Advertiser: Honeyman Gold Medal.
 Aldeburgh: Gold Medal.
 Warwickshire: Club Cup.
 Aug. 31.—Edinburgh, Viewforth: Silver Medal (Braids).

Among several matches last week, Willie Fernie, Troon, on Saturday played in a three ball match against Mr. R. Adam, Irvine, giving him a third, and Mr. Jas. Robertson, Troon, giving him a half. Fernie won both matches, that against Mr. Adam by a putt. His score for the round was 77.

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GOLF IN AUSTRALIA.

From time to time, during the last few years, attempts more or less determined have been made to acclimatise the game of Golf in Victoria. For one reason or another, however, these efforts did not meet with success, and though there are in Melbourne many gentlemen who have played the game on Scottish or English links, their enthusiasm never went beyond the length of suggestion. Quite recently, Mr. H. S. Playfair, Secretary of the Australian Club, Mr. J. M. Bruce, and other gentlemen, took up the notion in real earnest with such good result, that at a preliminary meeting held on Friday, May 22nd, at Scott's Hotel, the conveners, Sir James MacBain, Sir W. J. Clark, Mr. Justice Hodges, and Messrs. J. M. Bruce, W. Knox, T. J. Finlay, A. R. Blackwood, J. Cooke, W. Wilson, M'L. C. D. Finlayson, M. G. Anderson, and H. S. Playfair were able to actually establish "The Melbourne Golf Club," with a muster-roll of 100 foundation members, each of whom contributes £15 15s. Mr. H. S. Playfair was appointed hon. secretary, Mr. M. G. Anderson having retired in his favour, and the conveners, acting as a temporary committee, are now busily engaged in arranging for suitable "links," enrolling new members, and generally settling the constitution of the new club. It may be added that a silver-headed "putting-cleek" has been expressly sent out by an English donor, as a trophy to be played for by the Melbourne Golf Club.

GOLF AT OLD SLENINGFORD HALL.

The game is spreading "Far and Sure" in Yorkshire. Rumours are prevalent to the effect that more than one of the old country-seats in the vicinity of Ripon are taking it up. Several families around this old historical town are getting quite keen about the idea of having a thoroughly good links in their midst. It may be truly said that this desideratum is supplied by the links at Old Sleningford Hall, the estate of Miss Staveley, who is having her ground put in order, and when finished it will make a first-rate inland golfing links.

The noteworthy features of the course are the abundance of sporting hazards, such as bunkers, whins, hedges, ditches, valleys, plateaus, rivers, &c., and also a variety of scenery that is quite charming.

The round consists of eighteen holes. The turf is very good nearly all through the course. Tom Dunn, of Tooting Bec laid out the links and superintended the work.

NEW COURSE AT BLAIRLODGE SCHOOL.—Blairlodge School, near Polmont in Scotland, has just entered into possession of a considerable extent of ground in its immediate vicinity, which it is intended to utilise for the purposes of Golf. The farm of Roughhaugh, extending to about sixty acres, has been acquired by Mr. Cooke Gray, the head-master of the institution, on a lease, and it is on this ground that a Golf course for the use of the school will be laid out within the next few weeks. The farm consists of seven large parks, all under old pasture, and the ground is naturally well adapted to the exercise of the "Royal and Ancient" game. Old Tom Morris, of St. Andrews, visited Blairlodge at the close of last week and went over the ground, with which he was very favourably impressed. On his recommendation it is proposed to lay down fourteen holes, the number having been restricted in the meantime, so that the course may embrace, so far as possible, long and sporting holes. In the majority of the holes the line of play is over hedgerows separating the various parks; in one part of the ground whins form an excellent hazard, and the last two holes of the round are particularly sporting by reason of a burn having to be avoided. With a gentle slope upwards from east to west, the ground is better adapted for the game because of this rise and fall. The bottom is firm, and the turf strong, and although the grass is long in some parts, play will very soon remove this drawback. Where necessary, putting-greens will be made by lifting and relaying the turf, and when this is done nothing but play will be required to make the course an excellent one.

INVERNESS.—The members of this club held their monthly competition at the Muir of Ord, when the handicap medal was won by Mr. W. Cromb, scratch, with 80 for two rounds. This is the lowest scratch score with which this club's medal has ever been won on this green.

WINTER AND GOLF NEAR THE LAND'S END.

After writhing in Pythonic contortions under the lash of almost unprecedented storms, after leaping in the madness of fury and despair over headland and lighthouse, and sea-wall, after tossing up sand and stones until the esplanade has been barricaded from end to end, and almost swamping the houses edging the sea-front, the waters of Mount's Bay have gradually subsided; and now, with a gentle roll they break upon the shingle, and wash in calm content the base of that unrivalled eminence of rock, St. Michael's Mount. And fair Penzance, climbing her hills, looks smilingly down upon the suitor at her feet.

Here, in this Western Paradise, even when storms are raging, it seems as if winter wore a mask, and hid in shame the face with whose stern lineaments we are most of us but too familiar. Flowers bloom in all the gardens; side by side with the usual winter flowers one sees those of early summer. Snow-drop, crocus and hyacinth lift their heads heavenward, kept well in countenance by clumps of primroses of every colour, bunches of wallflower, and here and there a scattering of stock, well in bloom. Geraniums, of giant growth, climb the fronts of the houses not, as a rule, in flower, but rich in leafage; and clumps, and even miniature hedges of arum lily plants, with leaves of enormous size and brilliant colour, are seen on all sides. In the Morral Gardens—a tiny park lately opened, in whose grounds stands the public library, where the lightest reader or the most inveterate bookworm may find pabulum—some rhododendrons are almost in full bloom, and the beautiful veronica, that seems to love these Western counties of England with an exuberant affection, is growing everywhere, covered with full-blown spikes of the most brilliant purple.

On the Esplanade, on this morning of dazzling sunshine, the scene is one of wondrous and spring-like beauty. To the right, transfigured in the sunshine, lies that marvel of quaintness, the village of Newlyn. Looking at it through the sun-pierced haze, one wonders no longer that among artists there should be a "Newlyn School." Seaward, and dominated by the hill that hangs protectively over Newlyn, St. Clement's Isle lies low upon the water, and listens to its song.

To the left, St. Michael's Mount, that "dream in stone," throws down in brave defiance the gauntlet to the treacherous sea that for weeks has beleaguered it, has stormed it as with shot and shell, and that now, defeated and dejected, grovels in forced humility at its feet. Behind the eminence, and with the strip of sea between, the white houses of Marazion mount the hill. Then, on towards the South, for many a mile, low, bluff shoulders of hoary rock thrust back the sea's aggression with unwearied constancy, and white foam rising heavenward night and day, marks the line of battle; and so on to the Lizard, the fray never ceasing.

In all our British Isles it would be hard to find a place that for position, climate, beauty, and interest, surpasses Penzance. The flora and fauna are of a rich and varied character; in the neighbourhood geological and archaeological instincts may be indulged in to the full; and the antiquary and philologist will find it indeed a "happy hunting-ground." Up to the present Penzance has had few of the usual advantages pertaining to a watering-place to recommend it. There is no pier to be used as a promenade; and the esplanade is of very moderate length, and insufficiently railed and seated. The lodging-houses that face the Esplanade are small, and while deficient in the ordinary conveniences of more modern residences, are subject to periodic swamping of their lower floors, when high seas are running, as is but too often the case during the winter and spring. While very beautiful to look at, high seas that require to be baled out of one's parlour windows, in the small hours of the morning, when one is in clothing of the most rudimentary sort, will generally be voted as undesirable, even by the most enthusiastic. In these circumstances, residence higher up in the town becomes more conducive to equanimity of mind, and preservation of health, though perhaps less inspiring to those of a poetic turn.

Running inland from Mount's Bay, the country for miles is of exquisite beauty, rich, undulating, and wondrously prolific. The hedges are full, even during these winter months, of ferns. Polypodiums and hart's tongue are everywhere, with

fronds as long, as green, as many, and as brilliant as if a June sun were shining through the woodbine, that even now is out in leaf, and dropping over them, rich with promise of the glorious time to come. And smaller and more delicate ferns too, in the deeper shades, have opened feathery fronds, and struck out boldly, full of faith and hope. The white-veined ground ivy is creeping and carpeting everywhere, and between the stones, round, and soft, and richly green, shine the soft patins of the penny-wort. Who need seek for sunshine in distant climes when a January or February day in Cornwall can show such sights as these? Why tempt the fair blandishments of Southern Nice, or risk the dangerous fascinations of Monaco, while, without running the gauntlet of a sea passage, and many hours of inland travel after, to say nothing of the mysteries of a foreign tongue, one can get all one wants for health, and pleasure of the most elevated sort, in our own lovely island.

The softness of the air on the coast of Mount's Bay is perfectly wonderful; indeed, one might say, without being accused of exaggeration, that practically there is no winter here. All through January in this year a little forest of narcissus might have been seen in full bloom under the low garden-wall of one of the houses facing the Esplanade. The seas ran high at times, and, sweeping across the road, threw showers of spray into this very garden; but the little forest grew and waxed stronger and thicker, and now, in these last days of February it is sturdier, and yellower, and more fragrant than ever. There are rhododendrons in full flower in the gardens of a handsome house, just beyond the town of Penzance, and, so just and impartial is Nature in her loving bounty, that close by outside a labourer's cottage, one can see a giant geranium half shading the cottage door with its profuse leafage, and adorning its walls with clusters of scarlet blossoms at a distance of twelve feet from the ground. Surely no further proof is needed of the mildness of the climate.

English people are proverbially slow to move, and perhaps this quality belongs in an even larger than usual degree to the English of the South-western corner of the island, or Penzance would long ere this have boasted of a pier and an esplanade such as her native beauty deserves. Probably the people lulled to contentment by the seductive climate, and the unvarying but delicious quiet of the place, have had no mind to put forth what capital they had in increasing the facilities for the entertainment of visitors. But now a spirit of enterprise has awoke within them, and we hear that the municipal body are at present throwing all their energies into the passing of a Bill through Parliament, empowering them to lay down a tramway from Penzance to Newlyn, and to build a pier at Penzance for promenade and other purposes. When this is done, and the sooner the better, one may venture with perfect safety to predict for Penzance such a run of popular favour as a watering-place, and particularly as a winter residence, as only a few of our coast towns enjoy.

In making these improvements it is to be hoped that the executive will see fit to demolish the block of squalid dwellings, and disreputable-looking smiths' shops and timber yards that occupy the space at the east end of the sea-front, shutting out all view of the roomy harbour. This roomy harbour, with its quaint and picturesque docks and quays, where the stately "Lyonnesse"—built for the Scilly trade—basks in the sunlight, where a score or more of the trim fishing fleet are always rocking on the restless waves, and where the loading and unloading of craft of every kind, and of many countries, is always going on, is a spot of never-ceasing interest, and a great addition to the beauty of the sea front of this far Western town.

One word to the ubiquitous golfer, whose interests we have always and everywhere at heart. Within a few miles of Penzance, and easily accessible by train, there is at Lelant a capital Golf course, which, if more played upon, would be hard to beat, and which enjoys this distinction that it commands a view of such surpassing beauty that any man might think it worth his while to traverse the kingdom only to look at it for one sunlit hour. For kindness, sociability, and good comradeship the Lelant Club, with the urbane vicar at its head, is second to none; and the man who takes his clubs and goes to play Golf on the hills above the picturesque town and exquisite bay of St. Ives, will find himself in good quarters.

MARIAN VERRAN



The summer competition of the Edinburgh Institution (F.P.) Golf Club will take place over Luffness links (permission having been kindly granted by committee of the Luffness Golf Club), on Saturday, 18th July, on the arrival of the 9.27 and 1.45 trains. Prizes presented by Mr. Robert Maule, jun., Mr. Marcus J. Brown, and three club prizes will be competed for. Also a special prize presented by the secretary for those with a handicap of 9, and over, not included in the prize list.

The Chester links are, in places, at this time of the year, covered with a small, white flower, making it very difficult to find the ordinary Golf-ball, so that members have the balls painted red or blue, according to taste. One member having secured a pot of Aspinall's red enamel, took considerable trouble over one dozen balls, which he coated with commendable success, and gave them to his cook with instructions that they should be dried. They were forthwith put in the oven!—*Tableaux.*

The magnificent toilet service in cut-glass and sterling silver gilt supplied for the use of the Empress of Germany on the occasion of Her Majesty's visit to the Guildhall last week was manufactured and supplied by Mappin and Webb, of the Poultry (opposite the Mansion House), E.C. The same firm also manufactured and supplied the set of five massively chased silver flower bowls presented by the staff and pupils of the Princess Helena College to H.R.H. Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, Princess Helena of Great Britain and Ireland, on the occasion of her silver wedding, July 6th, 1891.

