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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.
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.
Glasgow: Club and other Medals.
- 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).

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- Aug. 4.—Hayling Island Ladies': Bath Challenge Star; Rev. Filmer Bennett's Prize (handicap); Visitors' Prize.
Cornwall County Golf Club: Monthly Medal.
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.
Troon: Summer Meeting.
- 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.
Troon: Ladies' and Gentlemen's Foursomes.
- Aug. 25.—Cornwall County Golf Club: Lord Robartes' Gold Medal.
Buxton and High Peak: Monthly Medal.
- Aug. 25 to 28.—Minehead: Autumn Meeting.
- Aug. 26.—Prestwick: August Medal.
- Aug. 29.—Royal Epping Forest: Gordon Challenge Cup; Captain's Prize.
Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.
Luffness: Captain and Club Prizes; President's Medal and Gold Pendant.
Seaford: Monthly Medal.
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells: Bank Holiday Meeting.
Royal Eastbourne: Monthly Medal.
West Lancashire: Monthly Medal.
Lanark: Anstruther Medals (handicapped couples).
Dundee Advertiser: Honeyman Gold Medal.
Aldeburgh: Gold Medal.

- Aug. 29.—Warwickshire : Club Cup.
Troon : Sandhills Medal.
Crookham : Monthly Medal.
Aug. 31.—Edinburgh, Viewforth : Silver Medal (Braids).

SEPTEMBER.

- Sept. 1.—Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews : Jubilee Vase Tournament.
(Under handicap. Entries close August 25th.)
Cornwall County Golf Club : Monthly Handicap.
Hayling Island : Monthly Competition for Bath Challenge Star.
Sept. 3.—Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.
Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Competition.
Sept. 4.—Durham : Osborn Cup.
Harrison, Edinburgh : Medal.
Sept. 5.—London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove : The Berens Gold Medal.
Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.
Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.
Bowdon : Monthly Competition.
Haydock Park : Captain's Cup.
Aldeburgh : Silver Medal.
Monifieth : Panmure Silver Medal.
Rochdale : Secretary's Trophy, Silver Shield.
Cathkin Braes : Gold Medal Competition.
Lea Hurst : Competition for Committee Cup.
Seaton Carew : Wilson Shield.
Redhill and Reigate : Turner's Medal.
Sept. 7.—Harrison, Edinburgh : Cup and Prizes.

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LADY GOLFERS.

Given a bright bit of links, the sparkle of blue waves breaking idly below the cliff, a pleasant muster of players, and sunshine overhead, what can be more delightful than a game of Golf ?

Unlike football, it is not a selfish game, it lacks the rougher elements of cricket, and it welcomes the more graceful presence of ladies into the ranks of its votaries. Therefore, of course, we are told it is "adapted for"—tell it not in golfing centres !—for flirtations ! Why not ?

The old game of croquet held its own from first to last, not from any intrinsic merit of its own, but because of its vast adaptability in this respect. It was a most stupid business for all the players but one, unless the parts were evenly balanced, and comprised as many men as women. Then, indeed, it became tolerable.

But in Golf, healthy exercise, fresh air, sparkling chit-chat and agreeable companions conduce to the pleasures of an already delightful pastime, and if Adolphus and Clare whisper rather more than usual, or linger behind, when others advance—provided they turn up at the appointed points, and play fairly and well—who shall venture a remonstrance ?

And it is pre-eminently a ladies' game, because it affords opportunities for so much exercise ; one travels over such an extent of ground without absolutely knowing it, or counting the number of steps. There is the excitement of the sport, the *camaraderie*, the desire to excel, and the ambition to "play up" in becoming fashion. One puts on a "spurt," and—grows thin ? What could one desire more ? It is the spirit of the age that we should amass everything but immensity of person, that delight we willingly forego. It is curious how women forget that nothing can compensate for the want of exercise in the open ; not rushing, tearing exercise, such as provincials delight in, when they make their annual visit to town, but the gentler, calmer, more satisfactory business afforded by a good game of Golf.

And the way in which Golf is spreading excites wonder ! Under Egyptian skies, in the distant colonies, from John o'Groats to Land's End ; high and low, rich and poor, stout and thin, find their pleasure therein. Indeed, it is even more suitable than tennis or cricket for warmer regions, while as an all-the-year-round, it has no equal.

On turf, greys, heathery-mixtures, tweeds, or cool creams on warmer days, look well, with a dash of colour by way of head-gear. Thank heaven, there is no inducement to despoil creation by wearing birds in golfing costumes !

The lady golfer takes her pleasure sensibly. Her attire will receive no harm from sun, or shower, or spray ; turf will not mark it, nor will dust adhere too closely. She chooses her costume, as she chooses her boots and gloves, for use, and she is always well dressed. Like the true country-woman, she contrives to import a dash of style into her raiment. Albeit, it is simple as simplicity itself. She understands, what few town-folk do, the art of dressing to suit an occasion. Now-a-days we pay sweetly for simplicity. The *modistes* know it will not be appreciated unless it is expensive, for the nineteenth century has elevated it into an art. To the tired brains of wearers and makers—tired with devising, and imagining—it comes as an inspiration ; but it has long been understood by golfers.

One only wishes that the day might come when all sorts and conditions of persons would become more enthusiastically in favour of this game. In the North, it is becoming rapidly popular with the people, a sign of the times at which we rejoice, for it has too long been the favourite of the "upper ten" alone ; and it is civilising and refining in its tendencies, as every game must be, which is played with full allowance of time, and due regard to agreeable companionship.

MARY S. HANCOCK.

HAWICK CLUB.—The Bombay handicap medal was competed for on the 22nd inst., when the trophy was won by Mr. G. H. Douglas with a score of 85, plus 2=87. The weather was somewhat unfavourable, but some good play nevertheless ensued.

GOLF AT KIMBERLEY.

Six months ago someone here, who knew not the game of Golf except by name, conceived the bold idea of starting a club, and consulted one or two who did know the game as to the feasibility of the scheme. At first he met with very little encouragement, but ultimately Mr. Stokes, for that is the Englishman's name, succeeded in enlisting two or three Scotchmen to help him to bring the idea to fruition.

Players thought of the absence of smooth velvety turf and sand "bunkers," but Mr. Stokes, knowing nothing of these things, did not see any difficulty. A meeting was called, and enthusiastically responded to; and a club was formed, supported by many of the best people in the town.

Mr. Currey, manager of the London and South African Exploration Company, generously placed any amount of ground at the disposal of the golfers, and he also accepted the presidency of the club.

A "course" was soon laid out, two and a quarter miles in length, consisting of eighteen holes, which are indicated by tall iron posts. Tins are placed in the holes, which are thus made everlasting, the only inconvenience we experience arising from horses or cattle sometimes making a resting-place of our "putting" places; and people, who at first knew no better, drove carts across the "greens," but they are getting to understand the sacredness of these places, and so do even the horses and cattle—all except the asses.

There are very few in this part of the world who can boast of any great proficiency in the game; still we have one Montrose man and another St. Andrews player, who have done the round in 90 strokes.

But to describe the "links" and give some idea of the kind of ground we have to play on. Our only hazards are thorn-bushes, and two months ago it was easier than now to play. The grass from recent rains is now rank and heavy, and the ball if not well "lofted" travels a very short distance, the grass is quite a foot high, but fortunately not very thick, or it would be almost impossible to find the ball. Our putting-greens are not "greens" at all, but hard bare places denuded of grass and levelled as well as possible, circles of eight yards diameter, on which the ball can be putted with considerable accuracy. But the great difficulty is to get on to this "putting" circle. Play the least bit too strong and your ball shoots clean across into the rough grass on the far side, and your stroke has been wasted. The tee-shot is of course all right, but it will easily be imagined the ball does not roll far, a drive of 180 yards is thought a very good one, though our pet driver has exceeded this considerably, 216 paces (we won't say yards) having been claimed for him. By the way, can any of your readers say what is the longest authenticated drive on record? and anyone answering will oblige by kindly stating the circumstances, if on the level and with the roll, &c., of course the distances given above include the roll. The nature of our ground is rough, and it is almost impossible to use the driver a second time from the lie of the ball, and it would be dangerous even to use your brassy; nothing but hard iron or cleek work after the first shot, and this is very expensive in strokes, as several of the holes are over 300 yards, one is reckoned over 400 yards. So it will be seen 90 strokes is not bad play for such a round as this, and I doubt if an ordinary professional would do it under 78. One of our men went out in 39, but heavy rain coming on, spoilt what would probably have been a "record" for Kimberley.

We have fortnightly handicaps for a trifling entry money, and once a quarter play for a medal. The strength of the Kimberley Club is a little over sixty members, but I think this will be increased to 100 before the end of the year, as the game is fairly established, and continues to grow in public favour. The game can be played all the year round, and in all sorts of weather we are likely to have here; but of late, rain in the afternoon has interfered a little with the play. The putting places after a very heavy shower are partially covered with water, and the holes sometimes invisible, and the ball also, but this is not often.

The presence of a professional would be useful in South Africa who could visit the different clubs at Cape Town, Port

Elizabeth, and Johannesburg, in Natal also, and last but not by any means least, Kimberley. The clubs would be glad to pay the expenses of such a man from one place to another, and guarantee him a certain amount when he came, just to show us how the game should be played. But perhaps players here are yet too unripe to profit by seeing a professional play. Six months hence though they will know sufficient, as *Punch* says, "to ken guid play frae bad."

"LUFFNESS LINKS."

A NEW WELSH GOLF COURSE.

Pwllheli, North Wales, is a seaside resort, situated in a most lovely spot on the shores of Cardigan Bay, in South Carnarvonshire. It is a borough town of some 4,000 inhabitants, and it is fast developing as one of the most fashionable summer and health resorts on the coast. Nature has clothed the district with the most exquisite beauty, and the most casual and indifferent of observers must needs admit that wild Wales is as beautiful, as attractive, and as charming as the hills and dales of Switzerland, clad in all their glory. Mountain and sea, hill and dale, sceneries picturesque and various, abound in every direction. Rivers run their stately course by the score, woods and forests present a boundless field of action for him who loves a shot.

The beautiful bay in front of the new parade at the south beach is one of the best adapted for boating and bathing in the United Kingdom. There is not a rock near; it is at once the safest and the best. There is also a magnificent natural harbour, formed in between two embankments, a harbour which with the expenditure of a small outlay of capital, will become a first-rate camping ground for yachts, steam launches, and pleasure boats. Between the harbour and the sea there is a sandy common. This it was intended to lay out for Golf playing many months ago. An English barrister, who is also an accomplished golfer, on hearing of the project, wrote that he was "glad to hear that you think of adapting for Golf that splendid stretch of sandy common between the parade and the Gimblet Rock. It should make a very good Golf course, and add largely to the attractions of the place."

The course has now been laid. The circumference is about three miles, and it contains nine holes, set out about 200 or 250 yards apart. A local club has been formed, and it already numbers among its members some of the most influential residents of the town—lay and clerical. The mayor is the president of the club, and there are also several vice-presidents. Mr. Maurice Jones, 13, Salem Terrace, Pwllheli, the hon. secretary of the club, will be pleased to give all information about the club and the course. A match will be played by the members on the 3rd of August, the result whereof will be duly published in the columns of GOLF.

MORAY GOLF CLUB.—The members of the Moray Golf Club held the final competition for the Doulton vases on Saturday afternoon, when five of the nine competitors who had succeeded in making themselves eligible for the final came forward. There was very favourable weather, and the result of the match was that Mr. James Munro won with a score of 92 strokes, reduced by a handicap of 6 to 86. The following are the rest of the scores in the order of merit:—Mr. John Rodger, Lossiemouth, 89 (scratch); Mr. John Adams, 99 less 6=93; Mr. J. S. Urquhart, 97, less 3=94; Mr. J. Falconer, 100, less 6=94.

BURNTISLAND GOLF CLUB.—The first of two competitions for a silver cup presented by ex-treasurer Erskine, took place on the High Bents on Saturday. The weather was all that could be desired, and seventeen players competed. At the close Mr. R. Ferguson was declared the winner, with a score of 81, less 4=77. Mr. R. Dover was next, with 80, plus 1=81; Mr. J. Blyth, 87, less 2=85; Mr. H. Kinsman, 89, less 3=86. The second competition takes place on Wednesday, and the two lowest scorers in each competition play off for final possession. In the case of the Connel Cup competition, the players have now been reduced to two couples, and the draw has been made in the following order:—Mr. J. Adamson, with 1 hole, plays Mr. D. Wilson, with 1 hole; and Mr. R. Dover, with a half-hole added, plays Mr. D. Connel, with 2 holes.

