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JULY.

- 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.
West Cornwall: Monthly Match.
- 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.
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. Andrews, N.B. RUSACK'S HOTEL, THE MARINE (on the Links). The Golf Metropolis—Parties boarded. Special terms to Golfers and families. W. RUSACK, Proprietor and Manager. Telegrams:—Rusack, St. Andrews, N.B. Telephone No. 1101.

- Aug. 1.—Richmond: Monthly Medal.
Warwickshire: Leaf Prize.
Redhill and Reigate: Turner Medal.
St. George's (Sandwich): The St. George's Cup and Cross.
Cathkin Braes: Gold 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.
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.
West Cornwall: Ladies Monthly Match.
- 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.
Hayling Island: Monthly Competition.
- Aug. 10-12.—Harrison, Edinburgh: Cup and Prizes.
- Aug. 11.—Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Cup.
Blackheath: Monthly Medal.
- 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.
 Luftness: 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).

PROPOSED GOLF CLUB FOR NEWCASTLE.—Several influential golfers in Newcastle have formed a committee for the purpose of founding a club for that city. Permission has been obtained from the freemen to allow the members to play on the town moor, in consideration of the club paying an annual rental of £10 for this privilege. It appears, however, that the Newcastle Town Moor Management Committee have objected to this arrangement, and in reply to a petition asking for permission to make the necessary holes and putting-greens, state that they are unable to grant the desired request. They give no reason for their refusal, and their action is much to be regretted.

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ADVICE TO YOUNG GOLFERS.

VII.

Bunker play is a subject which no man is safe to say very much about. Compliment your opponent on a good shot out of a bunker and he may regard the remark as an insult and detect a hidden sneer, quite unintentional on your part, implying that he has had a large experience in this particular line; and, however true the fact may be that he has had this experience, the average golfer will certainly not admit it. However, as these articles are, like the Shorter Catechism of the Scotch Church, dedicated to the young and ignorant, there is less danger of the writer being regarded with animosity when he ventures to assume that every beginner, before he has had many rounds will have good reason to anathematize "these beastly bunkers."

It is not considered necessary to describe what a bunker is. If the beginner does not already know, he will soon enough. But these hazards differ in character on different links, and sometimes even on the same links. In some bunkers, the sand is pure and free from stones, &c., and in others again the sand is earthy and liberally besprinkled with stones. Some are quite shallow, and others have sides or faces two and three feet high.

Where there are stones in the bunkers it is very much more difficult, it need hardly be said, to extricate the ball. Where the faces are high the ball usually requires to be "baffed" out, as will be hereafter explained.

The proper club for bunker play is a niblick, but it will have been observed that in a preceding article a mashie is recommended. This latter is very nearly as good, and saves a club. Both are played in the same way: the stroke should generally be made in such a manner as to force the head of the club to cut through the sand, and thereby play the ball out of the hazard. In some cases, such as those before explained, it is better to "baff" the ball out, that is, to play the stroke something like the dig described in last article, but instead of coming down immediately behind the ball, the club-head should strike the sand an inch or two behind it. A good deal of strength may generally be put into bunker strokes. A weak shot may not take the ball out, and even if the hitting is not quite true the effect will often be satisfactory. Bunkers are usually full of feet marks and holes made by previous players, and the ball in the majority of cases finds its way into one of these marks or holes, and thus lies buried or half buried. If some force is not put into the stroke, it is impossible to get the ball out.

In bunkers which have high faces, and when these faces are on the road to the hole, and consequently have to be got over it is best to "baff" the ball out. The farther behind the ball the club strikes the more perpendicularly will the ball rise, but the less distance will it travel forward, and *vice versa*; hence the nearer you lie to the face over which you have to loft the farther behind the ball should you aim to hit. It is needless to say that there is a limit to the distance behind the ball where you should hit, but the most effective spot will readily be found with a little practice. The writer is of opinion that where a baffing shot out of sand has to be played, this can be done better with an iron than with a mashie or niblick. The ball is projected by the force of the stroke being imparted to it through the sand, and the resistance of the sand to the larger head of the iron seems to make the stroke more effectual. The small head of a mashie or a niblick apparently slips through the sand without having the same effect. If the ball is far enough away from the face to allow of its being played with a mashie in the ordinary way, it is better to do this because the ball will be sent much farther than if baffed.

Although the mashie and niblick are the proper clubs for bunker play a ball may be taken out of almost any bunker with an iron or even a cleek. In playing with an iron or cleek such shots must always be baffed if the ball is at all buried, and as much cut as possible put on. Where the ball lies badly, never try to do more than to take it out of the hazard. It is sometimes good policy to play out of a bunker to one side or the other, or even to play back in preference to playing forward towards the hole. Get the ball out is the main thing. If an attempt is made to do too much and it fails, it invariably

involves a player in more serious difficulties, and may cost him several strokes. Hitherto it has been assumed that the ball lay in such a position as to prohibit the player from doing anything more than simply taking it out. But it is not uncommon to find that matters are not so desperate. The ball may lie quite clear, or may even be teed in the sand. However well they may lie, treat such balls with the greatest respect. Players are apt to treat them lightly and to think they can be played with the utmost ease, but this is a grand mistake, the least topping or scuffling is fatal. It may be laid down as a hard and fast rule that a ball in a sand bunker should never be played with a wooden club under any circumstances. If it lies clear use a cleek or an iron as the case may require, but play with great care.

When the ball happens to get into a bunker near the flag and lies teed, great delicacy of play is necessary to make a successful shot. On the one hand if weakly played the globe may not get through the hazard, and on the other, if too strong, it may go "miles past the hole."

The remark already made, never to try to do more than extricate the ball, applies to all kinds of hazards as well as sand hazards. When on a road, however, a full shot may generally be taken if the ball lies at all well, the rule in regard to not laying down the club beside the ball when it lies in a hazard increases the difficulty of playing these strokes. It may be as well to quote the rule which is as follows: "When a ball lies in a bunker, sand, or any other hazard, there shall be no impression made by the club whilst addressing the ball, nor sand, nor other obstacle removed 'before striking at the ball.'" Attention is directed to the words "or any other hazard." The expression is very sweeping.

A player is always entitled to see his ball before playing it, and "when a ball is completely covered with fog, bent, whins, &c., only so much thereof shall be set aside, so that the player shall have a view of his ball before he plays, whether in a line with the hole or otherwise."

A ball in water can often be successfully played as it lies, provided the player cares to run the risk of being splashed all over. It is better and safer to take advantage of the rule which enables "the players to take it out, change it if he pleases, drop it, and play from behind the hazard, losing a stroke."

(To be continued.)

J. A.

THE GOLFER'S ALPHABET.

(UP TO DATE.)

A was an Ass who went to play Golf,
B was the Ball he couldn't hit off.
C was the Caddie so ready to jeer,
D was the Drive promptly bunkered, no fear!
E was the Earth in which the ball lay,
F was the Flag so far, far away.
G was the Green where the Ass fain would be,
H was the Hazard that stopped him, you see.
I was the Iron he swung quickly back,
J was the Jerk which proved quite imprac.
"K's coming on," sneered a Golfer ahead,
L was the Language that Ass used instead.
M was the Mashie at last he did take,
N was the Neck which he straightway did break.
O was the Odd which now he did play,
P was the Putt that ran far astray.
Q was the Queerest of strokes ever seen,
R was a Rub called a Rub of the Green.
S was the Stimy his opponent did lay,
T was the Trouble that stimy to play.
U was the Usual stimy not talked,
V was the Villain whose stimy was baulked.
W waged War in the columns of GOLF
X said "Xcuse me, the stimy is off!"
Y was the Youth who stimied the same,
Z was his Zeal for the grand, Grand Old Game.

T. C. O.

"OLD UGLY;" OR, LIFE AND DEATH OF A DRIVER.

My club-maker was one of the best professionals in Scotland, and the first thing I can remember was being placed in the corner of a workshop, mixed up with brasseys, spoons, cleeks, irons, niblicks, putters, and a good many other clubs of my own sort. I do not fancy from the remarks I heard that I was particularly good-looking, and the best appellation I heard about myself was that doubtful expression often given to a plain horse—useful. For about a month I was continually being pulled out of my corner and swished about by somebody, and then shoved back again ignominiously with such expressions as "what an ugly head!" (I was not a bulger either.) "Decent shaft; too whippy for me." "Wouldn't suit me; lies too flat." "Too upright for me; what a rotten, ugly head!" "What wood can it be made of?" (They little knew that rotten head had been made from a very old apple-tree that had been cut down in my maker's garden about a year ago.) Such sayings as these I got quite sick of hearing. My first friends, the other clubs, all kept disappearing and fresh ones taking their place. I thought I should never get out of the shop. By this time I had found out that I was generally spoken of in the shop as "Old Ugly."

One day my maker entered the shop in a great state of excitement, and using rather strong language to his workmen said—"Won't splice, I tell you; clean gone; shall never get another like it; wouldn't have broken it for all the clubs in the shop." I soon discovered that he had completely smashed his old pet driver. Next morning when his workmen asked him what driver he would take out in his bag, after thinking for a bit and taking me up and giving me a good swish or two, he said to my delight, "Blessed if I don't give 'old ugly' a turn; he isn't so bad as he looks, and as I can't sell him inside maybe I might outside." So I was popped into his bag.

My owner was playing with a young masher from London, a beginner who rather fancied himself, and especially his driving capabilities. The masher started off from the first tee with a fair shot. My owner, giving me a good fair swing, sent the ball some sixty yards beyond his opponent. I must tell you that my master was one of the longest drivers in the professional ranks.

"By Jove," asks the masher, "may I look at that club?" and giving me a swing or two exclaims, "Ah, I could drive with that club, I am sure."

"Ay, that you could," says master; "so could anybody; its about the best known on the links, its one of my own make; the head is made from an old apple-tree that was in my garden—over a hundred years old—cut down last year; and the shaft is from an old hickory built ship that was wrecked off the coast here some time ago. You might search all the greens in Scotland and you wouldn't find a better shaft."

The game went on steadily, the same thing happening at each hole, the masher being outdriven by about 50 yards, and although receiving a half was four holes down. At the last hole home, distance about 240 yards, there was a strong following wind. The masher had the honour, and pressing to get a long shot topped his ball. Then my owner taking me quite easily landed his ball close to the green, and, having rather a lucky running fall, trickled up to the hole and lay dead, and was holed out in two.

As they returned to weigh in, the masher said rather dubiously, "I say, will you sell that driver of yours?"

"No, sir," says master, "I shouldn't like to; I should never get another that I could drive so well with; besides, sir, I have refused so many times Mr. H., and Mr. B., and Mr. R., and Mr. C."—mentioning a lot of the best known amateur players of the day—"they are all sweet on it; and Mr. H., only yesterday asked me to let him have it for 15s."

"Well, now look here," says masher, "I will give you a sov. down and throw my driver into the bargain."

"Well, really, sir, I never like refusing a gentleman; so you can have it. Here, caddie, give me my old pet."

I was at once hauled out and put in the masher's bag, where I found myself with a lot of clubs much more ugly than I was.

But they had all cost a lot of money. The wooden putter was an imitation Philp and had cost a fiver; a wretched looking iron was, I heard, the very one young Tommy played with when he won all his big matches. (I wonder how many irons are going about that young Tommy played with in all his big matches.) Then there was a cleek that was supposed to have done sundry holes in one, and a niblick that old Bobby the ex-champion was supposed to have often holed out of a bunker with. Well, I am glad to say that I did not remain long in Mr. Masher's hands. Either I did not suit his peculiar style, or his peculiar style did not suit me. Anyhow he was continually fozzling and topping, and often sent me flying after the ball into the whin bushes, ponds, or whatever hazard happened to bar his path. So I one day found myself sold for half-a-crown to a steady old golfer who had taken rather a fancy to me, and we got on very well together. Unluckily owing to illness, business, or something of that sort, he had to give up the game. One night, after dinner in the club-house, his clubs were all put up to auction, and I found myself knocked down for 2s. to a man who, I heard them say, never gave much for his clubs as he was rather apt when off his game to lose his temper, and then he would smash his weapons across his knees, throw them into the bushes or pond, or bury them in the sand. I had heard of people doing such things, but had never seen it and could not believe it. However, I got on fairly well for a time with my new owner, whose name I discovered was Mr. Temper, and who did not seem to mind topping a bit as long as he won his match. One day I heard that he had arranged a foursome, five pounds a corner. I did not like the prospect, but the match went very even—one up, all square, one down, and so on to the last hole, when it was all square and one to play. The pond had to be driven over. It was our antagonist's honour, and, although the shot was by no means a good one, it landed safe. Mr. Temper taking me, says to his caddie, "Tee high," and let go, comes down bang on the top, and flop goes the ball into the middle of the pond. With a big D. he says, "Partner, I promise you it shan't do it again;" taking my head in his left hand and my handle in his right he deliberately snapt me across his knees into four pieces and sent me flying into the pond.