It was at a dinner at a well-known Golf club, after a medal day, when the health of one of the bunkered ones was proposed. He was a kindly old gentleman, on whose face a confirmed air of melancholy seemed to sit. He began, "Gentlemen, I have had a most unfortunate year. I have lost my driving and my wife." (Then the band began to play.)

A REMARKABLE GOLF SCORE.—A remarkable Golf score was made on the Forbes Golf course on Saturday, the 4th inst., by Mr. John Andrews, an amateur from Prestwick. Playing over the course for the first time with the Rev. Mr. McKerracher, Mr. Andrews completed the round in 69, as follows:—Out, 1 4 5 5 3 4 4 4=38; In, 3 3 3 4 3 4 4 4 3=31; total, 69. The next best score to this was a round of 74 by Andrew Kirkaldy shortly after the course was opened two years ago, a score which has not been equalled until Saturday. Mr. Andrews is a young man, and a member of Prestwick, St. Nicholas.

ARCHIE SIMPSON, THE PROFESSIONAL.—The golfing fraternity in the West of Scotland will be interested to hear that Archie Simpson, the well-known Carnoustie professional, who is at present green keeper to the Royal Isle of Wight Golf Club, has arranged to come to Prestwick, and will there be associated with Charley Hunter, the club-maker, who has secured his services. Doubtless Simpson's presence on the historical Ayrshire Green will tend to give additional interest to the game in the district.

A new course of nine holes was laid out in Bettisfield Park, Shropshire, for Mr. E. Behrens, last week by George Lowe, the Lytham and St. Anne's professional.

AT GREAT YARMOUTH.—*Tradesman to Visitor (Golfer).*—"Yes, Sir, I say the golfers have done a lot of good to the town, and if the Corporation had any public spirit they'd have levelled the Denes for them by this time."

The Chester Golf Club is determined to "open up" its new country at Hawarden Bridge. Already a subscription list has been started, with a view to purchasing some handsome trophy; and a claret jug, value fifteen guineas, which may be seen at Mr. Lowe's, in the Row, has been secured, and will be offered for open competition, on Saturday, August 1st. It is to be hoped some of the Hoylake "cracks" will come over, and try a round of eighteen holes on this virgin soil. Even if they should fail to secure the big prize, they may come in for the gold medal, which the club will present to the best scratch score of the day. A cordial reception awaits any golfer, whether he hails from Hoylake, St. Anne's-on-Sea, Southport, Bowdon, Scotland, or South of England; he will have a reasonable handicap given him, the chance of carrying off a good thing, the pleasure of "putting" on some beautiful greens, and the more than doubtful one of getting out of "bunkers!" Bank Holiday (August 3rd) will see the local players engaged in a struggle for the President's (Dr. Hamilton's) Shield. The entrance-fee to the club will be raised on August 1st to two guineas. Ladies are permitted to play over the gentleman's course on the introduction of a member.

LOVE ON THE LINKS.

I had never wished to marry,
Single I had meant to be,
But the best designs miscarry
And love flouts philosophy.
I, who boasted myself able
To live ever fancy-free,
Am the slave of merry Mabel
And extol my slavery.

In the dance I first beheld her—
Hair of gold and eyes of blue—
As my circling arm upheld her
Tremors thrilled my body through.
By her beauty though thus taken
Still I vowed I would not mate,
And my wish remained unshaken
To continue celibate.

Vain resolve, in vain repeated!
Love's work at the dance begun.
On the morrow was completed—
At the links my heart she won.
Now she struck the ball, now missed it—
Golf is not her *forte* I know—
But her laugh, who could resist it?
Who withstand her spirits' flow?

On we wandered, slowly playing—
Dull to others seemed the game—
But we two were happy, saying
How we felt a mutual flame.
This is truth, not metric fable,
Yet if moral there must be,
'Tis that man's views are unstable,
And Love flouts philosophy.

M. B.

BANK OF SCOTLAND GOLF CLUB.—The fifth monthly competition of this club was held at the Braids on Wednesday, the 8th inst. Mr. J. Duncan was the winner with a net score of 85.

SANDWICH.

If a man has only seen Golf links near London, and deems Wimbledon to be the *beau ideal* of perfection, the course at Sandwich will certainly come upon him as a pleasing surprise; while it is now the fashion to acknowledge the surpassing merits of this fascinating stretch of grass and sand dunes, even across the Tweed itself. This being so, the visit of one who entered this portion of Kent, disposed, it is true, to allow that Golf was a good game, but left it an enthusiast who thinks and talks a great deal more about it, may be worth recording.

Sandwich itself lies very low, the River Stour running through its midst and falling into the sea there; but Richborough Castle, standing to the north-west, crowns a range of higher ground. Not so the famous links themselves, which despite the prospect of Pegwell Bay and Ramsgate, with St. George's Church, ever a prominent object, are really almost on a level with the sea-shore. And yet so clear and fresh is the air, and so commanding is the above-named view, that it is difficult to believe that one is not standing at a considerable altitude. Starting from the club at Deal, after a breakfast worthy the name, a convenient train takes the golfers to Sandwich Station, where flies are found to be numerous and their drivers clamorous for a fare to the club-house. A road which skirts the ancient borough, famous as one of the Cinque Ports, winds afterwards through meadows of a marshy character, and in a quarter of an hour's time the visitors are set down at the hospitable head-quarters of the St. George's Club, a pleasant little house approached from the course by a path passing between beds of flowers (the writer saw it in summer), standing some two hundred yards from the first tee. Within that comfortable dwelling can be obtained all the reasonable creature comforts which golfing mankind can desire, inasmuch that it is with a feeling of surprise that the guest finds in this isolated spot the best plain cooking, consistently tender meat, and always a savoury dish about luncheon time. Nor are the needs of the fair sex forgotten, when they look in about tea-time after a round on the newly-prepared course assigned to their use.

It is almost impossible to give an adequate idea of the Sandwich Links in a newspaper article. The most a writer can hope to do is to lead men to go and see for themselves whether the description given of the place is true, and whether it really deserves the name of a golfers' paradise.

There are eighteen holes, and the distance traversed being about five miles, our visitor must prepare himself for some hard work. For a short time after starting the course is fairly level, a little rough grass alternating with lovely turf wherein occasionally lies hidden a shell-like bunker, into which the new-comer's ball has a strange trick of creeping. And now at last the Highlands—for so we will call the group of surprising dunes crowned by the famous "maiden"—loom in sight, and we are called on to drive over a stretch of sand bounded by a solid bank of like material, on the other side of which the course is for the most part turf up to the hole, situated some sixty yards beyond the hazard. After this the fun becomes fast and furious, and the sense of enjoyment extremely keen even for the most humble beginner, overtaken as he must feel himself long before he reaches the "maiden's" dread shade.

But then there is always the off chance of driving beyond the shining bunkers, and enjoying the satisfaction which accompanies any escape from peril, although a player who really lands his ball amongst the sand and who attempts to drive it out with the niblick, presents an object for the commiseration of others witnessing his agonies, while he himself will, when contemplating present fate and probable prospects, temporarily re-echo the words of the poet who said of his species that they were "pitiful creatures of clay." And now, whatever our previous fate may have been, it is necessary to drive straight at the "maiden," towering as it does forty feet from the ground, the Snowdon of these sandy uplands, and visible for miles around.

The carry, which is not really a long one, takes you on to the charming little green which nestles close under the monster's frowning brow, and yet how many weary wanderers are to be seen frantically forcing the long-suffering gutties deeper and deeper into the relentless sand which covers the "maiden's" side.

Drawing a veil over the miseries of failure at this crucial part of the course, let us go on to recount how, bunker following bunker, we reach Hades, a low-lying green barred by a broad hazard, interesting in character, the hole being altogether of a most sporting nature. Soon we reach ground where long driving tells, and although sunken sand-heaps, and narrow slips of sand occasionally impede onward progress, the most notable obstacle in front of a player who keeps fairly in the course consists of an artificial water hazard, so placed as to take into its midst many a ball well driven by brassy or driving iron. Well, indeed, will it then be for the provident player who has provided himself with a gutty ball which can be speedily extracted from the water by the net left for that fell purpose.

It is noticeable as regards the latter portion of this course, that if a man lacks direction in his iron play, and cannot keep fairly straight when using wooden clubs, he is bound to be landed in hopelessly long grass, losing his ball again and again. On the other hand, the course is so wide and well defined that there is a chance for any one with eye or a fair experience. The notable feature at Sandwich is the beautiful smoothness of the greens, putting decently being even more indispensable than in places where there is less turf spreading around the hole. And, indeed, if this portion of Golf be not in some degree indoctrinated during a stay even of a week's duration, the case of the aspirant who fails to improve will be a grave one indeed.

Sandwich, however, is clearly not the place for an absolute beginner to make his *début*, although I am far from saying that a visit will not prove a useful encouragement to those who have attempted to learn the game, and yet have gained no proficiency on their home greens. On the Kentish coast, amidst scenes such as have been described, they may hope to eradicate faults which are the real cause of retardment. For this purpose I would advise a visitor to go round a portion of the course either with Hunter or Jackson, the two able and civil professionals, who are to be found hard at work club making and mending in the shed hard by the St. George's Club-house. The remarkable feature of Golf at Sandwich has been left unmentioned, viz., the great expanse over which the game is practised. So notable is this that when half way over the links two players if well a-head of their immediate followers, may sometimes fail to see another human soul, although as a matter of fact the course is crowded almost to inconvenience with eager performers. Some are doubtless hidden by the bunkers, while undulations of the ground screen others from view, but the size of the area traversed doubtless accounts for this curious phenomenon.

If Sandwich is the head-quarters of Golf in the South of England now, what will be its position if a scheme—far advanced in progress—is brought to perfection, and a man can play clean through from Sandwich to Deal?

The latter seaport is, it is said, to become head-quarters for the new club whose course experts tell us is little inferior to the St. George's, and will not be so difficult for beginners to negotiate.

Truly there should be a bright future for the two decayed Cinque Port boroughs, celebrated for the political corruption which once disfranchised them, and in the case of Deal for the generations of fearless seamen who have from time to time rescued their fellow creatures from destruction on the Goodwin Sands. Since the great war with Napoleon which closed in 1815, and the consequent comparative neglect of the Downs as an anchorage, Deal has languished, and it will be good news to her inhabitants when they learn that a source of wealth has arisen at their very doors, and that an influx of well-to-do families is imminent. For the proposed new links are to commence near to sands admirably adapted for safe sea-bathing.

When all is said and done, it may however confidently be affirmed that the St. George's Club will still hold its pre-eminence, and need not fear the establishment of a friendly rival near its unapproachable "maiden" throne.

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ELECTRIC GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal competition of the above club was held over the Braids on the 10th inst. Mr. J. A. Stewart proved the winner with a score of 80, plus 5=85.



THE SCARBOROUGH GOLF CLUB.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—It will be interesting to golfers to learn that the above club has recently been formed. The course of 18 holes, which has been laid out by Tom Chisholm, of St. Andrews—whose services the club have secured—is situated at Ganton, fifteen minutes by train from Scarborough. For an inland course it is an exceedingly good one, and the putting-greens, with the exception of two or three, are natural turf. The length of the holes are as follows :

1. 320 yards	10. 260 yards
2. 280 "	11. 190 "
3. 300 "	12. 250 "
4. 240 "	13. 200 "
5. 260 "	14. 310 "
6. 230 "	15. 200 "
7. 180 "	16. 180 "
8. 200 "	17. 230 "
9. 230 "	18. 200 "

Visitors can join the club as temporary members on reasonable terms.

I am, Sir, &c.,

FRANK BEDWELL,

Pavilion Square, Scarborough,
July 8th, 1891.

Hon. Sec.

GOLF AT LITTLESTONE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—With reference to the letter appearing in your last week's issue under this heading, *accidents will happen*, and a breakage occurred to the horse-mowing machine at Littlestone at a critical time. Immediate steps were taken to get the machine repaired, and three members of the committee proceeded at once to the spot, and arranged as promptly as possible for the putting on of additional labour (which is difficult to obtain at this season) in order to remedy this state of affairs.

I am glad to report that the course has now resumed its usual satisfactory condition, and on Saturday last, the monthly medal day, upwards of a score of members who were on the green were unanimous in their approval of the course. The committee trust that no such untoward event will again occur to mar the pleasure of members, or prevent their having good sport. I venture to think it a pity that your *anonymous* correspondent (who appears to be a member of the club) did not, before rushing into print, communicate with a member of the committee and so learn the true facts of the case.

I am, Sir, &c.,

GEO. SETON,

Hon Sec. L. G. C.

18, Bishopsgate Street, London, E.C.,
July 13th, 1891.

