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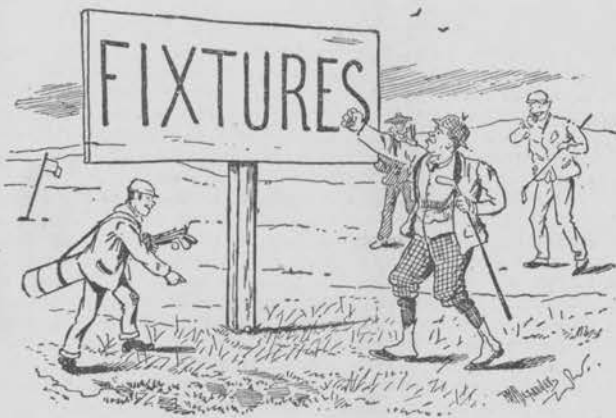
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1891. JUNE.
- June 26.—Durham : Blagdon Cup.
Harrison, Edinburgh : Medal.
- June 25-27.—Bowdon : Captain's Cup.
- June 27.—Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup ; Captain's Prize.
Seaford : Monthly Medal.
Luffness : Wemyss Challenge Medal.
Brighton and Hove : The De Worms Challenge Cup.
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Monthly Medal.
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.
Edinburgh University : Captain's, the Senatus, and other Prizes (at North Berwick).
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Felixstowe : Monthly Challenge Cup.
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.
Cathkin Braes : Cathkin v. Ranfurly.
- June 29-30.—Harrison, Edinburgh : Aggregate (entry 6d.).
- June 30.—Luffness : Club Handicap Medal.
Edinburgh Viewforth : Silver Medal (Braids).

- JULY.
- July 1.—Edinburgh Viewforth : Prize Competition.
Harrison (Edinburgh) : Aggregate.
- July 2.—Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Competition.
- July 3.—Durham : Blagdon Cup.
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Lea Hurst : Competition for Committee Cup.
Seaton Carew : Wilson Shield.
Calcutta : Cup.
Cathkin Braes : Gold Medal.
- July 7.—Cornwall County Golf Club : Monthly Medal.
Falkirk : Monthly Competition.
Hayling Island Ladies' : Bath Challenge Star.
Royal Blackheath : Monthly Medal.
- July 9.—Selkirk : Captain's Prize (third Competition).
- July 10.—Durham : Osborn Cup.
Harrison (Edinburgh) : Medal.
- July 11.—West Herts : Monthly Medal.
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.
Lanark : Gold Ball, and other Prizes.
Hayling : Monthly Competition.
Monifieth : Fenton Gold Medal (scratch).
Alnwick : Marsh Painting.
Wilpshire and District : Monthly Medal.
Edinburgh C. A. : Summer Meeting.
Rochdale : Captain's Prize.
Edinburgh Warrender : Gilfillan Belt.
- July 13 to 15.—Harrison (Edinburgh) : Cup and Prizes.
- July 14.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Cup.
- July 15.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Gold Medal ; Noakes Cup.
- July 16.—Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Competition.
- July 17.—Hayling Island Ladies : Bath Challenge Star.
- July 18.—Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Gullane : Club Gold Medal, and other prizes.
Disley : Third Summer Handicap.
Epsom : Monthly Medal.
Formby : Captain's Prize.
Rochdale : Summer Handicap.
Lea Hurst : Monthly Competition.
Seaton Carew : Club Cup.
Buxton and High Peak : Silver Challenge Vase.
- July 24.—Durham : Blagdon Cup.
Harrison (Edinburgh) : Medal.
- July 25.—Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Luffness : The County Cup Competition ; Wemyss Challenge (Cup) Medal.
Royal Epping Forest ; Gordon Challenge Cup ; Captain's Prize.
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Monthly Medal.
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.
West Lancashire : Monthly Medal.
Felixstowe : Monthly Challenge Cup.
Haddington : Somerville Medal.
Seaton Carew : Thompson Medal.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Macara Cup.
Cathkin Braes : Vice-President's Prize.
- July 31.—Edinburgh Viewforth : Silver Medal.
Harrison (Edinburgh) : Cleek and Iron Competition.

AUGUST.

- Aug. 1.—London Scottish: Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove: The Berens Gold Medal.
Seaford: Monthly Medal.
Minchinhampton: Monthly Medal.
Royal Liverpool: Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells: Bank Holiday Meeting.
Bournemouth: Monthly Medal.
Bowdon: Monthly Competition.
Haydock Park: Captain's Cup (seventh Competition).
Seaton Carew: Gray Trophy.
St. George's (Sandwich): The St. George's Cup and Cross.
Cathkin Braes: Gold Medal.
- Aug. 1 to 4.—Felixstowe: Second Summer Meeting.
- Aug. 3.—Royal Liverpool: Bank Holiday Summer Meeting.
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells: Bank Holiday Meeting.
Royal Isle of Wight: Summer Meeting; Webster Cup; Leslie Melville Prize and Badge.
West Lancashire: August Meeting.
Hayling Island Ladies: Summer Meeting: Fourth Competition (scratch) for Secretary's Inkstand; Rev. Filmer Bennett's Prize (handicap); Visitors' Prize.
St. George's (Sandwich): The Gemmell Cup.
- Aug. 4.—Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews: Calcutta Cup Tournament (Under handicap. Entries close July 28th).
Cornwall County Golf Club: Monthly Medal.
Hayling Island Ladies: Bath Challenge Star; Rev. Filmer Bennett's Prize (handicap); Visitors' Prize.
Aldeburgh: Silver Medal.
Hayling Island: Monthly Competition.
- Aug. 6.—Tyneside: Bi-Monthly Competition.
- Aug. 7.—Durham: Osborn Cup.
Harrison: Medal.
- Aug. 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.

HUGH KIRKALDY v. BERNARD SAYERS.

(BY AN ONLOOKER.)

Up to the present time there has been but little to chronicle in the way of professional Golf, the chief exception being a match between Willie Campbell and Fernie, at Islay, a new green and *terra incognita* to the great majority of golfers. With fine summer weather coming on the scene, this state of inaction was no longer to be tolerated, and it occurred to some of those interested in Golf that a match between Hugh Kirkaldy and Sayers would be well worth witnessing. A challenge was accordingly issued for £25 a-side, which the latter in a most sportsmanlike way accepted by return of post, naming the 16th of June for North Berwick, and the 19th for St. Andrews. In the ordinary course the match in all probability would have been one between Andrew Kirkaldy and Sayers, more especially as in these columns a few months ago this very suggestion was made. Needless to say, so far as the actual merits of the game are concerned, Andrew Kirkaldy would have easily found scores of backs for that or any other match from among the members of the Royal and Ancient, but inasmuch as he has not thought it advisable to join the register of caddies and professionals (although recommended to do so in his own interests), or to give his countenance in any way to the arrangements made for the amelioration of their condition—quite indeed the contrary—it was not to be expected that the members of the Royal and Ancient would go much out of their way to provide entertainment for him. The supporters of his brother, however, have had every reason to be gratified at the result of their enterprise, for not only has he won the match, but has shown himself possessed of every quality necessary for success in such contests. On more than one occasion circumstances occurred which might have severely tested an older player, but he was never taken aback; a smart, good-humoured lad, he gave evidence—perhaps unexpected evidence—of determination and discretion, and his play was of an unusually high standard, both on the strange green and on his own.

To all intents and purposes this is his first encounter of any importance, though curiously enough he was pitted against his present antagonist on the memorable occasion, in 1888, when young Tom's record score of 77 was for the first time legitimately broken by Hugh Kirkaldy's 74. Thus Sayers had abundant means of knowing the manner of man he was called upon to play, and his promptitude, therefore, in at once taking up the gauntlet is all the more commendable. Thus much by way of preliminary remark, but it may be further stated that (leaving Andrew Kirkaldy aside for the reasons already mentioned) St. Andrews has yet another son in every way capable of upholding her honour in professional matches, "Sandy" Herd, to wit, who on this occasion acted as caddy and professional adviser to "Hughie." There have been generations of Herds, all golfers, and most of them "Sandys," but the present representative is the most brilliant of them all: it is therefore far from unlikely, if he elects to remain still in St. Andrews, that some challenges may be promulgated on his behalf, as he too is a thoroughly deserving representative of his class. It is time, however, to offer a few details of the match itself. The great majority of the St. Andrews spectators went down to the sea in a ship, which they chartered from Dundee, and, as the weather happened to be favourable, crossed over to the Lothian green with less inconvenience than might have been anticipated; it is understood, indeed, that they really enjoyed their trip, and they arrived in quite time enough to see the last four or five holes of the first round. The wind was from the east, which for North Berwick is perhaps the most favourable quarter, as for the first ten holes it is of assistance, while only eight remain for its adverse influence to make itself felt. Punctually at 10.30 the match commenced, and at the very outset it was obvious that the protagonists were likely to do themselves justice. Point Garry fell to the local man in an excellent four, but the balance was redressed at the next hole principally by means of a very prettily played putt, of some two to three club lengths, which Kirkaldy holed. It may be here stated that the outstanding feature of the first round was the unflinching accuracy with which he holed out these putts of one club length to three or four from the hole; while never fortunate enough to get a long fluke, he yet hardly missed a single one he could have been expected to hole. On this occasion he used his wooden putter uniformly throughout—Sayers, on the other hand, with his cleek putted, if not exactly badly, yet with a striking lack of success; time after time putts of that length would graze the hole by a hair's-breadth, and remain tantalisingly just on the verge—outside instead of in. After a half in four at the third hole, Sayers failed to carry the bunker at the "Trap" with his cleek, while Kirkaldy with a long shot with that club was too far, and in playing back was two yards short. Sayers now by a beautifully judged shot from out of the bunker got inside him, but while Hugh holed a characteristic putt, his opponent failed, and was thus one down, but with a perfectly played three at the "Angle" squared matters. Two halves followed, Kirkaldy getting well out of a bunker at the "High Bent," and at the succeeding hole his short game again stood him in good stead, for while he had by far

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the wider approach, being in fact off the green to the right, he holed in two from there, while Sayers, lamentably short after a good first shot over the plantation, failed to recover himself, and was again one down. The two next holes were also won by Kirkaldy by superior putting, and he was now three up. Turning against the wind the feature of the "Quarry in" was a beautifully played short pitch, which trickled almost into the hole, and lay absolutely dead in three; Sayers, on the other hand, having got out of his stride owing to indifferent driving, now found himself four down. From this point, however, the tide was stemmed; a pretty long putt gave the local man the "Pit" in three, and in all probability the same player would have had a two at the next hole but for an unfortunate stimy. Each man's first shot had been a beauty, that of Sayers as it happened being almost dead, and it was hard to be robbed of his reward. Disdaining all half measures the St. Andrews man was determined to be on the proper side of the wall at "Perfection," and calling for his play-club drove a long shot a good way past the hole, Sayers, who had taken his cleek, being rather wide to the right, and his second, pitched six inches too low, rolled down the hill. Kirkaldy, with a long straight putt, hit the hole and lay stone dead, and was again four up. Perfect play was witnessed at the next two holes, halved in three and five respectively, but going to "Point Garry," Kirkaldy drew his tee-shot badly and was within an ace of being on the beach. As a matter of fact that situation would probably have been less distressing than the one in which he actually found himself, hopelessly hemmed in under a seat; the ground thus lost was too much to regain, and Sayers, not giving him a chance, won the hole in five against a probable seven—the last being halved in four; Kirkaldy was three up on the first round. Scores:—

Kirkaldy:—

Out	5	4	4	3	5	4	4	3	4	4	=40
In	4	4	3	3	3	5	7	4	=33		

Sayers:—

Out	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	4	5	5	=42
In	6	3	3	4	3	5	5	4	=33		

At 1.45 p.m. the second round was commenced, and the prediction of Sayers' backers that he would turn the tables in the afternoon was justified by the event. He lost no time in reducing the adverse lead by one, thanks to a long putt at "Point Garry" which he holed in three. After two halves he lost his recent acquisition, perhaps partly owing to the disturbing influence of a camera at a critical putt, but after a prettily-played three by each man the unexpected happened at the "Low Bent." Kirkaldy's tee shot was a picture, well on the green, while Sayers was far away to the right, with a steep face between him and the hole, but a thirty-yard putt came trickling down with meandering course, and ended its career by stealing softly into its haven of rest, thus robbing Hughie of his apparently certain half, and very probable whole. Three out of the remaining four holes out fell to the same player, the first of the sequence being noticeable for an excellent recovery from under the wall at the "High Bent." About this time Sayers was putting with all the deadly precision his antagonist had displayed in the forenoon round, while the latter had to a certain extent fallen off in this department; in fact, the two men had reversed positions. The tenth hole saw Sayers one up for the first time since the start, he having gone out in the very fine score of 37. At the next hole, he would undoubtedly have increased this lead, had not a spectator, in the exercise of such intelligence as had been vouchsafed to him, selected the identical moment when Sayers was beginning to putt, to come from a state of rest, where he had not been seen, to one of motion immediately behind the player's eye; a nearly certain win was thus reduced to a half. The "Pit" was halved in a good four, Kirkaldy having narrowly escaped punishment under the wall, and this player had further reason to mutter appropriate benisons at the next hole, where, for the second time in the round, the unexpected happened. He had hooked his tee shot rather badly, and lay on the shore, but so well, that an easy pitch on to the bents stopped his ball so effectually that it lay stone dead. Sayers, the wind entirely taken out of his sails, failed to follow up his fine tee shot, and lost the hole—all square on the match. For the second time "Perfection" fell to Kirkaldy in three to four, but not catching hold of his tee shot very sweetly, he got bunkered at the "Redan," a fate which likewise overtook his antagonist; the latter, however, getting better out of the difficulty, should have won the hole, but threw his chance away by missing a two-foot putt, the worst mistake he had made all day. The "Gare" was halved in a good five, and was remarkable for a particularly well-played short loft by Kirkaldy from a bad position, the ball almost going in and remaining an inch from the hole. It should be here stated that these short pitches of his were as much a feature of the afternoon round as had been his holing out in that of the morning. He was now one up and two to play over North Berwick; he managed to save a half at Point Garry by laying a long putt dead after an indifferent third, but he lost the last hole through

being outplayed in the approach; thus the first half of the match ended all square. Scores:—

Kirkaldy:—

Out	4	5	5	3	3	3	4	3	5	6	=41
In	5	4	3	3	5	5	5	5	=35		

Sayers:—

Out	3	5	5	4	3	2	3	3	4	5	=37
In	5	4	4	4	5	5	5	4	=36		

On the transference of the venue to St. Andrews, preliminaries were initiated with a view of affording the North Berwick man some practice over the strange green. An excellent foursome was arranged, wherein Sayers, partnered by Mr. A. F. Macfie, tackled Mr. H. S. C. Everard and Sandy Herd. This match was remarkable for its vicissitudes. The last-named couple lost the first four holes, won the next three, and by a long putt won the end hole in three; all square at the turn. They lost two of the next three holes, got square and two to play, and won the last two holes, four halves only having been chronicled during the round.