I remember no more.

A. L.

A GOLFING GLOVE.—Mr. Thomas Stevenson, hosier, 76, Princes Street, Edinburgh, has sent us a pair of fine chamois leather golfing gloves. They are neatly made, and button at the back of the wrist, an arrangement which has for the golfer very obvious advantages over the orthodox method of fastening a glove. The material is fine, almost too fine for the rough wear and tear entailed in constantly handling the clubs. Mr. Stevenson may see his way to make some gloves with a thin strip of leather, at all events on the fork of the left hand, where the stress and friction of the club is found to be most severe. Players of economical tendencies may not care to be compelled to renew their left-hand gloves at short intervals; and as at present made we think that this is an exceedingly probable liability. Those, however, with whom this consideration is not a paramount one, and who prefer a really admirably finished playing glove, which allows a free and unconstrained grip of the club to be obtained, cannot do better than try the gloves which Mr. Stevenson makes. Lady golfers will also find the gloves highly suitable.

Those who are interested in the success of electricity as a curative agent will be glad to know that Mr. Harness' unique system of electropathic and electro-massage treatment has been so largely patronised by the nobility, gentry, and, in fact, all classes of society, that the directors of the Medical Battery Company, Limited, have been obliged to still further extend their already gigantic Electropathic and Zander Institute for the convenience of their numerous patients. They will, in future, reserve their premises at 52, Oxford Street, and 1, Rathbone Place, London, W., exclusively for private consultations and treatment; all their commercial departments being transferred to the adjoining building, No. 3, Rathbone Place, the entire premises having been recently procured by the company for that purpose.



There has just been erected and completed at Troon in connection with the ladies' Golf club there, a very commodious club-house for the ladies. The structure, which is of the cottage style of architecture, stands behind the club-house, overlooking the home green, and quite convenient to the start and finish of the ladies' links. It is handsomely fitted up in the interior, and has box accommodation for over a hundred members.

The Professor of Natural History at Edinburgh University was once having a round of the links at Musselburgh, when his game was temporarily interrupted by a flock of geese that were leisurely foraging their way across one of the putting-greens. As the greatest minds will sometimes descend to the most trivial matters of fact, the learned Professor asked, "Whose are the geese?"

CADDIE.—"They're Doo's."

PROFESSOR (thinking he had not heard the caddie's reply).—"The geese there, whom do they belong to?"

CADDIE.—"They're Doo's."

PROFESSOR.—"I don't ask you what they are, I ask you whether you know whose they are?"

CADDIE.—"They're Doo's, sir."

It was only when the caddie explained that the fowls "Belonged to Mrs. Doo," that the learned man regained sufficient equanimity to proceed with his game.

The latter-day tyro at Golf sometimes brings very ungolfer-like practices along with him to the links, practices which are apt to scandalise the caddie who is well up in the game. Such a couple were out one day, the tyro for the first time. The would-be golfer had a weakness for topping his balls. This was excusable, but when after topping his ball half-a-dozen times he each time asked the caddie to replace it on the tee, the latter foreseeing that he was likely to have more work in the round than he bargained for, and at last losing patience at having to go and fetch the ball back so often, and scandalised at the unusual way of playing the game, advised his employer to "Tie a string tae't."

We understand that the farm-house of Machrie, which stands adjacent to the Islay Golf Links, recently opened, is being fitted up as a sort of club-house, or house of refreshment for the use of golfers.

Some time ago negotiations were entered into between the Glasgow and Irvine Golf Clubs with a view to amalgamation. Glasgow wanted a green so as to be independent of Alexandra Park, whose tenure is somewhat insecure, and which is not altogether well adapted for the game of Golf. The Irvine Club are possessed of very fine ground and plenty of it, but are a new, and, of course, not a very strong club. Hence, a *rap-prochement* of the two clubs would be of mutual advantage—to the former in having a good green at their disposal, and to the latter in being associated with such a rich and powerful organisation as the Glasgow Club. The negotiations were almost crowned with success, but a slight difficulty intervened at the last moment, and the intended arrangements have been suspended in the meantime.

"NO RETURNS."

IT probably has occurred to many handicapping committees that one of the embarrassing elements in their thankless and by no means easy duties, is the frequency with which a large percentage of players who enter for a competition fail to make any return of their scores. A great many players whose form is invariable in match play within half-a-dozen strokes frequently wreck their otherwise excellent career on the round by getting their ball entombed in one or two out-of-the-way hazards. Their luck is anathematised both loudly and deeply; and their scoring achievement is marked by a few fragments of scoring-card hanging picturesquely and significantly on a whin bush, or imbedded in the muddy recesses of a gaping ditch. In a word, their competitive career is summed up suggestively in the American phraseology, "a high-toned start, and a low-toned finish." And all this, too, after elaborate preparations have been made for the event. The best six months matured gutta has been studiously laid aside for the competition. The player has handled it over and over again with a really pathetic fondness, has shown to both initiated and uninitiated alike what a beauty it is to win a competition with by dropping it on a flagstone, and causing it to rebound to the height of his head by the force of its own elasticity. He has oiled, bent and rebent those club-shafts until one begins to entertain doubts as to the player's mental soundness; he has caused that missing nail in his golfing shoe to be replaced; he has bribed a particular caddie to carry for him on the eventful day, though the club rules are dead against the practice; he has reduced his average smoking capacity of two dozen cigars per week to half a-dozen, avoids the allurements of his favourite special blend, forswears dinner parties, and goes to bed on the eve of the competition, three hours earlier than is his wont; and when he is asked by a fellow member on the morning of the competition how he is playing, jauntily replies that he is in fine form and intends to return a score somewhere about 81. Yet his preparations avail not; failure and disappointment are the reward of his praiseworthy efforts; and his name is bracketed in our competition columns with other competitors as having made "no return." In contemplating at the close of the day, the little bunker that shipwrecked his score he realises then, if never before, the force and fruitful application of the Virgilian description of the descent of Æneas:—

Facilis descensus Averni.

*Sed revocare gradum, superasque evadere ad auras,
Hic labor, hoc opus est.*

Handicapping committees generally find as a matter of practical experience that the player whom we have by no means fancifully sketched is the individual who bitterly complains of the lowness of his handicap, and the unfavourable position he has to occupy as compared with many of his fellow members. The complaints of such players are

neither just nor well founded. They have the remedy in their own hands. Let them consistently return their scores, even if in many cases they total up to a substantial three figures. Handicapping ought to be a kind of automatic adjustment of a player's average form to the requirements of the course to be played over; and as many scratch players suffer occasional lapses into bad form, lasting sometimes for a considerable period, they ought not to consider it a derogation of their pride and dignity to have three or four strokes temporarily added to their handicap. But this pride and dignity is just the weak point of the whole case. The player we have pictured scores heavily at a couple of holes, and in a fit of impatience he tears up his card. Probably he does not return a score for the guidance of the handicap committee during many months; yet all the while he grumbles at the committee; speaks of their unfitness for the work, and generally makes things unpleasant all round. This is unfair. Scores are the only criteria by which the handicap committee can fix allowances, and we are strongly of opinion that all players who enter for a competition ought to make it a point of good faith on their part to return all scores, bad though they may be. If they do not, then let them remain silent, allowing the committee to handicap them rather below than above their normal form. Cases are known where players with a high handicap have competed over and over again, but have steadfastly resisted sending in scores. They have disappeared from their own links for a time, and have gone steadily into practice over another green. Returning when a series of fairly valuable prizes had to be competed for, the handicap committee had no means of checking the progress which such players had made, owing to the absence of returns. In the interval, however, they had been able to reduce their playing form by ten or a dozen strokes, with the natural result that they easily carried everything before them. This is not the true ethics of sport. The conscientious scorers in bad and good play were thus heavily penalised; the unscrupulous reaped all the advantage. It therefore behoves handicapping committees to keep a watchful eye on the players who are prone to have "no return" added to their name, to handicap them *below* rather than *above* their form, to turn a deaf ear to remonstrances that the handicap is too low, to point out that the players have the remedy in their own hands, and generally to see that an equality of fairness is dealt out all round.

NEW GOLF LINKS AT WEMYSS BAY.—Willie Fernie, the Troon professional, has been up at the Wemyss Bay Hydro-pathic Establishment, laying out a new Golf course in connection with this favourite sea-side public resort. The course, which is a nine-hole one, has been laid out on ground that overlooks an extensive panorama of Clyde scenery, and which is very well adapted for the purposes of the game. Dr. Currie is hon. sec. and there can be no doubt that the laying out of the course will be fully appreciated, not only by visitors to the Establishment but also by residents in the district.

FEATS AT GOLF.

At every green of any importance, especially those which are the nurseries of the game, notable feats at Golf have been performed and curious incidents have occurred. Some of these are traditions, others again are of quite recent occurrence.

It is recorded that in the year 1798 bets were made that no two members of the Burgess Golf Club, Edinburgh, could be found to drive a ball over the spire of St. Giles' Cathedral. The spire is 161 feet in height. The bets were won, and it was found that the balls passed "considerably higher than the weathercock."

A ball has also more recently been driven over the Melville Monument in St. Andrew's Square, Edinburgh, the height of which is about 150 feet. Scotch lawyers have always been great votaries of the game, and this feat was accomplished by a member of the body known as Writers to the Signet.

Old Willie Park (the father of the present golfer of that name)—one of the most brilliant players of his day—used often to drive balls over the chimney-stack of the Oil Mills which adjoin Musselburgh Links. It is said that on one occasion at least he did this in presence of a number of brother professionals, who strove to emulate the feat but failed to do so. The height of the chimney is not known to the writer. It must, however, be under 150 feet, but judging from the spot where the balls were teed the drives must have been really extraordinary.

It is also said that a Golf-ball teed on the top of a watch has been driven with a cleek. One version of the story says that the ball was teed on the watch-glass, another that the watch had double cases (a hunting watch). In the former case the ball was picked clean off the glass without injuring it. Let us hope for the sake of the owner of the watch, that this is true.

A holder of the amateur championship is reported to have played a ball successfully out of an impossible lie by standing on his caddie's back.

The record for the round of 9 holes at Musselburgh is 33—twice done—once by Bob Fergusson and once (within the last three or four years) by young Willie Park. Bob's 33 was done on the medal round but was not quite a genuine record inasmuch as he did not start to count from the first hole, although he actually did the nine consecutive holes in 33. Willie's was starting from the first hole, but was on a round which may roughly be said to be a stroke easier than the medal round. The writer saw this done. It was magnificent play, and several putts just "kissed" the lip of the hole. Had these come off the score would have been two or three strokes less.

Holing in one is perhaps not uncommon. It has frequently been done. At the open championship meeting at Musselburgh in 1889, Mr. A. Robertson, a local amateur, who was competing and was partnered with Andrew Kirkaldy, did the last hole in one. Holing out off a brassy, cleek, or iron shot is just as wonderful. In a competition some years ago Mr. A. M. Ross, the Burgess crack, twice did the second hole at Musselburgh in three in two consecutive rounds. The hole is two long drives and an iron shot, and Mr. Ross holed out off his iron each time.

Speaking of Kirkaldy, it will be remembered that during the match between him and Park on Troon, Kirkaldy's ball at one hole just hung on the edge. Park played, and the spectators, who were watching the match, closed up. Their moving shook Kirkaldy's ball into the hole.