GOLF AND LIFEBOAT WORK.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The committee of the local branches of the Royal National Lifeboat, at Lytham and St. Anne's, have hit upon the happy idea of making a special appeal to the members of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club on behalf of the funds of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution which have had recently a very considerable drain, and now show a deficit of £33,000. The council of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club have sanctioned the proposal to send out this appeal to their members, and they are entitled to every credit for so doing, hoping as they do that it may be a stimulus to other Golf clubs along the coast to follow this example, and so to endeavour to help this most important national work.

The circular referred to reads as follows :—"Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Lytham and St. Anne's Branches, July, 1891 : To the members of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club. Gentlemen—We venture to bring before your notice the present financial position of the above Institution. For years past the expenditure has exceeded the income, but during the twelve months ending 31st March last, owing to the large number of wrecks, and the provision of boats of a more modern type for various stations, this deficit has reached alarming proportions, viz., £33,000. A continuance of such an unsatisfactory state of things must seriously curtail the operations of this great national institution. Lytham and St. Anne's have come prominently before the whole country in consequence of the most terrible disaster that ever befel the lifeboat service having occurred on this coast. The local committees are most desirous that these stations should show an example, not only by being self-supporting, but also by contributing to the parent institution. We therefore appeal to those who come here to enjoy the invigorating game of Golf, and who may hitherto have taken little notice of the splendid services rendered by our gallant lifeboat crews, to strengthen the hands of the local committee by becoming annual subscribers. The names of such subscribers will be recorded in the "Lifeboat Annual" as members of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club, and the total amount of their subscriptions will be equally divided between the two stations. Trusting this appeal will meet with your most favourable consideration.—We are, yours truly, H. B. Hawkins, Chairman of the Lytham Branch; Charles W. Macara, Chairman of the St. Anne's Branch. Subscriptions can be sent to J. Talbot Fair, Esq., Hon. Treasurer Lytham Branch, R.N.L.I., or Mr. T. Bradley, Hon. Sec. St. Anne's Branch, R.N.L.I.

A HINT TO MODEST BEGINNERS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In making out the list of returns for publication it strikes one very forcibly how much the play of each of a pair reacts on the other, as it so very frequently happens that the men who play together appear together, or very nearly together, in the list. This may be partly explained on the ground that a player naturally asks another of about his own calibre to ply with him, but this only partly explains the phenomenon, and a large part of this result must be put down to the effect produced on a man by his opponent's game. This may bring home to some players the reason for their game remaining stationary, namely, that they do not seize gladly every opportunity of playing with better players than themselves, either from a misplaced modesty, or from a dislike to being continually beaten, or from some other equally bad reason.

A young golfer, if he has arrived at any definite form which can be classified at all, will generally find a golfer of greater experience and skill who will give him a helping hand, and probably more odds than he is entitled to, as the better golfer cannot always find an opponent of his own class, and he knows that unless he gives more than the proper odds, his own game will deteriorate by giving himself too easy a match. If the weaker player manages to win the match it greatly encourages

him, and if his opponent does not go so far as to actually instruct him in word, he sets him an example of good Golf which cannot fail to leave a mark on his game.

I am, Sir, &c.,

Golf Club, Guildford.

SECRETARY.

HOW HIAWARTHUR PLAYED AT PILA SCOTICA;

OR,

WHY THE CRIMES ACT WAS SUSPENDED.

I.

Hiawarthur, mighty Ruler,
He the unmoved, breezy statesman,
Long-limbed, over-spatted wiseman,
He the Philosophic Doubter,
Sat in Council midst the Tories,
Midst the **Slowslowbacks**, the Tories,
With his feet upon the table,
High above him on the table,
Smiling ever at the chieftain,
Collared-Head, the angry chieftain,
Smiling at the **Brogueywogies**,
As they shrieked and heckled at him.
Not a "dam" cared Hiawarthur—
Not a "dam"—the Indian token.*

II.

And when all were put to silence,
By that wise and witty ruler,
By the words of Hiawarthur:
"Let us Golf," he called out gaily,
Yawned with grace, and left the Council,
Left the **Brogueywogies** cursing,
Sought the **Bunkrylink**, the Golf course;
There he took his doughty weapons,
Took the putter, **Missyshortun**,
And the link-destroying iron, the
Divot-cutting **Mullahalfshot**,
Took the driver, **Offteefoozle**,
Offteefoozle, ball compeller—
"Let us start," said Hiawarthur.

III.

Not alone played Hiawarthur;
To the **Bunkrylink** came Horace,
He the wily son of Hutchin,
Skilful partner in a foursome,
Mighty helper in a foursome,
Bringing all his weapons with him;
For he said, "if Hiawarthur
Muffs it with that **Offteefoozle**,
And that awkward **Mullahalfshot**,
And the putter, **Missyshortun**—
As I fear is precious likely—
I'm the very boy to aid him;
Easier far to rule the Irish
Than to make a round of 80."

IV.

Then the graceful Hiawarthur,
Heaven-sent casual Hiawarthur,
Strode o'er **Bunkrylink** with bare head,
Schlaffed and laughed and foozled freely,
Hacked and flattened out the pila,
Drove o'er walls and into railways,
Into roads and burns and rushes;
But the mighty son of Hutchin
Worked like Mumbojum the Dickens,
Played him out of all the hazards,
From the **Cusmyluks**, the rushes,
From the **Hangthethings**, the whin roots,
From the **Damitalls**, the bunkers,
Won the match for Hiawarthur.

V.

Then the girls—the **Ducksywuckies**,
And the boys—the **Cheekywhiskies**,
And the **Slowslowbacks**, the Tories,
Cheered and praised great Hiawarthur,
And forgot the son of Hutchin,
Quite forgot the novel writer;
But the ever-smiling Ruler
Full of joy returned to Council,
And to **Collared-Head**, the chieftain
And the astounded **Brogueywogies**,
Said, "To-day I won my foursome,
And to mark the great occasion
That unnecessary Crimes Act
From to-day shall be suspended."

NEW GOLF CLUB FOR WALLASEY.—Some time ago a number of gentlemen interested in Golf formed themselves into a committee for the purpose of inaugurating a club, whose head-quarters should be at Wallasey. Negotiations were entered into with landowners in the district, with the result that a lease has been obtained from Mr. F. Harrison of a long stretch of land running along the shore from the Warren to Leasowe Castle. The erection of a commodious club house will be immediately proceeded with. The club will be limited to three hundred members, one hundred of whom have already been elected as founders of the club. It is intended that, in this club, matches shall be the chief game played by its members, as it is felt that the constant playing for prizes is doing away to a large extent with the real old game, as played in Scotland. The course has been examined and laid out by Tom Morris, of St. Andrews, who expresses the opinion that after a little money has been expended on it and the turf put in proper order, it will be one of the best greens in England. A meeting of the founders of the new club was held on the 8th inst., in the Law Association Rooms, Cook Street, Liverpool. There was a large and influential attendance, and the preliminary details in connection with inaugurating the club were discussed and settled. Mr. R. W. Brown has accepted the captaincy of the new organisation, and he will have associated with him Mr. Roughton as secretary, and Mr. George Cox as treasurer.

NEW LINKS NEAR CHELTENHAM.—On Tuesday afternoon, the 7th inst., the members of the Cheltenham Golf Club took formal possession of their club ground at Cleeve Hill, about three miles out of Cheltenham. The club already numbers about 130 members, and has as its first president Lord Elcho, M.P., of Stowell Park, who, although not present at the inaugural ceremony, has offered a valuable prize for competition among the members. Previous to play the members were entertained to luncheon at the Rising Sun, Mr. T. W. Longe, captain of the club, presiding, after which an adjournment was made to the links. The course has been laid out by Tom Morris, of St. Andrews, and has been pronounced by that authority to be a good course from a golfer's point of view, offering plenty of variety and a sufficiency of difficulties and dangers. It is a circular course of eighteen holes, and is about two miles and a-half in length, the average distance between the holes, excepting the two short ones, being about 270 yards, the longest hole being the fourth (Eastward Ho!), about 330 yards. The putting-greens are somewhat rough and wiry as yet, but it is hoped that they can all be got into good condition in a few months.

KINGUSSIE.—OPENING OF NEW COURSE.—A new Golf course, recently formed for Kingussie, was formally opened on Wednesday afternoon, the 8th inst., in presence of a considerable number of spectators, who watched with great interest the progress of a game that was quite new to most of them. Situated amid lovely scenery in Glen Gynack, and commanding splendid views, the Golf course promises to be an important addition to the attractions of the town as a summer resort, many inquiries having been already made from the south as to when it was to be opened. There are nine holes, and the positions of these were fixed by Mr. Machardy, Chief Constable of Inverness-shire. The first ball was hit off by Miss Bryce Smith, Manchester, amid cheers, and thereafter six couples started to go the round. These included Mr. Macpherson, of Belleville, who is president; Mr. John Macpherson Grant, yr. of Ballindalloch; Provost Macpherson, solicitor; Mr. Roberts, C.E.; Messrs. A. Cameron, merchant; Mackenzie, baker; Macdonald, builder; J. D. Pullar (secretary), Wolfenden, hotel-keeper; Stewart, teacher; Macpherson, yr. of Glen-truin; and Macpherson, jun., British Linen Bank. The weather was wet, and owing to the recent heavy rains, the ground was not in condition for good play. The lowest score was 79.

* The Duke of Wellington when in India once used the phrase, "I don't care a dam"—the dam being an Indian coin of small value.

Eminent Golfers.

XI.—DR. J. G. MCPHERSON, F.R.S.E.

Dr. McPherson is a strongly marked type of the old school of golfers. Not that he is old, for he was born in 1843; but his leanings are to the heredity of Golf that seized his mind when a boy. Then Allan Robertson was the beau ideal of a golfer; and many a round on St. Andrews Links did young McPherson follow the marvellous player to find out the secret of his wonderful skill. If a big match was on, the boys of the Madras College were sure to be out—though they got a flogging for absenteeism. The champion died in 1859, but for half-a-dozen years, at any rate, the young golfing enthusiast loved to follow the master. Allan had a particular fascination for young McPherson. Before his youthful mind, Allan was a golfing giant, capable of doing anything with the ball. And occasionally Allan would compliment the youth's success in a brilliant stroke off the tee or a long approach to the hole by telling him: "Ye hae the makin' o' a gowfer in ye, stick in." This manner of compliment had the same effect on the tyro of Golf that the kindly words of Burns had on Sir Walter Scott when the national bard was told that the boy Scott mentioned the name of the poet who had written the famous lines on the print in Ferguson's drawing-room in Edinburgh:

"The child of misery baptized
in tears."

Years afterwards, when Mr. John Blackwood brought in McPherson as his "dark horse," with whom he would tackle any two in the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, he told the young player that Allan's name and fame must never be forgotten. "If you are ever able to write," said Blackwood, going over the first high ridge of the Heathery hole, "keep up the prestige of the old style of Golf; remember that." And McPherson has carefully attended to that advice, as a recent volume from the press of the Messrs. Blackwood has shown.

The style of Allan captivated all the young players. A long, round, easy swing, not so much for long force-carries as for certainty, was Allan's advice to the tyro. Yet McPherson, though passionately fond of Allan's advice, struck out a style of his own, far more upright, and even more certain in effect. This was not from any conceited notion of difference, but because he could not help it. His driver was as upright as an ordinary putter, and the plane of his swing was more nearly vertical than that of any other player. The consequence was that he was unerring in direction.

Dr. McPherson's "rocket" driving became the topic of general golfing conversation about 1864, when no man could equal his drives—not even professionals. This was not only for an occasional stroke, but for an all-round game. Tom Morris can still vouch for this. There is a tradition of his carrying on to the platform far over the Swilcan Burn from the raised plateau on the east side of the road, opposite Tom Morris's first shop—now a hotel. This distance was measured, and the record marked on the back of the door of James Wilson's shop; but now Mr. Forgan has amassed the whole premises, and the record is obliterated. There is another tradition of his driving on to the Hole o'Cross in two strokes. But tradition or no tradition, all who have seen him drive, frankly allow that he was by far the most brilliant driver of his day for three years.

With young McPherson, Golf was a passion. He could have made a fortune by betting, for he could hold anybody in his grasp. He is, however, a living memorial of the absurdity of a recent article in the *Spectator* about the demoralising influence of Golf, on a student's work at the University. For he was a prizeman in every class at college, though he had besides to teach for a living several hours a day. He was a First-class Honours' Graduate in Mathematics, and was for six years the Mathematical Examiner for degrees in the University. Demoralising forsooth! And, yet, among his fellow students of the same year were Dr. Andrew Lang, Sheriff Henderson, Bishop Milne, Professor Menzies, Professor William Wallace, Judge Smeaton, and the Marquis of Lorne.