Friday, the 19th, so far as weather was concerned, left nothing to be desired. A hot sun, but little tempered by a light breeze from the east, proclaimed a perfect golfing day. Brilliant execution by Kirkaldy characterised the opening of the proceedings, for, with a long drive and long cleek shot, he was over the burn, and finished by holing a ten-yard putt in three. Sayers, who had been unable to cross in two, had meanwhile played a magnificent approach, which would very possibly have regained him the ground lost had not Hugh followed up his powerful long game by such deadly putting. The latter had all the advantage in driving to the second hole, but a low cleek shot was drawn into the bunker close to the hole, while Sayers, laying his third dead, won in four. Excellent approaching resulted in a half in four at the third hole, though Sayers was a long way astern off the tee, having cut his ball rather badly, and after a half at the Ginger Beer Hole that player again had all the worst of the long game to the Hole o'Cross, which he lost, not, however, without having had an excellent chance of a half in five. At the sixth hole also Hugh's swiping powers left him a little less to do, and, laying his iron shot almost dead, he was two up. His driving was mainly instrumental in winning the High Hole in a good four, and the Short Hole, perfectly played in two, saw him four ahead. Thus far he had given his opponent but little chance; but now a very moderate approach, but ill-redeemed by mediocre putting, let in Sayers, who turned three down. Up to this point, while playing down-wind, Kirkaldy's driving powers had given him a very distinct advantage, but in going against it on the homeward journey this appeared to be almost neutralised, and there was but little to choose between the two. Sayers, having the honour, got bunkered going to the tenth hole, on observing which casualty Hughie, with commendable, not to say unusual, judgment, took his cleek, but drove such a "raker," that he was nearly in too. However, he was just short, and a four resulted in his favour. At the Short Hole, however, Minerva left her new-found protégé somewhat in the lurch, and the lack of wisdom in taking a full cleek shot with a following wind was abundantly clear, for Hugh found himself badly enough in the Eden, and he was never remotely associated with a half. From this point to the close of the round Sayers's game was brilliant; not a fault could the most captious find with it, with the possible exception of the last putt of the round—an apparently feasible one—which he failed to hole. Being now three down and seven to play on the round, a most beautifully played short pitch, followed by a good putt, won him the "Heather Hole," after a half at the Hole o'Cross, a long steal gave him a four at the "Ginger Beer." After having the worst of the driving at the next hole, he saved himself by an accurate running loft, and snatched a four there also. But the sensational incident of the round occurred at the "Dyke." Sayers had much the worst of it from the tee, his opponent being within reach of his cleek. After an excellent second, the North Berwick man holed an iron shot off the wrist, and won the hole in three—all square. Placing the next also to his credit, thanks to a half-stimy, and halving the last (which he might have won), he stood one up on the whole match. Scores:—

Kirkaldy:—

Out	...	...	...	3	6	4	5	5	4	4	2	6	=39
In	...	...	...	4	5	5	5	5	4	5	7	5	=45

Sayers:—

Out	5	4	4	5	6	5	5	4	4	=42
In	5	3	4	5	4	3	6	5	=39	

It will be observed that, so far, the match bore a close resemblance to that of North Berwick. On that green Kirkaldy, after having had a commanding lead of four holes, was unable to retain them owing to the brilliant play of his antagonist; and here again the same thing happened. Sayers, in his short approaches, exhibited extraordinary control over his irons. Time after time, with unfailing regularity, he pitched or ran the ball up so close that he could, and did, hole out the next shot. He thus came home against the wind in 39—a grand performance.

At two o'clock hostilities were resumed. Kirkaldy, thanks to a very long and straight second, shot from the left of the course, carried the burn, holed in four, and won, Sayers not having been able to attempt to cross. A brilliant second shot with a play club landed Hugh on the green at the Dyke, which he also won in four, a figure he repeated at the two succeeding holes, and was now two ahead on the match. At the fifth hole Sayers made a splendid recovery, laying a putt dead the whole length of the Hole o'Cross green, on to which his third shot had just sufficient strength to struggle. At each of the two next holes Kirkaldy made a trifling mistake, the only lapses hitherto observable, but in each instance, so correct was the play, they cost him a hole. He could not be held accountable for the loss of the Short Hole, for his opponent, with perfect judgment of strength, holed a long down-hill putt and got in two. Now, however, Sayers made two really bad shots, severely topping two drives, and only arriving in two about the spot where Kirkaldy's tee-shot was lying; the former made, nevertheless, a most astounding recovery, laying himself within an inch or two of the hole, but, as it happened, too late, for Hugh also holed in two off his iron, and was now all square. In which country from the tee Sayers lost the next, though the decisive putt appeared to be going anywhere but where it did—into the hole to wit—but as it did get there hypercriticism were inappropriate. Profiting by sad experience, Hughie took a shorter club to the Eden with satisfactory result, as it was halved in a well-played three. It appeared long odds that he would win the Heather Hole, and be two up, for he had by far the best of the driving, but owing to another characteristic approach by Sayers and a good putt, the end of it all was that he lost it, as he just failed by a hair's-breadth to get in a five-foot putt at the like. Two bunkers at the next hole left the issue a certainty for Kirkaldy, but in going to the Long Hole that player, in consequence of a very bad foothold, did not catch hold of his second shot, and required four to reach the green. Sayers having played it faultlessly in five, the match now stood all square and four to play, and excitement ran high. For once, in proceeding to the third last hole, the East Lothian man required four to hole from his approach, and Kirkaldy, with a staid and respectable five, won this very important hole. At the corner of the Dyke he drove a very fine tee-shot, which gave him an immense advantage, enabling him, indeed, to get home with his cleek and hole in four, thus rendering himself at any rate secure from defeat. But the fun was not yet finished. Two very long drives left the challenger within reach of the green for his iron, while Sayers, out-driven to that extent, required a very good play club shot to get home. To this effort, however, he was in every way equal, laying himself well on the green, while Kirkaldy's approach lay at the foot thereof. The long putt of the latter was dismally weak, whereupon Sayers, at the like, laid himself about three feet from the right side of the hole practically dead, or nearly so. Now, however, Hugh in his endeavour to hole his putt for the match, left Sayers what the latter considered (mistakenly in the writer's opinion) a stimy. He tried to loft it, failed, and ran as far past on the other side, and hardly thought it worth while to hole out. He did so, however, and Kirkaldy, who had failed to notice that his ball was slightly cupped, or thinking that even if it were the putt was too dead to be missed, played a little carelessly and did miss it, losing the hole in consequence. After this unexpected reprieve, Sayers led off with a good shot, but Kirkaldy was not to be caught napping again; he atoned for his perhaps pardonable lapse by a brilliantly-played four for the last hole, which he won, and with it the match by two up on the 72 holes. Scores:—

Kirkaldy:—

Out	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	3	3=37	} 80
In	4	3	5	5	6	5	4	7	4=43	

Sayers:—

Out	5	5	4	5	5	4	4	2	4=38	} 85
In	5	3	4	7	5	6	6	6	5=47	

Thus ended as interesting an encounter as has been seen for a long time. Victor and vanquished are to be congratulated alike, no less for the good feeling and *bonhomie* displayed during the match than for the sustained brilliancy of play exhibited throughout its progress. Sayers, albeit the loser on this occasion, may be said by his plucky struggle to have very considerably enhanced the reputation he has deservedly built up for himself in the golfing world, while Kirkaldy, apart from the merits of his play and his success in his maiden effort in this direction, has attracted general regard by reason of the moral, at least as much as the physical, qualities he possesses. If, as is now far from unlikely, there arises a recrudescence of interest in professional Golf, it may be in no small degree attributable to the match just noticed. It is not unworthy of remark that the best ball of the first round was 73, that of the second 74, figures exactly corresponding to those of the two memorable rounds played by Hugh Kirkaldy when he broke the records.

Review.

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As a Golf club directory this volume is very serviceable and convenient to all players. It focusses into narrow compass all the details which a golfer may wish to know concerning the origin and progress of all Golf clubs scattered up and down the world, together with particulars in many cases of the character of the greens and the most expeditious means of reaching them. As a club directory this volume is annually swelling. This year particulars are chronicled of 387 clubs as against 277 last year. The majority of the new clubs have come into existence since the birth of this journal, and a very large proportion of them have been noted in these columns at the time of starting. A fact like this shows the marked increase of popularity which Golf, as a game, is meeting with among all sections of the community.

Of the articles in the volume none are very fresh. There is a reprint of Professor Tait's article from *Nature* on "Some points in the Physics of Golf," a subject which the Professor has handled in a more popular manner in these pages. Dr. Proudfoot has a much too temperate article on the *Spectators' idea of Golf*, for if any critic ever deserved to be put under the harrow it was the pretentious critic of the *Spectator*. The Rev. John Kerr writes pleasantly and discursively of the New Muirfield Green of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, and Mr. Everard shows that among leading players, at least, the "putty" ball is not so much in vogue as it once was. There is a good portrait of Andrew Kirkaldy ready to play an iron shot, and standing, not too appropriately one would think, on the banks of a mountain torrent—a piece of nature evidently supplied by one of the pleasing accessories of the photographer's studio.

A NEW OUT-DOOR GAME.

Mr. William Sykes, athletic manufacturer, of Horbury, Yorkshire, is introducing a new game, "Anelletto" (Italian "a small ring"), which has been invented and protected by a clergyman (the Rev. Sandbach Dean, Vicar of Old Buckenham). The implements supplied for the purpose of playing it are seven slender iron poles, with rings attached to the top, a starting and a turning post, eight balls, differently coloured, one plain india-rubber ball, two batons, and seven small cane rings. Tennis racquets are also used. The poles are driven into the ground, and stand about six feet above the surface. They are arranged in various ways, according to the "mode" about to be played. There are no fewer than six different ways of playing the game, each affording pleasant exercise and amusement; the purchaser, therefore, has the advantage of securing the equivalent of six games in one. It can be played upon a large or small tennis lawn, or on any level ground. The unevenness of the surface, however, is quite immaterial for playing according to four of the modes, and a field or hard sea-shore would answer well for them. This will prove a great boon to those who do not own a fine lawn, and will enable many to enjoy a good game, who hitherto have been debarred owing to a lack of suitable ground. One of the modes, which does not require an even surface, is played much in the same way as cricket, and, considered as a pastime for both ladies and gentlemen, possesses the merits of that game without its drawbacks. It has also the great advantage of enabling a party of a dozen or two to join in it. Another "mode," which can be played on rough ground and affords excellent amusement, is played thus: the poles are placed in a circle, and the rival parties (two on each side) proceed from the starting-post, in opposite directions, to bowl the ball through the rings and catch it, the two sides coming into collision on the round. The side first completing the circle wins. When played according to another mode, it may, perhaps, be best described as a combination of tennis, croquet, and bowls. The other modes of playing the game are very attractive, and offer no little scope to the seeker of recreation.

Truth says that, "The neighbourhood of Wimbledon is in a state of the very highest excitement, for the military authorities have decided to hold a monster review on the Common in honour of the visit of the German Emperor. The unfortunate golfers do not by any means look forward to the prospect, seeing that, unless expensive precautions are resorted to, their links will be hopelessly cut up."

HANDICAPPING.