SUNDAY GOLF AT FELIXSTOWE.

A NEW field of activity has at last been opened up for the Committee of the Lord's Day Observance Society, and they have not been slow to seize the opportunity, and to enter upon the propaganda with commendable energy and promptitude. Last week we published a circular which had been addressed by the secretary of the Lord's Day Observance Society to the members of the Felixstowe Golf Club, calling attention to the so-called sinfulness of Sunday Golf. It is true that there is something lacking in the syntax of that circular, for although the Committee and the secretary may reasonably be credited with the highest and purest motives, they contrive somehow between them to set at defiance the elementary doctrines of Lindley Murray. But however faulty its construction, the broad underlying principle of the circular cannot be gainsaid. It seems that there reside at Felixstowe, "various friends of the Lord's Day," and these "various friends" are scandalised and shocked that a few wearied and jaded golfers should seek to while away an hour by hitting a little ball with a club on a Sunday afternoon. The little select band of Felixstowe Sabbatarians take it upon themselves to describe this perfectly innocent and harmless pastime as a "misuse of the Day of Holy Rest," and an injury to the players themselves. The Committee of the Golf club are therefore called upon to erase "this one blot on the escutcheon" of the club by having Sunday play entirely prohibited.

To be perfectly frank and outspoken with the Lord's Day Observance Society, it must be said that the tone of their circular is redolent of intolerance, arrogant superiority, and a fine muddle-headed officiousness, which in other circumstances would be truly pathetic. The framers of this circular display a lamentable ignorance of human nature. They fail to recognise the diversity of men's mental and moral constitutions, and to see that, while the bent of heredity and early training inclines one man to follow one line of action, the same principle predisposes another man to strike out a line of conduct entirely opposed to the other. All honour to the men who, from conscientious and religious convictions, ordain to keep the Sabbath holy; but those men, we should imagine, would be the very last persons to seek to impose the tyrannical restriction of their belief on their fellows who differed as sincerely from them. This, however, is just what the Committee of the Lord's Day Observance Society are seeking to do with reference to Golf at Felixstowe. They interfere, without any reason, in the affairs of a private club whose playing ground is nearly two miles from the town, along a part of the sea-coast but little frequented by the ordinary tourist visitor at Felixstowe. Whose sense of public decency is shocked if a tired man of business, anxious for health and mental stimulus, should profit by his Saturday to Monday release from affairs in order to walk leisurely round the course on a Sunday, hitting

his ball with a cleek? Is this not a better and more rational method of spending a Sunday at the seaside than by passing a day of dull, sense-blunting idleness, throwing pebbles into the sea, or sitting in the tap-room of the hotel smoking and drinking? Does not even the Lord's Day Observance Society admit that

"Want of occupation is not rest;
A mind quite vacant is a mind distressed?"

If the action of the Society is allowed to pass without protest in the case of a private club like that at Felixstowe, the members of which, be it remembered, do not use a public common, there is practically no limit to the possibilities of interference of this body. It is by no means uncommon now-a-days to find small tennis parties on a Sunday afternoon in households fortunate enough to possess a large area of ground near the dwelling-house. Why should not the Lord's Day Observance Society with equal propriety interfere here? It is this nauseous Phara-saism which makes us the laughing-stock of our Continental neighbours. The French continually gibe us for our hypocrisy, and, it must be added, with only too sufficient reason. To them an English Sunday is an inexplicable institution. They find every source of rational and healthy amusement forbidden—except the public-house. In the most Catholic countries of Europe—France, Spain, Belgium—it is found to be an eminently workable arrangement that the amusements of the people do not conflict with the exercises and ordinances of religion. Only here, in intellectual and wealthy England, do we find that retarding agencies, like the Lord's Day Observance Society, have succeeded in closing all wholesome outlets for the buoyancy of the people on the weekly day of rest—all outlets except one. The public-house, with its many thousand open portals and flaring lights, is open to all, and is the Englishman's only choice of Sunday variety in most large towns. Here a heavy toll is levied on industry; here vice raises its head unabashed: here crime lurks in myriad shapes. Let the Lord's Day Observance Society begin a little reform here if they wish something to do, and leave the few Felixstowe golfers who play on Sunday alone. We have not the slightest doubt that an intelligent body of men like the Felixstowe Golf Club know how to resent the unwarrantable intrusion of this society of intolerant fanatics.

KIRKWALL.—The monthly handicap competition for Sheriff Armour's medal, played for under the auspices of Orkney Golf Club, came off at Pickaquoy, Kirkwall, on Saturday. The first five competitors were:—Mr. A. Walls, 109, less 18=91; Mr. Shepherd, 115, less 18=97; Dr. Sinclair, 115, less 15=100; Mr. Fortescue, 116, less 13=103; and Dr. Russell, 119, less 15=104.

BANFFSHIRE COUNTY MEDAL.—On the afternoon of Wednesday, the 22nd inst., the annual competition for this medal took place at Buckie. Dr. George Duffus Cullen secured the trophy with a score of 78, and among the remaining cards the best scores returned were:—Mr. W. F. Johnston, Buckie, 84; Mr. J. C. G. Duffus, Cullen, 85; Mr. R. Annand, Buckie, 87; Mr. C. Davidson, Buckie, 90; Mr. J. Simpson, Buckie, 92; Mr. J. Simpson, Cullen, 93; Mr. J. Keir, Buckie, 93; Mr. R. Clark, Buckie, 95; Mr. J. Johnston, Buckie, 96; Mr. J. Cook, Buckie, 99.



WILLIE PARK AND MR. GILBERT INNES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I see old Willie Park mentions that in his matches with Mr. Gilbert Innes, twenty-five years ago, he invariably gave Mr. Innes odds. This he states to clear up a reference in the biographical notice of myself, that Mr. Innes was beating Park round after round.

This gives me an opportunity for saying that, in my opinion, old Willie Park was, next to Allan Robertson and young Tom Morris, the most powerful exponent of the game I ever saw. His style was methodical; not a continued round swing in an upward and downward motion—the former slow, and the latter increasingly rapid; but in three distinct movements—one, two, up; and the third down. Had he been always as careful of his health as Allan, he might have been the most brilliant player that ever lived. Old Tom publicly said of him, that he was “as good a player as ever lifted a club,” and that was a very honest estimate. Park’s long approach putts were simply perfect; and the veteran can now look back with justifiable pride on his glorious achievements in the noblest of games. He has earned a permanent place in the history of Golf.

I am, Sir, &c.,

J. G. MCPHERSON.

TROON GOLF CLUB AND LINKS.

Like many things that attain to eventual greatness Troon Golf Club had, if not an obscure, at least a very unpromising beginning. Having been formed before the great Golf revival, in the midst of which we still are, it looked as if the club had been born before its time. To keep the youngling from being prematurely extinguished unusual methods had to be resorted to, and a certain amount of artificial stimulant had to be administered, in order to prevent it from dying of inanition. Dr. Highet, the present secretary, who probably did as much as any one in bringing it into existence, knows something of the straits to which the promoters were reduced in the endeavour to prevent their bantling from becoming defunct before it had been well brought to life. But scant encouragement was received from the inhabitants of the locality, and in the early days of the institution the secretary went the length of invoking the aid of a local brass band on the occasion of one of the club meetings in order to give *éclat* to the proceedings, and by this adventitious means to infuse into the inhabitants of the quarter some of that enthusiasm for the game of Golf that he felt himself. How far a brass band is appropriate to a round of the links, or to what extent, if any, it is conducive to the success of a medal day, I leave others to decide. As a means to that particular end it would in all likelihood be generally voted “no the gowf.” It certainly seems an innovation, and, if the idea was original, one cannot help admiring the conception, and the courage that carried it out. Whether it was successful in its object or not I have not heard, and at best one can but say of it, parodying the

words of a famous general, *C'est magnifique, mais ce n'est pas le Golf*. However, everything is legitimate that is connected with success, though the success in this case was not at once apparent. For some years the club was kept in existence, and that was all. During this time it was a purely local institution, quite unknown beyond the immediate district. In its initial stage it did not muster over twenty members, and it took six or seven years to bring it up to a hundred. But then the great wave of popularity came, and carried Troon on its crest high and dry, and left it in its present state of prosperity. In two years the club had trebled its membership, and at this moment it stands the third club in the kingdom in point of membership, St. Andrews and Hoylake alone taking precedence of it in this respect.

It is always interesting to trace the beginning and the development of such a club as that which is now located at Troon, in order to show that no obstacles to be met with in the formation of such an institution need be considered insurmountable. How difficulties ought to be met and overcome is of course a question arising out of the particular circumstances of each case. In some cases the want of ground is the difficulty; sometimes the ground is there but the members cannot be got to join. In other cases, the ground is there but it is not suitable. Then, again, there may be clubs and other facilities for playing Golf in the immediate neighbourhood that have monopolised all the players. The Troon Club had to contend with three out of four of these unfavourable circumstances. But they were relieved of all anxiety on the score of the possession of ground. The Duke of Portland on being applied to granted a lease of the links, which are his property, at a nominal annual rent. This was of immense benefit to the new club, and but for such a valuable concession it is doubtful if the club would have been formed at all. In any case its institution would have been postponed, and it would not to-day have occupied the prominent position it does. By the generosity of the Duke the club still enjoys, and is likely to enjoy, this immunity from ground rent.

One of the principal drawbacks to the introduction of Golf at Troon, however, was the rough state of the ground, from the golfer's point of view, which the club had acquired. Indeed, from one end to the other it was a mere waste, fit neither for Golf nor for any other immediate purpose. It was simply a wilderness of bent of the rankest growth, over which Golf was about as practicable as it would be over a peat moss. A survey of the links with a view to making it subservient to the game of Golf did not present a very inviting prospect. The task of reducing it to playable conditions would evidently be a Herculean one. Nevertheless the task was undertaken, though at first only to the extent of nine holes. The responsibility of breaking in the whole at once was a too formidable one for the club in its infancy.

But the chief difficulty the club had to contend with, and which operated much more against its immediate success than any other, was the existence of the great adjacent club at Prestwick at which Golf had been acclimatised for many years previously, and which had attracted apparently nearly all those who cared for Golf in the west of Scotland. There were also, in addition to this club, those of Prestwick St. Nicholas, and Glasgow, and, before Troon got thoroughly on its legs, that at Ardeer. But success on the one hand brought success on the other. The great army of golfers came to be immensely recruited, and when the business men of the city of Glasgow began to take an interest in Golf, and to look upon it as the panacea for all the ills of life, they flocked to Troon and have made the club what it now is. For be it noted that quite two-thirds of the members of Troon Golf Club are either resident in, or connected by business with, Glasgow, and the surrounding district.

Even the promoters did not anticipate the remarkable success that the club, when it began to expand, in a short time attained to. A club-house which was considered to be amply sufficient for the requirements of the club for years to come, was found within two or three years to have become inconveniently small. The building has accordingly been doubled in size, and is now probably the most commodious Golf club-house in the kingdom. There is box accommodation for 600 members, and the cost of construction and equipment was between £4,000 and £5,000. The limit of membership is, I believe, 600, and the number is now considerably over 500. At the commencement of its career the club gladly admitted members without payment of entry money. That item to intending members is now £10 10s.

It is not my intention to give a detailed description of Troon links. They are already pretty well known, and were moreover racily described in the pages of GOLF the other day, by one who has evidently made intimate practical acquaintance with them. I shall therefore confine myself to a few generalities. The original nine-hole course did not endure very long. Three holes were first added, and about six years ago the full round was laid out. Regarding the situation of Troon links it may be noted that they lie for a mile and a half along the Firth of Clyde, southward of the small town from which they derive their name. In general shape the round runs in lines similar to that at St. Andrews, the player going straight out on the seaward side and coming home by the inland side, and the links have, like those at St. Andrews, an irregular bend at the turn. They are separated from Prestwick links by the "Pow Burn," a rivulet which plays an important part on the latter links. The "Pow Burn" has, however, no relation to Troon links, and does not, if we may so apply the term, "come within its sphere of influence."