When playing in a match a certain professional's ball happened to get into the unenviable position of being "teed" in a bunker near the hole. The player jumped quickly down into the bunker and took a full shot at the crowd of spectators in the hope apparently of getting a favourable "rub." Unfortunately the ruse did not succeed.

Before Willie Campbell left Musselburgh, he took to playing Golf with one hand. Even thus handicapped his game was first class, better than the average amateur, and quite good enough to lift a scratch prize at any amateur competition. Campbell is altogether a wonderful player.

Another Musselburgh professional played a match with one of his younger brethren, the conditions being that the young golfer should play in the usual way, while the older one should

play standing on one leg only. He stood on the left leg and played as good a game, or nearly so, as if both feet had been on *terra firma*.

J. A.

SUNDAY GOLF AT FELIXSTOWE.

The following circular has been distributed among the members of the Felixstowe Golf Club:—

"The Patron, Presidents, Captain, Committee, and Members of the Felixstowe Golf Club.

"My Lords and Gentlemen,—The committee of the Lord's Day Observance Society, on the request of various friends of the Lord's Day, residing at Felixstowe, direct me to lay before you the expression of their regret that for some time past a certain small section of the members of the Felixstowe Golf Club have used the links on the Lord's Day for purposes of the game.

"They believe that a very small portion of the members have taken part in this misuse of the Day of Holy Rest, and they know that the members of the club recognise the claims of that day to reverence and Christian observance, both by the abstinence from Sunday play of the large majority of their members and by prohibiting the gillies to attend players on that day.

"These facts give the committee ground to express their hope that it only needs that the question should be brought to the notice of the club to induce the small minority of Sunday players to cease from a line of conduct which is in derogation of the sanctity of the Day of Rest, and is also an injury to themselves, and a matter of regret to many of the inhabitants of Felixstowe, and of many of the visitors to that attractive watering place.

"This circular is sent to all the members of the club whose names and addresses can be ascertained, and the committee trust that many who receive it will take the necessary steps to bring the matter formally before the committee of the club, and to secure that this one blot on the escutcheon of the Felixstowe Golf Club may be removed.

"I have the honour to be, my lords and gentlemen, your very faithful servant,

"JOHN GRITTON, D.D., Secretary.

"20, Bedford Street, Strand,

"London, W.C., July, 1891."

GOLF VICTOR!

Sir Golf and Sir Tennis are fighting like mad—

Now Sir Tennis is blown, and Sir Golf's right above him,
And his face has a look that is weary and sad,

As he hastily turns to the ladies, who love him,
But the racket falls from him, he totters, and swells,
As he hears them cry, "Golf is the game for the girls!"

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The girls crave for freedom, they cannot endure

To be cramped up at Tennis in courts that are poky,
And they're all of them certainly, perfectly sure

That they'll never again touch "that horrible Croquet,"
Where it's quite on the cards that they play with Papa,
And where all that goes on is surveyed by Mamma.

To Golf on the downs for the whole of the day

Is "so awfully jolly," they keep on asserting,
With a good-looking fellow to teach you the way,
And to fill up the time with some innocent flirting,
And it may be the maiden is wooed and is won,
Ere the whole of the round is completed and done.

Henceforward, then, Golf is the game for the fair—

At home, and abroad, or in pastures Colonial,
And the shouts of the ladies will quite fill the air
For the Links that will turn into bonds Matrimonial,
And for husbands our daughters in future will seek
With the powerful aid of the putter and cleek!

Punch.



GOLF IN AMERICA.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—We have just opened an admirable Golf course here, and we played yesterday for the monthly gold medal, which was won by Mr. Foxhall Keene.

I hope to be able to send you some good records in a short time.

I am, Sir, &c.,

Rockaway Hunting Club,
Cedarhurst, L.I.

ROBT. LOCKHART.

THE GOLFERS' CLUB.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—As the letter of Capt. J. R. Scott in your issue of July 10th, announcing the demise of "the proposed United Golf Club" may possibly mislead your readers into supposing that "The Golfers' Club" is also abandoned, I trust you will allow me to state that not only is "The Golfers' Club" alive, but that, although it is still only a child, it is a very strong and healthy one, and grows daily, almost hourly, in size and strength.

The ballot for original membership, without entrance-fee, will take place this month, and negotiations for suitable premises are nearing completion, so that we hope to have our members comfortably housed before long.

I am, Sir, &c.,

PERCY S. DOUGLAS,

Secretary.

Temporary Offices :
11, Regent Street, Waterloo Place, S.W.,
15th July, 1891.

WEST CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Allow me to correct two errors, no doubt caused by my bad writing, which are likely to deceive readers of the *Golfing Annual*. The West Cornwall links at Lelant, referred to by a writer in last week's GOLF, are described as being within twenty minutes' and twelve minutes' walk of Penzance and St. Ives. Rail should be substituted for walk in both cases.

There are lodgings to be obtained close to the links, and two excellent houses have been built, beautifully situated between the station and the green, which are to be let or sold, and would just suit a couple of golfing families.

I am, Sir, &c.,

THE HON. SEC.,

Lelant, July 20th, 1891.

West Cornwall Golf Club.

W. PARK, SEN., AND MR. GILBERT INNES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In your sketch of "Eminent Golfers" in this week's publication I see it is mentioned that Mr. Gilbert Innes beat me round after round.

Now, the fact is, that I always gave Mr. Innes a third, a fact which you omit to mention. I have beaten him three matches in one day, and, moreover, no amateur ever beat me without receiving strokes.

I am, Sir, &c.,

WM. PARK, Sen.,

Ex-Champion Golfer.

20, Wonder Street, Musselburgh,
17th July, 1891.

GOLFING EXTRAORDINARY.

A match quite unique we should suppose in golfing annals was recently played over five eighteen-hole courses in one day. The players, Mr. W. G. Bloxson and Mr. James Law *versus* Mr. B. Hall Blyth and Mr. G. Dalziel, the courses being North Berwick, Gullane, Luffness, Muirfield and Archerfield, all (except a few holes) lying in the parish of Dirlerton, East Lothian.

A start was made at North Berwick at 7 a.m., and breakfast was partaken at Mr. Dalziel's about 8.45, Messrs. Blyth and Dalziel being two up on the early round. Gullane was reached shortly before 10 o'clock, and the players after six holes of this course crossed over to the seventh hole at Luffness and completed the round there (with adjournment for light luncheon at the club-house), re-crossing to Gullane and completing that course. Messrs. Bloxson and Law won Luffness by one hole, and over Gullane the match was a tie. Thence an adjournment to Archerfield House for more serious luncheon took place, from which the players drove to Muirfield, the play over which fell to Messrs. Bloxson and Law by two holes, they thus standing one up on the four greens.

Archerfield was next tackled, and at the eighty-ninth hole of the day and the penultimate of the course, the interesting match stood all square. The deciding stroke was the last putt, in presence of a gallery of ladies, which went down in favour of Messrs. Blyth and Dalziel, thus leaving them one up and possessors of the spoil as well as of the applause of the fair spectators.

LOW SCORING AT LEVEN.—On Monday night, the 14th inst., Mr. William Marshall and Mr. James Wilkie, playing together, went round in the good scores of 79 and 78 respectively. Both are members of the Leven Thistle Golf Club, and Mr. Marshall holds the amateur record of the green (77).

HARRISON CLUB (EDINBURGH).—A three days' competition (handicap by holes) for the club's monthly cup and two prizes was finished in Harrison Park on the 15th inst., with the following result: Cup and first prize, Mr. J. Bowie, second, Mr. Philip Brown.

"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.—On Wednesday, the 15th inst., in magnificent weather, the usual monthly medal competition took place over the Braids. The course was in excellent trim, the only drawback being the uneven nature of several of the teeing grounds. Mr. James Robb, with a score of 85, less 2=83, won the medal. Mr. R. G. Dutlie was second.

DUNBAR CASTLE GOLF CLUB.—The quarterly competition for the Inches gold medal took place on Wednesday, the 15th inst., the course being now in splendid order, and the putting-greens very keen. The lowest scores handed in were: Mr. A. Sisson, 102, less 18=84; Mr. J. Bell, 101, less 15=86; Mr. R. M. Rogers, 91; Mr. W. Melville, 97; Mr. W. Wright, 94, plus 3=97; Mr. W. Duncan, 95, plus 3=98.

OBAN GOLF CLUB.—The first of the monthly competitions for the silver medal, presented by members of the club, was played off on the Links on Saturday, the 11th inst. The weather being favourable and the greens in good condition, the scoring was fairly good. Mr. Andrew Honeyman secured the medal with the low score of 81, Mr. Macpherson following with 101.

Golf on board ship

"Queer looking thing, mate, ain't it?"



In difficulties



A lost ball



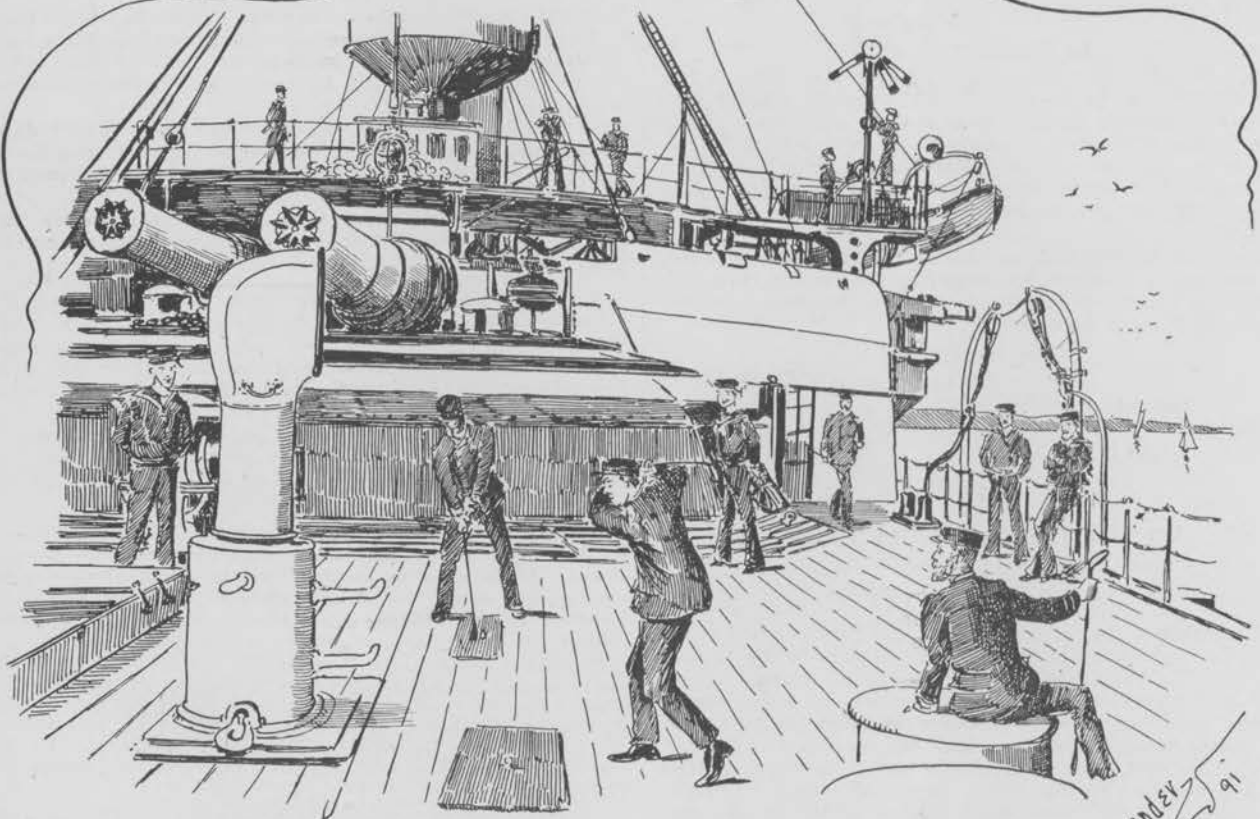
One way of getting rid of old balls!



Above the globe



Below the globe.