Dr. McPherson first came into prominent notice in St. Andrews in the year 1866. From the "Golfers' Year Book" of that year (published by Smith and Grant, Ayr), we find a record of his performances. He was a member of the St. Andrews Club, the Thistle Club, and the University Club; and in each of these he easily took the medal. His score of 86, beating Mr. Glennie's famous record of 88 for the Royal and Ancient, was enough to mark him as a player. At the Perth tournament, he was easily first among amateurs on the mixed professional and amateur day; but by the continued irritation of dogs crossing

his course on the putting-green for nine holes he came in second for the amateur championship. Major Chalmers, who was victor, is still alive; and he will candidly allow that McPherson was, for all that, the superior player.

Dr. McPherson's uphill work as a student, and necessary scarcity of money, prevented him from going into public competition; of course, he had never enough to enrol as a member of the Royal and Ancient, though he was frequently asked to honour their list with his name. However, Golf has a grand equalising or upraising tendency, and all good players were delighted to be in a match with the brilliant student. On account of his characteristic weakness for missing short putts (old Tom was an unfortunate coadjutor), he was not such a brilliant scorer as a holing antagonist, though for three years he never exceeded 90 in his round at St. Andrews, and on two occasions he scored 80 in a public

match. In one case with young Tom Morris, before that extraordinary player reached the climax of his brilliancy, he made that score, which would have been two less but for missing the short putts at the last two holes. The score is unfortunately not at hand, though it was printed at the time. But his score for the same full medal course at St. Andrews against his fellow student, Mr. Alexander Pirie (now a professor of mathematics in India), is recorded in the "Golfers' Year Book" of 1886. It was as follows:—Out, 5 6 4 5 5 4 5 2 5=41; In, 4 3 5 4 5 5 4 5 4=39; total 80. Often has he gone out in 36, and the total of his best holes is 52. It must be remembered that on account of the considerable broadening of the green the score is about six strokes easier now than it was a quarter of a century ago. All who know the green during that time will frankly admit this. This marvellous score has therefore never been really beaten by any amateur.

As already stated, during the middle of the sixties, Dr. McPherson was *facile princeps* as a match-for-holes antagonist. His most noted single was against Mr. Gilbert Mitchell Innes. Mr. Innes had gained the medals at Prestwick, Musselburgh and St. Andrews. He was beating Willie Park round after round. The tussle was to be over four rounds at St. Andrews. Never



had McPherson a more determined opponent; there was no possibility of frightening him by long drives; over and over again had Innes to play the long odds, yet that had no effect upon him, for he would run in a long putt with marvellous accuracy. In fact, Innes took the first four holes with a score of 16, but, at the fifth, McPherson holed a stymie with the iron, and turned the match. After that Innes had no chance.

But it was in foursomes that Dr. McPherson liked best to play. He never cared at all about the ability of his partner, if that player was in earnest. Many a capital foursome was played over St. Andrews Links in these days. His model partner was Major Boothby—a man who knew the play of both so well, and who had such a heart full of common sense, that he had no jealousy. The Major just played wherever McPherson asked him for the common good; and they were always successful. Their most brilliant matches were against Messrs. Innes and Clark. We will now quote from the Badminton Library series—on Golf—an extract from an article by Mr. Everard (a most shrewd judge and capital golfer) on celebrated golfers. He is writing about Major Boothby, and then says: "Perhaps his (Major Boothby's) most interesting matches were played with the Rev. J. G. McPherson as partner. This gentleman at one time was one of the very finest amateurs, being hardly, if at all, inferior to the best of the professionals; indeed, he was continually in the habit of making scores of from 80 to 85 at St. Andrews, and when the two played together their rounds were usually phenomenally low. Whilst Mr. McPherson was a magnificent driver, his partner was no less deadly in his cleek approaches and putting, and the two in combination were, it may almost be said, more than a match for any two other amateurs, and but little behind the best professional talent."

After his appointment to a quiet country charge, Dr. McPherson has not had an opportunity of keeping up his game. His last appearance was in a match with the veteran Mr. George Glennie, against Messrs. Henry Lamb and Leslie Balfour, (fifteen years ago) when each side scored a round. The other day, however, we were glad to hear that he had tried his hand again on the Braid Hills, Edinburgh. We hope the new impulse will change his mind; for he used to say—unfortunately in the ears of true golfers—that as he was twitted that his hand had lost its cunning, he would not handle a club again; and we will yet see him doing with his club, what for years he has been doing with his pen on behalf of Golf.

His clubs are all famous ones—old Hugh Philp's. He would rather not risk breaking his favourites, he must have a new set, and hand these down with a brilliant pedigree.

Nothing irritates him more than Irvingism in Golf. Departures from the old styles in clubs, or play, or course, he simply detests. A worshipper of Allan Robertson, he cannot countenance force *v.* skill. No doubt memory adds much—myth-like—to one's ideas of the game in ages past, yet we must respect an honest conviction, that with all the increase of players there is not a proportionate increase in the number of men who could equal McPherson at his best.

KINROSS.—A match between teams of the above club, chosen by the captain and the secretary, came off on the Lochside course, and resulted in a win for the secretary's team by 24 holes. A sweepstake competed for at the same time was gained by the following players:—1, Mr. William Ferguson, 99, less 8=91; 2, Mr. William Laidlaw, 105, less 8=97; 3, Mr. J. M. Ross, 110, less 8=102.

LEVEN.—Mr. William Marshall, of the Leven Thistle Golf Club, while playing off a tie in the Gilmour jug competition on Friday night, did the round in the remarkably fine score of 77, which is one stroke better than the amateur record of the green. Thirty-seven strokes were registered for the outward journey, while the inward was taken in 40. Notwithstanding this very fine score, Mr. Marshall, who had to give his opponent, Mr. James Kidd, six holes start, lost the match by one hole. Mr. Kidd's score was 82.

SELKIRK.—The third competition for the captain's prize took place on Thursday, the 9th inst., when 28 members competed. The day was favourable, and the greens in capital order. The best scores were:—Mr. A. Weir, scratch, 84; Mr. D. H. Robson, 91, less 6=85; Mr. R. Hardie, scratch, 86; Mr. J. Thomson, scratch, 87; Mr. H. Kemp, 100, less 13=87; Mr. A. S. Inglis, 98, less 10=88; Mr. A. L. Johnstone, 104, less 16=88; Mr. R. Brydson, 101, less 12=89; Mr. D. C. Alexander, scratch, 90; Mr. G. Robertson, 106, less 14=92; Mr. R. J. Lang, 108, less 16=92.



ABERDEEN.

The weather here on Saturday was everything that could be desired by golfers, and some capital play was witnessed in the various competitions that took place.

The members of the Aberdeen Club concluded a handicap sweepstake which has been in progress over the Balgownie Links during the past two months. Twenty-two members entered, and it was arranged that their entry-money should be divided into two prizes, to go to the winner and loser of the final tie—the handicapping being by holes. The sweepstake was played off in five heats, the two gentlemen who were left in the final being Mr. F. McCrae and Mr. W. F. Orr, both scratch players. These gentlemen played off the final on Saturday, with the result that Mr. Orr proved the winner by 5 up and 4 to play. Both gentlemen returned good cards, Mr. Orr doing the round in 79, and Mr. McCrae in 86. Mr. Orr, therefore, takes the first prize, and Mr. McCrae the second.

The members of the Victoria Club held the usual monthly competition over the course on the Aberdeen links for their captain's prize. The turn-out of competitors, notwithstanding the favourable weather, was not very large, and a comparison of the cards handed in showed the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. H. Keid	89	5 84	Mr. A. McConnachie	89	scr. 89
*Mr. R. W. Beedie	92	5 87	Mr. W. Bowman	98	9 89
*Mr. J. Stewart	95	8 87	Mr. J. Hazelwood	99	9 90
Mr. A. Mitchell	92	4 88			

* Tie for second and third places.

ALNMOUTH CLUB.

The "March" prize was played for on the 11th inst. in fine weather at Alnmouth. This was the fifth contest for the prize (a painting) this season, and first honours rested with Mr. Hunter with a net score of 81. Result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. E. Hunter	95	14 81	Mr. C. A. Ridley	92	scr. 92
Mr. F. Babington	90	7 83	Mr. T. A. Hutton	110	18 92
Mr. R. M. Hansard	94	9 85	Mr. C. H. Stanton,		
Mr. E. A. Walker	94	5 89	jun.	93	scr. 93
Mr. E. S. Osborne	98	9 89	Mr. J. de C. Paynter	96	3 93
Mr. J. Hedley	99	10 89	Mr. J. Robertson	102	8 94
Mr. J. E. Davidson	109	18 91	Mr. E. Paynter	111	16 95
Mr. E. J. Dent	104	12 92	Mr. J. H. Armstrong	112	16 96
Mr. C. H. Stanton	104	12 92	Mr. J. L. Oliver	107	9 98

The other competitors retired.

ASCOT LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The second competition for prizes presented by Mrs. Wood and Mrs. H. C. Clarke took place on Thursday, the 9th inst., and resulted in the winning of both prizes by the Hon. Eva Milman.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Hon. E. Milman	90	8 82	Mrs. H. Blackett	94	3 91
Miss Patton	101	18 83	Miss C. Bruce	103	8 95
Mrs. Kynnersley	100	15 85	Miss C. Frankland	106	11 95
Miss E. Lethbridge	98	12 86	Miss F. Magniac	108	11 97
Mrs. Saulez	91	3 88	Miss R. Haig	96	+2 98
Miss M. C. Bayley	103	14 89			

Over 100, or no returns:—Mrs. C. Ferard, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. H. H. Longman, Mrs. H. C. Clarke, Miss R. Bannatine, Miss L. Bannatine, and Miss Mason.

HARRISON CLUB (EDINBURGH).—The fortnightly gold medal was won in Harrison Park, on the 10th inst., by Mr. J. Campbell (scratch) with a score of 46 for ten holes; Mr. Andrew Tait, 47.

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The usual handicap competition for the gold medal was held in stormy, showery weather on Saturday, the 4th inst., and resulted in a tie between Miss Fox and Miss Stone. When played off on Tuesday, the 7th inst., Miss Stone proved victorious, with a net score of 88, Miss Fox being 100. The winner has lately improved in her play, and will, we think, come under the notice of the handicapper. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Miss Fox ...	105	18	87	Miss E. Banister ...	113 18 95
Miss Stone...	120	33	87	Mrs. Stewart ...	100 4 96
Miss Birch ...	96	2	94	Miss Lee ...	112 10 102
Miss Andrews ..	97	3	94	Miss Riddle ...	117 15 102

The other members playing were:—Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Astbury, Mrs. Peckham, Miss Banister, and Miss Greaves Walker. Luncheon was kindly given in the club-room by Mrs. Ramsay Parsons, of Twyford Lodge.

CHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The local players have been very assiduous in practising lately, and the monthly medal competitions have led to some creditable scoring. The winners in the junior optional sweepstake, who are entitled to play in the final medal, have been Messrs. C. H. Vivian, T. Frost, A. Barker, and C. Lacey. The last named fairly surprised the field with an excellent net return of 99, whilst Mr. Rowley showed he was in grand form by completing the round in a gross score of 109 from scratch. The contest for the president's cup (given by Dr. Hamilton) bids fair to be a very keen one, especially as the winner will become the absolute holder of the prize. Bank Holiday (August 3rd), has been fixed for the decision of this event, in order to allow as many members as possible an opportunity of being present. Evening play is now practicable owing to a late train which has been put on from Hawarden by the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Company, and golfers who come from Wrexham are to have a cheap ticket to Hawarden Bridge.

CHORLEYWOOD GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly medal was played for on Saturday, the 4th inst. The weather, with the exception of a heavy shower about noon, was all that could be desired. The course is in excellent order.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. A. O. Barnes ...	98	8	90	Mr. A. F. Waters ...	104 10 94
Mr. A. Bovill ...	100	10	90	Mr. E. A. Duff ...	113 18 95
Mr. J. Dyball ...	110	20	90	Rev. W. D. Bushell	120 24 96
Hon. R. C. Grosvenor ...	104	12	92	Mr. F. H. Lee ...	116 18 98
				Mr. H. D. Rhodes	118 18 100

No returns from several members.

The first monthly medal of the Chorleywood Ladies' Golf Club was played for on Thursday, June 18th, but only a few members sent in a return. The course is the ordinary course, leaving out the third and fourth holes, making sixteen holes in all. Result as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mrs. I. Baker ...	136	12	124	Miss K. Barnes ...	134 6 128
Miss C. Barnes ...	138	12	126	Miss L. Barnes ...	147 17 130

No returns from several members.