So far as the twelve holes that lie nearest home are concerned, the links is a model course. The bent grass, which is such a deadly enemy to legitimate Golf, has been cleared entirely off the line of play, revealing a very fine natural turf which gives good lies, and from which the golfer need not stray unless he likes. Nobody who has not seen the actual transformation of this ground would have believed the change possible. As regards the six holes farthest from home, having been more recently taken in hand, they do not yet show the same signs of having been made subservient to the golfer's purpose. But nothing is being left undone to transform what was originally a desert of sand-hills and bent into an oasis, and the indications are that in a few years the links will be of uniform quality. But in the midst of this uniformity there will be found no lack of diversity, so far as hazards are concerned. Some of the most formidable sand-bunkers in connection with the outlying holes to be anywhere encountered have to be negotiated in the course of a round. The greens are nearly all laid down, are for the most part flat, and are in this respect strikingly in contrast with the older greens on the neighbouring links, which partake more of the natural undulations of the ground. Much pains are taken with the greens, however, and they are good without exception—two or three of them supremely good.

Some indication of the quality of a links of the extent of Troon may be gathered from the professional record. Fernie, the club professional, has gone round about a dozen times in 73 (the record of St. Andrews); but more recently he and his brother have gone round in 72 (one stroke above the record of Prestwick).

Troon Golf Club has not yet had time to occupy a prominent position in history, but so far as recent years are concerned its history is materially bound up in the annals of Golf in the west of Scotland for the last five years. Some very important professional tournaments promoted by the members have taken place over the ground, and several important matches have been partly decided there. Indeed some of the red-letter days of the leading professionals—Park, Campbell, Fernie, Kirkaldy—are dated from Troon. Troon seems destined to take up the position, so far as the professional golfer is concerned, once occupied by Prestwick. At all events, no club has within some years given so much encouragement to professors of the game.

There are a few select places whose names have become synonymous with Golf—St. Andrews, Prestwick, Musselburgh, North Berwick. Troon has not attained to that distinction yet, but it is safe to say that the name is now better known from its connection with Golf than from any other connection. That such a flourishing institution as Troon Golf Club should have sprung up among the sand-hills of Troon, the most sanguine of its promoters could hardly have dreamed. It is a striking and, let us hope, lasting monument to the perseverance of a few determined men fighting for years against adverse circumstances. The motto adopted by the club is *Tam Arte quam Marte*.* I am not sufficiently versed in the dead languages to say whether or not that is an appropriate motto for a Golf club, but I know that *nil desperandum* would have been, to say the least, in this case a no less appropriate motto.

J. M'BAIN.

*[The motto is a perfectly good one. "As much by skill as by force," would be a fair, if free, rendering of it.—ED.]



"Robert," said the captain of the club with official urbanity, "we have decided, with your permission, to have you painted in oils for the committee room."

"Me painted wi' ile! Whit kin'? Mind, if its Jacobs, I'll maun speak till 'e wife!"

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"They black pudd'ns is no sae fine, Janet," said Robert, "as your usual. Some's unco tyeuch—ay, an' a gey queer colour!"

"Hoots! Some o' they red gutties maun hae gottin in!"

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"Robert, the 92nd are ordered abroad, and want a professional golfer to accompany them," said the secretary.

"Man, that's gawn, I like till hear the likes o' that!"

"Yes, but they have fixed on you—"

"Weel, I'm no gawn—thank you kindly—bit yon bunker at 'e fift hole needs sortin' badly—ay!"

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"Robert," cooed the fair young matron, in a manner that would have become Mohammed's dove itself, "everybody says you are such a kind old man. I wish you, as a great favour, to teach my little Freddy to Golf."

"Thank ye kindly, mem! Tae be shair that will I, and gledly!"

"And if the ball goes into any of those horrid bunkers, you will lift it out for the poor boy?"

"Whit?" said the venerable man stepping down from his roller, "lift a ba' oot o' a bunker? Oot o' my sicht, wummin! Gory! Whit this war's coming till!"

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"Robert," said the secretary with some warmth, "I'm afraid those rabbits are getting ahead of us again—I noticed a number of fresh scrapes to-day."

"Div'ee tell? An' it wis me wis thinkin' it wis they new patent cleeks! Sers!"

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WARNING TO SOUTHERN GOLFERS.—"I'm hearin', maister secretar', they English bodies is gaun till alter some o' my rules. Ha'e ye any instructions—special?"

"No, Robert—why?"

"Weel—if I'm on ma ain hyeuk—whit's the first body's name?"

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What might have been a very serious accident happened a few days ago to Mr. A. H. Molesworth. Whilst crossing a street he was knocked over by a hansom, the wheel passing over his hand, which was severely bruised, but luckily no bones were broken. The doctor who attended him stated that in his opinion a thick gold ring that Mr. Molesworth was wearing at the time tended a good deal to save his fingers. The hansom was luckily empty at the time, or the accident might have been a good deal worse. It is not often one hears of any advantage being derived from wearing a ring.

Out of one of the holes where caddies get sand, at Wimbledon, the other day, Mr. G. F. Muir picked up a fine specimen of an old flint celt. Report says there are some few about, but up to now it has not been our luck to find one.

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Amongst the visitors looking on at the Golf at Wimbledon on Saturday was the well-known golfer, Dr. Argyle Robertson.

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The Melbourne Golf Club is progressing so satisfactorily that it is expected a match will shortly be inaugurated. The committee is composed of some of the most influential men in Melbourne. His Excellency the Earl of Hopetoun, Sir Matthew Davies, Sir William Clarke, and Sir Frederick Sargood are also interested in making the game popular in this part of the world, and, so far, there is every appearance of their hopes being realised. The committee has secured two centrally situated grounds—one is Albert Park and the other a few minutes from the Caulfield station.

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The starting of this club affords a bright opening for some of our Scotch professionals and green-keepers. As will be seen from our advertisement columns, a good professional is wanted for Melbourne.

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A Golf club has been started at Potchefstroom, in the Transvaal, not far from the Witwatersrandt gold-fields. A week or two ago a foursome was played over the veldt by Messrs. Myburgh and Stoddart against Messrs. Bosch and Miller. The game resulted in a win for the first mentioned couple by two holes.

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On Saturday, while playing for the medal, Mr. T. Smith, in driving over the pond, killed a sparrow. From the appearance of the body, the ball must have hit it pretty hard. The drive, which was a good one, although somewhat stopped, landed safely over the pond.

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The Glasgow *Evening Times* Golf trophy has now been finished, and the first tournament in connection with it will be played over the Prestwick Links on Friday and Saturday, the 23rd and 24th of October.

INNERLEITHEN CLUB.—The monthly competition for the Panton medal and Ballantyne medal took place over the club's course on Saturday under different handicaps. The following are the best scores:—The Panton medal—Mr. W. Lyon, 89, plus 1=90; Mr. A. Yellowlees, 104, less 13=91. For the Ballantyne medal—Mr. A. Yellowlees, 99, less 19=80; Mr. W. Lyon, 90, less 7=83.

HADDINGTON CLUB.—The competition of the Haddington Club for the club medal (scratch) and the Somerville medal (handicap) took place, by the permission of the Luffness club, at Luffness on Saturday. Both medals were won by Major Ross with a card of 93.

CLIFTON BANK SCHOOL, ST. ANDREWS.—The competition for the gold medal in connection with this school was played over the St. Andrews Links on Friday. The result was a tie between T. N. Fowke and George List. On the tie being played off, T. N. Fowke won. The scores were 97 and 99. The junior medal was won by Ernest J. Birrell, with John Galloway second.

MONTROSE MECHANICS' CLUB.—On Saturday the members of this club competed for a number of prizes. Results:—Mr. J. Hampton, 5 below; Mr. D. Rogers, 5 below; Mr. A. Wilson, 5 below; Mr. G. Jarvis, 4 below; Mr. G. McIntosh, 3 below; Mr. G. Cobb, 2 below; Mr. C. Foreman, 2 below; Mr. W. Nicol, 2 below; Mr. J. Foreman, at number; Mr. D. Cobb, 2 above; Mr. J. A. Jarvis, 2 above; Mr. A. Mouatt, 2 above; Mr. J. E. McDonald, 3 above; Mr. J. Smith, 3 above; Mr. D. Black, 5 above; Mr. R. Cobb, 5 above; Mr. J. Macgregor, 5 above; Mr. D. Robb, 6 above; Mr. J. Leggat, 7 above; and Mr. A. McLean, 7 above.



ABERDEEN.

Golfers were favoured with delightful weather here on Saturday, and the various competitions set down for decision were all successfully brought off. The members of the Victoria Club competed for their secretary's prize, a goodly field of players turning out over the old course on Aberdeen links. On comparing the cards handed in, the following were found to be the lowest scorers:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. James R. Smith	90	12 78	Mr. A. McConnachie	86	scr. 86
Mr. R. W. Beedie...	86	5 81	Mr. A. M. M. Dunn	87	scr. 87
*Mr. A. Mitchell...	87	4 83	Mr. W. H. Reid...	92	5 87
*Mr. A. D. Leiper...	98	15 83	Mr. W. Pollock...	95	8 87
Mr. J. Innes...	88	3 85	Mr. J. Stewart...	95	8 87

* Tie for third place.

At the same time the usual monthly competition for Messrs. Williams and John R. Smith's prizes took place. The first-named, which goes to the first-class players, was won by Mr. James R. Smith with a score of 90, less 12=78; Mr. Smith's prize, for second-class players, being carried off by Mr. A. D. Leiper with 98, less 3=95.

Over the same course the members of the Bon-Accord Club competed for Mr. Ogilvie's prize (handicap). Some very good work was done by several of the competitors, and on comparing the cards handed in it was found that Mr. James W. Murray with the excellent score of 84, less 5=79, had carried off the prize. The following were the lowest scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. W. Murray...	84	5 79	Mr. L. Anderson...	90	1 89
Mr. F. Watt...	97	13 84	Mr. J. Florence...	96	7 89
Mr. J. Anderson...	98	14 84	Mr. J. Ogilvie...	96	7 89
Mr. G. Simpson...	96	10 86	Mr. W. Smart...	87	+4 91
Mr. H. Glass...	97	9 88			

ABOYNE.

NATIVES V. VISITORS.—A match between teams representing the above was played over the Aboyne green on Tuesday, the 21st inst. Scores:—

VISITORS.			NATIVES.		
	Holes.			Hole	
Dr. Ogilvie...	...	7	Captain Ewan...	...	0
Mr. J. S. Watt...	...	6	Mr. A. Baxter...	...	0
Mr. N. Milne...	...	0	Mr. J. Baxter...	...	3
Mr. Baillie Lyon...	...	0	Provost Anderson...	...	8
Mr. R. W. Thomson...	...	0	Mr. R. Forgie...	...	6
Mr. A. V. Curr...	...	2	Mr. J. Milne...	...	0
Mr. W. R. Reid...	...	6	Mr. F. Sandison...	...	0
Mr. J. Williams...	...	1	Rev. Andrew Gray...	...	0
Mr. J. Mortimer...	...	0	Mr. A. Milne...	...	12
Mr. J. Macbeth...	...	0	Mr. W. Milne...	...	8
Mr. J. Craigen...	...	0	Mr. G. Calder...	...	8
	22				45

Majority for Natives, 23 holes.

After the match the Visitors entertained the Natives in the Huntly Arms Hotel. Baillie Lyon occupied the chair, and, by request of the Aboyne Golf Club, presented to the Rev. Andrew Gray a gold cross, to which he had become entitled as having won the greatest number of matches during the past season. On behalf of the Visitors, Baillie Lyon also proposed "Success to the Aboyne Golf Club," and tendered the thanks of the Visitors to Provost Anderson for the facilities given for Golf and all other games on the green of Aboyne. Aboyne, in the opinion of Baillie Lyon, owed much to the large and beautifully-situated public green. Provost Anderson replied in suitable terms. Other toasts followed, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

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Eminent Golfers.

XII.—TOM MORRIS.