PERHAPS the most thankless job a committee or captain, or secretary of a Golf club has, is that of adjusting the handicaps of its members. Each one thinks his own case a particularly hard one, and that he has been too severely dealt with. It is impossible to please everybody, and, be the handicapping ever so well judged, unexpected results will sometimes happen. Golfers are constantly heard grumbling about men, who are able to beat them, getting a larger handicap than themselves. Now, the fact of playing in a competition affects different players in different ways. Some men it stiffens up and puts on their mettle to play, what is for them, a better game than ordinary. Others, again, get excited and fizzle every shot. The result is that indifferent golfers sometimes come in well up in the list, while others, who in ordinary circumstances play a good game, are nowhere. The object of handicapping is to place the competitors as nearly as possible on an equal footing and to give each player, within reasonable bounds, an equal chance of winning a prize. As has already been said, it is not possible to provide against all contingencies, but it is possible greatly to minimise their effect.

It may be taken to be a general rule that no player should have his handicap fixed until he has played in a stroke competition. In his first competition he should play from scratch, however poor or however good a player he may be, and his score on that occasion should form the basis for fixing his handicap. Of course, it is understood that the competition must be one among the members of that particular club in which the player is to be handicapped. Where a golfer is member of two or more clubs, each club should fix its own handicap entirely irrespective of the other. Some clubs play for scratch and handicap prizes on the same day, the scratch prizes being played for first. Members who have not played before are allowed to play for the scratch prizes, their allowances are fixed immediately afterwards, and thereafter the handicap prizes are competed for. This is an advantage as saving time, but when the membership is large, there might be difficulty in carrying out the arrangements. Before each competition the handicaps should be carefully revised, and such alterations as may be necessary made, but these require to be made with great circumspection. If there are one or two very superior players in a club it is usual to add to their score, and put them below scratch.

In Scotland, the home of Golf, it is unusual (until recent years it was seldom or never done) to allow a greater handicap than eighteen strokes in any case, and this ought to be the maximum allowance. Now-a-days, there is a tendency to give more liberal allowances; but anyone who requires a larger handicap than eighteen strokes does not deserve the name of golfer, and certainly does not merit a prize. These remarks do not apply to ladies playing the full round of an ordinary course. In playing for

holes, as in a tournament, two strokes are generally considered equivalent to one hole, so that a player who has a handicap of ten strokes in a stroke competition, will be allowed five holes in a tournament. Two strokes should make any hole quite certain. One thing that must strike every reader of GOLF is the liberal scale on which handicaps appear to be fixed in England. Take examples out of the last few issues of that paper. From these it will be seen that there are numerous instances in which allowances of from 20 to 28 strokes are given; several of 36 strokes, and actually a few of no less than 40 strokes. In all these cases the game has consisted of the usual 18 holes. No doubt the play has been by strokes, but apply the ordinary rules for transforming these stroke handicaps into hole handicaps, and what follows? Those players who have an allowance of 36 strokes start 18 holes up, and those who have an allowance of 40 strokes start 20 holes up. But 18 holes is a game. The result is simply absurd. To push this system to a logical conclusion it is quite within the bounds of possibility that the highest prize might be carried off by a "duffer" who had scarcely ever had a club in his hand before, if only he had a little luck and his handicap were large enough.

J. A.

RICHMOND GOLF CLUB (SURREY).

A general meeting of this club was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, the captain, Sir Henry Pottinger, Bart., occupying the chair, for the purpose of passing a code of general rules and regulations, and other business. The progress of the club is very satisfactory, and the improvement in the course is astonishing. The putting-greens are fulfilling the expectations of Tom Dunn, who laid out the course, and are getting into capital order. The difficulty prophesied by some, and feared by others, of long grass during the summer, has shown itself, but has been completely conquered by the committee. A few weeks ago so rapid was the growth, and so great was the difficulty in getting mowers, that, to quote the words of the hon. secretary—the grass got ahead of the committee, and balls were very liable to be lost. Now, however, the grass has been cut throughout the whole course, and excellent play may be enjoyed. By the way, we should advise any golfers going to Richmond for a first round to take care to provide themselves with balls which will float, such as the "A 1," on account of the number of water hazards; three or four holes present water to be crossed, three provide water as a penalty for lateral divergence from the course, and at three holes a ditch awaits a ball over-running the green.

The course of eighteen holes is in Sudbrook Park, Petersham, a charmingly rural spot, close to Richmond Park, but not, like the latter, open to the public. The mansion in the park, formerly owned by the Marquis of Bute, has just been opened as a hydro-pathic establishment, where, as in many other hydros, especially in Scotland, visitors are as welcome when they are merely healthy boarders as they are hydro-pathic patients. Here, then, the golfer may take up his quarters literally in the very midst of the links, and within a creak-shot of the last two holes.

The club, which numbers now about 180 members, proposes to hold its first competition shortly. The annual subscription is two guineas, and the entrance-fee is at present three guineas; but it is announced that as soon as the number of members reaches 200, the entrance-fee will be raised to five guineas. Inquiries should be addressed to the Hon. Sec. Richmond Golf Club, Richmond, Surrey.

Those who from the game most pleasure derive,
Are not the few of skill undoubted;
But the many who dream of "that very long drive,"
And are never done talking about it.—ALPHA.



THE PROPOSED SOCIAL GOLF CLUB.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Capt. Scott's remarks in last week's issue scarcely "explain" our views of a Social Club. It may interest Capt. Scott to learn that "The Golfers' Club" was actually formed more than a year ago, and has never been, nor is likely to be, abandoned, in fact so rapidly are names being received for membership that the first list will shortly be closed, and an entrance-fee imposed. Nobody is more fully alive to the knowledge of the heterogeneous classes of which the golfing world is made up than the promoters of "The Golfers' Club," and as it is not their desire to have a large cosmopolitan club, but rather a small one, where all members shall be agreeable (at any rate socially), all candidates who are not already members of recognised clubs of good standing are balloted for.

"The Golfers' Club" will for the present be carried on on the proprietary system, but all members will be elected by the committee, who will also have the administration of the rules, &c., of the club. Whenever the members think fit to take over the club themselves, they can arrange to do so; in the meantime members will incur no responsibility.

There is possibly room in London for a larger and less select club, as well as "The Golfers' Club," but even such a club as that would surely require a committee to watch its interests.

I shall be glad to furnish any further particulars concerning "The Golfers' Club," and forward form of application for membership,

I am, Sir, &c.,

PERCY S. DOUGLAS, Secretary.

"Golfers' Club" (Temporary Offices),
11, Regent Street, Waterloo Place,
June 17th, 1891.

GOLF AT STRATHPEFFER.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I am sure many of your readers will be interested to know what the fine air here, together with the drinking of the celebrated waters, has done for me. For three weeks I was unable to do more than crawl about, the effects of a bad attack of Influenza. In three days or less after the change here I was able to play Golf on the lovely Golf course, the scenery and air being perfect. Although it is an inland course the green-keeper keeps his line of Golf sufficiently clear of grass, and the good scores made on the course last Saturday speak volumes for the putting-greens, of which there are ten. The weather is quite perfect, being if anything too hot at mid-day. Angling on the Blackwater has been first-class this season; on the Connon also; good sport is now being had on the lakes of Garve, Achilty, and Fuichart. The Falls of Orrin, Kilmorack, and Altgrade were in full volume, and many grilse and salmon got to their upper reaches and pools. The Golf course is much improved since last year, the natural hazards being the

charm of this course to all true golfers. One short hole is left out when playing the double round of 18 holes. Several first-rate players from Musselburgh, Nairn, and other courses, are sojourning at the Strathpeffer Golf Hotel, where there are putting-greens for practice, the course being five or seven minutes' walk from the house. Board and lodging are most reasonable, and a first-class billiard-table is available. Every convenience good golfers require is carefully supplied by the proprietor, Mr. Munroe, who takes great interest in the game of Golf.

The score of the first match of the season is as follows:—Kenneth Cameron (professional and green-keeper), 82, scratch; Mr. J. H. Corballis, 83, scratch; Mr. W. F. Gunn, 96, less 5=91; Mr. G. McKenzie 101, less 5=96; Mr. A. Macdiarmid, 101, less 5=96; Mr. J. M. Munroe, 109, less 12=97; Mr. A. D. Whyte, 127, less 18=109.

The others did not send in cards. The weekly medal was played for, and a box of Thornton's balls given by Mr. Corballis.

Several close matches were played last week. Mr. Corballis, playing round the course for the first time against the professional, scored 41 out and 41 in=82, the professional taking 46 to go out and 39 home, but the following day the professional made the record score of 36 out and 41 home. A very exciting match took place between Mr. Easton, of Musselburgh, and Mr. Corballis, the latter winning by two holes. There are a good many players, and several exciting foursomes have taken place in which the visitors so far have had the best of it.

I am, Sir, &c.,

Strathpeffer, N.B., June 8th, 1891.

NIBLICK.

QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Will your Sir Oracle give his verdict on the following rather curious incident which happened in the Gullane Club competition on Saturday, the 13th inst. Having finished their putting on the slippery green at the bottom of the hill coming home (which ought at once to be abolished if Golf is to be anything better than the labour of Sisyphus) two players, the one Haddingtonian, the other Edinburgian, teed for the next hole. Haddingtonian had the "honour," and his ball as it was driven off struck Edinburgian's, sending the same about a hundred yards to the right into bad ground, while Haddingtonian's own lay a few yards to the left on the slippery putting-green. Edinburgian had his ball brought and teed *in statu quo ante*, and Haddingtonian played his where it lay, removing a fid of turf from the green as he did so. Did both, or one, or other do right? or did both, or one, or other do wrong?

I am, Sir, &c.,

"AYE, THERE'S THE RUB."

[Both were right. Edinburgian was entitled to replace his ball on the tee without penalty. His ball was "not in play," or dead, as cricketers would phrase it. Haddingtonian's ball, on the other hand, was in play, and he was bound to play the ball wherever it lay.—ED.]

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—As a novice at the game of Golf I should be obliged by your giving me an answer to the following questions in your next issue of GOLF.

(1) When a ball lodges in a very large gorse bush or thick hedge so that it is practically impossible to play it out without cutting away the obstacle, what penalty should there be, independent of any special rule (a) if you are playing holes; (b) if you are playing strokes?

(2) A road divides two fields, forming part of the golfing course, with separate greens on each side of the road. If a ball be driven into the road the rules provide that it is out of bounds. Supposing your ball is carried by the wind or driven over the road into the adjoining field, which forms part of the links. Can you strike back over the road without any penalty?

(3) In playing either a foursome or a two-handed game, you strike off the tee and miss the ball without disturbing it in the

least; and being the first striker, are you entitled in a foursome to let your partner strike off the ball as teed, and in a two-handed game to strike at the ball as it lies, or can your opponent claim to move the ball or disturb it in any manner?

(4) What is the longest drive on record as accepted by golfing authorities. Where, and by whom?

I am, Sir, &c.,
WILPSHIRE.

Wilpsshire, near Blackburn,
June 10th, 1891.

[(1) The customary rule on courses where whins abound is to allow the player to lift and drop behind the hazard, losing a stroke. This rule applies both to match and medal play. But if there is no special rule governing match play then the loss of the hole is the penalty. In medal play the player can lift and drop, losing two strokes. (2) If the field is private ground the ball is considered to be out of bounds, and a stroke and distance is the usual penalty, the player returning to the spot whence he struck the previous ball. (3) The partner in the foursome must play the next stroke, and the ball must not be touched after the player has attempted to strike it. (4) This is one of the ho'ly contested points among Golf players. It would be difficult to answer the question with any degree of accuracy.—ED.]

RAILWAY COMPANIES AND GOLF CLUBS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I should be obliged if some of your readers would inform me whether any Golf clubs have obtained cheap tickets or other facilities from the Railway Companies for their members. If so, will they kindly send the names of the Companies and the nature of the privileges granted, to the hon. secretaries, Ilkley Golf Club, Yorkshire?

I am, Sir, &c.,
VICETOR.
Bradford, June 8th, 1891.

THE LINKS AT BORTH.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Could any of your readers give me any information as to the links at Borth, and as to the probability of finding accommodation for a large family.

I am, Sir, &c.,
R. B. M.
June 13th, 1891.

WESTWARD HO!

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Perhaps some of the readers of GOLF could inform me of the expense of a trip to Westward Ho! the best way to get there, the sort of accommodation for golfers, and if the course is a private one or open to all.

Could they suggest any other nice place in the south of England, with a golfing green, where a fortnight's holiday could be pleasantly spent?

I am, Sir, &c.,
R. C.
June 13th, 1891.

MR. W. L. PURVES—WIMBLEDON AND SANDWICH CLUBS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In your article on Mr. W. L. Purves you say, "Since the establishment of the London Scottish—now the Royal Wimbledon Golf Club." The Editor of GOLF must know that this is neither a true nor a courteous statement. The two clubs are quite distinct although they play over the same links.

You also say—Sandwich Club was started for the purpose of establishing Sandwich as the seaside green for Sunday play. I thought it was established for the purpose of playing Golf. I have been a member for some years but would not have joined

a club established for that purpose. If members choose to play Golf on Sunday that is no affair of mine, but I should not myself promote Sunday play. I think you will find on inquiry that the matter was referred to a meeting either of the club or committee, and that the first decision was that members might play, but no caddies were to be employed. This has been altered to "No boys to be employed as caddies."

I am, Sir, &c.,
JOHN BELL.

Inchcolm, Upper Richmond Road, Putney,
June 19th, 1891.