CORNWALL COUNTY GOLF CLUB.

The third monthly competition for the silver cup offered by the club took place on Tuesday, the 7th inst., in best part of a gale from the west. Mr. B. Edyvean, at scratch, did two steady rounds and gained a well-deserved victory.

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. Bernard Edyvean ...	47	49	96	scr.	96
Mr. C. H. Hext ...	57	47	104	5	99
Hon. Geo. Molesworth ...	72	62	134	30	104
Mr. Young-Jamieson ...	60	56	116	12	104
Mr. Wilson Fox ...	60	62	122	16	106
Mr. H. J. Graham ...	73	63	136	30	106
Mr. R. P. Edyvean ...	70	64	134	26	108
Brigade-Surgeon Elliot ...	70	64	134	25	109
Mr. W. P. Matthews ...	63	64	127	18	109
Mr. Melvill Sandys ...	64	57	121	12	109
Rev. R. F. Tyacke ...	63	65	128	18	110
Col. Parkyn ...	72	71	143	30	113

ALLOA GOLF CLUB.—A general meeting of the members of the club was held on the 9th inst., when Provost Younger was appointed captain; Mr. A. Norval, solicitor, secretary; and Mr. J. M. Dunlop, bank accountant, treasurer. A committee was also elected, and a green-keeper was appointed.

CORNWALL COUNTY LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The third monthly competition of a series of six was played on Friday, June 26th, Miss A. Barnett again returning the lowest card, although her handicap was reduced from 18 to 13, which shows her game to be improving rapidly.

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Miss A. Barnett ...	51	55	106	13	93
Mrs. Salmon ...	53	54	107	11	96
Mrs. Young-Jamieson ...	55	52	107	7	100
Mrs. Simpson ...	58	55	113	11	102
Miss K. Peter-Hoblyn ...	65	69	134	30	104
Mrs. Edyvean ...	56	57	113	4	109
Miss Almus ...	61	61	122	15	107
Miss Pomeroy ...	92	79	171	35	136
Mrs. C. H. Hext ...	91	85	176	35	141

CUMBRAE GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the July medals took place on Saturday. The weather was very fine, and there was a correspondingly large turn-out of competitors. The following are the results:—

Vice-Captain's medal:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. R. L. Davidson ...	98	18	80	Mr. A. Russell ...	114 12 102
Mr. R. Fulton ...	109	18	91	Mr. I. C. Sharpe ...	113 7 106
Mr. J. D. Davidson ...	104	8	96	Mr. W. Barclay ...	128 18 110
Mr. W. Ross ...	116	18	98	Mr. A. H. Duncan	133 18 115

Mr. Jas. Allan's medal:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. R. Fulton ...	109	18	91	Mr. A. H. Duncan	133 18 115
Mr. R. L. Davidson ...	98	5	93	Mr. W. Barclay ...	128 12 116
Mr. W. Ross ...	116	18	98		

DUMBARTON GOLF CLUB.

There was a large turn-out in the competition for the monthly medal on Saturday, the weather being fine, and the links in first-rate condition. The result of the contest is underlined:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. Thomas Hastie ...	78	5	73	Mr. C. J. Baptie ...	83 8 75
Mr. A. Dale ...	86	12	74	Mr. J. Sawyers ...	86 7 79
Mr. D. Bell ...	81	6	75		

FORFARSHIRE.

On Saturday last the Monifieth Golf Club competed for the gold medal presented by Mr. James Fenton, Edinburgh, also for their usual club prizes at medal competitions and sweepstakes. The medal is played for annually, and all the best players of the club try to secure this much coveted trophy. The scores on Saturday were exceptionally good, no fewer than fifteen players breaking the 90. The turn-out, owing to other sports, of the second and third classes, was below the average, forty-eight players only taking part in the contest. Subjoined is a list of prize-winners with their respective results:—Fenton gold medal, scratch, average, and 1st sweepstake in first class, Mr. David L. Low, 80, being 7 below; 2nd, Mr. W. Harris, 85, 4 below; 3rd and 4th, tie between Mr. Thomas Brimer, 83, and Mr. David D. Smith, 87, both 3 below; 5th, tie between Mr. W. Young, 81, and Mr. J. C. Burns, 86, both at average. Second Class: Scratch, average, and 1st sweep, Mr. William Lorimer, 89, 10 below; 2nd, Mr. Robert Christie, 93, 7 below; 3rd, Mr. Andrew A. Walker, 98, 2 below; 4th and 5th, tie between Mr. Walter Levie, 94, and W. Lonie, 98, both 1 below. Third class: Scratch, average, and 1st sweepstake, Mr. R. B. Cowans, 86, 16 below; 2nd and 3rd, tie between Mr. A. Johnston, 89, and Mr. David Liddle, 103, both 12 below; 4th, Mr. A. Keay, 94, 8 below. The best scores under 90 not included in the prize-list were Mr. D. Robertson, 81; Mr. David Dargie and Mr. David Dempster, 83; Mr. James Young, 85; Mr. A. Hutchinson, 85; and Mr. George Wright, 88.

The Fenton medal was first played for in 1886 when it was tied for by Messrs. W. Smith and Andrew Walker, jun., at 83. In playing off the tie, the medal was gained by Smith. In 1887 there was again a tie between Messrs. James Young and A. Walker, jun., at 77, and in playing off the tie, Walker was again unfortunate. In the following year, however, the last-named player secured the trophy at 79. It was gained in 1889 by Mr. W. Young at 81, and again by the same player in 1890, at 86. This year, as will be seen above, it has been gained by Mr. David L. Low, a young player of much promise at 80; this being the first time he has managed to beat all his opponents.

At Montrose on Saturday afternoon, the return half of the annual home-and-home match between the Carnoustie and Taymouth Club, and the Montrose Mechanics' Club was played off. This fixture has been a long established one between the two clubs, matches between them having been played annually for thirty-six years.

The weather was fine, but owing to the drought the greens were very keen. Thirteen foursomes started, and a very pleasant game ended in a win for the Mechanics by 14 holes. The following are the details:—

CARNOUSTIE AND TAYMOUTH.		MECHANICS.	
Holes.		Holes	
J. Simpson and A. Cant	0	W. Cobb and J. Macintosh	2
D. Ramsay, jun., and J. Ogilvie	0	T. Sheret and G. M. Smith	2
R. Munro and A. Simpson	0	D. Cobb and R. Cobb	2
J. Boyle and A. Boyle	0	D. Lyall and E. McDonald	7
G. Whyte and W. Whyte	4	W. Mitchell and J. Leggat	0
R. Ferrier and J. Kydd	12	D. Rodgers and J. Crabb	0
T. Jaff and J. Johnston	0	D. Black and J. Hampton	0
G. Low and J. Butchart	0	J. Wishart and W. C. Mowatt	4
D. Ramsay and J. Boyle	0	A. Wilson and G. Foreman	0
P. Auld and J. Stewart	0	J. Young and W. Nicoli	0
D. Scott and G. Ogilvie	0	A. Bowman and J. Hendry	2
J. Dewars and A. E. Gray	0	A. Cobb and J. McGregor	5
J. Lamb and J. Mustard	0	R. Keillor and G. Jarvis	6
16		30	

Some excellent scores were registered, the best on the Carnoustie side being:—Messrs. D. Ramsay, jun., and J. Ogilvie, 80; Messrs. J. Simpson and A. Cant, 82; Messrs. G. Whyte and W. Whyte, 84; Messrs. R. Ferrier and J. Kydd, 86; Messrs. T. Jaff and J. Johnston, 89. For the Mechanics the best scores were:—Messrs. W. Cobb and J. Macintosh, 79; Messrs. T. Sheret and G. M. Smith, 80; Messrs. D. Lyall and E. McDonald, 84; Messrs. D. Black and J. Hampton, 89; Messrs. J. Wishart and W. C. Mowatt, 89. An unprecedented feat was performed by Mr. Sheret and his partner in taking the last eight holes of the course in four each, the detailed score being:—

Mr. T. Sheret and Mr. G. M. Smith:—

Out	...	6	3	4	5	5	4	5	6	4=42	80.
In	...	6	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4=38	

At the match between the clubs at Carnoustie, in May last, Carnoustie won by 34 holes, the scores being, Carnoustie and Taymouth, 37; Mechanics, 3. The total scores of the two matches are, Carnoustie, 53; Mechanics, 33, leaving Carnoustie with a majority of 20 holes. Refreshments were supplied at the conclusion of play, and, before the teams separated, three cheers were given for the clubs on the call of Mr. A. E. Gray, of the Carnoustie, and Mr. A. McLean, captain of the Mechanics.

Playing in a friendly game over Montrose course last week, Mr. Thomas Sheret did the round at 76—the lowest that it has been taken at this season. His card showed the following details:—

Out	...	6	4	5	4	5	3	4	4	3=38	
In	...	5	3	4	5	4	4	5	4	4=38	76.

The members of the Montrose Mercantile Club held a competition last week, when the silver badge and other prizes were played for. Unfortunately, the weather was rather stormy. Mr. James Davidson was the winner of the badge at 96, five below his registered number. The second prize was won by Mr. George Fenton, at 100, 3 below; the third, fourth, and fifth, tied for by Mr. D. Cobb, 89; Mr. J. Falconer, 97; and Mr. H. McKenzie, 103, all 1 below; sixth, Mr. W. Davidson, 100, at number; seventh, Mr. J. Sheriffs, 105, 2 above; eighth, Mr. J. Wishart, 90, 3 above; ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth tied for by Mr. George Addison, 98; Mr. Walter Nicoll, 101; Mr. William Nicol, 102; Mr. R. L. Sinclair, 114, all 4 above.

The monthly competition for the silver medal of the Edzell Club took place under very unfavourable conditions, the Moor, owing to heavy rains, being covered with pools of water. Mr. David Nairn, with a score of 77, was again the winner, and the other prize-takers were Mr. David Ferguson and Mr. William Moncur.

An interesting match was played at Montrose on Saturday last between Mr. Jameson Paton, of the Royal Albert Club, and Mr. Charles Thom, who the previous week won the championship of the links. Both players showed grand form, and a close and exciting game resulted. Mr. Paton, who came in at 78, ultimately winning by one hole and two strokes. The following were the scores:—

Mr. Jameson Paton:—

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

Mr. Charles Thom:—

Out	...	4	3	5	4	5	5	4	4	5=39	80
In	...	4	5	6	5	4	4	3	4	6=41	

It will be observed that the most of the holes were halved, and that at the seventeenth the match was square, Mr. Paton winning on the last hole.

GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly Medal, July 11th.—A fine day, course in good order, but the greens rather heavy. Mr. H. W. Street followed up his success of the previous Saturday for the opening day medal by again heading the list, being a tie with Mr. J. H. Bovill at 81 net. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. W. Street	95 14 81	Mr. H. H. Playford	93 6 87
Mr. J. H. Bovill	96 15 81	Mr. J. A. Ross	91 2 89
Mr. M. Cammell	108 25 83	Mr. C. T. Musgrave	106 15 91
Mr. W. H. DuBuisson	101 16 85	Mr. T. Ramsbotham	109 18 91
Mr. H. Davenport	93 7 86	Mr. B. Howell	98 5 93
Mr. F. W. Hollams	100 14 86	Mr. A. Pattullo	111 18 93
Mr. L. Howell	101 15 86	Mr. A. W. McDonnell	108 14 94
Mr. W. M. Corrie	106 20 86	Mr. F. Broome	124 25 99

No returns from 20 members, or scores over 100.

HAYLING ISLAND LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A handsome travelling clock, presented by the Rev. Thos. Filmer-Bennett, will be played for on Aug. 3rd and 4th, 18 holes each day, the lowest aggregate score to win. Handicap limited to 36 on the 4 rounds of 36 holes. At the Summer meeting, which will take place on Aug. 3rd and 4th, a Visitors' Prize (scratch) is offered for competition, open to members of any recognised Golf Club, or to visitors introduced by a member of the Hayling Island Club. Entry, 2s. 6d.

ILKLEY GOLF CLUB.

The members playing round the club course on Saturday, the 4th inst. had a most enjoyable day, the improvements on the greens and course being very marked. The prospectus of the autumn meeting, which it is proposed to hold on September 16th, 17th and 18th, will shortly be issued, and judging by the number of acceptances privately received, promises to be a success, and the means of popularising Golf in Yorkshire. The principal item will be a challenge cup for teams representing Yorkshire clubs, and there will also be several open events, which the committee trust will secure the attendance of some of the crack northern players. The monthly medal was carried off by Mr. Glyde, from a small field, with a score of 142, less 36=106. The Christmas cup competition resulted as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. Potter	129 18 111	Mr. P. N. Lee	128 5 123
Mr. A. Stanfield	120 5 115	Mr. L. Glyde	150 25 125
Dr. McDowall	122 5 117	Mr. B. Hirst	144 18 126
Mr. H. W. Wild	108 +9 117	Mr. R. Braithwaite	158 25 133
Mr. D. F. Douglas	123 5 118	Mr. Frank Lee	163 30 133
Mr. R. G. Scott	145 25 120	Mr. F. P. Wild	133 +5 138
Mr. W. H. Scott	141 18 123	Mr. A. L. Knight	152 9 143

No returns from Messrs. Carpenter, Hudson, Sabrey, Wardle, and Newsam.