This 15th day of June, 1891, appears to the writer a suitable one on which to take pen in hand, and scratch a few common-places about one of the best-known men in Scotland—Tom Morris. To expand him into Thomas Morris would be improper, a solecism to be looked for among the profane and vulgar, an equivalent to eating peas with a knife, or any other barbarity which shocks our refined sensibilities; to the brotherhood, therefore, let him be as he is, Tom Morris, or better still, the ever-popular favourite, Old Tom.

"Commonplaces," quotha; for that he is such a celebrity it is impossible to write much about him without going over ground already traversed; still, in an exclusively specialist journal, to omit all mention of him from a list of eminent golfers were a sin of omission not to be thought of. A particular date has been specified; the date in question happens to be the 70th birthday of this Celebrity (with a very large C); as such, therefore, a day more than usually suitable for the public expression of such mild eulogies as an approving conscience will permit. Tom claims our attention in a two-fold aspect; as a celebrity of the present, and also of the past. He still takes his place in first-class Golf, and though it must be admitted that the very best among the professionals, and the very best among the amateurs have distanced him a little, yet any one in either class not absolutely at the top of the tree would find it no easy matter to tackle the old lion, septuagenarian though he now is. Such players as still survive who were at the zenith of their powers simultaneously with him he has left far away in the distance; not one would have a chance with him, if we except Mr. W. H. Doleman, who, however, is ten years or so his junior.

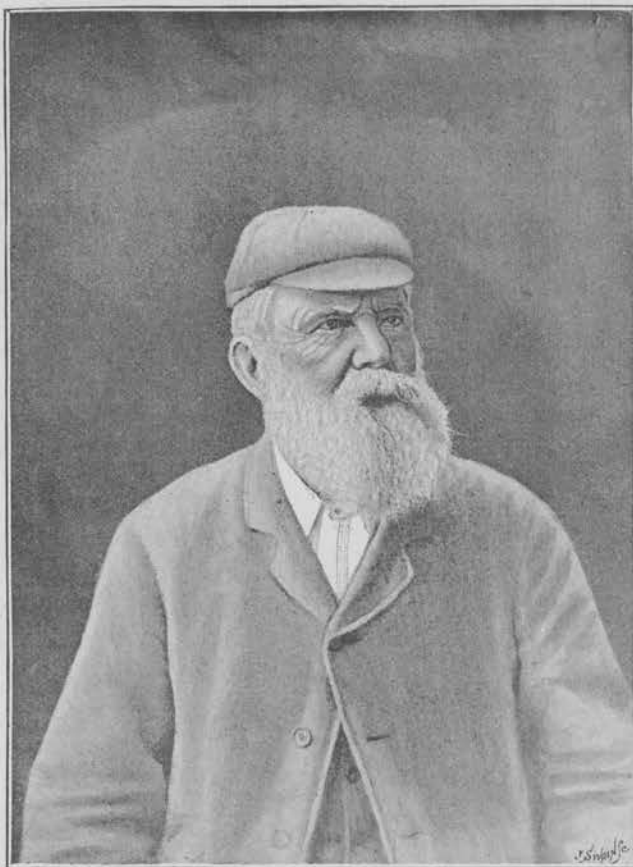
Tom's golfing career began at an early age. Being a native of St. Andrews, his profession might, perhaps, have been anticipated, but as a matter of fact it was only determined by a haphazard remark of old Sandy Herd, who asked him why he did not get himself apprenticed to a club-maker. Negotiations with Allan Robertson followed, the upshot being that he took Tom into his employment, and taught him the trade with which his name has been identified for half a century. If Tom were possessed of literary capabilities, and had kept anything like a methodical account of his multifarious adventures on the links he might give to the world an interesting volume of reminiscences, such, for instance, as Mr. W. G. Grace has recently produced in another field. But that all-important "if" blocks the way; in the first place, not every one can boast of literary skill, though to be sure that need not prove an insuperable difficulty, since vicarious assistance might be obtained; but as to the second, there appears to be no course open but that recommended to his congregation by a newly-fledged parson: "And what, my friends, are we to do when we meet with a difficulty? We will look it straight in the

face, and pass by on the other side." For our hero in good sooth is a man whom his warmest admirers would hardly characterise as a living embodiment of order and method. It has already fallen to the writer's lot to investigate his antecedents, so far as these could be brought to the light of day; not, it is unnecessary to add, after the fashion of a hostile detective, but with a view to eliciting such particulars of his bygone matches as might prove of interest to the golfing world. Such documentary evidence as he happened to possess was cheerfully placed at the writer's disposal. It consisted of various old scraps of newspapers, yellow with age and uncertain of date. Some were loose, others were not, but so very much the opposite that they were stuck into an old railway blotting-book by means of glue, much of which viscous fluid had as it were overflowed, and coagulated in meandering streams and pools on the faces of the interesting extracts. Further variety had been imparted by the expedient of planting many of these upside down, and also by the abundant use of what is known in rhetoric as *tnesis*, or the sundering apart by many pages of

distance of companion columns of matter. But the whole was redolent of Golf—redolent is the word—the glue, the blobs of pitch, the "stour," Golf too of the most interesting kind, the best of its day; and the pity of it is he has not a dozen books like it, for it is to be feared that no known process of exhumation can disinter for us a tenth part of what we should like to possess.

Tom's name will ever be associated with the great match for £400 between Allan Robertson and himself against Willie and James Dunn, played in 1849. This match has been admirably described in a little book recently published by Mr. Peter, who was an eye-witness. The match is ancient history, but the narrator invests it with such interest that one feels almost as if one were present to share the enthusiasm which animated the crowd. Tom and Allan were, to all intents and purposes, beaten, as much as twenty to one being laid on their opponents at a time when the latter were 4 ahead and 7 to play. But one after another these holes dropped off, till the match stood all square and 2 to play; but the penultimate hole must have been a trying one to the layers of the aforesaid odds. Allan and Tom had played three

more, and were, besides, in a bunker; but the Dunns had come to grief at the back of a curb-stone on a cart track off the course. Here they seem entirely to have lost all judgment, the last vanishing traces of which were indicated by a request on their part that a spade should be sent for and the rock of offence removed. When this was negatived by the umpire, they alternately kept missing the globe, by reason of the iron glancing off the stone, until one off three became the odds, when it occurred to them to play the ball out back-handed. Had they done this at first they must have won the hole, and, most probably, the match; instead of which they lost both. Mr. Peter, it is satisfactory to see, records his opinion thus, "I think it only just to say that, in my opinion, the winning of the above match was due to Tom Morris, who played with pluck and determination throughout." Elsewhere he adds: "Who has ever handled a club and does not know him, his genial countenance, dark, penetrating eye (his eye, how-



ever, is a blue-grey in colour), which never failed to detect a cunning road to the hole; imperturbable temper, unflinching courage, and indomitable self-control under circumstances the most exasperating." This is a good description, the concluding item of which is conspicuously true. As a putter of long putts the description is true also; but for the baby putts, there was a time, now it is understood long gone by, when it hardly could be said to hold good. But, short putts and all, he was a match for the best of them—even for the redoubtable Allan, though the admirers of the latter claim that he never was beaten. On the 8th May, 1853, the two played a match, which Tom won. The occasion is thus alluded to in a long and prolix letter to a local paper, dated June 21st, 1853:—"Your correspondent, despite the fact of Tom having by his skill and prowess vanquished Allan in their last encounter, still maintains, but without favouring your readers with his grounds for doing so, that the real king of Scotland in regard to golfing reigns in St. Andrews, and is well known as Allan Robertson, all others taking that dignity being guilty of high treason." After claiming for Tom this honour, the writer proceeds: "It does not seem to me that he (the other correspondent) can do otherwise than admit this in face of his own report of the encounter alluded to, which appeared in your paper as follows:—'Allan and Tom encountered each other in single combat with the clubs and balls—a rare occurrence. Some little cash depended on the issue, which Allan, strange to say, lost, Tom surpassing him by three holes in the round.'" This letter is signed by a "Loyal Prestwickian." It was followed by a formal challenge by Tom to play Allan for £100 a-side, but the latter, notwithstanding his reputation for invincibility, did not think it good enough to respond. It is probable he had a wholesome respect for Tom, for the two were never beaten.

One of the most important matches they played was one of thirty-six holes at St. Andrews, against Willie Dunn and Mr. (afterwards Sir Robert) Hay, in 1852, in which the two professionals laid £100 to £50. For a long time, however, they were thoroughly outmatched; but Dunn broke down, and they were able to retrieve their losses, and eventually to win by 6 and 5 to play. The scores are given as 90 and 92 for the winners, as against 88 and 99. The following remarks occur in a printed report:—"In the progress inward some boys removed the flags for guiding to the holes, and held them aloft in the procession, giving it the appearance of a triumphal entry. Such a scene has not been on the links for many years." In May, 1851, Tom had played Willie Dunn at St. Andrews, but was beaten by 2; shortly before this he had gone round in 84—a magnificent score in those days. It is, now-a-days, rather amusing to read that "Tom departs from St. Andrews for Ayrshire, in the end of this month, to a place in the vicinity of Ayr, called Prestwick, where they have links, and upon which Tom will likely soon astonish the natives of those parts; he will, no doubt, reign supreme as a golfer." The grammar in the above quotation has somehow become rather turbid; but the fact is clear that Tom was about as good as anybody at that time at the age of thirty. He went to Prestwick, laid out the green, and remained as custodian for fourteen years, when he returned to St. Andrews, where he has remained ever since.

His matches with Willie Park, sen., are historical; on the whole honours were about evenly divided, though when Park first began to shine as a golfer he undoubtedly had the best of Tom. The latter, however, in his last big match for £100 a-side beat him over each of the four greens in succession, and in a most decisive manner. This match was finished at St. Andrews in the second round by most brilliant play on Tom's part, for he holed the second hole in three, having driven up to it in two, and also the third hole in a like number; he was then 16 up and 15 to play. As an unpleasant consequence of this victory, he had perforce to stray into the devious paths of oratory at a presentation dinner. It is clear he did not consider himself a Demosthenes, for he remarked "that he would much prefer playing Park to making a speech, for he was more at home on the links than in addressing a public company." He further added that it was the last big match he would undertake, as the training for it inconvenienced him both personally and in his business. Partnered by Andrew Strath, he played an interesting match in 1864 against the brothers

Willie and David Park. Though the latter were 4 down and 14 to play they won the match by six holes on the thirty-six, their two rounds being 89 and 85 against 88 and 95.

Tom has won the open championship four times, the scene of his victories being Prestwick on every occasion—in 1861, 1862, 1864, and 1867. His scores were 163, 163, 160, and 170, his most formidable antagonist being Park, who was never more than a stroke or two behind. On one occasion at Perth they tied at 168, but in playing off Tom won by fourteen strokes, Park being utterly at sea in the putting, which was very keen and difficult. Quite a unique feature in Tom's career is the extraordinarily fine game he has displayed almost continuously since his sixtieth year. Since then he has won two professional competitions, and on his sixty-fourth birthday holed St. Andrews Links in 81, compiled with nothing above a five. He played one round on his seventieth birthday, of which the details are as follows:—Out, 5 5 5 5 6 5 5 3 4=43; home, 5 4 5 5 7 5 6 5 5=47; a total of 90, though he can easily beat this sometimes. This is a record which future sex- and septuagenarians will probably find difficult to beat. His services are in frequent request where new greens have to be exploited. Among those he has already laid out are Prestwick, Westward Ho! Luffness, Dornoch, Tain, Callander, Cheltenham, and the Honourable Company's new green at Muirfield. He is the firmest of believers in the vivifying nature of sand to the green. "Mair saund, Honeyman," is the refrain dearest to his soul. Some graceless libellers assert, indeed, that beyond sand his ideas do not extend; but he can at any rate plead that, considering its enormous wear and tear, St. Andrews green is in extraordinarily fine condition.

Long may he live, this grand old golfer! All golfers may be proud of numbering Old Tom among their friends. His native dignity which outweighs all factitious advantages; his pleasant demeanour, courteous without servility, independent without aggression, which affects favourably to all, and renders the possessor the master of circumstances on every occasion. We may fitly conclude with an echo of the sentiment by Tom's favourite poet, page upon page of whom he delights in quoting:—

"The rank is but the guinea's stamp,
The man's the gowd for a' that."

H. S. C. EVERARD.

15th June, 1891.