GOLF IN THE ENGADINE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Could you spare a few lines to announce the fact that Golf links are being prepared at St. Moritz, in the Engadine. The site is 6,000 feet above the sea. The meadows, which contain many terraces very suitable for links, will be closely mowed by the middle of July, and the Local Board of the village are preparing nine greens. A small club is being formed with a committee of the principal local people, and to assist them I have arranged to provide a secretary to receive communications, to give information, &c., at my office, 32, Victoria Street. I have mentioned the matter to a number of golfers at the clubs, and I think that a number of players will find their way to the place. I have no doubt that out of the thousands of regular visitors many will hail the chance of learning to play. The site will be the most picturesque of any Golf club yet established.

I am, Sir, &c.,
RANDOLPH C. WANT.

Birch Lodge, Wimbledon,
June 22nd, 1891.

THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC ON GULLANE COMMON.—Considerable interest (says a correspondent) has been excited by the fact that a petition for interdict has been served on a horse trainer at Gullane, with the view of having it declared that the party in question has no right to exercise or train horses on Gullane Common, or to trespass thereon. The interdict, which was served last week, is at the instance of Mrs. Hamilton-Ogilvy, of Beil, superior of the common. The question raised is one of considerable interest to the public, by whom the progress of the petition will be closely watched. Among golfers the action of Mrs. Hamilton-Ogilvy is viewed with much apprehension, it being perfectly apparent that if the superior of the common has the right to interdict parties for "trespassing" on the links, the days of Gullane as a public Golf green are numbered. It is understood that the Gullane Golf Club, while taking no proceedings in the matter as yet, are fully alive to the importance of the interdict.

"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.—The members of this club played on th Braids, on the 17th inst., for their monthly medal, which was won by Mr. W. L. Davidson, with the net score of 79. Mr. J. M'Intyre was second with 80.

HARRISON CLUB (EDINBURGH).—The monthly competition (handicap—by holes) was finished in Harrison Park on the 17th inst., when the cup was won, after a tie, by Mr. D. A. Henderson; second, Mr. Andrew Tait.

HAWICK CLUB.—The Bombay medal was played for on the 17th inst. on the Hawick course in fine golfing weather. Details:—Mr. James Purves, 95, less 13=82; Mr. W. R. Ross, 104, less 18=86; Mr. G. H. Douglas, 87, plus 2=89; Mr. W. Hume, 92, less 2=90; Mr. P. Cruickshank, 93; Mr. J. S. Turner, 105, less 12=93; Mr. Tom Hodgson, 102, less 6=96.

DUMFRIES.—PROPOSED NEW GOLF COURSE.—At a meeting of several members of the old Mechanics' Golf Club, held the other day, it was resolved to form a new club, called the Queen of the South Golf Club. Sheriff Campion has been appointed president. Among other resolutions carried, it was resolved to endeavour to get possession of the trophies that belonged to the old club to be played for in connection with the new.



"THE HOME HOLE," ST. ANDREWS.

(From a Photograph by Mr. A. F. Macfie.)

THE NEEDLES GOLF LINKS.

When golfers come to the Isle of Wight, and find Bembridge crowded, or they wish for a quiet game, without being worried with the continual shout of "fore," they ought to pay a visit to the Needles Golf Links. The links are on the Downs, close to the Alum Bay Hotel, and not more than three-quarters of a mile from Totland, where visitors will find everything that they can wish for. The putting-greens and teeing-grounds have been much improved since last winter through the unceasing care of the captain, Mr. G. W. Palmer, and the secretary, Mr. A. K. C. Connell, and are now in very good order.

The first hole is rather difficult, having to play up a steep hill. If you go too far you are in some nasty cart ruts, and if not far enough you have the pleasure of seeing your ball dribble back to the tee. A heeled or sliced ball is caught in a large chalk pit. The second hole has gorse bushes to catch a topped ball; a good drive and an iron ought to take you on the green, which is a raised plateau. The iron must be played with care, as there is gorse round the green. The third hole is a long one, 450 yards, it has more gorse for a bad drive, and if your second shot is not a good one, you are in patches of stones and chalk, which often costs one or two strokes with the niblick. This green is also on a plateau, and the approach must be carefully played, or you may find your ball over the cliff, into the sea. The fourth hole is a drive with a brassy, a bank will catch a topped ball. A drive and an iron, or cleek, will take you on the fifth green. The sixth hole is a drive and an iron.

A road with deep ruts will catch the short drive, but a good drive and an iron will take you to the green comfortably. This is the last hole going out. A very straight drive and brassy are wanted for the seventh hole, there are ruts and bad lies for the sliced ball, and a drawn ball will find itself off the Downs, and at the bottom of the hill. The eighth hole is the short hole; an iron will put you on the green, but there is a quantity of gorse and ruts to cross, and a bad stroke will be in horrible trouble. For the ninth and last hole, a straight drive and iron will take you on the green. The drive must be straight, for to the left is a chalk pit, and to the right are ruts and gorse bushes.

The round is only nine holes, and a scratch player will do well to hole out in 39. The names of the holes are as follows, and the ideal score is 36:—The Hill, 3; the Bank, 4; the Cliff, 5; the Middle, 3; Westward Ho! 5; Land's End, 4; Eastward Ho! 5; Hole in Gorse, 3; the Punch Bowl, 4.

The scenery alone is worth a visit to the links, and the view from the top of the downs is very lovely.

F. W. G.

Golfers within reach of Willesden Junction will be glad to hear that a club has been formed and a course laid out on Old Oak Common, which is within three minutes' walk of the station, and, owing to the suitable nature of the ground, a most enjoyable game can be had. Intending players are requested to communicate with the hon. sec., Mr. A. F. Miéville, 32, Nicoll Road, Harlesden, who will furnish all information.



ABERDEEN.

The weather here on Saturday was of the best description for Golf, and as a consequence there was a large turn-out of players over our two local greens. The members of the Victoria Club competed over the old course for Messrs. James Williams and John R. Smith's prizes, both played for under handicap. The course has now been considerably lengthened, four of the shorter holes at the north end being given up, and four long holes on the town's links taking their place. The new greens were found rather stiff, and scoring all over was higher than it has been of late. A comparison of the cards handed in showed that the competition for Mr. Williams's prize (open to first-class players only) had resulted in a tie between Mr. W. H. Reid, 96, less 4=92, and Mr. J. B. Banks, 98, less 6=92; while Mr. Smith's prize (for second-class players only) was won by Mr. T. Crighton with a score of 103 (scratch). The following were the lowest scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. W. H. Reid ... 96 4 92	Mr. J. Russell ... 92 +3 95
Mr. J. B. Banks ... 98 6 92	Mr. A. M. M. Dunn 92 +3 95
Mr. A. Mitchell ... 95 2 93	Mr. Alex. Cooper ... 93 +3 96
Mr. D. J. Innes ... 99 5 94	Mr. A. McConnachie 98 +3 101

Playing on Tuesday afternoon (June 16th) before the round was altered, Mr. A. M. M. Dunn, of the Victoria Club, did a rather noteworthy performance, which deserves a place here. On that occasion, with Mr. W. C. H. Jopp, of the Aberdeen Club as a partner, he completed the round at 77, made up as follows:—4 3 3 5 5 5 4 5 5 3 4 4 5 5 4 3=77. This is the second time that the round has been negotiated at 77, Mr. F. McCrae, of the Bon-Accord Club, doing the same thing in 1884.

BOURNEMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

Monthly Medal:—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Rev. J. Collard...	56	56	112	20	92
Lieut.-Col. Pott ...	50	53	103	6	97
Mr. Robson Burrows ...	57	57	114	15	99
Mr. E. W. Charlton ...	55	55	110	6	104

The following made no return:—

Messrs. W. Fisher, D. Preston, A. E. Francis, F. N. Harvey, R. H. Hodge, J. Summerville, and J. Clapcott.

Since the arrival of the professional, J. Pearson, from Elie, this course has improved greatly, many of the greens being very good.

BRIGHTON v. LITTLEHAMPTON.

A match between these clubs was played on the Brighton Links on Saturday, June 20th, which resulted in a win for the home team by 43 holes. Although the match was rather one-sided, owing to the visitors not knowing the green, several of the individual games were very closely contested. Score:—

BRIGHTON.		LITTLEHAMPTON.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. H. E. Acklom ...	8	Mr. J. Horn...	0
Mr. L. O. Walker ...	1	Mr. E. C. R. Goff ...	0
Mr. W. W. Thompson ...	5	Mr. C. Farmer ...	0
Mr. P. A. Willett ...	4	Mr. A. J. Constable ...	0
Mr. H. Blackett ...	1	Mr. R. Holmes ...	0
Capt. Sandeman ...	7	Mr. A. Holmes ...	0
Mr. P. Carr ...	2	Mr. R. A. Blagden...	0
Mr. C. G. Heathcote ...	15	Mr. J. C. Constable ...	0
	43		0

The committee of the Brighton Golf Club have decided to extend the course to eighteen holes. Tom Dunn, in conjunction with Charles Ramage, the professional to the Brighton Club, have been over the ground, and they both agree that a good eighteen-hole course can be made without much difficulty, and without interfering with any of the present nine holes. The work will be carried out as soon as possible.

BUCKIE.

Dr. Duguid and Mr. Robert Annand, of the Buckie Club, having tied on the previous week for the captain's medal, tried conclusions again on Wednesday, the 17th inst. Mr. Annand on this occasion proved the winner, carrying off the medal with a score of 95, less 6=89; as against Dr. Duguid's 103, less 12=91.

CHORLEYWOOD GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday, June 6th. Score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. A. D. Blyth ... 85 +4 89	Rev. W. D. Bushell 121 24 97
Mr. G. G. Kennedy 116 24 92	Mr. A. Bovill ... 110 10 100
Mr. J. Dyball ... 115 20 95	Mr. A. F. Waters... 115 10 105
Mr. A. O. Barnes... 104 8 96	Hon. P. Wyndham 134 24 110
Hon. R. C. Grosvenor 109 12 97	

No returns from several players.

DISLEY GOLF CLUB.

The second summer handicap was contested on Saturday, June 20th, in lovely weather, but almost too hot for Golf. Mr. R. C. Hutton returned the lowest net score and secured a win for the summer medal, and also took the first sweepstake prize, the second and third falling to Messrs. J. A. and R. W. Hutton. The following were the best scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. R. C. Hutton... 112 26 86	Mr. H. C. Garrett 112 14 96
Mr. J. A. Hutton ... 108 18 90	Rev. G. O'Brien ... 129 30 98
Mr. R. W. Hutton 99 7 92	Mr. J. E. Mills ... 125 25 100

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

After the competition a general meeting was held in the club-room, and it was resolved to increase the entrance-fee to £2 2s. and the annual subscription to £1 5s. The list of members is now full, and there are several applicants waiting for vacancies.

EALING GOLF CLUB.

Very few members turned out for the monthly medal on June 20th. The following is the score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. A. D. Walker 101 14 87	Mr. C. F. Hilder ... 135 24 111
Mr. E. Bird ... 112 24 88	Dr. Roberts ... 138 20 118
Mr. F. Carver ... 103 7 96	

Ladies' Medal.—Mrs. Hamilton 110, less 10=100; Miss A. L. Carver, 132, less 24=108.

FORFARSHIRE.

Some exceptionally good performances have of late been accomplished at Montrose. In playing a friendly round with Messrs. J. Pairman and J. Hardie, Mr. Alexander Keillor, last year's champion, came in at the low score of 77. We give the record of his play:—

Out ...	5 5 4 3 4 5 4 4 4=38
In ...	3 6 3 4 7 4 4 4 4=39

This was equalled a few nights later by Mr. L. S. Smith in playing a game with Mr. W. Cobb, the figures in this latter case being as follows:—

Out ...	6 4 3 3 4 4 5 4 4=37
In ...	4 5 3 4 5 6 4 4 5=40

A great deal of interest has been taken in the competition for the silver challenge cup of the Montrose Mercantile Club, and the playing of the final rounds last week drew Golf enthusiasts to the links in great force. In the semi-final Mr. A. Keillor (scratch) defeated Mr. J. Davidson (who had an allowance of nine holes) by one hole. In the final round Mr. Keillor had to meet Mr. J. Hampton, who had an allowance of two holes. Anticipating an exciting match, nearly five hundred people were assembled to witness the start, and it was found necessary to put up a rope to give the players freedom. Hampton made an excellent start, winning the first four holes. The fifth and sixth holes were halved, the seventh went to Hampton, and the remaining holes of the first half were halved. Hampton finished the nine holes at 36, being an average of four to each hole, while Keillor required 42. At this stage of the match Hampton, including his odds, was seven holes up. It looked as if the match was going to be a one-sided affair, but coming homewards Keillor, playing an uphill game with real pluck, took four holes in succession, reducing his opponent's lead at the Gates hole to three. The Long hole in the field was halved; the "Curle" was won by Keillor, and the game then stood Hampton 2 up and 3 to play. There seemed a chance that Keillor would yet pull off the match, but at the House of Refuge hole he missed his putt, and this making Hampton 3 up and 2 to play decided the match in favour of the latter. It was agreed to play out the round; the seventeenth hole was halved. The last hole was won

by Hampton, who was thus victor by two up on the round, and four up including his odds. The following were the scores:—

Hampton:—												
Out	...	...	5	4	4	3	5	4	3	4	4=36	} 84
In	...	...	5	5	5	7	6	6	4	5	5=48	
Keillor:—												
Out	...	...	6	5	5	4	5	4	5	4	4=42	} 87
In	...	...	4	4	4	6	6	6	4	5	6=45	

At the close of the competition Mr. Addison, captain of the club presented the prizes to the successful competitors in the club-house as follows:—Challenge cup and £1, J. Hampton; 2nd prize, 8s. 6d. and silver badge, A. Keillor; 3rd prize, 7s. 6d., J. Davidson; 4th prize, 4s. 6d., H. W. Thomson. Captain Addison congratulated the winner of the cup on his excellent play, and Mr. Hampton briefly replied.