A queer Golf ground - part of deck of H.M.S. Camperdown.

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GOLF IN THE BAY OF BISCAY.

(See sketch on opposite page.)

In order that the naval golfer may keep his hand in, it is not necessary that he should be within reach of *terra firma*. During the recent fleet manœuvres in the Bay of Biscay it was the common practice every evening on board one of the battle-ships for golfing officers to have some practice at their favourite sport, some to practice, some to learn, and others no doubt to get an appetite for dinner, as shown in the accompanying illustration. Ordinary door-mats were placed on the upper deck, upon which a bit of white-washed cork, or of crushed paper, served the purpose of a ball. If a tee were wanted, this was easily obtained by placing a piece of cork under the mat, and for a cuppy lie, two pieces. Golfers were thus enabled to practise their swing to their heart's content, to keep their driving muscles in good order, and likewise to aid digestion. There is in fact no better form of physical exercise open to the golfer on board ship than to practise his swing in a sea way. He can have in every roll of the ship a hanging lie or a rising one, or he can have his stance above or below the globe—for, as in naval gunnery, he has to make his shot from an unstable platform. Some officers who had never had a club in their hands before were thus enabled with a little tuition to acquire a good free swing, so that when afterwards they had opportunities of playing on shore, they at once exhibited the form of practised golfers, and played an exceedingly good game for beginners. Indeed, we are inclined to think that there is no better way for the tyro to acquire a good Golf swing. It does away with the desperate and ill-directed efforts, the irritation and annoyance which too often characterise or accompany his first attempts on a regular Golf course. As Golf courses are now springing up in all parts of the world visited by our ships of war, we think it right to bring before the notice of naval men, this plan of learning and acquiring proficiency in the noble game.

WALTER REID, R.N.

H.M.S. Camperdown.

THE MOAN OF THE MAIDEN.

(After Tennyson.)

Golf! Golf! Golf!

By the side of the sounding sea;
And I would that my ears had never
Heard aught of the "links" and the "tee."

Oh, well for the man of my heart,
That he bets on the "holes" and the play;
Oh, well for the "caddie" that carries
The "clubs," and earns his pay.

He puts his red coat on,
And he roams on the sandy hill;
But, oh, for the touch of that golfer's hand,
That the "niblick" wields with a will.

Golf! Golf! Golf!
Where the "bunkers" vex by the sea;
But the days of Tennis and Croquet
Will never come back to me.

EDINBURGH INSTITUTION CLUB.—Over thirty members of the Edinburgh Institution F.P. Golf Club held their summer meeting over Luffness links, when prizes were played for with the following results:—Mr. M. J. Brown, 78, plus 3=81; Mr. H. D. Alexander, 89, less 8=81; Mr. J. Anderson, 89, less 6=83; Dr. Alexander, 97, less 12=85; Mr. J. S. Stevenson, 91, less 4=87; Mr. J. Sanson, 91, less 4=87; Mr. J. McCulloch, 85, plus 2=87. Scratch scores:—Mr. M. J. Brown, 87; Mr. J. McCulloch, 85; Mr. N. G. Bloxson, 76. Special prize for those with a handicap over nine and not in the prize list:—Mr. Jas. McDougal, 108, less 18=90; Mr. J. Melrose, 109, less 18=91.



ARCHERFIELD CLUB.

A competition by holes was held on Saturday, the 11th inst., for a handsome prize presented by Mr. Law, a prize being also given by Mr. John Deans to the runner-up. The ties were nine holes each, and the following was the result:—

First Heat.—Mr. T. Yule beat Mr. T. D. Thomson; Mr. A. Murray beat Mr. J. Morrison; Rev. J. Kerr beat Mr. J. Watt; Mr. J. C. Law beat Mr. J. Deans; Mr. J. Lees beat Mr. W. Palmer; Mr. T. Binnie beat Mr. J. Urquhart; Mr. J. Bisset beat Mr. W. T. Fernie; Mr. S. Cunningham beat Mr. J. Edgar; Mr. J. A. Begbie beat Mr. J. Young.

Second Heat.—Rev. J. Kerr beat Mr. J. C. Law; Mr. J. A. Begbie beat Mr. T. Binnie; Mr. J. Bisset beat Mr. J. Lees; Mr. T. Yule tied with Mr. A. Murray; Mr. S. Cunningham, a bye.

Third Heat.—Mr. T. Yule beat Mr. S. Cunningham; Rev. J. Kerr beat Mr. A. Murray; Mr. J. A. Begbie beat Mr. J. Bisset.

Fourth Heat.—Rev. J. Kerr beat Mr. T. Yule; Mr. J. A. Begbie, a bye.

Fifth Heat.—Mr. J. A. Begbie beat Rev. J. Kerr.

The chief prize therefore fell to Mr. Begbie, the second to Mr. Kerr, both being presented to the winners in graceful terms by Miss Brown, London, one of the Archerfield guests.

BOWDON GOLF CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the above club took place on Wednesday, July 15th, under the presidency of the captain, Mr. F. V. Williams, of Braeside, Altrincham. There was a good attendance of members.

The honorary secretary having read the previous minutes, the captain reviewed at some length the progress of the club during the first year of its history, beginning as it did with only twenty-five members, and rapidly increasing to its present limit of one hundred, its popularity being such that there were now many candidates for election and no vacancies.

Proceeding to analyse the statement of accounts, he referred to the erection of the club-house on the links, which was a very considerable item for them to grapple with during the formation of the club, and which he was thankful to say had been paid out of revenue, and they might congratulate themselves that considering the expenses incidental to new links, and the many difficulties which had to be overcome, there was a balance on the wrong side of only £30. Satisfactory arrangements were being made as to the rent which they were in future to pay, and there was no reason to doubt that the club, being an assured success, should have a prosperous career and be a boon to the neighbourhood at large. (Applause.)

The accounts for the year having been passed, Mr. S. W. Gillett proposed that the number of members be increased to one hundred and fifty, and that the entrance-fee be raised to two guineas.

The Rev. H. W. Crozier seconded this, which after some discussion was unanimously carried.

A motion to increase the council having been negatived, the meeting proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Mr. W. S. Mainprize proposed, and was ably seconded by Mr. T. W. Killick, that Mr. F. V. Williams be asked to retain the captainship of the club, and this being heartily responded to by the meeting, Mr. Williams signified his acceptance in a short but eloquent speech.

Mr. Gillett then moved, and Mr. J. Pattison seconded him, that Mr. T. Creswick Oliver be re-elected honorary secretary for the next twelve months. Mr. Oliver having acknowledged the compliment the officers of honorary treasurer and manager of the links were arranged as before, and Messrs. J. Pattison, S. W. Gillett and F. C. Morgan, were chosen as members of the council.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. G. Shorland Ball, of Earlscliffe, Bowdon, for his very handsome present of a horse mowing-machine, and the hon. sec. was charged by the meeting to convey to Mr. Ball its appreciation of such a generous gift.

A discussion having arisen as to the advisability of altering the rule relating to a lost ball, it was decided to refer the question of any change in the local rules to the council, on condition of their submitting the same to a special meeting of members.

The proceedings then ended with a vote of thanks to the captain for presiding.

BRADFORD ST. ANDREWS GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday last a match was played on the links of the above club at Baildon Moor, between teams selected from the members by the captain (Mr. R. Macmillan) and the hon. secretary (Mr. P. K. Chesney, jun.). The match resulted in a victory for the hon. secretary's team. Score:—

HON. SECRETARY'S TEAM.		CAPTAIN'S TEAM.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. P. K. Chesney, jun.	... 0	Mr. Robt. Macmillan	... 2
Mr. T. G. Greig	... 4	Mr. Mason	... 0
Mr. T. H. Pattinson	... 1	Mr. E. H. Steel	... 0
Dr. Dunlop	... 8	Mr. J. W. Young	... 0
Mr. R. E. Steel	... 1	Mr. A. W. Harrison	... 0
Dr. McVie	... 3	Mr. Geo. Battye	... 0
	17		2

Mr. Battye retired after the third hole.

The links are being laid out under the supervision of Mr. R. Hutchinson, of Leith, and will, when the season permits the relaying of the putting-greens with new turf, form one of the best inland links in England. The air on Baildon Moor is very bracing, and the views from it are very fine. Baildon Station is four miles from Bradford on the Otley and Ilkley line.

BUCKIE CLUB.

The monthly handicap competition among the members of this club for the captain's medal took place on Wednesday afternoon, the 15th inst., when Messrs. W. F. Johnston and John Johnston tied for the prize with the scratch score of 85 each. Appended are the lowest scores:—

Gross.Hcp.Net.		Gross.Hcp.Net.	
Mr. W. F. Johnston	85 scr. 85	Mr. R. J. Mackay	108 15 93
Mr. J. Johnston	85 scr. 85	Mr. A. Morrison	111 15 96
Dr. Duguid	101 12 89	Mr. J. Simpson	97 scr. 97
Mr. R. Annand	97 6 91	Mr. J. Green	112 15 97
Mr. J. Keir	103 12 91		

BUXTON AND HIGH PEAK GOLF CLUB.

The Duke of Devonshire's challenge cup competition (under handicap) took place on the club's links last Saturday, under favourable conditions, the course being in excellent order and the weather fine. Score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. F. Herford	100 16 84	Mr. E. Nicholls	109 14 95
Mr. R. W. Hutton	93 9 84	Mr. T. Swanson	116 21 95
Colonel Fernley	107 18 89	Mr. James Strang	112 16 96
Dr. Palmer	113 24 89	Mr. W. Bell	103 5 98
Mr. W. E. Fairlie	84 +6 90	Mr. J. K. Bell	120 20 100
Mr. H. D. Tonge	106 16 90	Mr. R. S. Boddington	128 20 108
Mr. C. F. Wardley	114 22 92	Mr. W. F. Toynbee	137 24 113

On playing off the tie, Mr. Hutton beat Mr. Herford, the former's figures being 94, less 9=85; and the latter's 102, less 16=86. Messrs. Fairlie and Hutchin have been holders of the cup. The former broke the record with 41 strokes for the first round and 43 for the second.

LOW SCORING AT ALDEBURGH.—Mr. J. B. Pettit playing a match with Mr. F. D. Bright on July 9th, 1891, accomplished the round in 77 strokes, which is the record for these links since they have been altered. Details as follows:—

Out	... 4 8 4 6 4 5 4 4 4=43
In	... 4 4 3 4 3 5 3 3 5=34

REMARKABLE GOLF SCORING.—In playing a foursome over the Golf course at Strathlene on Friday afternoon, the 10th inst., Dr. J. C. G. Duffus and Mr. Simpson (from Cullen) who were playing together against two members of the Buckie Club, registered the unprecedented score for the first nine holes:—4 4 5 3 3 2 4 3 5=33. In playing the second nine holes some exceptional hard luck was met with, otherwise a much better record would have been given for the complete round. As it was, the second nine holes were taken as follows:—5 4 4 7 5 4 6 5 4=44.

CALCUTTA GOLF CLUB.