QUEENSFERRY.—A new club has been formed at Queensferry, and a temporary course opened. It is expected that the present course, which is over a comparatively flat field within three minutes' walk of Dalmeny Station, will only be required for a year or so, as another field of a more undulating nature and extending to nearly forty acres has, it is understood, been arranged for, where an excellent nine-hole course can be laid out. A considerable number of people in the district have already signified their intention of becoming members of this new club, and from the close proximity of the course to the railway station—a little over twenty minutes from Waverley—a number of gentlemen from Edinburgh, who prefer the private to the public course, have intimated their desire to be admitted members of the club.

EDINBURGH CORPORATION GOLF CLUB.—The monthly handicap competition took place on the Braids on the 24th inst. Play was rendered difficult on account of the very high wind—frequently carrying balls out of their course and into whins. The greens were all changed in connection with the opening of the new extension of the course, and this also puzzled the players not a little. At the close it was found that Councillors Macnaughton and Macpherson tied for the first, and Messrs. Somerville and Gibb for the second places of honour. The weather was delightful.

ELECTRIC GOLF CLUB.—The annual special prize competition of the above club was held over the Musselburgh course on the 24th inst. The weather was fine, but a high wind militated greatly against low scoring. The following were the prize-winners:—Mr. A. M. Fraser, 101, less 12=89; Mr. J. A. Stewart, 91, plus 5=96; Mr. W. Hay, 107, less 10=97; Mr. T. B. Ballantyne, 123, less 25=98; Mr. J. Lawrie, 103, less 4=99; Mr. W. Wood, 104, less 5=99, and Mr. J. Davidson, 104, less 5=99, tie; Mr. D. Hogarth, 125, less 25=100; Mr. J. Johnston, 101 (scratch), and Mr. T. Smith, 111, less 10=101, tie; Mr. J. Bell, 102 (scratch); Mr. H. M. Knight, 104 (scratch); Mr. J. Small, 130, less 25=105.

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AIRDRIE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday under favourable conditions, and by a large contingent of the members of the club. The medal was won by Mr. Frank Robertson, with the very creditable score of 86 at scratch.

ALNMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

Splendid weather favoured last Saturday's gathering of the members of the above club, the event set down for decision being the club cup. Twenty-one competitors started for the contest, premier honours finally resting with Mr. W. Frazer, his nearest opponent being Mr. Simpson, scratch, with 88. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. Frazer	105	18 87	Mr. J. L. Oliver	100	9 91
Mr. T. Simpson	88	scr. 88	Mr. E. S. Robson	100	9 91
Mr. J. Hedley	99	10 89	Mr. J. de C. Paynter	95	3 92
Mr. R. M. Hansard	97	8 89	Mr. C. A. Ridley	93	scr. 93
Mr. J. E. Davidson	107	18 89	Mr. W. R. Heatley	114	20 94
Mr. T. A. Hutton	107	18 89	Mr. F. J. Ridley	100	6 94
Mr. C. H. Stanton	102	12 90	Mr. T. Orde	102	6 96
Mr. E. Hunter	99	9 90	Mr. E. Paynter	113	16 97
Mr. J. Robertson	98	8 90	Mr. G. W. Walter	101	scr. 101
Mr. F. Babington	96	5 91	Mr. C. J. Crawford	138	25 113

Mr. C. H. Stanton, jun. (scratch), no return.

A sweepstake, Mr. E. A. Walker, 90, less 5=85; Messrs. Frazer and Simpson were second and third respectively.

ASCOT LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A tournament for prizes presented by Baroness Berkeley and Mrs. Mackenzie came off on Monday, July 20th. There were 37 entries, and after the first round the following were left in:—

Second Round.—Miss F. Magniac beat Miss M. Clement; Miss E. Barron beat Baroness Berkeley; Miss A. Smith beat Mrs. H. C. Clarke; Miss Hanbury beat Miss C. Frankland; Mrs. Saulez beat Mrs. Mackenzie; Miss Smith beat Mrs. Ferard; Hon. E. Milman beat Miss R. Maitland; Miss R. Haig beat Miss M. Magniac.

Third Round.—Miss F. Magniac beat Miss E. Barron; Miss A. Smith beat Miss Hanbury; Mrs. Saulez beat Miss Smith; Miss R. Haig beat Hon. E. Milman.

Fourth round.—Miss A. Smith beat Miss F. Magniac; Mrs. Saulez beat Miss R. Haig.

Final.—Miss Smith (1st prize) beat Mrs. Saulez (2nd prize).

Another tournament was played on Monday, the 27th inst., the prizes on this occasion being presented by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Haig. There was a large number of entries, but, owing to a pouring wet morning, several ladies did not put in an appearance. By the end of the second round the survivors were as under:—

Third Round.—Mrs. Saulez beat Miss M. Pearse; Miss M. Magniac beat Miss Bowring; Miss Magniac beat Miss Haig; Mrs. Blackett beat Hon. E. Milman.

Fourth Round.—Mrs. Saulez beat Miss M. Magniac; Mrs. Blackett beat Miss Magniac.

Final.—Mrs. Blackett beat Mrs. Saulez after a tie.

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS GOLF CLUB.

There was a fair field for the monthly medal on July 25th, but the sun was blazing fiercely, and some members lost weight in the process of going round. The human foot has done wonders for the green, since the grass seems to have kept marvellously short all round, and this year no bracken at all has appeared on the line, though it is as thick as ever off it. The putting-greens, too, really seem growing bigger. The summer meeting comes off August 1st, and 3rd. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. C. H. Evill	102	23 79	Mr. C. A. Ashton	116	23 93
Mr. J. S. Sawyer	94	8 86	Mr. G. Flanagan	110	16 94
Mr. Lawford Andrews	97	10 87	Mr. F. Andrews	110	16 94
Mr. T. Hyde	94	5 89			

No returns from Messrs. P. Andrews, Mews, Birch, Major Marriott &c.

BALLANTRAE GOLF CLUB.

A foursome competition for a series of prizes was played on Friday, 17th inst., when sixteen competitors started, all scratch. Result:—Messrs. J. Hunter and G. Fullarton, 100; Messrs. J. McCulloch and

G. Hally, 100; Dr. Dougan and Dr. Fullarton, 102. The tie was won by Messrs. Hunter and Fullarton.

A handicap foursome took place on Friday, when sixteen competitors again entered. The best scores were:—Messrs. W. Smart and D. Menzies, 111, less 2=109; Messrs. G. Hally and J. McCulloch, 116, less 6=110; Messrs. Risk and Houston, 116, less 6=110. The tie resulted in favour of Messrs. Hally and McCulloch.

BERKHAMSTED GOLF CLUB.

The summer prize meeting was held on Saturday, July 18th. The putting-greens are in excellent order, but the course between the holes is rough and the lies often very difficult. This is a fault which time and traffic will remedy; it is responsible for high rate of scoring. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. H. G. Tylecote	120	10 110	Mr. A. Robinson	152	22 130
Mr. G. H. Gowring	120	10 110	Mr. A. B. W. Wilson	159	28 131
Mr. A. M. Prior	157	34 123			

No returns from Messrs. Briggs, Hopkins, Mawley and Yates.

Mr. Tylecote again holds the committee prize, and ties with Mr. Gowring for Dr. Fry's medal. There was a third prize for balls.

BRADFORD ST. ANDREWS GOLF CLUB.

The return match between the captain's team and the hon. secretary's team took place on Baildon Moor on Saturday last. Score:—

CAPTAIN'S TEAM.		SECRETARY'S TEAM.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. R. Macmillan, captain	0	Mr. P. K. Chesney, jun., hon. sec.	1
Mr. T. H. Pattinson	0	Mr. F. Blake	4
Mr. H. Steel	0	Mr. McVie	3
Dr. Dunlop	0	Mr. Nicholson	12
	0		20

BRUSSELS GOLF CLUB.

Result of ladies' competition under handicap for a fan given by Capt. Reynjtiens, July 14th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Miss Nora Hope	91	10 81	Mrs. Scobell	162	30 132
Lady Lily Greene	131	30 101	Miss Marie Mac-		
Miss MacLean	119	10 109	Lean	147	10 137
Miss Louisa Hope	123	10 113	Mrs. MacLean	167	12 155
Mr. Sneyd	158	30 128			

All information respecting the club will be gladly given by Mr. Charles Hope, captain and hon. sec., 104, Chaussée de Charleroi, Brussels. The links (nine holes) are situated at Etterbeck, about two miles from the town, and easily accessible by train or tram.

BUCKIE v. CULLEN.

On Wednesday last, the 22nd July, a match took place between teams representing these clubs, with the following result:—

BUCKIE.		CULLEN.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. R. Clarke	0	Mr. J. Simpson	1
Mr. W. F. Johnston	4	Dr. J. C. G. Duffus	0
Mr. J. Simpson	0	Dr. George Duffus	8
Mr. J. Johnston	3	Mr. A. C. Adams	0
Mr. R. Annand	10	Mr. James Moir	0
Mr. W. Clark	0	Mr. Allan Duffus	7
Mr. J. Macdonald	2	Mr. J. Smith	0
Mr. C. Davidson	7	Mr. G. Seivwright	0
Mr. J. Keir	15	Mr. P. Hay	0
	41		16

Majority for Buckie, 25 holes.

BURNHAM GOLF CLUB.

The monthly gold medal handicap competition was played on July 27th in a strong and gusty breeze, which considerably interfered with good scoring. The following were the principal scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. Colthurst	100	10 90	Rev. R. B. Barter	125	15 110
Rev. T. Crump	112	21 91	Col. Armstrong	140	27 113
Rev. F. N. Smith	129	27 102	Rev. W. R. P. Strange	141	27 114
Mr. T. Holt	134	27 107	Dr. A. W. C. Peskett	151	27 124

HARRISON CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The fortnightly medal was won on the 24th inst. by Mr. D. Menzies; Messrs. J. Blyth and W. K. Smith tie for second.

CATHKIN BRAES GOLF CLUB.

The quarterly competition for the Vice-President's prizes, took place at Cathkin on Saturday last, the 25th inst. Considering that the holiday season has begun, the number of members on the links was fairly large. The weather was fine, but a strong wind probably accounts for the scores being, with one exception, pretty high. The first prize was won by Mr. J. C. Liddle, with the very good score, considering the strength of the wind, of 86. Mr. David Guthrie was second with 98, less 3=95; and there was a tie for the third place, Mr. Warren Crosbie having 104, less 8=96, and Mr. Jas. Osborne, 110, less 14=96. The following are the scores sent in:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. C. Liddle ...	86	scr.	86	Mr. George Paterson	107	8	99
Mr. David Guthrie	98	3	95	Mr. D. Elder ...	98	+2	100
*Mr. Warren Crosbie	104	8	96	Mr. D. Mackenzie ...	122	20	102
*Mr. Jas. Osborne	110	14	96	Mr. Dundas			
*Mr. C. E. Beckett	107	10	97	Hamilton ...	119	14	105
*Mr. S. D. Jackson	107	10	97	Mr. G. H. Robb ...	115	8	107
			* Ties.				

*Ties.

CRAWFORD GOLF CLUB.