The Golf championship of Montrose continues to command increased attention with each new stage of its progress. The third round has been productive of some excellent matches, in one of which the champion of last year had to submit to defeat. Mr. L. S. Smith beat Mr. W. Gordon, while Mr. T. Sheret defeated Mr. J. Sim by 3 up and 2 to play. Mr. R. R. Balfour tied with Mr. D. Wyllie, and a second round also resulted in a tie. Mr. G. M. Smith tied with Mr. J. Cameron, and at the last hole the former experienced very hard lines. Mr. Cameron was lying within a foot of the hole, and Mr. Smith playing a long putt, his ball went into the hole, but rebounded out, and lay on the very edge. The hole was therefore halved. The tie was re-played on Friday evening, when Mr. Smith retired from the contest. The meeting of Dr. Soutar with Mr. John Cobb proved a close and interesting contest. For the first half the scores were—Dr. Soutar, 40; Mr. Cobb, 42. Coming in, however, Mr. Cobb showed greatly improved form, and took the last nine holes—the most difficult portion of the course—for the splendid score of 39 strokes. The cards showed the following details:—

Mr. Cobb:—												
Out	...	...	6	5	5	4	4	4	4	5	5=42	} 81
In	...	...	4	4	3	4	6	5	5	3	5=39	
Dr. Soutar:—												
Out	...	...	6	4	4	4	5	3	5	4	5=40	} 84
In	...	...	4	6	4	5	6	6	4	4	5=44	

The great event of the round, however, was the match between Mr. A. Keillor (holder of the championship) and Mr. Charles Thom, these players being followed by an immense crowd. Play, to begin with, was of a very equal character, the first three holes being halved. At the fourth Mr. Thom was short with his approach, while Mr. Keillor lay dead with two and gained the hole. The next hole was also won by Mr. Keillor, making him two up. The sixth went to Mr. Thom, and the seventh was halved. Mr. Thom, with a grand putt, got the eighth hole, and the ninth was halved, leaving the players square on the first half, which they played at 38 each. Mr. Keillor resumed the lead at the Girdle hole, Mr. Thom missing a comparatively easy putt. The eleventh hole was halved, but the Powder Magazine hole was secured by Mr. Thom with a magnificently-played three, his opponent getting down in five, and the match once more stood square. Mr. Thom, with a splendid iron shot for his second, lay dead at the Gates hole, winning it with three to Mr. Keillor's four, and being now, for the first time in the round, one hole up. Going to the long hole in the field Mr. Thom fooled his tee-shot, and the hole was won by Mr. Keillor with six against seven, and again the match was square. In approaching the "Curly" Mr. Keillor had the ill-luck to get bunkered, and had to play back, the result being that the hole went to Mr. Thom. The last three holes were halved, Mr. Thom thus winning one of the closest matches seen on the Montrose Course for some years. Detailed scores:—

Mr. Thom:—												
Out	...	...	6	4	4	4	5	4	4	3	4=38	} 81
In	...	...	5	5	3	3	7	6	5	4	5=43	
Mr. Keillor:—												
Out	...	...	6	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	4=38	} 83
In	...	...	4	5	5	4	6	7	5	4	5=45	

The match between Mr. W. Reid and Mr. J. Hampton was very close, the former only winning by one hole—the last of the course. Mr. H. W. Thomson being out of town, gave Mr. G. Macintosh a bye. The following is the result of the round. Mr. L. S. Smith beat Mr. W. Gordon, Mr. C. Thom beat Mr. A. Keillor, Mr. H. W. Thomson scratched to Mr. G. Macintosh, Mr. J. Cameron beat Mr. G. M. Smith, Mr. T. Sheret beat Mr. J. Sim, Mr. W. Reid beat Mr. J. Hampton, Mr. I. G. Cobb beat Dr. Soutar, Mr. R. R. Balfour tied with Mr. D. Wyllie.

The following are the drawings in the fourth round:—Mr. L. S. Smith v. Mr. C. Thom, Mr. G. Macintosh v. Mr. J. Cameron, Mr. T.

Sheret v. Mr. W. Reid, Mr. J. G. Cobb v. Mr. R. R. Balfour, or Mr. D. Wyllie.

Playing in friendly games last Saturday, three of the leading members of the Monifieth Club displayed excellent form. Mr. George Wright went the round at 79; Mr. David Dargie came in at 77; while Mr. W. Young had the splendid score of 76 strokes.

The members of the Edzell Club on Saturday last, the 20 inst., held the first of three competitions for a handsome prize presented by Mr. K. Knowles, of the Panmure Arms Hotel. Mr. D. Nairn was the winner with a score of 80. An average competition also took place, and the following were the results:—Mr. F. Nairn, 82 (8 below); Mr. R. Kidd, 22 (1 below); Mr. J. Duncan, 88; Mr. W. Robertson, 85; (1 above).

GLASGOW CLUB v. DUMBARTON CLUB.

The first of two matches between teams of the above clubs took place on the links of the Dumbarton Club on Saturday. Glasgow was represented by twenty-one men and Dumbarton placed a like number in the field to meet them. Glasgow were handicapped to the extent of being restricted to the men of their second and third division, no player with 4 of handicap or under being allowed to take part in the match. The weather was very fine, but warm, and a tolerably close match resulted. At first it looked as if the strangers would have the worst of it. When the half of the cards were handed in the local team were leading by two to one. The rear contingent of the Glasgow players, however, did well, and pulled the match off in favour of their side. The details were:—

DUMBARTON		Holes.	GLASGOW.		Holes.
Mr. W. Lonie	...	2	Mr. R. Laurie	...	0
Mr. Jas. Burgess	...	2	Mr. A. W. Tod	...	0
Mr. A. Herd	...	7	Mr. J. Baird	...	0
Mr. J. McLelland	...	0	Mr. J. Hamilton	...	3
Mr. Jas. Denny	...	3	Dr. Clark	...	0
Mr. J. McIntyre	...	2	Mr. W. Mitchell	...	0
Rev. J. Smith	...	0	Mr. J. Blair	...	3
Mr. G. Gemmell	...	0	Mr. J. Hutton	...	5
Mr. W. Lawson	...	4	Mr. J. Uleck	...	0
Mr. W. H. Kidston	...	4	Mr. J. M. Jamieson	...	0
Mr. J. W. Spence	...	0	Mr. W. Duncan	...	0
Mr. C. T. Baptie	...	0	Mr. E. G. C. Welsh	...	0
Mr. W. Lunan	...	1	Mr. A. Bishop	...	0
Mr. R. Bone	...	0	Mr. J. T. Elder	...	2
Mr. T. Hastie	...	0	Mr. J. Risk	...	6
Mr. W. Aitken	...	0	Mr. G. Macdonald	...	0
Mr. E. Reid	...	0	Mr. D. Ferguson	...	5
Mr. W. S. Anderson	...	0	Mr. J. Colvil	...	2
Mr. Jas. Sayers	...	0	Mr. A. Welsh	...	6
Mr. A. M'Ausland	...	0	Mr. W. Thomas	...	3
Mr. David Bell	...	3	Mr. J. Herriot	...	0
		28			35

Majority for Glasgow, 7 holes.

HAYLING ISLAND LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The summer meeting will take place on August 3rd and 4th, when the fourth competition (scratch) for the secretary's inkstand will come off. The Rev. F. Filmer-Bennett has kindly presented a very handsome prize for competition, under handicap, which will be played for on the two days, and will be awarded to the member with the lowest aggregate score.

A visitor's prize is also offered for competition, for which the entries will be half-a-crown.

GOLF IN EDINBURGH.

THE BRAIDS TOURNAMENT.

At a recent meeting of the Town Council, a report was brought forward by the Parks Committee recommending that a nine-hole course be laid out on Blackford Hill. One important condition attached to the report was that play should cease at 11 a.m. After a lively discussion, the recommendation was rejected by a small majority. If there is any feeling of regret among golfers at this decision, it is confined within very narrow limits. Golf on Blackford Hill up till 11 a.m. would probably have benefited a mere handful of people, while it would have done absolutely nothing to relieve the existing pressure on the Braids. It is divulging no secret to say that had the course been laid out and met with a fair share of success, a strong effort would have been made to have the 11 o'clock restriction removed.

Now that Blackford Hill is shelved for some time to come, golfers will in all likelihood turn their attention again to the Queen's Park. I share the opinion of a great many golfers, that if the required permission could only be obtained from Her Majesty's Board of Works, there

is ample space in the park to provide a course that would in time rival the Braids in point of popularity. The expert engaged by the Parks Committee to report on the most suitable place for a second course is understood to have decided in favour of Blackford Hill, but it is beyond question that the Queen's Park would head the poll by an overwhelming majority were it put to the vote of Edinburgh golfers.

On Saturday last, the third annual Braid's tournament was carried through, and proved to be in every respect an unequivocal success. There were upwards of 200 entries, and out of this large field only a very few failed to put in an appearance. The prize list comprised no fewer than 25 items, ranging from coal-scuttles, egg-boilers and clocks to barometers and silver medals. It was not to be expected that the committee of management would get through their colossal task of handicapping so large a number of players without a considerable amount of grumbling and dissatisfaction being heard from certain quarters. Although everybody is quite satisfied that the committee tried hard by every means in their power to be wholly impartial and perfectly fair in all their decisions, the fact remains that in a number of instances the figures came out in a way that "no fellow could understand." In the circumstances there was only one thing to be done—write to the *Dispatch*, at all times the acknowledged champion of the weak and oppressed—more especially if they happen to be golfers. But on this occasion the *Dispatch* declined to open its columns to letters complaining of inequalities in the handicap, and contented itself with publishing a paragraph to the effect that the committee had done its work nobly and well. When this paragraph was carefully digested, certain of the competitors "winked the other eye." I purposely abstain from commenting upon the handicapping generally, but I will mention one typical case in which the inequality is a trifle startling. A and B are members of the same club, A being in receipt of two, while B receives 14. A, who is well known in golfing circles, enters the tournament through a second club, of which he is a member, and appears on the handicap list of the tournament with 12. B, on the other hand, who in his club has 12 from A, is awarded 9 in this open competition, thus making a difference to B of 15 strokes between his club handicap and that allotted to him by the Tournament Committee. Perhaps it is superfluous to add that A is in the prize list, while B is not.

The day was gloriously fine, and from an early hour in the forenoon till about 5 p.m. there was a continuous stream of golfers engaged in the tournament wending their way round the hills. The lovely weather and the attraction of so important an event in the golfing world brought out crowds of spectators, among whom were a considerable number of the fair sex, whose bright and variegated costumes helped to make the scene still more gay and animated. While on the subject of dress it may be mentioned that there was an unusually large turn-out of scarlet jackets on the hill. There seems to be a pretty general opinion that the revival of the bright-coloured golfing jacket is a pleasant sign of the times, and it is hoped that an effort will be made to bring back the good old fashion, and have it generally adopted. Although several very good totals were recorded, the scoring all round was somewhat high when regard is had to the almost perfect weather conditions. There was no lack of the usual incidents peculiar to a competition of this kind. One competitor, for example, played an excellent game till he reached the "Rockies" (the fifteenth hole). Here a bad drive brought about the most direful consequences, and after a long innings among the whins and sharp-pointed stones, amounting in the aggregate to somewhere about 15 strokes, he lifted the ball and gracefully retired. A scratch player who was known to have a good chance for the lowest actual had reached the sixteenth hole with a score that promised exceeding well. At this point, however, he was joined by the inevitable candid friend, who, like the proverbial bad sixpence, is sure to turn up when least expected or desired. The information imparted by this indiscreet person had the usual effect, and the next hole to which the veriest tyro rarely takes more than 3, required 6 strokes, an otherwise excellent round being thus partially spoiled. Playing to the second hole one competitor, whose dress was conspicuous by its scantiness, consisting, as it did, of knickerbockers and a shirt, was, for a time, an object of keen interest to the spectators, who were seated at various points on the hillside. His drive took him into ragged whins about ten yards from the tee. His second carried him into much denser whins a few yards further on. Nothing daunted, he sawed away at the obstruction, doing some really capital clearing work. At length he was seen to make one wild sweep, and the ball soared away in the direction of the hole. As he returned to pick up the remainder of his wardrobe, which he had left at the tee, meanwhile wiping the streaming perspiration from his manly brow, a slight cheer was raised by one or two groups of spectators in recognition of his pluck and perseverance. What a splendid study he would have made for "Pleasures of Golf!" Mr. W. C. Sturrock, of the Morningside Club was, unfortunately, guilty of a slight irregularity in holing out at the first hole, and thereby lost his place in the prize list. The following were the prize winners:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
*Mr. D. M. Jackson, Stockbridge	78	scr.	78
†Mr. J. Bowie, Harrison	86	12	74
Mr. D. M. Gavin, Register House	87	12	75
Mr. A. T. Clegg, Watsonians	81	6	75
Mr. W. R. Hay, Teachers'	88	13	75
Mr. J. Maxwell, Stewart's F. P.	85	9	76
Mr. A. J. Hodge, Morningside	81	4	77
Mr. J. M. Marr, Viewforth	85	8	77
Mr. Councillor Macpherson, Corporation	89	9	78
Mr. W. Crichton, Teachers'	96	18	78
Mr. A. Geoghegan, Watsonians	91	12	78
Mr. R. Robinson, George	81	2	79
Mr. James Clark, Morningside	92	12	80
Mr. W. G. Munro, jun., Stockbridge	82	2	80
Mr. A. Stevens, Allied	86	6	80
Mr. J. A. Stewart, Electric	81	scr.	81
Mr. R. J. Robertron, Braids	99	18	81
Mr. J. Turnbull, Thistle	90	9	81
Mr. J. J. Brown, Leith Caledonian	83	2	81
Mr. J. Campbell, Harrison	91	10	81
Mr. W. G. Munro, sen., George	89	7	82
Mr. W. S. Paterson, Watsonians	83	1	82
Mr. R. Sanders, Burgess	87	5	82
Mr. F. Hastie, Thistle	86	4	82
Mr. A. R. Anderson, Teachers	91	9	82
Mr. James Addison, Allied	88	6	82
Mr. T. G. Buchan, Register House	82	scr.	82
Mr. James Knowles, St. Andrews	85	3	82
Mr. G. A. Ross, Watsonians	85	3	82
Mr. D. Lowe, St. Andrews	90	8	82
Mr. R. J. B. Moffat, Stockbridge	100	18	82
Mr. G. Sturrock, Stockbridge	88	6	82

The twelve 82's tie for six places.