LIMPSFIELD CHART GOLF CLUB.

This club, in common no doubt with many others, has had its competitions sadly interfered with of late by the stormy weather. Only three cards were sent in for the gentlemen's monthly medal on July 1st, Mr. A. W. Nicholson proving the winner with a score of 112, less 14=98.

The ladies also were prevented by a hurricane of wind and rain from playing for their monthly medal on the 7th, but on the 8th they were favoured with brighter weather (save for one thunderstorm), and a good competition ended as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mrs. Smith	88 9 79	Miss Bartlett	112 16 96
Mrs. Parsons	88 4 84	Mrs. Bailly	113 17 96
Miss E. Board	108 16 92	Miss Urmson	131 18 113
Miss Watney	103 10 93		

Miss A. Stewart made no return.

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY CLEEK COMPETITION BY HOLES.—

First Round: Mr. F. V. Hagart beat Mr. W. B. Wilson, scratched; Mr. H. de M. Alexander beat Mr. B. Hall Blyth, scratched; Mr. W. H. Bryce beat Mr. R. H. Blaikie by 3 up and 1 to play. Second Round: Mr. Alexander beat Mr. Hagart, scratched; Mr. D. A. Stevenson beat Mr. W. H. Bryce by 7 up and 5 to play; Dr. Haultain beat Mr. D. Wallace by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. A. G. Tait beat Mr. L. V. Laurie, scratched; Mr. C. A. Stevenson beat Mr. W. F. C. Lowson by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. T. A. Begbie beat Mr. St. C. Cunningham by 1 hole; Mr. C. L. Blaikie beat Dr. A. Vassie by 7 up and 6 to play; Mr. W. G. Bloxson beat Mr. C. F. Scott by 5 up and 4 to play. Third Round: Mr. D. A. Stevenson beat Mr. Alexander, scratched; Mr. Tait beat Mr. Haultain by 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. C. A. Stevenson beat Mr. Begbie by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. C. L. Blaikie beat Mr. Bloxson by 3 holes. Fourth Round: Mr. D. A. Stevenson beat Mr. Tait, scratched; Mr. C. L. Blaikie beat Mr. C. A. Stevenson by 5 up and 4 to play. Final: Mr. D. A. Stevenson beat Mr. C. L. Blaikie by 2 holes.

LITTLESTONE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, Saturday, 11th July, 1891:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. H. E. Johnson	100	18 82	Mr. F. P. Browne ..	107 12 95	
Mr P. R. Don ...	93 7 86		Mr. E. A. Read ...	108 12 96	
Mr. A. J. Stanley ...	99 10 89		Mr. J. W. M. Guy	120 24 96	
Mr. J. Stephens ...	116 24 92		Mr. N. Womersley...	126 18 108	

Messrs. F. Ewbank, W. A. Laskie, J. C. Strong, A. J. Davies, C. Wintle, J. S. Pearce, F. L. A. Gibbs, R. E. Peake, R. C. Glen, either exceeded 100 or made no return.

LONDON SCOTTISH GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the medals took place at Wimbledon, on Saturday, the 4th inst. About ten couples started during the day, but only eight scores were returned. Mr. W. M. Rhodes won the monthly medal with 84, less 5=79, and Mr. G. G. Kennedy the second class medal with 122, less 25=97. The following are the scores returned:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. M. Rhodes.	84	5 79	Mr. R. N. D. Pierce	92	2 90
Mr. T. R. Pinkerton	82	scr. 82	Mr. A. Tait	105	12 93
Mr. A. E. Walker...	86	2 84	Mr. D. S. Smith	103	8 95
Mr. John A. Greig...	94	5 89	Mr. G. G. Kennedy	122	25 97

MINCHINHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.

A good attendance of members put in an appearance on Saturday, the 4th inst., to compete for the monthly medal and prizes, but, although the day was fine and the wind slight, the play of the men was only very moderate. The alterations which have recently been made in the course may partly account for this. The play of the ladies, on the other hand, was exceptionally good, the scores of Miss Ridding (94 gross) and Mrs. W. Davies (98 gross) for two rounds of the ladies' course being highly creditable. The following are the principal scores:—

LADIES.							
	Gross.	Hcp. Net.		Gross.	Hcp. Net.		
*Miss L. Witchell...	115	35	80	Mrs. Pearce Taylor	101	9	92
†Miss Ridding ...	94	6	88	Mrs. Storry ...	116	24	92
Mrs. W. Davies ...	98	9	89	Miss H. Ridding ...	105	11	94
Miss E. Davies ...	106	16	90	Miss M. Smith ...	126	30	96
Miss Woolright ...	119	28	91				

* Junior prize.

† Senior medal.

Miss Edith Davies, Miss Howsin, and Miss E. Stanton made scores of 100 net or over.

GENTLEMEN.							
	Gross.	Hcp. Net.		Gross.	Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. A. W. Waller	106	20	86	Mr. G. J. Holloway	121	25	96
Mr. L. Grist	101	14	87	Mr. F. W. Storry	122	25	97
Mr. W. Davies	108	20	88	Mr. E. N. Witchell	121	20	101
†Mr. C. Witchell	126	35	91	Mr. W. Margetson	122	20	102
Mr. A. Smith	125	30	95				

* Senior medal.

† Junior prize.

Several players made scores of 100 net or over.

NAIRN.

The Pullar monthly medal was competed for over the Nairn Golf course on Saturday. There was a good attendance of members, and the medal for the month was won by Mr. N. Mackenzie with a score of 96, less 3=93. The following were the principal scores:—

	Gross. Hcp. Net.				Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. N. Mackenzie...	96	3	93	Mr. W. Laing ...	96	scr.	96
Mr. D. Young ...	94	scr.	94	Dr. Cruickshank ...	107	10	97
Mr. J. Barron ...	112	18	94	Mr. H. J. Donaldson	109	12	97
Mr. P. Park ...	99	4	95	Mr. W. Paterson ...	115	18	97

MORNINGSIDE GOLF CLUB (EDINBURGH).—The usual monthly competition of this club was played over the Braids on Monday the 6th inst. The attendance of members was very small, partly owing to the broken nature of the weather. The scoring was very high. The winner of the medal was Mr. T. L. Walker, with a score of 87, less 6=81; Mr. W. C. Sturrock, 98, less 12=86; and Mr. William Anderson, 104 less 16=88.

ROYAL BANK GOLF CLUB (EDINBURGH).—The final tie between Mr. Charles Mitchell and Mr. R. N. Ramsay, in connection with this club's handicap tournament, was played over Musselburgh Links on Monday evening, the 6th inst. On completion of the two rounds it was found that Mr. C. Mitchell had rather easily beaten his opponent, and thus won the inkstand presented by the captain. Mr. R. N. Ramsay secured the second prize.

NEWBIGGIN GOLF CLUB.

The prize presented by the club for competition among the members was played for on the 4th inst. The weather was favourable for the contest, which resulted in a win for Mr. Wood. The scores were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.				Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Mr. J. W. Wood	95	6	89	Mr. J. G. Sharp	101	10	91
Mr. D. Rosser	107	16	91	Mr. C. Walker	109	17	92
Mr. J. Tennant	96	5	91	Mr. R. J. Aynsley	136	32	104

Mr. J. Hedley made no return.

The attraction on the 10th inst. was the competition for the gold medal, and a satisfactory contest resulted in favour of Mr. Hedley, who played a good game. He accomplished the record round in 40, this being one of the best records for these links. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.				Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Mr. J. Hedley	...	93	8 85	Mr. C. Ismay	...	122	25 97
Mr. J. Lowthian Bell	...	96	6 90	Mr. W. A. Temperley	...	126	23 103
Mr. J. W. Wood	...	97	5 92	Mr. R. J. Aynsley	...	142	32 110
Mr. B. Brumell	...	119	22 97	Mr. J. G. Sharp	...	122	10 112

Mr. E. Short made no return.

NORTH BERWICK.

The links at North Berwick were last week fairly busy, but there were few matches of exceptional interest to break the monotony of ordinary play. A foursome took place on Tuesday between Davie Grant (professional) with Mr. J. Dewar, and Thorburn (professional) with Mr. J. S. Stevenson. The former couple beat their opponents and completed the round in the fine score of 76, the details of which are:—

Out	...	...	4	5	5	4	3	4	3	3	5	5=41
In	...	...	...	5	4	3	4	4	5	5	5=35	76

On Friday Mr. James Henderson and Mr. James Mitchell had a round, the former winning rather easily by splendid home play. Mr. C. A. Stevenson played his own ball against the better of the two balls of Ben Sayers and Mr. Esson. Mr. Stevenson had a very fine round, and succeeded in beating the professional and his partner at the Redan. Mr. John M'Culloch went round on Saturday with Mr. R. J. Younger. On Monday morning Mr. John Forrest engaged in a single with Mr. James Mitchell. Mr. Forrest was somewhat out of form owing to want of practice, and he lost a good match by two holes, his opponent finishing in the very fine figure of 76. Mr. Mitchell, who is a young player of promise, has been selected as one of the representatives of the Bass Rock Club in the contest for the County Cup at Luffness on the 25th inst. The Bass Rock Club, the winners of last year, will depend on the following four representatives to fight their battle on this occasion:—Mr. John Forrest partnering Mr. Andrew Wallace, and Mr. James Henderson partnering Mr. James Mitchell. The ladies' links were pretty well occupied during the past week, and among the members of the Ladies' Club who engaged in the Royal game over the long course were Misses Gillies Smith, Florence Anderson, and Maude Shearer. The course and greens showed good order, but would have still benefited much by a shower of rain.

Sayers has been sent by a St. Andrews gentleman some photos of his recent match with Hugh Kirkaldy, including a fine one on glass, representing the crowd gathered at the home green at St. Andrews to witness the holing out.

The Morelands School (Edinburgh) Club held their semi-final competition on Saturday over the North Berwick course for the scratch silver badge, the best scores being:—Mr. Howard Martin, 92; Mr. C. Addison Smith, 98; and Mr. E. Milne, 101.

NORTH WILTS GOLF CLUB.

The June ladies' medal of this club, which should have been played for on the first Thursday of the month, was won on Tuesday, the 7th inst., by Mrs. Heneage. On the first round of nine holes Mrs. Heneage and Miss Rudge tied, and, after playing five more holes, Mrs. Heneage won by three strokes. The match was played in a strong wind, which made play difficult and uncertain. The following handed in scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.				Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Miss Rudge	...	62	scr. 62	Miss Ransome	...	84	6 78
Mrs. Heneage	...	78	16 62	Mrs. Rudge	...	98	8 90

The next medal will be played for on the first Thursday in August.

DORNOCH.—Although 75 was regarded as the amateur record of this course for the past year, yet that score had never been made in a club competition till Saturday forenoon, when Mr. J. Sutherland repeated it when playing for Provost Sutherland's and Mr. Gray's aggregate prizes. The next best scores were by Dr. MacLachan, 97, less 18=79; Mr. G. Budgeford, 87, less 7=80; Professor Nicholson, Edinburgh, 100, less 18=82; Mr. M. Macdonald, 82, plus 1=83; Mr. J. Campbell, scratch, 83; Captain Leslie, 95, less 6=89; Mr. A. Angus, 99, less 6=93; Mr. G. R. Kennedy, scratch, 94; Mr. M. Brand Stalker, 121, less 18=103.

RHYL GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, Saturday, July 4th :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. Plunkett ... 100 +3 103	Dr. Eddis ... 133 15 118
Mr. Stock ... 110 3 107	

No returns from Messrs. Walthall, Birch, and Bryans.

Ladies' handicap, Monday, July 6th :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Miss Lloyd Williams 132 scr. 132	Miss Mainwaring ... 156 5 151
Miss G. Hughes ... 196 60 136	

No return from Miss Bulkeley Johnson.

RICHMOND GOLF CLUB.