Of sixty-three members who entered for the Golf match on Saturday, 20th June, only forty-eight started, while fourteen of those retired before the finish. The afternoon was a fine one for Golf, with a fresh cool breeze across the Maidan; but the hard and flucky ground interfered with the play of some of the more experienced golfers. Dr. R. Cobb won the handicap prize with a fine score of 49 (less allowance 9), and Mr. F. H. Cumberlege was second, netting 41, but allowed Mr. J. R. Stewart to take the second prize, electing to take the Duffers' prize instead. Mr. H. R. Cobbold was second in the Duffers' competition, as may be seen from the annexed scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross.Hcp.Net.	
Dr. R. Cobb	49 9 40	Dr. R. C. Sanders	47 3 44
Mr. F. H. Cumberlege	50 9 41	Mr. H. C. Begg	45 scr. 45
Mr. J. R. Stewart	46 4 42	Mr. F. E. Patteson	47 2 45
Mr. R. H. Cobbold	52 9 43	Mr. John Adamson	46 scr. 46
Mr. A. Pointon	52 9 43	Mr. L. G. Dunbar	46 scr. 46
Mr. F. E. Robertson	52 9 43	Mr. W. C. Fyfe	48 2 46
Mr. R. E. S. Thomas	52 9 43	Dr. R. McLeod	54 8 46
Mr. W. P. Alexander	48 4 44	Mr. M. R. Quinn	50 4 46
Mr. G. S. Hannah	47 3 44	Mr. A. Robertson	50 4 46
Mr. J. H. Lane	49 5 44		

Duffers' scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross.Hcp.Net.	
Mr. F. H. Cumberlege	50 6 44	Mr. R. E. S. Thomas	52 6 46
Mr. H. R. Cobbold	52 7 45	Mr. A. J. Oldham	56 9 47
Dr. R. Cobb	49 3 46	Mr. F. E. Robertson	52 5 47
Mr. A. Pointon	52 6 46		

The silver challenge cup has been won this season by Mr. J. H. Lane, with a miniature gold Golf ball to keep. This prize is given to encourage members not to retire in any match, and to induce them to record all scores, for in a two days' match should a member retire in the first round, the second score, although good, may not count. The conditions are:—"The lowest aggregate net scores (allowing handicaps) of eight rounds of nine holes played in competing in double or single rounds for medals, cups or other prizes over the old or new course during twelve months up to the date when the last medal or challenge cup is played for in each season." Only twenty members qualified, and the following are a few of the best scores:—

Hcp. Net.		Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. H. Lane	68 348	Mr. J. C. R. Johnston	15 358
Mr. J. R. Stewart	53 349	Mr. L. G. Dunbar	scr. 358
Mr. A. C. Marshall	17 352	Dr. R. C. Sanders	20 359
Mr. J. A. Toomey	34 352	Mr. Wm. Thomson	62 361
Mr. H. C. Begg	scr. 353	Mr. Geo. A. Ormiston	21 362

CARNARVONSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

Lord Penrhyn, the president of the above club, has given the committee a challenge cup, of the value of ten guineas, to be competed for by members. The competition (which will be under handicap) will take place as soon as possible; and, in order that the handicapping may be proceeded with, intending competitors are requested to send their returns to the secretary (the Rev. H. Rees) with as little delay as possible. The same request is made with regard to a set of Golf clubs and a Golf bag which will be competed for about the same time. These clubs and bag have been presented to the club by the officers of the 1st V.B. Lancashire Fusiliers, in return for the permission given to make use of the links during their encampment on Conway Marsh in Whit week. Further notice of these events will be sent out in due time.

CHELTENHAM GOLF CLUB.

The Cheltenham Golf Club, which began its playing existence some weeks ago, was formally and very pleasantly "inaugurated" on the 7th inst., when a comfortable luncheon at the Rising Sun, the head-quarters of the club, and a few friendly games upon the links, made up the total of the opening ceremony. The company at luncheon numbered about thirty. Mr. F. D. Longe, captain of the club, presided, faced by Mr. Wallace, the hon. secretary, and among those also present were:—Dep.-Surg.-Gen. Ringer, Mr. Studd, Capt. Tailour, Mr. S. Ryland, Mr. C. C. Turnbull, Mr. Tickell, Col. Bainbridge, Mr. Mascie Taylor, Rev. J. Lochhead, Major Fawkes, Mr. Herbert Lord, Mr. Feeney, Surg.-Gen. Gulland, Mr. P. Dugar, Major Young, Mr. F. Ticehurst, Mr. W. N. Bubb, Mr. J. Tweedie, Mr. Tillard, Rev. W. D. Challice, Mr. A. A. Bourne, Mr. A. A. Hunter, and Mr. E. A. Bennett, with two of the conservators of Cleeve Common, Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Norman. The mayor and several expected guests were kept away by the inclement weather. After luncheon, there was a few minutes' interval while one toast, that of "Success to the Club," coupled with the names of the captain and hon. secretary, was proposed. Dr. Ringer did this in a few words expressive of the obligation Golf players were under to the two gentlemen mentioned. Mr. Longe first acknowledged the compliment, remarking that he was

proud to be the first captain of their promising club and to wear the colours of his office. The club at that moment was in a flourishing condition, and its prospects for the future were good. He hoped that the support it now obtained from so many non-playing members would be continued, and that what had been described as a necessity for Cheltenham would on all hands be adequately supported. He proposed a vote of thanks to Lord Eldon, their president, which was "carried by acclamation." Mr. Wallace, in response to calls, also briefly thanked the members, both for the compliment they had then paid him and for the support they had given him in his office. He hoped the club would go on prospering and increasing yearly in numbers.

There was an adjournment for a few minutes to the lawn in front of the club-room, where, under a summer sky, the party was photographed by a lady member of the club, who had brought up a camera for the purpose, and then the players, with a goodly "camp following," walked on to the Common and began a competition. The following competed:—Messrs. Tillard, Bourne, Ryland, Tickell, Studd, Bell, Major Fawkes, Col. Montray Read, Captain Tailleur, Messrs. Turnbull, Longe (captain), Mascie Taylor, Col. Bainbridge, Messrs. Bennett, H. Lord, Rev. J. Lochhead, Mr. Burgoyne Wallace, secretary.

The scratch prize, given by the captain, was won by Mr. Tillard, with a gross score of 102. Three handicap prizes were given by the secretary, the professional, and Mr. Tillard. The two former were won by Mr. Bell, with a net score of 81, and the latter by Captain Tailleur, with a net score of 85.

The club was started in February, and it obtained the consent of the conservators to play on Cleeve Common in the middle of April. The list of members contains the names of about 112 gentlemen and twenty ladies, of whom thirty are more or less regular players. The Earl of Eldon, of Stowell Park, has accepted the office of president; Mr. F. D. Longe, of Coddensham Lodge, and Mr. F. Burgoyne Wallace, Fernbank, are captain and secretary for the year; David Brown (Musselburgh), green-keeper.

Few, if any, inland Golf links possess better qualities than the course on Cleeve Common. It takes the player over a wide range of high and undulating down, where he enjoys a bracing mountain air, and is ever and anon charmed by magnificent views over the lowlands of Gloucestershire and Worcestershire to the far-away hills of Wales and Shropshire. The course was laid out by Tom Morris, the veteran of St. Andrews, and was pronounced by this high 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, which are to be found at altitudes varying from 700 to 1,000 feet above sea level. The hazards are quarries and deep-sunk roads, and cart ruts and rough grounds are sufficiently abundant to vary the fortune and try the skill of the players. The course begins in the undercliff near the post office, and takes an easterly direction for about half a mile. The first hole is reached over somewhat tricky ground, with a quarry in front of the "teeing" ground to catch the topped ball, and cart ruts and rough ground guard the approach to the green. The second hole (Bunker's Hill) is short, but can only be gained by a good lofting stroke over a quarry, which has a high bank on the opposite side, about seventy yards from the teeing ground. This hole is a terrible stumbling-block to most members, and it is rather unfortunate that it comes so soon in the game. The third and fourth holes are long holes with many latent dangers in the shape of cart ruts and deep roads. The fifth hole takes the player up the hill, and the course then turns backward over the high ground towards the Beacon. In starting on this part of his course for the sixth hole, the player has to clear a long stretch of broken ground—the bed of an old quarry. The green can be reached by a good straight drive, but it is closely beset with serious hazards on all sides. The seventh and eighth holes are long, offering a good scope for driving, with little danger of bad lies. The player having now arrived near the Beacon, turns southward towards the ninth hole, which lies in a deep hollow. This green can be reached by a good drive from the top with a favourable wind, but failing this the player meets with much trouble from roads and bad lies in the hill-side. The tenth hole is on the top of the opposite hill. It can be reached without danger after clearing the roads which intersect the ground in front of the teeing-ground. The player now turns westward towards the British camp, taking the eleventh and twelfth holes on his way. The camp furnishes a very sporting hole, for which the club is indebted to the engineering labours of our British ancestors. Two deep ditches and two steep banks have to be negotiated with the "iron" before this hole is gained. The course now turns homeward along the western escarpment, but a safe distance from it for most players. Having again cleared the defences of the camp, the player has easy ground to play over till he reaches the approach to the fifteenth hole. Cautious play is now necessary to avoid the numerous cart-ruts in front and the quarry behind. The sixteenth hole is short, but very dangerous. It requires a clean iron shot over a deep quarry, which has acquired the name of the Punch-bowl. Failures here are not infrequent, and are generally punished by the loss of the ball. The seventeenth hole takes the player to the crest of the hill, overlooking

the Rising Sun. Having holed out here, he finds himself in a grand position to attack the last hole. This hole lies about 220 yards distant, and some hundred feet below him in the centre of another British earthwork. A well-directed drive into mid-air will land the ball within the wall of the fortress and secure the hole in a very few strokes. The total length of the course is about two miles and a half; the average distance between the holes, excepting the two short holes, being about 270 yards—the longest hole is 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 brought into good condition in a few months.

CLEVELAND GOLF CLUB.

The Cochrane cup competition took place over the links at Coatham, on the 15th and 18th inst. The greens were in good condition. The players on the Wednesday had a heavy rain to contend against, but in spite of this fact, the best scores were made on that day, Saturday's scores being high. Details:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. C. E. Scott	96	8 88	Mr. D. Crawford	112	18 94
Mr. H. Roberts	91	scr. 91	Mr. G. Kay	120	21 99
Mr. T. H. Wynn	110	18 92	Mr. P. Raine	126	18 108
Mr. C. D. McKenzie	98	5 93			

Seven competitors retired.

CULLEN CLUB.

The members of this club held their second monthly competition for the captain's cup, on Wednesday afternoon, the 15th inst., over the Cullen links. The following are the lowest scores handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. R. Bremner	104	27 77	Mr. W. Wood	104	12 92
Dr. G. Duffus	80	scr. 80	Mr. W. Simpson	121	27 94
Mr. J. Simpson	84	scr. 84	Mr. J. Rumbles	105	9 96
Dr. C. Duffus	87	scr. 87	Mr. R. Gregor	123	27 96
Mr. Jas. Simpson	101	12 89	Mr. A. Duffus	98	scr. 98

The following cards were also handed in for the second stage in the competition for the Stuart medal:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. Jas. Simpson	101	6 95	Mr. W. Wood	104	6 98
Mr. R. Bremner	104	9 95	Mr. J. Rumbles	105	scr. 105

DISLEY GOLF CLUB.

The third summer handicap was contested on Saturday, July 18th, in lovely weather. The greens were in capital condition, though very keen after the recent dry weather. Mr. G. J. Hutton secured a win for the summer medal, and also took the first sweepstake prize, the second and third falling to Mr. D. Tonge and Rev. J. Bourne. The returns were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. G. J. Hutton	106	20 86	Mr. J. Donnell	130	36 94
Mr. Dacre Tonge	107	17 90	Mr. W. Bell	95	scr. 95
Rev. J. Bourne	98	7 91	Mr. T. D. Cummins	102	7 95
Mr. R. Hutton	98	4 94			

The rest of the players made no return, or were over 100 net.

DORNOCH.—On Saturday afternoon the opening competition of the extended course across the burn was held, when twenty-six competitors took part. The competition was a handicap one, and a handsome field-glass, presented by Professor Nicholson, Edinburgh, was given for the best score returned, the prize being confined to local players. The green was somewhat heavy after a downpour of rain, but some good scores were returned. Mr. Hugh Munro, with a score of 86, less 4=82 (what must be reckoned good golfing, considering that the course is extended about 900 yards), won the prize; and Mr. Bridgeford with a score of 96, less 7=89, won a cleeck presented by Mr. J. R. Gilchrist, vice-president, as second prize. The other scores were:—Mr. P. Park, Inverness, 90, less 7=83; Mr. A. Lobban, Inverness, 91, less 6=85; Mr. F. H. Stewart, London, 98, less 9=87; Mr. Alex. Morrison, 102, less 12=90; Provost Sutherland, 102, less 12=90; Mr. J. Sutherland, 88, plus 3=91; Mr. D. Peters, 106, less 15=91; Captain Leslie, 100, less 8=92; Mr. H. A. A. Kennedy (scratch), 93; Mr. M. Macdonald, 93, plus 1=94; Mr. G. R. Kennedy (scratch), 94; Mr. A. Innes, 105, less 10=95; Mr. J. Campbell (scratch), 96; Mr. J. MacEwan, Kirkwall, 111, less 15=96; Mr. W. W. Henderson, Edinburgh, 114, less 18=96; Dr. MacLachlan, 114, less 18=96; Mr. W. Angus, 118, less 18=100; Mr. J. Brandstaetter, 123, less 18=105. Professor Nicholson, who did not compete for his own prize, returned a score of 99, less 18=81.