* Scratch prize and Kinloch Anderson medal.

† First handicap prize and Colston medal.

The following were—after Mr. Jackson's—the best actual scores:—

Mr. A. J. Hodge, Morningside:—	
Out	4 6 3 4 3 4 5 6 6=41 } 81
In	5 5 3 5 4 4 5 4 5=40 }
Mr. A. T. Clegg, Morningside:—	
Out	4 6 4 5 5 4 6 2 4=43 } 81
In	4 4 4 4 5 4 5 5 3=38 }
Mr. J. C. Stewart, Electric:—	
Out	3 5 5 5 5 4 4 4=40 } 81
In	6 3 4 5 4 5 4 6 4=41 }
Mr. R. Robinson, St. George:—	
Out	3 6 5 5 5 4 6 3 4=41 } 81
In	4 4 5 4 4 4 7 3 5=40 }

Mr. T. G. Buchan, Register House, 82; Mr. W. G. Munro, jun., Stockbridge, 82; Mr. W. S. Paterson, Watsonians, 83; Mr. J. J. Brown, Leith Caledonian, 83.

The best of the other scores were:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. H. M. Knight, Viewforth	88	5	83
Mr. H. B. Ferrier, Burgess	85	2	83
Mr. J. Sullivan, George	89	6	83
Mr. J. G. Johnson, George	88	5	83
Mr. D. Sime, Braids	94	10	84
Mr. John King, Watsonians	84	scr.	84
Mr. R. Miller, Brunswick	92	8	84
Mr. J. M. Niven, Teachers'	98	14	84
Mr. C. Keene, Union Bank	87	3	84
Mr. A. Auchterlonie, St. Andrew	84	scr.	84
Mr. A. Lawson, Commercial Bank	84	scr.	84
Mr. J. White, St. Andrews	93	9	84
Mr. J. R. Duncan, Thistle	98	14	84
Mr. J. Turner, Craigmillar	92	8	84
Mr. A. Henderson, Blackford	95	11	84
Mr. G. W. Millar, Stockbridge	84	scr.	84
Mr. James Glass, Harrison	88	4	84
Mr. John Ross, Thistle	84	scr.	84
Mr. A. Black, Morningside	97	12	85
Mr. A. Hamilton, jun., Alban	88	3	85
Mr. J. O. Walker, Braids	89	4	85
Mr. F. Ross, Watsonians	88	3	85
Mr. P. Seton, Stockbridge	91	6	85
Mr. R. Millar, Teachers	102	17	85
Mr. R. Glass, Harrison	85	scr.	85
Mr. E. Harvey, Thistle	94	9	85
Mr. J. Macdonald, Viewforth	99	14	85
Mr. D. Grant, Thistle	89	4	85
Mr. T. Carruthers, Allied	91	6	85
Mr. F. Taylor, Viewforth	95	10	85
Mr. George Borthwick, Braids	89	4	85

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

LADIES' COMPETITION.

On Wednesday, the 17th inst., the first competition took place for a prize presented by Mrs. George Parkinson, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, for the lowest aggregate of the gross scores in three competitions, only open to ladies having a handicap of ten or over. The grass along the links being now somewhat long, the scoring was altogether not so good as on some previous occasions. Miss Edith Fair, Lytham, made the best score of the day—first round 60, second round 57, total 117. Several ladies did not return cards, but the following are the scores of those sent in:—Miss Edith Fair, 117; Mrs. Whipp, 122; Miss C. Salt, 129; Miss Goddard, 138; Miss J. Hargreaves, 158; Miss M. Salt, 159; Mrs. George Parkinson, 165; Mrs. E. Harrison, 166; Miss E. Orr, 166.

NEEDLES GOLF CLUB.

Monthly competition for Granville Ward tankard. Result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. W. Graham ...	92	3	89	Lieut. Easton ...	132 40 92
*Mr. G. W. Falmer ...	94	5	89	Mr. J. Dover ...	116 22 94
Capt. Hobbyn ...	113	22	91	Lieut. Dawson ...	125 30 95
Capt. Stratford ...	116	25	91	Capt. Nelson ...	120 22 98
Capt. Scott ...	116	25	91	Mr. A. R. C. Connell	117 18 99
Lieut. Collins ...	92	scr.	92	Mr. F. Graham ...	108 9 99

* The tie, on being played off, was won by Mr. W. Graham, who thus secured the sweepstakes.

Match, Military v. Civilians, Friday, June 12th, resulting in a tie:—

CIVILIANS.			MILITARY.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Mr. W. Graham ...	3		Lieut. C. B. Collins, R.E. ...	0	
Mr. G. W. Palmer ...	6		Lieut. R. L. Puxley, R.A. ...	0	
Mr. F. Graham ...	2		Lieut. N. Morison, R.A. ...	0	
Mr. F. Tankard ...	5		Col. Grieg, R.A. ...	0	
Mr. J. Dover ...	3		Lieut. E. H. Willis, R.A. ...	0	
Mr. C. T. Baldwin ...	0		Major Walford, R.A. ...	1	
Mr. G. Hodges ...	0		Capt. Nelson, R.A. ...	18	
Total ...	19		Total ...	19	

NEWBIGGIN CLUB.

The gold medal was played for on Saturday, the 20th inst., over the Newbiggin course, in disagreeable weather, a heavy mist interfering with play. Several members made no returns in consequence. Mr. C. E. Wilkinson, with an allowance of 16, won with a net score of 84. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. C. E. Wilkinson ...	100	16	84	Mr. G. Longstaff ...	98 8 90
Mr. J. G. Sharp ...	100	10	93	Mr. A. J. W. Wood ...	98 6 92

QUEBEC GOLF CLUB.

On Thursday, the 28th ult., the members competed for the club's silver medal, under handicap. The turn-out was not a large one, several of the members being out of town. The result of the competition was as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. A. W. Smith ...	83	+8	91	Mr. G. R. White ...	115 8 107
Mr. G. B. S. Young ...	98	scr.	98	Mr. J. A. Ready ...	143 30 113
Mr. R. C. Patton ...	109	10	99	Mr. W. B. Scott ...	124 10 114
Mr. W. Bennett ...	117	18	99	Mr. J. Hamilton ...	120 6 114
Rev. L. Williams ...	119	15	104	Mr. G. H. Thomson	123 5 118
Mr. L. Sewell ...	113	8	105		

On examining the cards it was found that Mr. A. W. Smith was the winner with an actual score of 83, with 8 strokes added, the figures for the round were: 6 5 4 4 5 5 6 4 4 4 3 5 5 6 3 4 5=83

The competition for the custody of the challenge trophy came off on Saturday, the 6th inst. The weather was fine and the competition a keen one, resulting in a win for Mr. A. W. Smith with a score of 81, with 9 strokes added. The following are the scores, viz.:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. A. W. Smith ...	81	+9	90	Mr. G. B. S. Young	106 scr. 106
Mr. G. R. White ...	101	8	93	Mr. J. A. Ready ...	137 30 107
Rev. L. Williams ...	109	15	94	Mr. G. H. Thomson	118 5 113
Mr. R. C. Patton ...	106	10	96	Mr. H. Hamel ...	134 20 114
Capt. H. C. Sheppard ...	100	scr.	100	Mr. J. Hamilton	
Mr. W. B. Scott ...	112	10	102	(capt.) ...	120 6 114
Mr. E. L. Sewell ...	120	15	105	Dr. C. C. Sewell ...	141 20 121

The figures for Mr. Smith's score were: 6 5 4 5 5 5 6 3 4 4 4 5 3 4 4 3 6=81.

ORKNEY CLUB.

The monthly handicap competition of this club, was held over the links at Deerness, on Saturday last. The light was not favourable for good scoring, there being a dense fog all round. The following were the best scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. McEwen ...	96	scr.	96	Dr. Russell ...	118 15 103
Sheriff Armour ...	107	9	98	Mr. A. Walls ...	126 18 108

ROYAL DUBLIN GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly competition for the club medal took place on Saturday in perfect summer weather, but somehow the turn-out of members was not as large as usual. The "greens" were very keen, owing to the great heat, but were in very fine order, and few would be found to beat them. Mr. D. Christie was the winner with a good gross score of 91, less 14=77. The following were amongst the returns handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. D. Christie	91	14	77	Mr. J. Peisley White	96 11 85
(winner) ...	91	14	77	Mr. Geo. Green ...	106 20 86
Mr. W. H. Dodd ...	105	25	80	Mr. G. C. May ...	105 15 90
Mr. J. Lumsden, sen.	94	9	85	Mr. J. M. Davies ...	119 28 91

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.

The midsummer meeting was held on Saturday, June 20th, the scratch medal being won by Mr. F. S. Ireland, and the club monthly medal by Mr. Graham Stokes.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. G. Stokes ...	92	16	76	Mr. L. Horner ...	100 8 92
Mr. F. S. Ireland ...	83	4	79	Mr. A. Schacht ...	97 3 94
Mr. J. Osmond ...	90	8	82	Mr. T. P. Shepherd	114 20 94
Mr. F. P. Browne ...	97	14	83	Mr. W. R. Kersey..	123 28 95
Mr. A. J. Eames ...	94	7	87	Mr. H. D. Tucker..	125 30 95
Mr. J. C. Tucker ...	119	30	89	Mr. W. B. Avery ...	113 18 95
Mr. E. L. Balcombe	109	18	91	Mr. G. F. Saunders	105 9 96
Mr. G. R. Burnett	115	24	91	Sir H. T. Wood ...	123 27 96
Mr. G. Allen ...	103	11	92	Mr. A. E. L. Slazenger	115 18 97

Messrs. W. Nimmo, C. Hall, Adam Young, Stanley Young, W. H. Pelly, and several others over 100, or no return.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

A splendid day favoured the members on Saturday for the competition for the club cups. The grass and rushes which skirt the course have now grown to a considerable height, and give well deserved trouble to unfortunate players who chance to leave the recognised path. The cool south-east breeze increased the usual danger of the hazards, and gave a fillip to the game. Many steady scores were returned, but the inevitable bunker intervening, marred an otherwise successful round. Mr. F. W. Purvis was caught at the fifth hole, and took eight to get down, and the same at the pond hole, coming home, however, by a gallant recovery, the round was negotiated successfully as follows:—

Out ...	5	6	5	4	8	5	4=37
In ...	5	4	6	8	5	4	7=39 } 76.

Mr. Raps, who has twice won one of the cups, and Mr. R. Elliott had victory snatched from them by one stroke only, the former having played eight strokes for each of the first two holes, which he often takes in six, the latter player taking one stroke less. The first hole, which is the most difficult of all, also proved too much for Mr. Fawcitt, ten strokes being required to hole out. Very little interval separates the remaining players, whose scores are appended.

We understand the Seaton Carew Hotel has been bought with the object of being managed by a limited liability company in the golfing interest. We think it will minister greatly to the comfort of golfers personally as well as financially.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. F. W. Purvis ...	76	6	70	Mr. J. R. Fryer ...	97 20 77
Mr. R. Elliott ...	83	12	71	Mr. J. B. Dale ...	79 1 78
Mr. P. A. Raps ...	77	6	71	Mr. W. Purves ...	81 3 78
Mr. L. K. Fawcitt	83	10	73	Mr. C. Cooper ...	88 6 82
Mr. E. R. Lindley	94	20	74	Mr. C. J. Bunting...	91 8 83
Rev. F. Savory ...	94	20	74	Mr. W. S. Merry-	
Mr. W. Putnam, jun.	87	12	75	weather ...	102 15 87
Mr. A. Robinson ...	81	6	75	Mr. E. Hutchinson...	108 20 88
Mr. J. W. Marshall	96	20	76	Mr. S. Walker ...	97 5 92

Several members made no returns.