The first monthly medal competition took place at Sudbrook Park on Saturday, the 4th inst. The course was in excellent condition and a large number of members were out. The following is a list of scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. A. T. Jockel ... 83 12 71	Sir H. Pottinger ... 101 14 87
Mr. H. M. Davidson 94 21 73	Mr. A. Allan ... 88 scr. 88
Mr. A. L. Jockel ... 87 12 75	Mr. W. O. Lindsay. 90 2 88
Mr. S. F. Higgins ... 101 25 76	Mr. T. D. Hill ... 96 7 89
Mr. Frank Pritt ... 100 23 77	Mr. E. Swain ... 105 16 89
Dr. Gardiner ... 85 6 79	Mr. J. E. W. Webb. 130 36 94
Major-Gen. Stevenson 95 16 79	Mr. W. Lawson ... 115 19 96
Dr. Williamson ... 83 scr. 83	Mr. H. M. Cundall. 145 36 109
Mr. J. Wylie ... 109 26 83	

Several members made no return.

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

Tuesday, 7th July.—Fifteen players started to compete for the monthly medal this day. The forenoon was fine, with a strong wind from S.S.W., heavy rain began to fall about half-past three in the afternoon. The course was in very fair order, with the exception that the grass in two or three places was somewhat rank. The putting-greens were in excellent condition. Mr. W. Morris won the medal with a score of 121, less 15=106. Mr. Morris must be congratulated on having played a splendid game; at the same time the smallness of his net score prompts the question, where is the handicapping committee? Captain Gillon holed the long hole out three times in 5, and played a very fine game throughout. Scores as follows :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. W. Morris ... 121 15 106	Mr. F. Graves ... 153 29 124
Capt. H. Gillon ... 115 4 111	Mr. J. G. Gibson ... 127 +1 128
Mr. A. H. Newington 121 5 116	Mr. Fred. Gilbert... 154 21 133
Mr. W. E. Hughes ... 127 7 120	Mr. A. L. Roper ... 152 10 142
Mr. T. W. Stubbs... 144 21 123	

Of the others, Messrs. Turner and M. H. Richardson took shelter from the rain in a shed on the edge of the heath for some half-hour, and then proceeded with the game, and completed their rounds. A majority of the committee decided that, in the circumstances, these gentlemen's cards could not be received. The others made no returns.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

Monthly prize and sweepstakes, Saturday, July 4th :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. T. Lattimer ... 100 15 85	Mr. C. H. Clements 106 13 93
*Mr. G. Robertson.. 101 14 87	Rev. W. P. Holland 116 22 94
Mr. G. Hornby ... 91 2 89	Col. Campbell ... 109 14 95
Capt. Robin ... 93 4 89	Mr. W. H. Monckton 117 22 95
*Mr. J. W. Barker.. 97 6 91	Mr. D. Turnbull ... 112 16 96
Capt. Sumner ... 101 9 92	

* Divided sweepstakes.

Several players made no return.

BLACKFORD CLUB V. PORTOBELLO CLUB.—These clubs engaged in a friendly match over Musselburgh course on the 10th inst.—nine a-side. It resulted in a win for the Blackford by three holes.

BLACKFORD.	PORTOBELLO.
Mr. J. Sanderson ... 0	Mr. H. B. Ferrier ... 4
Mr. O. Scott ... 0	Mr. J. Adamson ... 0
Mr. J. J. Morison ... 0	Mr. T. T. Gray ... 6
Mr. R. T. Mitchell ... 0	Mr. A. Gray ... 0
Mr. A. Robertson ... 0	Mr. T. Baillie ... 4
Mr. T. C. Kay ... 2	Mr. Morgan ... 0
Mr. D. W. Paton ... 0	Mr. George Carse ... 0
Mr. A. Henderson ... 5	Mr. George Shepherd .. 0
Mr. D. M'Farlane ... 10	Mr. M'Intosh ... 0
17	14

ST. GEORGE'S GOLF CLUB, SANDWICH.

Monthly medal meeting :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Capt. J. C. Tattersall 93 12 81	Mr. J. Ridpath ... 103 11 92
Mr. H. B. Fox ... 98 15 83	Mr. A. Pollock ... 102 9 93
Mr. W. P. Matthews 101 15 86	Mr. J. C. Scott ... 106 12 94
Mr. G. Nicol ... 96 9 87	Col. Cox ... 116 20 96
Mr. E. M. Protheroe 99 10 89	Mr. W. H. Goldney 121 24 97
Mr. T. Legh ... 107 15 92	Mr. Leslie Wilson... 109 10 99
Mr. J. C. Wadham 101 9 92	Col. Jones ... 124 24 100

Twenty others either made no return or their scores were over 100.

TROON GOLF CLUB.

One of the most important fixtures in the West of Scotland is the annual competition over Troon links for the Hillhouse cup, and accompanying gold badge, and it took place at Troon on Saturday. The cup was in 1882 presented by Major R. M. McKerrill, of Hillhouse, to be competed for annually on Troon links, by members of any Golf club in Ayrshire, and is a handsome piece of silver plate held for the year by the captain of the club to whom the winning member belongs. It is therefore obvious that the trophy is the object of inter-club, as well as of personal rivalry. The competition, which is confined to a single day's play, and is decided by the medal round of eighteen holes, the best scratch score winning the trophy, has always been a popular one; and it shows no signs of losing in the estimation of the Ayrshire amateurs, if we may judge from the circumstance that the number of competitors each year has exceeded that of the preceding year. In 1888 the number who competed was 24; in 1889 it was 32; in 1890 it was 38; and on Saturday it was 52, as undernoted :—Messrs. R. Dundas, Troon, and Jas. R. Motion, Ardeer; Messrs. Geo. Gillespie, Troon, and Mr. J. M. Gray, Troon; Messrs. R. Bishop, Troon, and Alexr. Abercrombie, Troon; Messrs. Chas. Aird, Troon, and T. B. A. McMichael, Troon; Messrs. Jas. T. Farquhar, Troon, and T. Morton-Troon; Messrs. T. Walker, Troon, and D. Dundas, Troon; Mr. Geo. Drummond, Troon, and Rev. John Anderson, Troon; Messrs. W. A. Robertson, Troon, and Wm. Renwick, Troon; Messrs. John Hamilton, Troon, and Jas. A. Shaw, Troon; Mr. J. Sturrock, Troon, and M. Smith, St. Nicholas; Mr. H. Sander, Troon, and D. MacKay, Troon; Messrs. R. Adam, Ardeer and Jas. Robertson, Troon; Messrs. Jas. Andrew, St. Nicholas, and J. Guthrie, Troon; Messrs. Jas. Gibson, St. Nicholas, and John Merry, Troon; Messrs. Jas. Howat, St. Nicholas, and Alexander Walker, Troon; Messrs. Andrew Boon, St. Nicholas, and A. M'Murray, Troon; Messrs. Robert Raeside, St. Nicholas, and Alexander Brown, Troon; Messrs. Chris. Randall, St. Nicholas, and R. G. Ross, Troon; Messrs. W. A. Kennedy, St. Nicholas, and G. M. M. Renne, St. Nicholas; Messrs. D. Bone, St. Nicholas, and John Storrar, Troon; Messrs. H. M. Giles, St. Nicholas, and N. D. McMichael, Troon; Messrs. J. W. Cowan, Troon, and W. Laidlaw, Troon; Messrs. W. Findlay, Troon, and D. Findlay, Troon; Messrs. W. Morison, Troon, and A. Porteous, Troon; Messrs. W. Denning, Ardeer, and Robt. White, Troon; Messrs. W. M. Paton, Troon, and A. H. Holm, Troon. It will thus be seen that there were thirty-eight players representing Troon; eleven representing St. Nicholas, Prestwick; and three Ardeer. The members of Prestwick club have not competed for some years.

The conditions as to the weather were in every way favourable, and equally cool the whole day, and the prospect towards Arran, through an almost perfectly clear atmosphere, was unusually fine. The links were in first-rate condition, and the greens as near perfection as the want of rain would allow them to be, thanks to the fostering care of Willie Fernie. On account of the dryness of the ground, and the consequently favourable conditions for long driving, Fernie put back the tees to the utmost limit, and this arrangement added very considerably to the length of the round.

Among the competitors who started were three previous winners of the cup—Mr. Adam, Mr. Bone, and Mr. Morison, and they were, of course, looked upon as likely winners. But there were other favourites as well as those winners, among them being Mr. J. R. Motion, Mr. W. A. Robertson, and Mr. Jas. Robertson, brothers of the winner of that name. Mr. Motion, however, who was first in, finished with 90, and it was not contemplated that this would, under the circumstances, be the winning score. Indeed, Mr. Geo. Gillespie, who came in immediately after, handed in an 89. When about one o'clock, however, Mr. J. A. Shaw, who has not hitherto come much to the front, but is well known as a steady local scratch player, handed in an 83, it was generally agreed that the winning score would not be much below that figure. The chances of this were still further reduced when Mr. Adam and Mr. J. Robertson, who were playing together, handed in cards showing respectively 86 and 87. Mr. Adam failed in the initial stage of the game. He played four bad holes before he settled down, and they cost him the match. His 39 coming in, which was the lowest score of the day for the nine holes, showed very steady play. Mr. D. Bone, of whom good things were expected on the part of those who watched his form

on behalf of St. Nicholas, finished with 88. His play all round was considerably under his average. Mr. Morison, who was one of the next last couples to go out, kept the matter undecided till the last, though it was evident before he had gone out many holes that he was not in his usual form, and would not succeed in lowering Mr. Shaw's colours. The competition accordingly concluded with the last-named competitor, the winner thus giving to the Troon Club the distinction of having won the trophy five times in succession. The details of the best six scores were:—

Mr. J. A. Shaw:—												
Out	...	...	...	4	5	4	5	4	4	5	6	5=42
In	...	...	...	5	6	4	3	7	4	4	4	4=41
83.												
Mr. R. Adam:—												
Out	...	...	...	6	5	7	6	4	4	5	5	5=47
In	...	...	...	6	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	4=39
86.												
Mr. Jas. Robertson:—												
Out	...	...	...	6	5	4	6	5	5	5	6	4=46
In	...	...	...	6	6	4	4	6	4	3	3	5=41
87.												
Mr. G. M. M. Rennie:—												
Out	...	...	...	5	5	4	7	5	5	4	4	5=44
In	...	...	...	5	6	5	4	4	4	6	5	4=43
87.												
Mr. Jas. Andrew:—												
Out	...	...	...	5	5	4	7	5	4	4	5	5=44
In	...	...	...	9	5	5	4	4	3	4	4	5=43
87.												
Mr. D. Bone:—												
Out	...	...	...	4	6	6	7	4	4	4	4	4=43
In	...	...	...	6	6	5	4	6	6	5	4	3=45
88.												

The following were the only players who handed in cards:—Mr. J. A. Shaw, Troon, 83; Mr. R. Adam, Ardeer, 86; Mr. Jas. Robertson, Troon, 87; Mr. G. M. M. Rennie, St. Nicholas, 87; Mr. Jas. Andrew, St. Nicholas, 87; Mr. D. Bone, St. Nicholas, 88; Mr. Geo. Gillespie, Troon, 89; Mr. Jas. R. Motion, Ardeer, 90; Mr. A. Porteous, Troon, 94; Mr. D. Dundas, Troon, 95; Mr. J. T. Farquhar, Troon, 95; Mr. W. A. Kennedy, St. Nicholas, 99; Mr. H. M. Giles, St. Nicholas, 102.

The previous winners, who, with their winning scores are engraved on the cup, are as follows:—

1883—Mr. Jas. Kirk, Ardeer	...	...	...	88
1884—Mr. R. Adam, Ardeer	...	...	...	90
1885—Mr. D. Thomson, St. Nicholas	...	...	...	87
1886—Mr. D. Bone, St. Nicholas	...	...	...	83
1887—Mr. D. D. Robertson, Troon	...	...	...	81
1888—Mr. A. Morison, Troon	...	...	...	84
1889—Mr. A. Morison, Troon	...	...	...	79
1890—Mr. W. Morison, Troon	...	...	...	85

It is interesting to note that Mr. A. Morison's 79 is the record of the green in an amateur competition.

WARRENDER GOLF CLUB.

The members of this club held their July competition over the Braids on Saturday for the "Gillfillan" belt and other prizes, when the following were the prize winners:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.				Gross. Hcp. Net.			
*Mr. G. Campbell...	102	20	82	†Mr. J. Watson	99	15	84
Mr. D. Stocks	97	14	83	Mr. T. Carruthers...	93	7	86
†Mr. W. G. Grieve.	88	4	84	Mr. F. Mathie	96	7	89

* Gillfillan belt and 1st prize. † Tie

The tie between Messrs. Grieve and Mathie for the possession of Councillor Crichton's Cup was played off at the same time, and therefore resulted in Mr. Grieve's favour by 5 strokes.