STRATHPEFFER SPA.—The usual weekly competition for the silver medal took place on the Ulladale course on Saturday. Mr. L. M' Rae, with a score of 86, won the medal.

FORFARSHIRE.

The second competition of the Carnoustie Ladies' Club took place last week, when the Bowling Club cup and other prizes were decided. The weather was favourable, and the scores were good considering the heavy state of the course. After playing off a keenly-contested tie with Miss Colquhoun, Malsbank, Carnoustie, Mrs. Gibson, Established Church Manse, Carnoustie, secured the cup and first prize with 119 strokes. The prize given to the member who made the lowest score, apart from the prize-winners in former competitions, fell to Miss B. K. Hunter. The Lodge, Carnoustie, with 129 strokes. Miss Colquhoun did the round in 119 strokes, and the next best scores were:—Miss Stewart, 121; Miss H. Stewart, 122; Miss Gray, 122; Miss Whytock, 123; and Miss E. Fullerton, 126. The prizes were afterwards presented to the successful competitors by Mr. Scott, of Craig, who made a very humorous and appropriate speech.

A return match between the Fettercain and Edzell Clubs, played at Fettercain, resulted in the defeat of the visitors by 24 holes. The details are as follows:—

FETTERCAIN.		EDZELL.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. D. R. Murray	...	Mr. Ferguson	...
Mr. J. Murray	...	Mr. Bennet	...
Mr. A. Neil	...	Mr. Cooper	...
Mr. W. Clark	...	Mr. Fearn	...
Mr. Belcher	...	Mr. Davie	...
Mr. J. Alexander	...	Mr. M'Andrew	...
Mr. J. T. Murray	...	Mr. Kidd	...
Mr. D. A. Duncan	...	Mr. Robertson	...
Mr. A. Middleton	...	Mr. Carr	...
Mr. R. Murray	...	Mr. R. Webster	...
	26		2

The return match between the Broughty and Scotsraig Clubs, arranged for last Saturday, and to be played over the Tayport course, had unfortunately to be declared off, the home club being unable to raise a team. In anticipation of the event several members of the Broughty crossed the Tay last week, and had a trial round of the Tayport course. It was found to be somewhat rough, and the putting-greens were not exactly what they might have been.

Some of the Monifieth cracks have been accomplishing notable performances of late. In one instance the record was equalled, while in another it was exceeded by one stroke only. In playing a friendly game with Mr. W. Young one evening last week, Mr. J. C. Burns, holder for the year of the Gilroy challenge cup, which carries with it the championship of the Monifieth Club, succeeded in equalling the record for the green, namely, 75. His score was made up as follows:—

Out	...	4	5	3	4	4	6	4	5	7=42	75.
In	...	3	4	4	4	3	4	5	2	4=33	

Mr. Young, an ex-champion, did the round in the very fine score of 79, as follows:—

Out	...	5	5	3	5	4	5	4	5	5=41	79.
In	...	4	4	4	4	4	5	6	4	3=38	

Another ex-champion, Mr. John R. Fairweather, last week holed out in 76 strokes, or just one above the record for the green. His card showed the following details:—

Out	...	5	5	4	3	4	5	4	5	5=40	76.
In	...	3	5	4	4	4	4	5	3	4=36	

The final round in the competition for the silver cup of the Montrose Mechanics' Club was played off last week, the contestants being Mr. E. Cobb, Mr. D. Lyall, and Mr. A. Wilson. Mr. Cobb was scratch, and conceded Mr. Lyall 4 holes, and Mr. Wilson 6. Several of the greens were keen, while others were heavy, rendering putting somewhat difficult. All through Mr. Cobb played a steady game, coming in at 82. With this score he carried off the trophy, beating Mr. Lyall by 3 holes, or 7 on the round, and Mr. Wilson by 3 holes, or 9 on the round. Mr. Lyall did the round in 98, and Mr. Wilson in 103. The winner's score was made up as follows:—

Out	...	5	5	4	6	4	3	5	4	6=42	82.
In	...	5	4	5	6	5	4	4	3	4=40	

The captain of the above club, Mr. A. McLean, has just received several handsome prizes for competitions from an old member, Mr. A. Petrie, who is now in Calcutta. The gifts consist of two vases, a salver, a watch-stand, a soap-stone cigar-box, and two hundred cigars. The vases and salver are made of a peculiar white metal, resembling silver, and are of a very handsome description. The former are over a foot high, and at the neck are models of deer. They are covered with rich carvings in the native style, all done by the hand. The salver is also hand carved, and the watch-stand is beautifully inlaid with ivory.

The drawings for the Leith medal competition of the Caledonian Club of Carnoustie took place last week, and the following is the result of the

ballot, the figures representing the odds which the players who are handicapped receive from their opponents:—Mr. R. B. Morrison (14) v. Mr. William Harris; Mr. James Ross (18) v. Mr. William Young; Mr. A. R. Crawford v. Mr. D. S. Morrison (6); Mr. James Anderson (10) v. Mr. William Menzies; Mr. J. Strachan (3) v. Mr. James Fleming; Mr. Alexander Cant v. Mr. John Dewars (4); Mr. John Lamb v. Mr. D. R. Stewart (1); Mr. James J. Anderson v. Mr. E. H. Hay; Mr. F. Watson (2) v. Mr. J. P. Bruce; Mr. J. H. Duncan v. Mr. William F. Hill (9); Mr. D. Whittion v. Mr. F. McIntyre (12); Captain Mitchell v. Mr. Charles Neave (6); Mr. George Fox (8) v. Mr. J. M'Andrew, jun.; Mr. John Ireland v. Mr. J. R. Wilson (7); Mr. H. S. Mudie (2) v. Mr. James Ireland; Mr. D. Stewart v. Mr. Charles Ferrier (2); Mr. W. K. Lorrimer (8) v. Mr. William Ferrier; Mr. William Lowson (8) v. Mr. D. Winter.

The following players received byes in the first heat:—Mr. D. Shepherd v. Mr. Charles Brand; Mr. J. J. H. Henry v. Mr. George Wright; Mr. George Simpson v. Mr. J. P. Morrison; Mr. George Fox, jun., v. Mr. D. Wood, jun.; Mr. D. D. Paton v. Mr. James Morton; Mr. James Bonar v. Mr. H. Whyte; Mr. D. Inglis v. Mr. D. M. Boath.

Play in the first heat was commenced on Saturday last. The quarterly general meeting of the club was held the same evening in the club-house, Mr. Boath, the captain, in the chair. Several matters in connection with the proposed additions to the club-house accommodation were considered.

The members of the Montrose Mechanics' Club competed for the monthly presentation badge on Saturday in very unfavourable weather, a good deal of rain falling. The badge was won by Mr. A. Cobb with 88, being 6 below his registered number. The other prize-winners were:—Mr. J. Young, 90—5 below; Mr. A. Wilson, 99—1 above; Mr. D. Black, 98—7 above.

Thirteen members of the Edzell Club competed on Saturday last for the handsome silver Albert chain presented by Mr. Knowles, Panmure Arms Hotel. Mr. D. Nairn, the winner of the first competition had again the best score, and now takes possession of the prize. The winners of the handicap prizes were Messrs. J. Fearn, J. Duncan, and W. Moncur.

FORMBY GOLF CLUB.

The third of the summer monthly competitions for a prize presented by the captain (Mr. J. Shepherd) took place on Saturday, the 18th inst., with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. P. S. McCulloch	97 8 89	Mr. J. S. Remer	123 25 98
Mr. W. Potter	94 2 92	Mr. F. A. Rockliff.	128 25 103
Mr. D. Webster	104 11 93	Mr. R. H. Prestwich	116 8 108
Mr. O. Blundell	108 15 93	Mr. B. L. Tarleton	128 20 108
Mr. F. E. M. Dixon	97 3 94	Mr. W. T. Rowley.	123 14 109
Mr. J. E. Pearson	107 12 95	Mr. E. C. Edgcombe	136 25 111
Mr. J. T. Fair	113 15 98		

Messrs. J. Ainsworth, J. S. Beauford, A. Bright, A. Chisholm, E. Hewer, E. C. Lowe, J. Morrison, and J. F. Shepherd made no returns.

GRANTOWN.—The monthly competition for the medal and secretary's prize came off on Saturday. There was a good turn-out of players. Mr. James Winchester, jun., won the prize with a score of 86 (9 off 95), and Mr. R. Winchester, with a scratch score of 91, tied with Mr. Hunter (4 off 95) for the medal. Mr. D. H. Gillan made the lowest scratch score of 88.

MASONIC GOLF MATCH.—A new feature in Golf matches took place on the 18th inst. at Musselburgh, the office-bearers of the lodges Canon-gate Kilwinning (No. 2) and Musselburgh St. John's, Fisherrow (No. 112) having engaged in a friendly match, which resulted in a win for the home lodge by 1 hole. This is, it is said, the first Golf match which has been played between masonic lodges. Scores:—

CANONGATE KILWINNING.		ST. JOHN.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. G. Crawford, R.W.M.	...	Mr. R. W. Robertson, R.W.M.	0
Mr. R. Bathgate, S.W.	...	Mr. J. Richardson, J.W.	3
Rev. T. White, chaplain	...	Mr. A. S. Bourhill, M.C.	2
Mr. J. Drummond, P.M.	...	Mr. J. A. M'Pherson, D.M.	0
Mr. J. Coker, organist	...	Mr. G. Blair, J.D.	6
	10		11

LEVEN THISTLE CLUB.—One of the finest games at Golf was witnessed on Saturday evening, when the final heat for the Baird cup came off between Mr. William Marshall and Mr. James Thomson. Mr. Marshall beat his opponent by 12 holes, and won the round in 79 strokes, only two more than the record. The following is his score:—Out, 6 3 3 4 4 3 4 5 5=37; in, 7 4 4 4 5 4 4 5 5=42=79. This is the third time Mr. Marshall has gained the cup.

GULLANE.

The club scratch gold medal with pendant, and handicap prizes were competed for over the links at Gullane on Saturday. The course and greens were in good order, and but for a rather heavy shower of rain early in the day the weather was favourable for the enjoyment of the royal game. Some thirty couples competed, and, as might be expected, the attendance comprised a large proportion of scratch players. The competition proved very keen, the scoring on the whole ruling below the average. Messrs. Garden G. Smith and A. Murray each handed in the fine actual figure of 79; but this score was beaten by a stroke by Mr. H. Lugton, whose splendid return of 76 sufficed to carry off for him the honours of the day. The details are:—

Out	5	5	3	5	4	4	5	5	4=40	} 7
In	4	2	4	4	3	5	5	5	4=36	

Mr. Lugton also won the gold medal three years ago with a similar total. A tie was the result of the play for the allowance prizes. Mr. A. Murray and Mr. Garden G. Smith heading the net list—the condition of play excluding the winner of the merit trophy—with 79 actual. In playing off the tie Mr. Murray proved successful. The principal returns in handicap order were as appended:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. Murray ...	79 scr. 79	Mr. S. H. M'Culloch ...	85 scr. 85
Mr. G. G. Smith ...	79 scr. 79	Mr. J. G. Gillespie ...	99 14 85
Mr. M. J. Brown ...	80 scr. 80	Mr. J. Donaldson ...	96 10 86
Mr. W. T. Armour ...	84 2 82	Mr. T. D. Thomson ...	96 10 86
Mr. T. Lugton, jun. ...	82 scr. 82	Mr. W. J. Croal ...	86 scr. 86
Mr. F. V. Hagart ...	82 scr. 82	Mr. J. F. Paxton ...	89 3 86
Mr. J. S. Stevenson ...	89 6 83	Mr. D. M'Laren ...	88 2 86
Mr. J. A. Robertson ...	93 10 83	Mr. J. M'Kinlay ...	94 7 87
Mr. D. Brown ...	92 9 83	Mr. J. Watt ...	103 15 88
Mr. T. Lugton ...	86 2 84	Mr. D. M'Laren ...	91 3 88
Major Ross ...	93 9 84	Mr. L. Bilton ...	96 8 88
Mr. C. Chambers ...	85 scr. 85	Mr. G. G. Robertson ...	89 scr. 89
Mr. H. B. Bryden ...	85 scr. 85	Mr. J. C. Sharp ...	95 6 89

HAYLING ISLAND LADIES GOLF CLUB.