GRANTOWN.—The monthly competition for the prize presented by Mr. Donald Grant to the Ladies' Club came off last Saturday. Mrs. Sinclair with 76 (96, less 20) was winner, and Mrs. Barclay with 77 (83, less 6), and Miss Jeannie Thomson (89, less 12), tied for second place.

SOUTHPORT GOLF CLUB.

The summer meeting of the above club took place on Saturday, the 13th inst. The weather which had been beautiful all the week, broke down just about the commencement of play, and it was unsettled all day, with a stiffish breeze blowing from the south-west. There were several prizes to be competed for. Colonel Welsby presented a cup open to the members of the St. Anne's, Formby, West Lancashire, Birkdale, and Manchester Golf Clubs. The Scarisbrick challenge cup, the monthly medal, and optional sweepstakes.

Seventy-four entered for the event, most of whom put in an appearance. Strath, the professional, had the greens in first-class order, and general satisfaction was expressed by the competitors with the present course. Mr. J. Morison, a member of the Southport Club, returned the lowest net score, 79, thus securing both cups and the monthly medal. The win was a most popular one, for though Mr. Morison has only been playing gold for about a year, by steady practice he has made great progress. Mr. Hilton returned the best gross score of 84, which for him was not so good as was expected, as the scratch of the present round is reckoned at 78; but his unfamiliarity with the links would account for this, as many of the greens have to be approached over unseen ditches, which to the uninitiated seem to come where least expected.

The prizes were given away by Mr. Clinning, the captain of the club, who also, on behalf of the members of the club, presented Captain Welsby, the founder of the club and first captain, with a photographic group of the members.

Mr. Charles Scarisbrick, in a speech in which he recommended Golf as most beneficial from a health point of view, announced his intention of giving two more prizes to be competed for at an early date. Scores:—

	Gross	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. Morison, Southport	94	15	79
Mr. R. Goold, West Lancashire... ..	87	6	81
Mr. C. Stoddart, West Lancashire	99	18	81
Mr. J. C. King, St. Annes	97	15	82
Mr. H. L. Bowring, West Lancashire	101	18	83
Mr. H. Sidebottom, Southport	101	18	83
Mr. C. T. Dixon, Formby	99	15	84
Mr. F. Topp, St. Annes	100	16	84
Mr. J. Ainsworth, Formby	100	15	85
Mr. T. Fair, Southport	97	12	85
Mr. C. G. D. Hoare, St. Annes	97	12	85
Mr. W. Bell, Southport	93	7	86
Mr. J. A. Brown, Southport	93	7	86
Captain Welsby, Southport	98	12	86
Mr. S. A. Ashington, Southport	106	18	88
Mr. F. Lichfield, West Lancashire	103	15	88
Mr. W. T. Rowley, Southport	106	18	88
Mr. H. B. Barlow, Southport	107	18	89
Mr. J. Macalister, Southport	93	4	89
Mr. J. Shepherd, Formby	93	4	89
Mr. G. H. O. Salt, West Lancashire	107	18	89
Mr. W. E. Drewitt, Birkdale	113	23	90
Mr. C. Howarth, Southport	95	5	90
Mr. F. E. M. Dixon, Formby	95	4	91
Mr. H. H. Hilton, West Lancashire	84	+7	91
Mr. J. E. Pearson, Southport	107	15	92
Mr. W. W. P. Shatwell, Southport	106	14	92
Mr. W. E. Bland, Southport	109	16	93
Rev. J. G. Denison, St. Annes	100	6	94
Mr. G. F. Smith, Southport	95	1	94
Mr. R. H. Prestwich, Southport	101	6	95
Mr. H. Fisher, St. Annes	108	12	96
Mr. A. D. Stuart, Manchester	116	20	96
Mr. C. A. Birley, St. Annes	115	17	98
Captain Wilde, Southport	116	18	98
Mr. G. W. Moultrie, Southport... ..	107	9	98
Mr. J. Betham, Southport	115	16	99
Mr. G. H. Crook, Southport	120	20	100
Mr. G. D. Crowther, Birkdale	112	12	100
Mr. G. Macdonald, Southport	108	8	100
Mr. T. Ogilvy, Southport	115	15	100

The rest over a hundred, or made no return.

ST. ANDREWS LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The month of June, though one of the pleasantest for Golf, finds the St. Andrews Ladies' green by no means crowded, as is the case later in the season. The visitors have scarcely arrived, and many of the *habitués* are from home. Consequently, a competition such as has taken place during the past week can easily be engaged in. It was for a challenge prize, a miniature silver putter, presented by Mrs. H. S. C. Everard, under the following conditions:—Two scoring rounds, or thirty-six holes were to be played, and the ladies making the six best scores were subsequently to compete by American tournament for the trophy. In

the event of more than one player returning the sixth score, all those so tying were to be admitted to the contest. This apparently remote contingency actually did occur, no less than four being bracketted equal for sixth place. Nine ladies, therefore, entered upon the final heats.

Friday, the 11th inst., was the first day of play, and the weather proved all that could be desired. Nine couples entered the lists, and when the scores were handed in the result was as follows:—Mrs. Gray, 107; Miss Dalmahoy, 108; Miss Balfour, 111; Miss H. M. Stewart, 112; Mrs. G. M. Boothby, 113; Mrs. Macfie, 117; Mrs. Hay, 117; Miss Gilliat, 117; Miss E. Moir, 117.

The concluding matches were to be by holes, each player meeting the other eight in turn, the whole to be completed within a week. Considerable excitement prevailed amongst the competitors during the next few days, several of the contests being very close, notably those between Mrs. Gray and Miss Gilliat, Miss Dalmahoy and Miss H. M. Stewart, Miss H. M. Stewart and Mrs. Hay, Miss Dalmahoy and Mrs. Hay, and Mrs. Macfie and Mrs. Boothby.

The greatest interest was manifested as to the result of the matches arranged for Thursday, between Mrs. Gray and Miss Stewart, and Miss Gilliat and Mrs. Hay, as it was now apparent that the ultimate winner would prove to be one of the three former. At this stage Miss H. M. Stewart had an advantage of half a match over the other two ladies, but failing to beat her opponent, she only secured a good second place with a record of 6 matches as against Mrs. Gray's 6½, Miss Gilliat having also failed to secure another win.

Mrs. Gray thus took first honours in both sections of the competition and is to be congratulated upon the consistent and steady form she maintained throughout. The putter, which is about twelve inches in length, was made by Mr. Sawers, Maitland Street, Edinburgh, and modelled from a rosewood putter made by Tom Morris. It has been much admired for its excellent workmanship, and is an exact representation of the original, the leather, bone, and every detail being carefully copied, and it is considered a novel and appropriate trophy. The following is the complete return of the matches played:—

Mrs. Gray beat Miss Dalmahoy, Mrs. Boothby, Miss Moir, Mrs. Macfie, Mrs. Hay, Miss Stewart, Miss Gilliat halved. Total, 6½. Miss Stewart beat Miss Moir, Miss Dalmahoy, Mrs. Hay, Mrs. Macfie, Mrs. Boothby, Miss Balfour. Total, 6. Miss Gilliat beat Miss Balfour, Miss Moir, Miss Stewart, Mrs. Boothby, Miss Dalmahoy, Mrs. Gray halved. Total, 5½. Miss Moir beat Mrs. Macfie, Miss Balfour, Mrs. Hay. Total, 3. Mrs. Macfie beat Miss Gilliat, Miss Dalmahoy, Mrs. Boothby. Total, 3. Miss Balfour beat Mrs. Boothby, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Hay. Total, 3. Mrs. Hay beat Mrs. Macfie, Miss Gilliat. Total, 2. Miss Dalmahoy beat Miss Balfour. Total, 1. Mrs. Boothby beat Miss Moir. Total, 1.

TOOTING BEC GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was competed for on Saturday, the 13th inst. There was a small turn-out of players. The following were the best scores:—

	Gross	Hcp.	Net.		Gross	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. R. Stewart Bain	99	16	83	Mr. W. Williams	104	12	92
Mr. J. S. Robb	94	8	86	Mr. F. Badham	106	14	92
Mr. A. M. Streetfield	97	9	88	Mr. J. Bell	104	11	93
Mr. F. Villiers	101	12	89	Mr. J. W. Grover	111	16	95
Mr. Wansborough	108	18	90	Mr. R. Fogg	115	20	95

A number of cards were not given in.

TYNESIDE CLUB.

The club prize was played for on the 18th inst., this being the fourth contest for the trophy this season. The weather was beautifully fine, and there was a large attendance of players, and the scoring was very low. The result was a tie for first honours between Messrs. Hutton and Babington. Details:—

	Gross	Hcp.	Net.		Gross	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. F. Babington	86	6	80	Mr. W. Farr	94	7	87
Mr. T. A. Hutton	96	16	80	Mr. B. Brumell	107	18	89
Mr. G. W. Williams	89	5	84	Mr. W. Elliott	119	30	89
Mr. J. Hedley	93	9	84	Mr. F. Ridley	100	10	90
Mr. J. Hiddleston	104	20	84	Mr. J. G. Sharp	105	15	90
Mr. E. Hunter	94	9	85	Mr. J. Tate	114	23	91
Mr. F. Smith	98	13	85	Mr. W. Putnam	111	18	93
Mr. C. Ismay	113	28	85	Mr. R. Aitken	112	18	94
Mr. C. A. Ridley	86	scr.	86	Mr. H. H. Blair	114	15	99
Mr. J. Milton	101	15	86				

Several competitors retired. It will be seen from the above that two players tied for first place, three for second, three for third, and two for fourth place.

PROPOSED GOLF CLUB FOR DUNOON.—We understand that a movement is on foot with a view to the formation of a Golf club in connection with the Clyde watering-place, Dunoon. A club has been instituted, and a piece of ground has been prospected at Kirn, which, it is said, is well adapted for the game.

SAYERS v. KIRKALDY.

NORTH BERWICK.

In presence of a very fair number of spectators at North Berwick, on Tuesday morning, the professional home-and-home match, for £25 a-side, between Bernard Sayers, North Berwick, and Hugh Kirkaldy, St. Andrews, entered upon its first stage. More pleasant weather could scarcely have been desired, and, although an easterly breeze in some slight measure troubled the players, any little annoyance to them in this respect was the great gain of those following the players. Seldom indeed have the good folks of North Berwick and the visitors for the day witnessed a better all-round display in an important match. The play in the first round at North Berwick began at 10.30 a.m. Bailie Whitecross, captain of the Tantallon Club, who proved a very efficient umpire, requested the professionals to toss for "honour." Ben produced the coin, and on tossing it fell to the local player to drive the first tee ball for Pointgarry. He got along in good line and safe from the road, Hugh following equally well. The slightest symptom of nervousness was absent from the initial play. Over Pointgarry hill a second shot was in each case satisfactory, Ben being to the left and Hugh to the right of the hole. Kirkaldy's third was weak, while Sayers' ball lay dead. The former nearly made amends by a good long putt, the ball striking just inside the hole and running over. Sayers won in four against five. From the tee-drive Sayers lay against a hillock at the foot, and played finely. Kirkaldy, playing his second just from the left, had a rather fortunate shot, his ball just escaping the dry ditch. Although nearly equal with his opponent on the green, Ben missed a short putt, and Kirkaldy embracing the opportunity of getting down in the like, made the game level. The third hole was well halved without incident in four. The Trap saw the St. Andrews man assuming the lead. Hugh drove a fine shot over the bunker and on to the green past the hole, whilst his opponent got into the bunker. Ben got splendidly out in two, and a half was imminent; but here again Kirkaldy had an advantage in putting, and the local man stood one down. Of the very few slips in this respect made by Hugh in the opening round, the first was visible at the angle. On the green from the tee the balls lay almost equally well. Hugh was weak with his second, whilst Ben played beautifully, and his putt lay dead. Kirkaldy here missed not only his third, but carelessly failed even to get down with his fourth, and Sayers had a creditable win here by three against five—once more level. Proceeding to the sixth hole, Sayers held the advantage until the green was reached, and seemed likely to lead again at this point; weakness, in putting, however, prevented his getting more than a half. Sayers half-topped his ball in playing for the seventh, whilst Kirkaldy somewhat wildly drove into the bunker on the right. Hugh recovered finely, and a half was the result. Good all-round play and deadly putting on the part of Kirkaldy sufficed to give him all the three succeeding holes, and at the turning he thus held a substantial advantage.