The July meeting of this club took place on Saturday, when a scratch prize and three handicap prizes were played over. The Rev. H. L. Dick won the scratch prize with 81, the next best scratch score being that of Mr. King who had 84. The following is the order of merit, according to handicap, from which it will be seen that Mr. Dick was also the winner of the first handicap prize:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.				Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Mr. Dick ...	...	81	scr. 81	Mr. Dey ...	...	94	6 88
Mr. King ...	...	84	scr. 84				

CROOKHAM GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal (handicap), which was won in June by Mr. E. J. Maguire, was carried off on Saturday, July 25th, by the Rev. E. P. Spurway with 108 less 5=103. The day was beautifully fine, with a slight north wind blowing down the course. The club now numbers nearly 70 members, and the putting-greens by continual careful rolling and mowing have been got into very good order. This course offers many attractions to golfers. Its position, situated as it is on high table land, 400 feet above the sea, from which it is distant some thirty miles as the crow flies, and between the valleys of the Kennet and the Enborne, gives to the seeker after health all that he can desire; while the views, especially on the Hampshire side, are exceedingly fine and extensive. The entire length of the course, 18 holes, is a trifle over three miles. The ground is on the level throughout, and the hazards are all natural. The first hole ("open") is approached by an open 400 yards, with a road about 40 yards from the putting-green. Hence to the second hole ("whin") there is an open 300 yards, but another road intervenes, and gorse lies beyond the hole. The third hole, "The Straits," is so called owing to an island of gorse right ahead, which considerably contracts the width of the course. This, however, a good driver can easily clear, and a cautious player can avoid by playing to the right. The hole is just short of another road. Hence to the next hole ("Lodge") is a distance of some 420 yards, with another awkward island of gorse to surmount from the tee, and some heavy, short, heathery ground for the last 100 yards. The hole here lies just short of a road, beyond which again is an interval of turf and then a ditch and hedge. Hence to the next hole ("Avenue") 170 yards, the drive is over an avenue of lime trees. The sixth hole ("Ha, ha!"), the shortest in the course, only 130 yards, requires care, and is, perhaps, best manipulated with an iron shot from the tee. A road lies in front of the hole, and a "Ha, Ha" beyond it. The next four holes ("Angle," "Pig," "Trap," and "Tum") all present varied interests of gorse bunkers, roads, and broken ground. The eleventh hole ("Pit"), 500 yards, is the longest and the most difficult. The putting-greens lie in the middle of old disused gravel pits, and the approach demands great care and circumspection. Hence the drive from the tee is not so difficult as it looks, being out of the gravel pits and over gorse beyond. A mistake here is generally costly. From thence the course returns over almost the same ground as before, the putting-greens being placed wherever the ground best admits of a satisfactory approach. The distances for the last seven holes ("Rut," "Side-path," "Lawn," "Dardanelles," "Pond," "Gate," "End") are respectively 405, 254, 276, 330, 391, 393, and 310 yards. A keen Golf player will find an exhilarating freshness in these links, but he must, above all else, keep his ball straight, since the gorse on the side of the course, and especially at one or two points, needs very careful avoidance. The near access to Reading and to Thatcham Station, Great Western Railway, brings these links within reasonable distance even of the metropolis. The hon. secretary, the Rev. H. H. Skrine, Greenham Vicarage, Newbury, will be pleased to give any information he can, and to answer any inquiries.

DISLEY GOLF CLUB v. BUXTON GOLF CLUB.

The return match between these two clubs was played on Saturday July 25th, on the Disley Links, and the visitors suffered a severe defeat, not one of them winning a match. The Disley Club more than wiped out the defeat they sustained at Buxton on May 2nd, when they were beaten by 34 holes, as they won this match by 51 holes.

DISLEY.

BUXTON.

	Holes.		Holes
Mr. W. Bell	8	Mr. H. E. Acklom	0
Mr. R. Hutton	10	Mr. H. F. Herford	0
Rev. J. Bourne	3	Mr. G. C. Greenwell	0
Mr. T. D. Cummins	8	Mr. Reginald Haigh	0
Mr. Dacre Tonge	6	Mr. E. Micholls	0
Mr. H. Garrett	7	Col. Fernley	0
Mr. A. Hutton	8	Mr. J. Strang	0
Mr. G. Hutton... ..	1	Mr. T. Swainson	0
	51		0

EAST LOTHIAN.

County cup competition.—More pleasant and inviting weather for Golf than that of Saturday could scarcely have been desired, and in a mood correspondingly cheerful the representatives of the several clubs connected with the splendid greens of East Lothian wended their way to Luffness Links, the scene of the annual friendly tussle for the Wemyss challenge cup. The greens were really in the pink of condition, thanks to the green-keeper, Mr. George Shepherd, and that nothing might interfere with the thorough enjoyment of the favourite game, the general arrangements of the genial secretary, Mr. Congalton, were of a very satisfactory description. Originally the cup, as inscribed upon it, was "presented by the Earl of Wemyss, in 1868, to the East Lothian Golfing Clubs, to be competed for yearly on Luffness Links," and it was first won by the Thornetree Club, Prestonpans, in the month of October of that year. Since last season the cup has been in charge of Mr. Adam Hogg, captain of the Bass Rock Club, which was successfully represented in the competition of 1890 by Messrs. A. Wallace with R. Lountain and Messrs. D. M. Jackson with J. Henderson. The result of the draw on Saturday morning found the clubs—eight entering—opposed as follows:—Bass Rock v. Roundell, Tantallon v. New (North Berwick), Gullane v. Luffness, East Lothian v. Dirleton Castle. At 10.30 a.m. Mr. James Mitchell drove the first ball from the tee on behalf of the winners of last year, Mr. W. G. Blossom following suit for the Roundell, and in the next foursome of the same club the round was opened by Mr. A. Hogg, and Mr. B. Hall Blyth respectively. The couples proved in each case to be well matched. Ere much ground had been covered, however, the holders fell just rather unpromisingly in the rear in both matches. In the first foursome the Bass Rock were represented by young though undoubtedly very strong players, and although the course was quite familiar to Mr. Henderson, his partner, Mr. Mitchell, engaged in his first game over the links on Saturday. The fifth hole saw the game all level. Proceeding to the sixth, Mr. Henderson's tee shot scarcely carried far enough, Mr. Mitchell, fozzled with his mashie from a soft lie, and as Mr. Henderson failed to improve the position with the third, the Bass Rock men gave up the hole, Mr. Stuart's tee drive having been well up the hill. Leading here by one, the Roundell further increased their advantage in this foursome at the seventh hole, in proceeding to which the iron play of the holders was again weak. The tenth hole saw the Roundell with the advantage of an additional hole, Mr. Henderson missing his putt, and Mr. Stuart getting down in the like with a similar putt. The Bass Rock representatives played the eleventh hole in really faultless style, and won it in three against four. The tee drives here by Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Blossom were good. A grand iron shot by Mr. Henderson followed his partner's drive, and although Mr. Stuart also played his approach well, no chance was given by the Bass Rock, Mr. Mitchell holing the long putt and reducing the lead of the Roundell to two. Seeming now to redouble their efforts, the holders ran off also with the next hole. Mr. Henderson had a straight iron shot, though a trifle short, and Mr. Stuart's ball was also not up. Mr. Mitchell's long putt was nearly all the way, whilst Mr. Blossom putted well, but somewhat strongly. Mr. Stuart just failed to get down in the next, the ball rolling in and out again, and Mr. Henderson had little to do to win the hole. Roundell now stood one up in this foursome, and, with this advantage, Mr. Stuart and Mr. Blossom ultimately finished, having led almost alternately with two and one up for the remainder of the round. The second couple of the Roundell, who at one stage had held a good lead over their opponents, and had experienced varying fortune on the homeward route, had a narrow escape at the second hole home from being on level terms only, Mr. Hogg just failing to get down his putt to win the hole. As

matters now stood, however, the match was over, and anxiety was relieved by the other couple signalling one up at the Home hole. The last was halved, and in the second couple the Roundell thus also led by one or by two over the match. If the game in this foursome was not quite of a brilliant description, and although there were occasional mistakes, the play was certainly very good, taking it all round. Mr. Hagart and Mr. Hall Blyth showed a useful steady game throughout, whilst Mr. Forrest for the holders exhibited his usual fine all-round play. Mr. Hogg, his partner and captain of the Bass Rock Club, also gave a very good account of himself, although as a comparative stranger to the green his game was scarcely so sure in all respects as his wont. The winners of last year and on so many previous occasions having been thus disposed of, increased attention was now bestowed on the game of the other clubs. Although in the second of the foursomes the Brothers M'Culloch were fighting for the Tantallon a very equal battle with Mr. Charles Chambers and Mr. Charles Stevenson, the new club couple had now something to spare in the first foursome, and, although Mr. David Stevenson and Dr. Blaikie had against them foemen so worthy of their steel as Mr. Garden Smith and Mr. Gordon Robinson, the latter couple had to acknowledge defeat at the close of the round by as many as six holes. The Gullane and Luffness Clubs showed close play, and the former gave their opponents a stiff fight over the match, Luffness ultimately winning by three. Dirleton Castle had, on the other hand, a comparatively easy task in disposing of East Lothian, the first couple of the former club leading by eight at the close and the second by four, or twelve over the match. A brief lapse for refreshment over, the second round began, the Roundell being opposed to the New Club and the Dirleton Castle to the Luffness. In each case the result was close, the Roundell Club winning only by a hole over the match, and the Dirleton Club being victorious by three. The finish in the first instance was particularly exciting. On the completion of the last hole Mr. Stuart and Mr. Bloxson stood two up against Mr. David Stevenson and Dr. Blaikie. Just then signalling from the seventeenth hole showed matters to be exactly reversed in the second foursome, Mr. Hagart and Mr. Blyth being two down against Mr. Chambers and Mr. Charles Stevenson. The play for the last hole was naturally watched with much anxiety by the couples of both clubs who had just finished, and the players themselves were also on their mettle—a half would make a tie whilst the winning of the hole would also win the match. The play through the green was close, the New Club couple having just slightly the advantage. Ultimately victory rested with the Roundell by a short putt, and they thus won by a hole over the match. The final between the Roundell and Dirleton Castle soon afterwards began in good earnest. Mr. Stuart and Mr. Bloxson opened rather auspiciously, winning two out of the first three holes from the brothers Shepherd. Proceeding to the fourth, however, the Roundell representatives had all their work cut out for them, Mr. Stuart just succeeding in snatching a half by a fine long steal. Dirleton Castle had very hard lines indeed on going to the fifth hole as, after having all the best of the play through the green—Mr. Bloxson having topped his tee shot and got into the dry ditch—they lost their ball in a rabbit hole. Three successive wins were afterwards registered in fine style by the Roundell men, and so on the first fourscore the prospects of that club were rosy indeed. The ninth was halved. Mr. Stuart had a very fine iron shot here, and Mr. Shepherd also played his approach well. The brothers Shepherd reduced finely their opponents' lead to five at the tenth hole, and a half at the eleventh followed. Proceeding to the twelfth, Mr. Stuart made one of his very few mistakes for the day, topping his tee shot and getting amongst the long grass. Mr. Bloxson had, however, a splendid recovery, and the couple succeeded in halving the hole. The progress of the foursome behind had ere this been also receiving due attention, although the match was greatly robbed of interest by the fact that the Roundell couple had soon left their opponents almost hopelessly behind, the latter faring a trifle worse than their allies in the first foursome. At the fourteenth hole Messrs. Stuart and Bloxson were a hole better than dorny, and as Messrs. Hagart and Blyth had already won the round in the rear match, the Roundell representatives were now jubilant in the knowledge of their victory for the year. Mr. Bloxson and Mr. Stuart continued to increase their lead until at the Home hole they had vanquished the opposing couple by eight holes. In the second foursome Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Litster fought stubbornly a lost battle towards the close of the round; but the odds against them in the outward portion proved too great, and, despite their efforts to ward it off as much as possible, the heavy defeat of ten holes awaited them at the last hole. The Roundell Club now found themselves winners for the year of the Wemyss Challenge Cup. In each foursome of the final round, the scores of the successful couples were very fine, and the details were as appended:—

Mr. Stuart and Mr. Bloxson—

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

Mr. Hagart and Mr. Hall Blyth—

Out	5	4	5	5	5	5	4	4	4=41	} 82
In	3	5	3	4	5	6	4	6	5=41	

Appended will be found the result of the various rounds:—

First Round—

ROUNDELL.		Holes.	BASS ROCK.		Holes.
Mr. W. G. Bloxson and Mr. A. Stuart	...	1	Mr. J. Mitchell and Mr. J. Henderson	...	0
Mr. B. Hall Blyth and Mr. F. V. Hagart	...	1	Mr. A. Hogg and Mr. J. Forrest	...	0
		2			0
NEW CLUB.		Holes.	TANTALLON.		Holes.
Mr. D. A. Stevenson and Dr. R. H. Blaikie	...	6	Mr. Garden G. Smith and Mr. G. Gordon Robertson	...	0
Mr. C. A. Stevenson and Mr. C. E. S. Chambers	...	0	Mr. J. M'Culloch and Mr. S. H. M'Culloch	...	0
		6			0
LUFFNESS.		Holes.	GULLANE.		Holes.
Mr. F. Kinloch and Mr. Gregor M'Gregor	...	2	Mr. T. Lugton and Mr. A. Murray	...	0
Mr. H. B. Bryden and Mr. W. T. Armour	...	1	Mr. H. Lugton and Mr. T. Lugton, jun.	...	0
		3			0
DIRLETON CASTLE.		Holes.	EAST LOTHIAN.		Holes.
Mr. D. Ritchie and Mr. A. Litster	...	8	Mr. J. A. Begbie and Mr. T. A. Begbie	...	0
Mr. G. Shepherd and Mr. J. Shepherd	...	4	Mr. St. Clair Cunningham and Mr. T. Binnie	...	0
		12			0