The summer meeting will take place on Wednesday and Thursday August 5th and 6th, instead of August 3rd and 4th.

The secretary offers a prize at the end of the year for the members winning the Bath Challenge Star, to be awarded to the member who has won it most frequently. No one is eligible who has not taken part in six monthly competitions.

KENILWORTH GOLF CLUB.

A very interesting match of mixed foursomes was played on Monday, the 13th inst., when Kenilworth were victorious by 15 holes. Score appended:—

Mrs. Frank Smith and Mr. W. Hillman (Kenilworth) beat Mrs. Gaitskill and Mr. J. H. Mitchell (Leamington) by 6 holes.

Mrs. Mitchell and Dr. E. K. Bourne (Kenilworth) beat Miss Oldfield and Mr. A. G. Hatton (Leamington) by 8 holes.

Miss Middleton and Mr. W. G. Middleton (Kenilworth) beat Miss Mitchell and Mr. F. Abell (Leamington) by 6 holes.

Miss G. Stanger Leathes and Mr. T. Kinmond (Leamington) beat Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith-Turberville (Kenilworth) by 5 holes.

MORAY CLUB.

On Wednesday, the 15th inst., the members of this club held a competition for the Doulton vases over the course at Lossiemouth, in excellent weather. There was a large turn-out of players, and a capital round was enjoyed. Some of the cards handed in were very good. So far as the competition has gone, the following gentlemen have succeeded in making themselves eligible for the final competition:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. F. W. Gibb ...	88 8 80	Mr. J. Munro ...	94 6 88
Mr. J. S. Urquhart ...	85 3 82	Mr. W. M. Macbey ...	97 9 88
Mr. J. Adams ...	90 6 84	Mr. W. J. B. Mac-	
Mr. J. C. Ruxton ...	91 4 87	donald ...	90 scr. 90
Mr. W. Christie ...	90 2 88	Mr. J. Falconer ...	96 6 90

At a meeting of the council of the above club, held in the secretary's office, on Thursday 16th inst., Mr. R. Barclay Gordon, the hon. secretary of the club, was presented with a handsome dining-room clock on the occasion of his marriage. Mr. Rodger, the vice-captain, in making the presentation, referred in happy terms to Mr. Gordon's connection with the inception and subsequently highly prosperous career of the club, and, on behalf of all the members, absent and present, begged Mr. Gordon to accept that small but sincere token of their appreciation of his services, and of their hearty good wishes for a long, happy, and prosperous career for himself and the estimable lady of his choice. Mr. Gordon, in replying, thanked the members most cordially for their handsome and generous gift, and said that it would be always cherished by him as a memento of the many good friends and happy associations his

connection with the Moray Golf Club had brought him. It always had been a pleasure to him to do what little he could for the club's prosperity—a prosperity which, he thought, was more due to the exertions of his fellow office-bearers and members of the council than to anything he had been able to do.

NEWBIGGIN CLUB.

The hon. secretary's prize was competed for on the 15th inst. over the Newbiggin Links in disagreeable weather. The captain (Mr. Lowthian Bell) proved successful, but was run very close by Mr. Ismay. The scores were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. Lowthian Bell ...	89 6 83	Mr. J. Hedley ...	102 6 96
Mr. P. Ismay ...	103 19 84	Mr. J. W. Wood ...	101 5 96
Mr. R. J. Aynsley ...	121 32 89	Mr. C. E. Norman ...	109 13 96
Mr. G. Millons ...	102 12 90	Mr. T. A. Hutton ...	110 13 97
Mr. J. G. Sharp ...	103 10 93	Mr. W. L. Meadows ...	137 20 117

Remainder of the competitors retired.

NORTH BERWICK.

The visiting golfers of last week included Mr. J. E. Laidlay, the amateur champion; but, indeed, Mr. Laidlay can hardly be regarded as a visitor, as his is a welcome and familiar figure at North Berwick links, and the family estate of Sealcliff is just in the vicinity. On Thursday afternoon he engaged Ben Sayers, the local professional, in a single. Several spectators witnessed the play, which throughout was close and interesting. Mr. Laidlay led the way at Pointgarry, securing the first hole out in four against five. Each holed out the second in five, and four halves in four, followed. At the seventh hole Mr. Laidlay lost his initial advantage by getting into the sand to the right. Playing the end hole faultlessly, Sayers turned for the inward portion of the round with a lead of one. The first in hole resulted in the professional being two up, and at the third, or High Bent, Mr. Laidlay drove on towards the beach with his cleek and, failing to extricate himself from the difficulty with the next, gave up the hole. The Perfection fell to the amateur champion by three to four; but Sayers succeeded in getting dorny at the Redan, and, halving the Gate, won a very close game by three up and two to play. Mr. Laidlay gained the bye by one. The players did not hole out in one or two instances; but approximately the scores were:—

Sayers:—

Out	5	5	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	4=40	} 74
In	4	4	3	4	3	5	7	4=34		

Mr. Laidlay:—

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

On Friday afternoon another interesting friendly match took place, the amateur champion engaging Mr. A. Stuart. Mr. Laidlay began splendidly, winning the first three holes in four each against five by his opponents; but subsequently the game was of a closer description, and at the turning the amateur champion led by two. With a grand three for the first hole in against five by his opponent, Mr. Stuart now stood only one down, and he succeeded in making the match level at Perfection. Ultimately Mr. Laidlay got dorny at Pointgarry, and won a good match at the Home hole. Scores:—

Mr. Laidlay:—

Out	4	4	4	5	4	3	4	3	4	5=40	} 76
In	5	4	4	5	3	5	6	4=36		

Mr. Stuart:—

Out	5	5	5	4	4	4	3	3	4	5=42	} 76
In	3	4	4	4	4	4	7	4=34		

Several of the members of the Bass Rock Club were round the green in friendly contest last week. On Wednesday a foursome took place between Mr. John Forrest with Mr. J. D. Rattray and Mr. James Henderson with Mr. James Mitchell, the former couple winning by four up and two to play. On Friday the same couples were engaged, Mr. Forrest and Mr. Rattray winning a good game by a hole.

Over Muirfield links on Friday a friendly match of three rounds was played between Mr. George Dalziel, partnering Ben Sayers, and Mr. D. A. Stevenson, partnering Davie Grant, the former couple receiving a third. In the first round, Mr. Stevenson and Grant won by four up and three to play, and in the second the same couple were successful by one, securing the Home hole very finely in four. Mr. Dalziel and Sayers reversed matters in the third round, which was gained by them by four up and three to play. The games were close, and all round the play was good.

In connection with a foursome previously arranged, Hugh Kirkaldy visited North Berwick on Monday, the 20th inst., and had two rounds of the green. The couples were Mr. C. A. Woodhouse with Ben Sayers and Mr. Alfred Woodhouse with Kirkaldy. The amateurs are

visitors here at present, and the match had been arranged chiefly for a day's enjoyment. Although the game in itself was not of a specially interesting character, the fact that the two professionals had been so recently opposed lent some attraction to the play, and brought together a fair concourse of spectators. Hugh and his partner stood four up at the close of the first round, the match being one of thirty-six holes. Whilst it was apparent that Mr. Alfred Woodhouse was playing the stronger game in the first round as opposed to the partner of Sayers, this superiority was still more marked in the outward portion of the second round, and he and Hugh Kirkaldy won the match at the end hole, or tenth out, easily indeed. Mr. C. A. Woodhouse and Ben gained the bye by two. Sayers and Kirkaldy each played in admirable style throughout the whole match.

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.

The July competition for the club medal brought out a fairly large field, which was headed by Mr. J. C. Tucker. In spite of a long handicap his success is very creditable, as his card shows steady scoring. Similar uniformity is apparent in analysing several other cards, a fact which must receive the attention of the handicap committee, especially as the course is very much more difficult than it was two months ago before the bracken was up. Under the care of the new green-keeper, William Street, the putting-greens have improved greatly. The number of members entitled to admission at the present low figure is within five of its complement, and the committee is now in communication with the conservators of the common with a view to obtaining leave for a further extension of the course. There is every reason to anticipate a successful issue to these negotiations, which will enable the club to play over an eighteen-hole course, nearly twice the length of that now in use, and, in the case of many holes, even more sporting and interesting.

	Out.	In.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. C. Tucker ...	55	49	104	27	77
Mr. W. H. Pelly ...	45	45	90	11	79
Mr. A. H. Eve ...	48	51	99	18	81
Mr. Graham Stokes ...	45	48	93	12	81
Mr. W. B. Avery ...	50	50	100	18	82
Mr. H. D. Tucker ...	58	54	112	30	82
Mr. T. P. Shepherd ...	52	49	101	18	83
Mr. A. J. Eames ...	46	45	91	7	84
Mr. A. Schacht ...	40	46	86	scr.	86
Mr. F. P. Browne ...	55	45	100	12	88
Mr. F. C. Milford ...	54	48	102	14	88
Mr. L. Horner ...	49	48	97	8	89
Mr. G. R. Burnett ...	58	55	113	22	91
Mr. M. E. Hughes-Hughes ...	59	57	116	24	92
Mr. E. H. Oldham ...	68	57	125	24	101

Messrs. C. Hall, H. B. Fox, Sir H. T. Wood, and several others made no returns.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

Col. Mackenzie's prize and sweepstakes, Saturday, July 11th:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
*Mr. A. Robertson...	104	18	86	Col. Mackenzie ...	93	3	90
*Capt. Sumner ...	96	9	87	Mr. G. M. Robertson ...	107	14	93
*Mr. W. Monckton ...	109	22	87	Mr. T. W. Barter ...	100	6	94
Gen. Renton ...	102	14	88	Mr. A. C. Salmonson ...	109	15	94
Mr. G. Hornby ...	92	2	90				

Several players made no return.

* Divided sweepstakes.

SEAFORD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal. Scores:—

	Gross. Hcp. Net.				Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. M. Cundell	106	25	81	Mr. J. W. Grover...	115	18	97
Mr. J. F. Farncombe	108	18	90	Mr. W. E. Whitehorn	119	20	99

EDINBURGH THISTLE CLUB.—This club met on Saturday at the Braid Hills, to play for their monthly trophy. Only sixteen players turned out, and after a closely-contested game the trophy was won by Mr. R. Harvey, sen., with a score of 79, less 3=76. Mr. W. Stewart being second with 80, less 2=78. The members met in the evening at their club-room, when Mr. Harvey was presented with the trophy. Mr. W. Stewart was also presented with the Thistle tournament cup, which he has the honour of having won after playing a very strong game all through the competition. Mr. J. Hutchison, vice-captain, made the presentations.

STANDARD GOLF CLUB, EDINBURGH.—A competition for the McCulloch Cup and other club prizes was held over Kinghorn Links on Saturday. Mr. C. W. G. Browning won the cup and first prize with a score of 96, the other prize winners being:—2, Mr. J. Hogben; 3, Messrs. G. Macintosh and R. Gibson, jun., tie; 4, Messrs. J. W. Constable and S. S. Melville, tie.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

After the recent rains the greens were in capital condition for the competition for the club cup on Saturday, and the cool breeze off the sea made the afternoon perfect. The contest was a good one, the winning score being four strokes below scratch. Mr. O. K. Trechmann having taken 24 to 3 holes, negotiated the remainder (11) in 51—a first-class score. Mr. Raps was again a good second with 69 net, whilst the Rev. Father Wickwar, with the limit handicap, crept into third place with 71.