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The second competition for the Leaf prize was held on the hills at Warwick on Saturday, July 4th. Mr. G. Bowyer, with a handicap of 30, sent in the very low return of 75. Mr. N. W. Brown's gross score of 91 was the lowest scratch score; he will, therefore, be entitled to play in the final competition in October. The following were the returns sent in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.				Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Mr. G. Bowyer	...	105	30 75	Judge Chalmers	...	108	20 88
Mr. H. Everard	...	99	19 80	Mr. F. D. Perry	...	108	20 88
Mr. N. W. Brown	...	91	8 83	Mr. A. F. H. Dyson	...	116	25 91
Major C. Stoker	...	100	14 86	Mr. E. J. Vavasour	...	116	22 94
Mr. J. W. Traill	...	100	14 86				

The Rev. E. H. Oldham and Capt. Shaw made no return.

WORCESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly meeting of this club was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., when thirteen competitors entered for the sweepstakes. The greens were in grand putting condition, thanks to more rain than is usual at this time of the year, and some good scores were made. Mr. Foster's gross round of 79 is the best return yet made at any meeting. The following are the scores handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.				Gross. Hcp. Net.			
* Mr. H. Ingleby ...	95	17	78	Mr. H. N. B. Erskine	99	13	86
Mr. H. W. Buck ...	97	17	80	Mr. L. S. Milward	110	24	86
†Rev. H. Foster ...	79	+2	81	Sir W. Wedderburn	109	15	94
Mr. W. E. Paterson	94	8	86				

* Wins monthly cup, junior medal, and sweepstakes.

† Wins senior medal.

STOCKBRIDGE v. HARRISON (EDINBURGH).—A match between teams representing the above clubs took place on the 7th inst. over Harrison Park, when the Stockbridge were the winners by eleven holes:—

STOCKBRIDGE.		HARRISON.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. C. Johnston	...	Mr. R. Glass	...
Mr. P. Seton	...	Mr. A. Tait	...
Mr. G. Sturrock	...	Mr. S. M'Kenzie	...
Mr. W. G. Munro	...	Mr. J. Campbell	...
Mr. J. A. Munro	...	Mr. D. A. Henderson	...
Mr. J. Cochran	...	Mr. D. Menzies	...
Mr. J. Cowper	...	Mr. J. Bowie	...
	15		4

OPENING OF THE NEW GOLF COURSE AT CRIEFF.—On Saturday afternoon, the new Golf course which has been laid out for the Crieff Golf club was opened before a large assemblage of the townspeople and visitors. The opening ceremony was performed by the Earl of Winchelsea, who is at present on a visit to his relative, Colonel Rice of Donavours, Crieff. The course which has been selected and laid out by Tom Morris, the veteran professional at St. Andrews, is situated about a mile and a half west of the town, in Ledbowie Park, and adjoining the classic grounds of Ochertyre, belonging to Sir Patrick Keith Murray, Bart. For attractive and beautiful surroundings there are few courses to equal it. Gradually rising from the level of the roadway from Crieff to Comrie, the course reaches its highest elevation at No. 2 hole, which is at the top of the hill, and about 200 feet higher than the road. The turf is of a first-rate quality, firm and springy, and, barring a few hazards, it is almost a plain grass course, while the putting-greens are for the most part level ground, and finely rolled down. The course consists of nine holes in the meantime, and is fully a mile and a half round. The Home hole is situated just in front of the entrance to the field, starting from which the first hole is played up gently rising ground to the left hand. Between several of the other holes cautious play is required in avoiding trees, which here and there are studded over the sloping field. The orthodox bunker may be said to be comparatively unknown, and, barring a few grassy braes and the trees, as hinted above, the course is sure to prove as attractive as any inland course in Scotland. Already a pretty large number, not only of townspeople but of the numerous visitors who frequent Crieff during the summer season, have intimated their intention of patronising it. At the opening ceremony on Saturday the weather was all that could be desired, and the course and the beautiful scenery all around were seen to advantage. The Earl of Winchelsea (who was accompanied by the Dowager Countess of Winchelsea, Lady Maud Rice, and others) was introduced by Colonel Rice. After striking off the first ball, his Lordship thanked the club for doing him the honour of performing the duty of opening the course, and thereafter proposed "Success to Golf and the Crieff Golf Club." An interesting match was afterwards played between Tom Morris and David Leitch, St. Andrews, the result being some capital play. Morris gained the match, his score being 43, and Leitch 49.

GRANTOWN LADIES' CLUB.—The monthly handicap for Mr. Grant's prize was played on the ladies' green on Saturday, when there was a good turn-out of players. Miss Winchester was winner with a score of 77, less 3=74. Miss Nellie Thomson coming next with 85, less 8=77. Mrs. John Grant, playing scratch, made the two rounds in 82.

THE BRAIDS GOLF CLUB.—This club held their monthly competition for the gold medal and the fourth and last stage of the Murray charm over the Braids course on Saturday. The medal was won by Mr. Wm. C. Sturrock with a score of 90, less 10=80. No better net scores having been returned than those of 75 and 79 previously recorded by Mr. John Johnston, he was declared the winner of the charm.

GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL SCHOOL CLUB V. COMISTON CLUB.—The return match (played in foursomes) between the above clubs was decided on the Braids on Friday evening. The result was:—Heriot's, 10 holes; Comiston, 0. The first match resulted in a win for Heriot's by 5 holes, thus making the total number of holes won by Heriot's 15.

KINGHORN THISTLE V. WEMYSS GOLF CLUB.—A match between the above clubs took place at Kinghorn on Saturday—fourteen men a-side. The course and putting-greens were lovely. At the close of a well contested match. Kinghorn stood 42 holes up, the result being:—Kinghorn, 53; Wemyss, 11.

EDINBURGH CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' CLUB.—The summer meeting of the Edinburgh Chartered Accountants' Golf Club was held on Saturday at Luffness. The weather was auspicious, and there was a fair turn-out of members. The prizes to be played for were the president's (Mr. Moncrieff) medal (scratch), Mr. T. G. Dickson's prize, and prizes presented by the club. Mr. James Brown and Mr. G. Gordon Robertson tied for the medal, and in playing off Mr. Brown won with a score of 80, against Mr. Robertson's 81. The scores were as follows:—Mr. James Brown: Out, 4 5 6 5 4 3 4 4 4=39; in, 4 5 4 5 5 5 4 5 4=41; total, 80. Mr. G. Gordon Robertson: Out, 4 4 6 4 6 4 4 5 4=41; in, 5 7 3 4 4 5 4 4 4=40; total, 81. The handicap prizes were won by Mr. James Brown, 84, less 3=81; Mr. James Gordon, 91, less 7=84; Mr. H. L. Sanderson, 91, less 6=85; Mr. G. Gordon Robertson, 84, plus 2=86. The arrangements for the meeting were admirably carried out by the secretary of the club, Mr. James Gordon.

LOW SCORING AT CHESTER.—Mr. H. H. Hilton visited the Chester Golf links last week, and played four rounds with Mr. W. D. More, the club professional. The lowest score was 74, and the highest 82; the other scores were 78 and 75 respectively. The weather was favourable to low scoring, but the length of the grass prevented any big swipes through the green. It is calculated that a round of 74 is equal to the same score at Hoylake. The feature of the links is the approach play and the beautiful truthness of the putting-greens. The course is of a thoroughly sporting nature, and will be in good order for the open competition on August 1st. In addition to the open handicap, a small prize will be given for a driving competition. Each competitor will have five drives, the best to count.

PRESTWICK AND TROON CADDIES.—Mr. Joseph Wright, of the Argyle Arcade, Glasgow, the well-known umbrella manufacturer, has intimated his intention of presenting a medal, to be competed for by the caddies of Prestwick and Troon. The arrangements are under weigh, and doubtless the competition will be a very interesting one, as the present generation of caddies in the West of Scotland have not contended for any prize for many years. The West of Scotland would take some position as a training ground for professional golfers if the caddies (from whose ranks the great bulk of our future professionals are taken) of Ayrshire were encouraged to the same extent, and had the same facilities for play as they have at St. Andrews and Musselburgh.

LADIES' CLUB, TROON.—The annual scratch competition for prizes given by the Ladies' Club took place on Friday, with the following result:—Mrs. Morrice (15), 91; Mrs. Rome (18), 103; Miss Ross (3), 67; Miss H. Cowie (9), 78; Miss Jeanie Bishop (2), 64; Miss J. J. Paton (1), 60; Miss Ivy Clark (6), 73; Miss Robertson (6), 73; Miss Dundas (5), 71; Miss Clark (7), 74; Miss Cowie (12), 85; Mrs. Fleming (12), 85; Miss B. Robertson (14), 87; Miss M. Cowan (16), 96; Miss Guthrie (16), 96; Mrs. Mitchell (13), 86; Miss M'Michael (10), 79; Miss Gilmore (10), 79; Miss Hutchison (8), 77; Miss M. Anderson, 148; Miss Katie Bishop (4), 68; Miss Nannie Laidlaw (11), 81; Mrs. Brown (17), 98; Miss Anderson (19), 141. Scratch competition for children—Miss Maud Raeside (7), 94; Miss Jenny Raeside (9), 123; Miss J. Ross (4), 83; Miss Lizzie Stoddart (3), 76; Miss Jeanie Anderson (6), 92; Miss Minnie Stirrat (5), 86; Miss Alice Paton (8), 115; Miss Mabel Paton (2nd), 66; Miss Mary Bishop (1st), 65; Miss Edith Herbertson (5), 89.

EAST OF FIFE CLUB.—The quarterly competition for the M'Dougal silver medal took place on Saturday evening. The result turned unexpectedly in favour of one of the juvenile members of the club—Mr. John Lumsden, Pittenweem, with a score of 92, less 18=74, the next being Mr. J. S. Ireland, Anstruther, with a scratch score of 76.

EDINBURGH ST. ANDREW CLUB.—The Lord Shand medal (yearly), monthly medal, and club prizes were played for on the Braids on Saturday. Thirty-eight members competed. Both medals and a gold charm, a miniature of the Shand, were tied for by Mr. John Pearson and Mr. James M'Nab, 78 net; 3rd prize, Mr. Tom Hogg, 81 net; 4th and fifth prizes tied for by Mr. J. Livingstone and Mr. J. Buie, 82 net; the 6th and 7th prizes tied for by Mr. Robert Knowles, jun., and Mr. John Lindsay, 83 net; while the 8th prize was tied for by Mr. A. T. Sinton, Mr. David Lowe, jun., and Mr. Robert Knowles, sen., with 84 net.

BURNTISLAND.—In playing off the Connel cup ties and other competitions the upper course has been largely patronised during last week. Some curious variations were brought out, but nothing phenomenal in low scoring is noteworthy. Mr. Pittillo beat Mr. Duff, and in the third round for the cup Mr. P. M'Artney beat Mr. A. Duncan, Mr. R. Dover beat Councillor Dallas. Mr. D. Connel beat Mr. J. Blyth, Mr. D. Wood, jun., beat Mr. J. Ross, Mr. J. Connel beat Mr. D. Gow, Mr. J. Adamson beat Mr. W. Addison, Mr. W. Gray beat Mr. H. Kinsman, Mr. D. Wilson beat Mr. J. Morris, Mr. R. Carmichael beat Mr. J. Wood, Mr. J. Wilson beat Mr. W. Malone, Mr. W. Dryburgh scratched to Mr. J. Venters, Mr. H. Addison scratched to Mr. T. Gibb, Mr. J. S. Farquharson scratched to Mr. W. M'Artney, Mr. J. Leask scratched to Mr. W. Elder, Mr. Alex. Foster scratched to Mr. J. Pringle. Negotiations are in progress for lengthening the course at High Bents by the acquisition of some neighbouring ground. The first half of a competition for prizes presented by Messrs. James Robertson and James Watson, took place on the High Bents on Saturday, and eighteen players turned out to compete. The conditions attached to the prizes are that the scratch and handicap players play in two divisions, and the lowest in each play off for final possession. On Saturday Mr. James Wood was fortunate enough to finish the three rounds with the record score of 77, and is therefore first place in the scratch division. Mr. David Connell followed in the handicap section with 81, less 4=77, so that at present Messrs. Connell and Wood hold first place. The other scores were Mr. J. Ross (scratch), 85; Mr. T. Gibb (scratch), 86; Mr. H. Kinsman, 82, less 3=79; Mr. J. Thompson, 88, less 9=79; Mr. J. Blyth, 86, less 2=84.

MORAY CLUB.—The members of this club competed on Monday, the 6th inst., for a bust of Mr. Gilroy, the well-known golfer, presented by Mr. Gordon, clothier, one of the members. The competition was handicap, and although the weather in the early part of the day was not very promising, a fairly good representation of the club competed. Mr. Rodger, vice-captain, became the winner with the very good scratch score of 81.

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