Second Round:—

ROUNDELL.		Holes.	NEW CLUB.		Holes.
Messrs. Bloxson and Stuart	...	2	Mr. D. A. Stevenson and Dr. Blaikie	...	0
Messrs. Hall Blyth and Hagart	...	0	Messrs. C. A. Stevenson and Chambers	...	1
		2			1
DIRLETON CASTLE.		Holes.	LUFFNESS.		Holes.
Messrs. Ritchie and Litster	...	1	Messrs. Bryden and Armour	...	0
Messrs. G. Shepherd and J. Shepherd	...	2	Messrs. Kinloch and M'Gregor	...	0
		3			0

Final Round:—

ROUNDELL.		Holes.	DIRLETON CASTLE.		Holes.
Messrs. Bloxson and Stuart	...	8	Messrs. G. Shepherd and J. Shepherd	...	0
Messrs. Hall Blyth and Hagart	...	10	Messrs. Ritchie and Litster	...	0
		18			0

Mr. H. W. Hope, of Luffness, presented the Wemyss cup to Mr. Bloxson, secretary of the Roundell Club, in a few very appropriate words, and afterwards handed him a very handsome prize, the gift of Luffness Club to the winners of the cup. Mr. Bloxson returned thanks in a neat little speech on behalf of the Roundell Club and its captain, Mr. Robert Clark. Hearty cheers were given for the runners-up—the Dirleton Castle Club—and a similar compliment having been paid to Mr. Hope, of Luffness, an eminently successful and harmonious meeting was over for the year.

KINROSS COUNTY V. TOWN.—A match between the above took place on the Lochside course with the following result:—

COUNTY.		Holes.	TOWN.		Holes.
Mr. H. B. Ferrier	...	7	Mr. W. Ferguson	...	0
Rev. J. F. Cameron	...	2	Mr. J. M. Ross	...	0
Mr. C. Hepburn	...	1	Mr. W. G. Downie	...	0
Mr. T. Drysdale	...	0	Mr. A. Smith	...	8
Mr. J. Wilson	...	0	Mr. W. Galloway	...	0
		10			—

ELGIN v. NAIRN.

A team of the Moray Club played a return match with the Nairn Club over the course of the latter on Wednesday, the 22nd inst. Teams of fifteen players a-side had been originally arranged, but, owing to unforeseen circumstances, only eight of the Elgin men were able to come forward. Rain interfered considerably with the game. The match turned out rather one-sided, the home club winning by 33 holes, thus wiping off their previous defeat. The strangers were most hospitably entertained, and, before their departure, friendly toasts and sentiments were exchanged. Score by holes as follows:—

NAIRN.		MORAY.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. A. F. Steele	8	Mr. J. Rodger	0
Mr. D. Young	4	Mr. J. F. Low	0
Rev. A. Chisholm	7	Mr. F. Davie	0
Mr. A. M'Hardy	11	Mr. J. McIsaac	0
Mr. E. E. Simpson	2	Mr. W. Christie	0
Mr. D. Mackenzie	1	Mr. J. Adams	0
Mr. H. T. Donaldson	3	Mr. J. Munro	0
Mr. W. Paterson	0	Mr. F. W. Gibb	3
	36		3

Majority for Nairn, 33 holes.

FORRES.

The handsome new pavilion erected by the Forres Club on the course at Kinloss was opened on Wednesday last, the 22nd inst., by the hon. secretary, Mr. John Leask, in the absence of ex-Provost Burn, captain of the club. A match followed between teams chosen by Mr. Leask and Dr. Milligan, the latter's side being successful by five holes.

GIRVAN GOLF CLUB.

A competition for prizes among residents and visitors took place over the links on Monday evening last week, when there was a large turn-out of competitors, and very fine weather prevailed. The prize-winners were as undernoted:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. A. Brown	87	scr. 87	*Mr. D. M. Connel	95	scr. 95
Mr. A. V. Lothian	90	scr. 90	*Mr. D. Lothian	103	8 95

* Tie.

The competition for the monthly handicap medal took place on Saturday afternoon last, when, favoured with delightful weather, a large turn out took part in the contest. The medal was won by Mr. R. McConnell as undernoted:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. R. McConnell	88	3 85	Mr. G. Dougall	101	12 89
Mr. John Eaglesome	93	5 88			

The competition also included that for the scratch medal, and Mr. McConnell having the lowest scratch score was the winner.

ILKLEY GOLF CLUB.

Many went out but few returned, was the order of things here last Saturday, when the monthly medal was competed for, the strong westerly wind and bright sun rendering good play out of the question. Although thirty competitors started, only fifteen cards were handed in, when it was found Mr. R. Scott was the winner with a net score of 110. We have had visitors during the week from St. Andrews, Prestwick, Dublin, and several south of England clubs. Scores:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. R. G. Scott	135	25 110	Rev. Irton Smith	119	+9 128
Mr. Frank Lee	142	30 112	Mr. F. P. Wild	123	+5 128
Mr. P. N. Lee	121	5 116	Mr. T. A. Carpenter	160	25 135
Mr. B. Hirst	135	18 117	Mr. N. Carpenter	185	50 135
Mr. Fred. Lee	154	36 118	Mr. H. Ellis	175	36 139
Mr. W. H. Scott	134	15 119	Mr. A. Irwell	177	36 141
Mr. D. F. Douglas	132	5 127	Mr. L. Glyde	184	25 159

LARGO.

LUNDIN LADIES' GOLF CLUB.—At the first handicap meeting of the club, held on 17th inst., on the North links, ten couples started for two prizes presented by the club—a silver scent-bottle and button-hook. The following were the best scores:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mrs. D. F. W. Parlane	96	25 71	Miss M. Rule	104	15 89
Miss Caesar	104	25 79	Miss J. Fortune	95	scr. 95
Mrs. W. P. Robertson	100	11 89	Miss Babbington	98	3 95
			Miss Saunders	108	7 101
			Miss Ronaldson	108	scr. 108

GRANTOWN.—A match between the Forres and Grantown Clubs was played on the course of the former at Kinloss on Friday, and resulted in a tie, each side scoring 16 holes. The ladies' monthly handicap competition for the gold medal was played on the ladies' green (two rounds) on Saturday, when Miss Winchester, with a scratch score of 78, was the winner.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

At a special general meeting of the members of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club, convened by circular and held on Friday last, it was resolved to raise the entrance-fee from five guineas to ten guineas, and to limit the number of members to 450. An alteration was also made in the rule for the admission of visitors, and the following was adopted:—"Any member may admit a friend or friends to the use of the club-room and green for a period not exceeding six days in any one year, without charge, on entering his or their names in a book to be kept for the purpose, called 'The Visitors' Book,' each name to be attested by the signature of the introducing member. The same person or persons cannot be again admitted until the expiry of three months from the date of such admission, except on the terms undermentioned:—If it is desired that the period should be extended, the name of the person or persons so admitted must be approved by a member of the council, who shall countersign the visitors' book, and a payment shall be made at the rate of ten shillings for every week, or any part of a week, during which the privilege is enjoyed, which is on no account to exceed four weeks, either consecutive or cumulative in any one year, the admitting member to be answerable for the above charges." Some alterations were also made in the regulations for play.

On Saturday the fourth competition for the handsome silver cup presented by Mr. C. W. Macara, of St. Anne's and Manchester, took place on the links at St. Anne's. The day was fine, but in the forenoon there was a strong westerly breeze, which subsided considerably after luncheon time, so that the afternoon players were more favoured. There were forty-four competitors, and the following was the full score: Mr. A. C. D. Hoare, St. Anne's, taking first place, with 96, less 12=84:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. C. G. D. Hoare, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea	96	12	84
Mr. W. Newbigging, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea	108	20	88
Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton	92	3	89
Mr. H. M. Ormsby, Rossall	113	24	89
Mr. F. E. M. Dixon, Formby	96	5	91
Mr. J. Corbett Lowe, Liverpool	105	13	92
Mr. C. Addison Birley, Bartle Hall	109	17	92
Mr. J. Talbot Fair, Lytham	105	12	93
Mr. Fred. H. Smith, Manchester	100	6	94
Mr. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's	102	8	94
Rev. T. A. Davidson, Scorton	112	18	94
Mr. A. B. Scholfield, St. Anne's	102	6	96
Mr. H. W. Macauley, Stourbridge	116	20	96
Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft, St. Anne's	110	13	97
Mr. F. H. Smith, Bolton	115	18	97
Mr. S. Fisher, South Shore	112	14	98
Mr. R. H. Prestwich, Manchester	107	8	99
Mr. F. C. Morgan, Manchester	107	5	102
Mr. J. Marcus Rea, St. Anne's	110	8	102
Dr. A. M. Eason, Lytham	112	9	103
Mr. James Buckley, Oldham	119	15	104
Mr. Nicholas Cockshutt, Preston	120	16	104
Mr. E. Redfern, St. Anne's	124	20	104
Mr. S. F. Butcher, Bury	124	10	114
Mr. A. Entwistle, Bolton	139	25	114
Mr. J. F. Pearson, St. Anne's	138	20	118
Mr. J. D. Milne, Manchester	116	not hcpd.	
Mr. T. A. Drew, Burnley	131	not hcpd.	

No returns from Mr. D. Y. Mills, Lytham; Mr. R. Lythgoe, St. Anne's; Mr. C. Pilkington, Prestwick; Mr. A. Tod, St. Anne's; Mr. R. B. Hardman, St. Anne's; Rev. G. E. Baddeley, Blackpool; Mr. H. Fisher, Wrea Green; Mr. J. Royle, St. Anne's; Mr. W. Watson, Wilmslow; Mr. W. H. Crossland, Manchester; Mr. J. E. Prestwich, Farnworth; Mr. T. C. Midwood, Salford; Mr. J. Craig, St. Anne's; Mr. J. E. King, St. Anne's; Mr. C. W. Fisher, Blackpool.

The first optional sweepstakes was won by Mr. C. G. D. Hoare, the second by Mr. W. Newbigging, and the third was divided between Mr. H. M. Ormsby and Mr. G. F. Smith. The two remaining competitions will take place on August 22nd and September 19th, and the six winners will play off for possession at the autumn meeting of the club.

NEWBIGGIN GOLF CLUB.

The medal (the gift of the captain) was played for on the 18th inst. in excellent weather. This was the sixth contest for the gift, and the result was a tie between Messrs. Bell and Ismay. The scores were:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. L. Bell	92	5 87	Mr. J. Hedley	98	6 92
Mr. C. Ismay	112	25 87	Mr. J. G. Sharp	104	10 94
Mr. J. W. Wood	93	5 88	Mr. R. J. Aynsley	141	32 109
Mr. B. Brumell	113	22 91			

Two players retired.

NEEDLES GOLF CLUB.

Seely bowl handicap, limited to 18 points. Played Friday, July 17th:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
*Mr. W. A. Dwight	102	18	84	Capt. Hoblyn	107	18	89
*Major Walford	102	18	84	Mr. H. N. C. Connell	108	18	90
Lieut. C. Collins	88	scr.	88	Capt. Nelson	105	15	90
Mr. Fenton Graham	97	9	88	Lieut. R. Paxley	104	8	96
Mr. W. Graham	90	1	89	Mr. J. Dover	115	18	97

*Tie.

The rest were over 100 net. The tie, on being played off, resulted in a second one:—Mr. W. A. Dwight, 108, less 18=90; Major Walford, 108, less 18=90. The players decided on a third round next day, and the final result was:—Mr. W. A. Dwight, 103, less 18=85; Major Walford, 110, less 18=92.

NORTH BERWICK.

The links here have much improved in consequence of the recent welcome showers, and the greens are altogether in splendid order. Daily is play becoming brisker, and already the interesting friendly encounters of the season, such as those of Visitors *versus* Residents, are at hand. The ladies have also been pretty busily engaged over their fine course in preparation for the July contest. Amongst the matches of interest the following took place on Saturday:—The amateur champion had a single with Sayers. Mr. Laidlay played an excellent game and beat the professional, thus reversing the result of the encounter of the previous week, when the amateur champion lost after a splendid tussle.