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. O. K. Trechmann	75	9	66	Mr. F. W. Purvis ...	78	5	73
Mr. P. A. Raps ...	75	6	69	Mr. Chas. Cooper...	79	6	73
Rev. Father Wickwar	91	20	71	Rev. F. L. Cope ...	92	19	73
Mr. G. Newby ...	77	5	72	Mr. R. E. Leach ...	85	10	75

Messrs. J. F. Pease, E. Hutchinson, A. Robinson, W. Purves, C. O. Trechmann, R. Elliott, C. J. Bunting, W. S. Woodiwis, A. Livingston, A. F. Trechmann, and H. Simpson made no returns.

The new course of eighteen holes is to be opened with the competition for the Gray trophy on Saturday, the 1st August. On Monday, 3rd August (Bank Holiday), the course will be opened to amateurs with a prize, value £10 10s. given by the club, under handicap competition. All desirous of entering must send in their names to the honorary secretary, Seaton Carew, on or before Saturday morning, the 1st August. It is hoped that golfers in Northumberland, Durham, and elsewhere will attend.

ST. ANDREWS.

The monthly competition for the scratch and handicap challenge medals of the Thistle Club, St. Andrews, took place on Thursday the 9th inst. The scratch medal was won by Mr. J. Kirk with 86, making the fourth time in succession he has held the medal this season. Mr. Kirk's score was made up of 43 out, coming home he had a good opportunity of returning a card much lower than 86, but he came to grief in the four last holes, his score in being 4 3 4 5 6 6 6 5=43. Mr. J. Govan won the handicap medal with 91, less 6=85.

ST. ANDREWS (OF ST. ANDREWS) v. EDINBURGH THISTLE.

The former club having a desire to visit the Braid's Golf course, arranged a friendly match with the Thistle, which came off on Saturday, July 11th. The St. Andrews Club turned out a powerful team of 28 players. The afternoon being fine, a pleasant game was played, which resulted in a win for the Stranger by 48 holes. After having played the round, they sat down to tea at the Golfer's Rest (Mr. L. G. Ross's). The visitors remarked that the course was in good condition, considering the short time it has been played upon; but were disappointed with the putting-greens. The following are the teams:—

THISTLE.	Holes.	ST. ANDREWS.	Holes.
Mr. J. Nelson ...	1	Mr. J. Tingey ...	0
Mr. J. Ross ...	1	Mr. W. Greig ...	0
Mr. R. Walker ...	0	Mr. L. Auchterlonie ...	6
Mr. R. Harvey ...	1	Mr. D. Simpson ...	0
Mr. D. Lynn ...	2	Mr. J. Auchterlonie ...	0
Mr. G. Masterton ...	0	Mr. T. Auchterlonie ...	2
Mr. J. Bell ...	0	Mr. R. Braid ...	1
Mr. W. Stewart ...	0	Mr. T. King ...	3
Mr. A. Lountain ...	0	Mr. J. Cuthbert ...	5
Mr. T. Smith ...	0	Mr. J. Hunter ...	7
Mr. A. Elder ...	0	Mr. J. Anderson ...	6
Mr. J. S. Young ...	1	Mr. J. Turpie ...	0
Mr. R. S. Thomson ...	0	Mr. J. Fenton ...	1
Mr. W. Cunningham ...	0	Mr. W. Duncan ...	4
Mr. R. Harvey, jun. ...	0	Mr. J. Gatherum ...	3
Mr. J. Turnbull ...	3	Mr. W. Alexander ...	0
Mr. W. Smail ...	0	Mr. A. Strath ...	3
Mr. E. Harvey ...	0	Mr. A. Milne ...	3
Mr. C. Struthers ...	0	Mr. A. Lister ...	1
Mr. W. Davidson ...	0	Mr. J. Ross ...	11
Mr. J. Grant ...	4	Mr. G. Lorimer ...	0
Mr. A. Struthers ...	3	Mr. J. Werd ...	0
Mr. W. Firth ...	3	Mr. J. Liddell ...	0
Mr. J. Hutchison ...	0	Mr. A. Carstairs ...	3
Mr. J. R. Duncan ...	0	Mr. J. Cleary ...	6
Mr. P. Whitton ...	2	Mr. J. McCormack ...	0
Mr. T. Brown ...	1	Mr. J. Leslie ...	0
Mr. D. Scott ...	0	Mr. D. Pringle ...	5
	22		70

STONEHAVEN.

Mr. William Mowat, Viewmount, having presented a valuable and handsome silver cup to this club, the first competition for the trophy took place over the Cowie course on Saturday last. The cup has to

be played for half-yearly, and this being the first competition for its possession, there was a large turn-out of members, and very keen playing. On comparing the cards handed in, Mr. Robert Falconer, solicitor, was found to be the winner with a score of 107, less 16=91; Major W. D. Innes (scratch) came next with 94; and Mr. A. L. Wood (scratch) third, with 96.

TYNESIDE GOLF CLUB.

The club prize contest took place at Ryton on the 16th inst. This was the sixth competition for the trophy, and heavy rains had made the course bad for play. Mr. Aitkin won with a net score of 81, not a bad performance by any means. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.				Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Mr. R. Aitkin	... 99	18	81	Mr. M. P. Ismay	... 105	16	89
Mr. J. Hedley	... 95	9	86	Mr. R. Young	... 104	15	89
Mr. H. H. Blair	... 101	15	86	Mr. T. A. Hutton	... 104	12	92
Mr. J. L. Bell	... 99	11	88	Mr. W. Teesdale	... 104	9	95
Mr. B. Brumell	... 106	18	88	Mr. J. G. Burdon	... 108	13	95

Three players made no returns.

WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, the 11th inst., the new nine-hole course at Bushey was opened, making a round of eighteen holes. The competition was for the monthly medal. The long continuance of dry weather has been very much against getting the course into order, but much has been done since the last rain, and, as will be seen from the scores, it is now in very fair condition. One hole, the first, has been left out of the old course, to avoid crossing, and the ten new greens promise to be as good as the old, which may safely be said to be as good as those of any other inland course. Hazards are plentiful, and at the twelfth hole a corner of a wood has to be negotiated with the driver. No exact plan has yet been made of the eighteen holes, but the distance traversed must be about four to four and a-quarter miles, two hours being very good time for the round. The captain, Mr. A. Hepburn Wallace, teed the first ball at 9.30 a.m., and play went on until 8 o'clock. Several of the members from whom good scores were expected made a too close inspection of the hazards, but the winner, Mr. Thomson Glover, returned an excellent card, and his score of 89, gross, is not likely to be beaten in competition for some time. The second score was made by Mr. B. M. Barton, and, considering that he first handled a club about a year ago, his gross of 96 is highly creditable. Since the announcement that the club course was to be extended to eighteen holes, applications for membership have been so numerous that a general meeting has been called to consider the advisability of raising the entrance-fee and subscription to £2 2s. respectively, for a limited number of additional members. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. Thomson Glover	89	6	83	Dr. H. Rudyard	127	25	102
Mr. B. M. Barton	96	10	86	Mr. W. R. Carter	120	16	104
Mr. W. Wilson	109	17	92	Mr. E. E. Fry	128	22	106
Mr. H. J. Cottam	110	17	93	Mr. J. G. Glover	106	no h'cp.	
Mr. A. Melville	96	2	94	Mr. E. R. Harby	128	22	106
Mr. R. S. Clouston	101	7	94	Mr. T. J. Williams	132	24	108
Mr. A. H. Wallace	103	9	94	Mr. H. Dunkley	131	22	109
Mr. A. B. Chalmers	101	6	95	Mr. Neal	132	22	110
Mr. J. A. Simson	104	9	95	Mr. A. A. MacNab	137	21	116
Dr. F. Rushworth	110	13	97	Rev. O. Cockrem	158	28	130
Mr. H. Williams	117	15	102	Mr. O. W. F. Hill	151	no h'cp.	

At a general meeting held in the Club Pavilion on the course at Bushey last Saturday, it was resolved to increase the numbers by fifty new members, entrance-fee and subscription £2 2s. respectively. Members elected before 1st December next to pay the entrance-fee, but only half subscription for present year. The club now numbers 150.

WIMBLEDON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The following are the results of the competition for the monthly medal on the 18th inst.:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mrs. Pollock	102	36	66	Miss K. Donkin	113	29	84
Miss Clarke	103	36	67	Miss M. B. Dick	112	26	86
Mrs. Cameron	104	34	70	Miss S. Henderson	116	30	86
Miss L. Thomson	84	12	72	Mrs. Henderson	123	36	87
Miss N. Muir	94	22	72	Mrs. Horne	121	32	89
Miss E. R. Faithfull	104	28	76	Miss B. Thomson	106	16	90
Mrs. Archer	105	29	76	Miss H. Short	126	36	90
Miss Jacomb	113	36	77	Miss Tyrwhitt Drake	103	10	93
Miss Nicol	114	36	78	Miss A. MacFarlane	130	36	94
Miss M. A. Dick	111	30	81	Mrs. Nicol	131	36	95
Miss Issette Pearson	88	6	82	Miss K. MacFarlane	132	36	96
Miss Stevenson	111	29	82	Mrs. Dowson	129	30	99
Miss Want	114	32	82	Miss Frere	135	36	99
Mrs. Foster	101	18	83	Mrs. R. Browne	145	36	109
Miss E. Carver	118	35	83	Miss Buxton	162	36	126
Miss A. Faithfull	110	26	84				

BLACKFORD CLUB, EDINBURGH.—On Saturday the members of the Blackford Club, Edinburgh, played at Kinghorn for the club's scratch gold charm, a handicap charm, and a number of prizes. Twenty-four members turned out, and, considering the keenness of the greens, some creditable scores were handed in. Mr. A. Robertson took the first place, with a score of 85, less 3=82, thus winning both charms and the first prize. The second prize went to Mr. A. Henderson, with a score of 91, less 5=86; third and fourth prizes a tie between Mr. T. T. Paterson, 107, less 20=87; and Mr. D. M'Farlane, 90, less 3=87.

KINGHORN.—Kinghorn Thistle Golf Club played for the Hamilton cup on Saturday. The weather was all that could be desired, and the course was in fine condition, but one or two of the putting-greens were somewhat keen, which may account for the scores being slightly high. Mr. James Mercer came in first with a score of 93, less 14=79. Other good scores were Mr. Robert Morris, 83 (scratch); Mr. Andrew Murray, 95, less 10=85; Mr. A. Adamson, 93, less 6=87; Mr. John Hunter, 92, less 4=88; Mr. John Lynn, 97, less 7=90; Mr. Thomas Taylor, 110, less 16=94; Mr. Thomas Dunsire, 109, less 11=98.

BURNTISLAND CLUB.—The second competition for prizes presented by Messrs. James Robertson and James Wilson resulted in Messrs. James Wood and D. Connel retaining the position they held at the first. The tie was played off on Saturday during a heavy shower, and Mr. Wood succeeded in coming in first with a scratch score of 85, and Mr. Connel second with 95, less 4=91. The Connel cup competition is still a cause of great interest, and the players have now been reduced to eight couples. In the last round Mr. T. Gibb beat Mr. J. Wilson, Mr. D. Connel beat Mr. P. M'Artney, Mr. R. Dover beat Mr. J. Begg, Mr. D. Wood, jun., beat Mr. W. Gray, Mr. J. Adamson beat Mr. W. Addison, Mr. John Connel beat Mr. J. M'Artney, Mr. J. Pringle scratched to Mr. J. Venless. The new green has been very busy during the week, and negotiations are now all but completed for an additional three holes, making the course one of nine holes.

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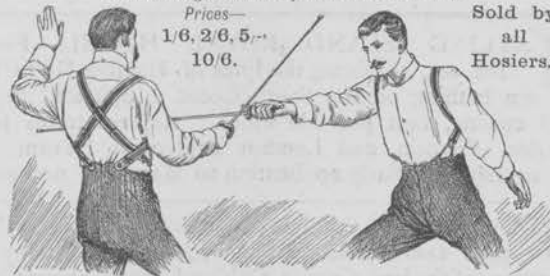
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