At Luffness, on Saturday afternoon, Mr. Hope, partnering Mr. John Forrest, had a friendly game with Mr. Congalton, partnering Mr. J. Henderson, the former couple winning by one. Playing off to decide the destination of the handsome claret jug gifted by the Luffness Club to the winners of the county cup, Mr. Bloxson and Mr. Stuart were successful over Mr. Hall Blyth and Mr. Hagart by 4 holes, the fortunate couple being now left to arrange as to the possession of the award.

PRESTWICK GOLF CLUB.

The July medal was played for under very favourable conditions on Saturday, and, though there was a very large turn-out of players, only twelve couples took part in the competition for the medal, which was won by Mr. J. B. Brown, who handed in the lowest handicap score as hereunder shown:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. B. Brown	104	24	80	Mr. G. R. Fleming	110	20	90
Mr. A. M. Coats	102	20	82	Mr. J. H. Wilson	95	scr.	95
Mr. H. C. Wallace	106	24	82	Mr. W. H. Kidston	109	13	96
Mr. J. H. Cassells	101	18	83	Mr. J. W. Hamilton	109	scr.	109

The other competitors did not hand in any returns.

RANELAGH GOLF CLUB.

A handicap sweepstake was played for at this club on Monday, the 27th inst. The weather was very wet and the course heavy, consequently only a few sent in their cards. The winner was Mr. J. G. Wylie with a net score of 89, Mr. C. A. S. Leggatt being second with 95. The competition was followed by the first annual club-dinner. Twelve members put in an appearance. Mr. Reginald Herbert presided, and, in the course of a few remarks, said the committee were quite satisfied with the progress the club had made during the past six months. It was their intention to promote its welfare in every possible way, and no pains would be spared to render it in every way a good golfing course. Members intend dining together at the club-house on Sunday evening next, at 8 o'clock, when ladies may be introduced, and a good attendance is hoped for. There will also be play on Saturday the 1st prox.

ROYAL WIMBLEDON GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap challenge medal, July 25th, 1891:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. Guy Pym	87	8	79	Mr. N. R. Foster	89	scr.	89
Mr. C. A. W. Cameron	86	6	80	Mr. H. Becher	101	12	89
Mr. F. Skene	87	6	81	Mr. D. Davidson	92	2	90
Mr. G. C. Wylie	90	8	82	Mr. W. Michie	100	9	91
Mr. W. L. Purves	83	scr.	83	Mr. A. Pollock	97	5	92
Mr. F. J. Walker	88	5	83	Mr. T. Smith	104	12	92
Mr. G. Nicol	93	8	85	Mr. H. Marsh	106	14	92
Mr. J. L. Ridpath	94	9	85	Mr. C. L. Anstruther	103	10	93
Mr. A. Todrick	95	10	85	Mr. J. Murray	105	12	93
Mr. C. E. Routh	98	13	85	Mr. A. Davidson	104	10	94
Mr. C. A. Pidcock	99	14	85	Mr. D. F. Park	112	18	94
Mr. C. Plummer	87	scr.	87	Mr. H. P. St. John	111	16	95
Mr. W. Bazalgette	90	3	87	Mr. A. H. Molesworth	93	+3	96
Mr. A. O. Mackenzie	97	10	87	Mr. H. W. Bradford	111	15	96
Mr. J. M. Henderson	92	4	88	Mr. J. M. Kerr	99	no hcpd.	
Mr. E. M. Protheroe	97	9	88	Mr. H. W. Horne	111	8	103
Mr. G. F. Muir	100	12	88	Mr. W. C. Harrison	116	no hcpd.	
Mr. W. W. Branston	104	16	88				

WIMBLEDON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

July Medals.—The first division was won by Miss Lena Thomson with the score of 84, less 12=72, and the second division by Mrs. Arthur Pollock, with 102, less 36=66.

ROYAL NORTH DEVON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal, and the usual sweepstakes were played for on Saturday last. When the medal was first played for nothing accompanied it, now there is always a "Memento" provided by the club; this month it was a silver cigarette case, and in addition there is a jubilee £5 piece, the gift of Mr. Kentish, to be won three times in one year, when it will become the property of the winner. Mr. H. Houldsworth has given a prize for the member who first wins the monthly medal twice; a pair of silver candlesticks, presented by Mr. J. J. Harding, will go to the member who puts in the four best rounds of the year. With such inducements it is hoped to get a good "field," and to tempt those who reserve themselves for the handsome prizes at the larger meetings to enter:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
*Mr. J. J. Harding, M. S.	94	7	87
*Mr. F. Dowell, M. S.	107	20	87
Mr. C. Graham, S.	104	16	88
Rev. A. Cochran, S.	106	16	90
Captain Chichester, R.N., M. S.	110	20	90
Mr. C. C. Davie, S.	110	18	92
Col. Templeman, M. S.	119	27	92
Mr. B. James, M. S.	115	22	93
Mr. T. G. Keats, M. S.	118	25	93
Mr. C. Boyd, M. S.	112	15	97
Surg.-Gen. Fuller, S.	122	25	97
Rev. J. Swayne, S.	112	14	98
Dr. Cooke, S.	129	25	104
Mr. F. T. Cooke, M. S.	125	20	105
Mr. G. C. Davie, S.	125	19	106

* Tied.

Messrs. A. Boyd, M. S., Christie, M. S., Gorton, S., T. G. Heathcote, M. S., H. Houldsworth, M. S., F. H. Law, M. S., Col. Pearce, M. S., and Winterscale, M. S., made no returns. There were several other players out.

SOUTHPORT GOLF CLUB.

The following is the return of the July monthly medal competition of the Southport Golf Club, played on the links, Marshside, on Saturday, the 18th inst., in splendid weather, the greens being in perfect order. Score:—

	Gross.	Net.		Gross.	Net.
Mr. J. Macalister	84	80	Mr. W. T. Rowley	103	89
Mr. H. Sidebottom	94	80	Mr. W. E. Bland	107	91
Mr. T. Ogilvy	99	84	Mr. R. Deane	112	94
Mr. J. Aitkin	103	85	Mr. G. W. Moultrier	104	95
Mr. J. E. Pearson	99	87	Mr. T. O. Clinning	116	96
Capt. Wyle	105	87	Mr. R. H. Prestwich	103	97

The following did not make a return:—Messrs. John Prestwich, R. A. Nicholson, F. Jones, G. Macdonald, and G. H. Crook. Mr. Macalister and Mr. Sidebottom having tied, divided first and second prizes of the sweeps; third prize taken by Mr. Ogilvy.

ST. ANDREWS.

The members of the St. Andrews Ladies' Golf Club had a couple of field days during the past week. On Tuesday they competed for the Tod Stewart gold medal when a field of seventeen couples put in an appearance. Unfortunately, shortly after the start rain began to fall heavily, and only eight ladies finished the competition. The winning card was handed in by Miss Stewart, her figure being 105, a capital score considering the circumstances. The other scorers were Miss Bethune, 106; Miss L. Prain, 108; Mrs. Everard, 109; Miss H. M. Stewart, 110; Miss S. Wordsworth, 110; Miss Morgan, 115; Mrs. G. Boothby, 117. On Saturday the members again met to do battle for the monthly medals. The weather was charming, and, besides the twenty couples who played, the course was rendered lively by quite a crowd of spectators. The following is the list of players and the results:—

Miss Bethune and Miss L. Bethune, Miss A. Sherman Miller and Miss Whytock, Mrs. Hull and Colonel Boyes, Miss H. M. Stewart and Mr. R. Burn, Miss Henry, Miss Macneil and Mr. Wallace, Mr. Everard and Mr. J. Robertson Reid, Mrs. J. Boyd and Mr. F. R. Boyd, Miss C. T. Boyd and Mr. James Boyd, Miss Walsh and Mr. J. C. Boyd, Mrs. H. S. C. Everard and Mr. Doner, Miss Mackinnon and Miss J. Macneil, Mrs. Macfie and Miss H. S. Wordsworth, Miss Retson and Mr. Douglas Farmer, Miss Hutton and Miss Irvine, Mr. G. Boothby, and Mr. F. Burn, Mrs. Wolfe Murray and Mrs. Henderson, Miss K. Prain and Miss L. Prain, Mr. Scratton and Miss Falconer, Miss Sherman Miller and Miss L. Sherman Miller.

Two rounds were played, and the result was as follows:—Mr.

Donald Hodge won the first medal at 101; Miss C. T. Boyd and Miss A. Sherman Miller tied for the second at 103. On playing off the tie Miss A. S. Miller won. Miss A. Sherman Miller won the star for the best round—49. The confined medal was gained by Miss Irvine at 110. The other scores were—Miss F. K. Boyd, 104; Mrs. H. S. C. Everard, 106; Colonel Boyes, 106; Miss H. M. Stewart, 109; Mr. R. Burn, 109; Mr. Robertson Reid, 109; Miss L. Bethune, 110; Mr. Wallace, 110.

The Calcutta cup, a trophy which was presented by the Calcutta Golf Club to the Royal and Ancient is played for next week. The players are handicapped, and the competition is decided by holes. The tournament begins on Tuesday.

TROON GOLF CLUB.

The July competition for the Sandhills gold medal, took place on Saturday, under very favourable conditions as to the weather, and as to the state of the links. The turn-out was about the average, viz., 24 couples. The winner of the medal is the competitor who makes the lowest aggregate of four scores, out of a possible twelve competitions played during the twelve months. The lowest scorer on Saturday was Mr. D. Dundas, who heads the undernoted list:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. D. Dundas	92	8 84	Mr. D. Findlay	102	6 96
Mr. J. McFadyen	111	24 87	Mr. L. B. A.		
Mr. Chas. Aird	100	12 88	McMichael	104	6 98
Mr. R. Hutcheson	103	14 89	Mr. A. Walker	108	10 98
Mr. R. White	90	scr. 90	Mr. R. Bishop	118	18 100
Mr. Jas. Hutcheson	111	20 91	Mr. J. A. Anderson	101	scr. 101
Mr. G. Rome	106	12 94	Mr. J. H. Wilson	104	scr. 104
Mr. G. Gillespie	95	scr. 95	Mr. J. A. Morrice	104	scr. 104

Four cards were put in for handicap, and the other players made no returns.

The first of this season's juvenile competitions in connection with Troon Ladies' Golf Club took place on Tuesday, 21st July, when a large number of boys competed over the ladies' links for prizes principally presented by the ladies. The competition was a scratch one, but the competitors were divided into classes according to their age. There was some really very good form shown, and there is probably only a very small minority among the adults who could beat the performance of Bertie Clark, who went the double round of six holes (twelve holes, covering two miles of ground) in 53. The following are the results of the competition:—

First division, for boys thirteen, fourteen, and fifteen years old.—First prize, gold and pearl pin, presented by the Ladies' Club: Bertie Clark, 53. Second prize, four Golf balls, presented by Willie Fernie: George White, 57; John McFarlane, 58; J. Raeside, 63; J. Walker, 70; Harry Dundas, 76; Tom Ross, 77.

Second division, boys eleven and twelve years old.—First prize, gold pin, presented by the Ladies' Club: Charles McFarlane, 62. Second prize, four Golf balls, presented by W. Fernie: Geo. Raeside, 63. Third prize, three Golf balls, presented by W. Fernie: Wallace Clark, 64; Willie Bishop, 72; Willie Fullarton, 72; Arthur Laidlaw, 74; Bertie Raeside, 77; Geo. Cowan, 85; C. Symington, 91; Malcolm McFarlane, 97.

Third division, boys nine and ten years old.—Prize presented by W. Fernie: Harry Bishop, 74; Kenneth Dundas, 102.

WEST CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

The second summer competition under handicap took place on Saturday, July 25th. Several members who had entered did not play, but this must always be expected where so many players are professional men, liable to be called away at short notice. The course is in excellent order, and the greens are in good condition. The returns were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. De La Touche	119	24 95	Mr. Young Jamieson	122	12 110
Mr. R. F. Tyacke ...	117	18 99	Mr. W. F. J. Harvey	141	28 113

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