Flushed with success, Hugh drove a splendid ball from the first tee or home, and was equally well followed by Ben. Each half-topped his second ball, however, and Sayers, who played the odds, over-ran the hole. Getting a shooting fall off his cleek, he had a bad lie in the bunker. Kirkaldy, playing the like off his iron, about, say, sixty yards from the hole, laid his ball stone dead, and holed out in four. Sayers got out of the bunker with the like to within some four or five yards from the disc. Each played a good tee drive for the Pit, and fine approaches with the mashie over the wall followed. Sayers got down a long putt in three, and as Kirkaldy just failed to hole out in the like the local man reduced his lead to three holes. A splendid drive by Sayers against the wind resulted in his ball lying only about a yard from the hole. Kirkaldy, using his driver also from the tee, placed his ball within three or four yards from the disc. Here now seemed a chance for the local man, but Hugh played the odds, and entirely closed the line with a stymie, and Sayers thus only managed to secure a half at High Bent. Bernard drove a cleek-shot to the right on proceeding to Perfection. A second shot with his mashie just found its way to the top of the bank, and unfortunately rolled down. Kirkaldy with the like laid it stone dead from a very long putt off his wooden putter, and won in three against four. Hugh again four up. For the Redan the St. Andrews man lead off with his driver, placing the ball, say, within seven yards from the disc. Ben also got on to the green from the tee, and, having to play the odds, laid the putt dead and secured a half in three. Each drove safely and well from the tee for the next hole. Sayers had the worse lie and took his mashie, covering very little ground. Kirkaldy had a fair shot. The third was well played in each case. Taking their mashies for the fourth the balls lay dead, and a half in five resulted. Hugh was punished on going to Pointgarry-in hole. From a rather wild drive the ball found its way to an awkward spot under a seat to the left, and cost him the hole. Ben played the hole very finely in five, and had little to do for a win here. Kirkaldy down to three. Both drove well for the Home hole. Hugh played the odds and got beyond the hole and over the hill. Ben played short, but succeeded in laying it dead in three. Kirkaldy proved also equal to the occasion, and halved in four. Bailie

Whitecross having announced Kirkaldy as three up on the round, the crowd dispersed and the result was soon known throughout the town, causing not a little local disappointment, especially in view of Ben's unusually strong and even brilliant scoring play of late. The figures, however, show the round to have been characterised by exceptionally fine all-round play on such an occasion in respect to both Sayers and Kirkaldy. Appended they are given:—

Kirkaldy:—

Out	5	4	4	3	5	4	4	3	4	4=40	} 73
In	4	3	3	3	3	5	7	4=33			

Sayers:—

Out	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	4	5	5=42	} 75
In	6	3	3	4	3	5	5	4=33			

ST. ANDREWS.

Play was resumed at St. Andrews on Friday. Beautiful summer weather prevailed—the shade temperature being 76 degrees, and though a slight sea-breeze was felt, it was scarcely sufficient to modify the heat of the sun. The green was in perfect order, and everything tended to make the final encounter between Ben and Hugh all that could be desired. Punctually to the hour (10.30 a.m.) both men appeared at the starting-point, accompanied by Mr. D. I. Lamb, who acted as referee throughout the day. Crawford carried to Sayers—a conjunction of the biggest caddie, and the smallest professional—whilst Herd acted in a similar capacity for Kirkaldy. As usual, in big matches at St. Andrews where the crowd of onlookers are sometimes too pressing in their attention, the players were protected by a long stretch of rope. In virtue of having won the last hole at North Berwick, Ben showed the way to the burn, but he fought shy of the obstacle, deeming it safer to be short than in. Hugh, on the contrary, played boldly and lay beautifully for a possible three, a feat which he achieved in playing the like, and which secured him the "honour." His triumph was, however, short lived. Approaching the corner of the dyke with his cleek, Kirkaldy drew it too fine and bunkered, which mischance cost him a couple of strokes and the hole. Halves were called at the next two, but the Hole O'cross once more saw Ben fall behind. He was on the green in three with a longish putt, and had he done the needful in his usual style, Hugh should not have had a look in, but he was weak—very weak—and of course the inevitable followed. For the next two holes Sayers seemed a little off his game, and Kirkaldy scored on each occasion. The short hole once again saw Kirkaldy victorious by a well-played two. This made him four a-head, a position which was not at all relished by Sayers' friends. At the end hole, Kirkaldy fozzled two cleek-shots, and the match turned three in favour of St. Andrews. Taking the "honour," Sayers bunkered his tee, but though it was well taken out, Kirkaldy was too well circumstanced for the shot to be of any avail. Using his cleek for the short hole, Hugh over-drove the green into the Eden, and there was nothing for it, but to yield a point. The Heather Hole was the scene of a piece of characteristic play by Sayers. He overran the green in his approach, but he made a beautiful pitch up which laid him at the hole side. Kirkaldy had a long putt to secure a half, but he just failed. The Hole O'cross should have fallen to Hugh, had he been up with his putt; but he was unsuccessful, and a half in five resulted. By very fine play at the next hole, Sayers still further brought matters to an equality, and at the dyke the match stood all square. At this hole, Sayers was playing the odds from the left side of the course—a good quarter-shot, and being straight on the mark he got home in three. At the Burn Hole, Hugh had a putt twelve inches from the hole to get a half, but he was stymied and Ben took the lead. The Home Hole was halved in five, and the North Berwick champion hitherto playing an uphill game with rare courage, now had the odds in his favour. An hour was allowed for lunch, and then the fight again commenced. As in the morning, Sayers was shy of the burn, and he allowed Kirkaldy to equalise matters. Two long swipes to the dyke took Kirkaldy nearly to the hole side, and though Sayers did all he knew to get a half he was too late. After a half at the next hole, Sayers taxed himself too severely with his cleek to reach the Gingerbeer hole, and Kirkaldy stepped in and won. After fozzling his approach at the Hole O'cross, Ben, unlike his forenoon performance at the same hole, saved himself by running the extreme length of the green up to the hole side, which permitted him to secure a half. At the Heather Hole Sayers again fozzled his approach, but he had the better of Kirkaldy on the green, and pulled him down to one. Proceeding to the High Hole by the short cut, Hugh lay on the face of the hill with a bad stand, the outcome of which was that he played a wide approach, and gave Sayers, who was straight on to the hole, an opportunity which he did not fail to profit by. The match now stood all square. The Short Hole was also credited to Sayers, and he led the way to the end. He, however, fozzled his tee, and using his bulger to approach again missed the globe. Taking his cleek for the next, he lay on the edge of the hole, but Kirkaldy, who was well forward, got the like down, and the match entered upon its last phase all square. Ben had hard lines in the first Homeward hole. His tee was amongst whins, and his next in the bents, and his third in rough grass. After all, however, he might have got a half but

for an unexpected piece of luck which fell to Kirkaldy. Putting up to the hole Hugh ran past a few inches, and every one thought he had missed, but after the gutta stopped it rolled in the contrary direction right into the hole. Profiting by his mistake in the first round Kirkaldy drove the high hole this time with his iron, and secured a half in three. There was a marked similarity in Ben's play in the Heather Hole in both rounds. Again he appeared to have given away the hole in his long game, and then by a wonderful recovery he fairly snatched it out of his opponent's teeth—the match once more being all even. Proceeding to the Hole O'cross Sayers was twice bunkered, and it easily fell to Kirkaldy. It was then Hugh's turn to experience something of the luck or ill-luck of the green, as he had two bad lies which virtually cost him the hole. Match again all square, and for the last time. At the next Ben failed in his putting, and at the dyke his usual deftness with his iron was not made apparent, and Kirkaldy got dorny. The Burn Hole should have seen the match decided, but Hugh missed a short putt, and the decision was delayed until the end hole, which Kirkaldy credited to himself in four, and won the match by two. Though Kirkaldy generally had the pull, Sayers stuck in with dogged pertinacity, and no one could say that he did not try his best. The men are particularly well matched, and every one admitted that they never saw better play on St. Andrews links. In driving Hugh had rather the heels of his opponent, but Ben who drives with an unusually long club was never very far behind. Their respective scores were as follows:—

Kirkaldy, 1st round:—	Out	3 6 4 5 5 4 4 2 6=39	} 83
	In	4 5 5 5 5 4 4 7 5=44	
2nd round:—	Out	4 4 4 4 5 5 5 3 3=37	} 80
	In	4 3 5 5 6 5 4 7 4=43	
Sayers, 1st round:—	Out	4 4 4 5 6 6 5 3 4=41	} 80
	In	5 3 4 5 4 4 3 6 5=39	
2nd round:—	Out	5 5 4 5 5 4 4 2 4=38	} 85
	In	5 3 4 7 5 6 6 6 5=47	

Second Round.—Ben had again the honour in driving for Pointgarry and opened the second journey auspiciously by winning the first hole in beautiful style. Both found their balls on the putting-table in two. Kirkaldy played the odds too strongly, whilst Sayers got a long putt all the way and won in three to four. Hugh two up on the match. Ben had the better initial shot on going to the second hole, and he followed well with his second. On the green he still maintained an advantage, and had a fair putt for the hole. He was scarcely strong enough, and had consequently to be content with a half. The third was also fairly halved in five. At the Trap Hugh gained the hole by the aid of a better putt than his opponent, and was again three up on the match. It appeared just possible at this stage that Ben might in this round also, feel himself sorely handicapped by a looseness in putting. But no. Few chances did he give his opponent till the end hole was reached, and with an average of 3½ per hole, he won as many as four of the six holes remaining in the outward portion. In driving for the Angle, Hugh was scarcely up, whilst Ben got on to the green. Kirkaldy had a grand iron shot. Sayers played his putt well; but the ball struck that of his opponent, and a half in three resulted. And now occurred a phenomenal piece of play, which proved the turning point in the game. Proceeding to the sixth, Kirkaldy had the better tee-shot, lying just beside the green at the foot of the hillock. Sayers struck on the top to the right of the hole, and rolled a good distance beyond. No more than a half could be possibly expected for Ben, and it seemed very probable, indeed, that another win for Hugh would be declared. To the surprise of the players and spectators alike, however, the ball kept well on its way for line and distance, and, hesitating for just a moment—to use such an expression—dropped luckily down amidst a round of applause, which on this occasion was difficult to immediately suppress. On going to the seventh Sayers drove nearly against the wall from the tee, whilst Kirkaldy had also a rather indifferent fall to the right. On the green Sayers had a long putt for the hole, and he accomplished it well, winning in three to four. Kirkaldy one up. The Hole O'cross was fairly halved in three. Ben won the Quarry out in fine style by four against five, and here he found himself level with his opponent for the first time since the latter assumed the lead at the eighth hole in the first round. Finishing a first-rate outward journey by getting down in five at the end hole against six of Kirkaldy, Sayers turned with a hole to his credit over the match, and there appeared yet a chance of his starting with a fair lead at the green of his opponent. The drives for the first hole home were strong. Ben, playing the first odds, had a good iron shot on to the putting-green. Hugh went just to the left, and played a good third, but missed the putt for four. Sayers' third left him a putt of fully a yard, but he got just to the lip of the disc and only secured a half, the putt being a somewhat awkward one. Kirkaldy drove strongly from the tee on proceeding to the Pit, but went dangerously in the direction of the wall, and he

was fortunate in finding his ball quite playable. Considering that his footing was awkward, Hugh played beautifully over the wall on to the green. Ben had a safe lie to the right, and with his second also he found his way finely to the green, and after laying their balls dead a half in four was the result. On going to the High Bent, Sayers drove well on to the green from the tee, whilst Kirkaldy drove rather wildly on to the beach. A surprise was in store for the spectators here, a likely win for the local man turning out to be a gain for his opponent. Hugh played a wrist shot from a fair lie on the sand, and the ball just struck the bent and rolled stone dead! This good fortune rivalled Ben's sensational putt at the sixth hole, and to say that the local man was amazed is to put the matter very mildly. Sayers endeavoured to get a half, but he overran his putt, and required four to get down. All even. Driving for Perfection, Kirkaldy took his driver and laid the ball a few yards from the hole—a very good shot. Sayers also got well to the green with his brassy, but further from the hole. His second was short, whilst Kirkaldy, playing the like, laid it dead, and won in three to four. Hugh once more away with a lead of one. Going to the Redan, both got into the bunker to the left, and, although they played well out the hole was indifferently halved in five. For the next hole each played short of the ditch, the second shot being in each case very weak. The third shot found Kirkaldy's ball among the long grass above the dry ditch, whilst Sayers was past the green and down the hill. With his mashie Hugh laid his fourth stone dead, and got down in five. Ben left himself a short putt for a half, and accomplished it. The drives for Pointgarry were very fine, and their second balls over the Quarry with the iron lay closely together. Hugh's third was short of the red post at Pointgarry. Sayers played a magnificent third, and had a fairly long putt for four; but he missed the disc, and just halved with Kirkaldy, who laid his fourth dead finely with his putter. Hugh dorny one. Each drove well for home, the balls lying together. Kirkaldy played the first odds, and was short with his mashie. Sayers had a good second shot to within some three yards of the hole. Hugh played the long odds and failed to get the ball dead, allowing Sayers to win in four against five, and to make the game all even over the day's play. The figures in the second round were:—

Sayers:—	Out	3 5 5 4 3 2 3 3 4 5=37	} 73
	In	5 4 4 4 5 5 5 4=36	
Kirkaldy:—	Out	4 5 5 3 3 3 4 3 5 6=41	} 76
	In	5 4 3 3 5 5 5 5=35	

UNITED UNIVERSITY CLUB v. OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE CLUB.

Played at Wimbledon, on June 16th.

UNITED UNIVERSITY.		Holes.	OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE.		Holes.
Mr. A. H. Boyd ... ..	...	1	Mr. T. McKay ... ..	...	0
Mr. A. Denman ... ..	...	3	Mr. W. Bazalgette ... ..	...	0
Rev. J. H. Ellis ... ..	...	0	Mr. S. B. Tristram ... ..	...	0
Mr. C. Pidcock ... ..	...	5	Rev. H. W. Hussey ... ..	...	0
Mr. W. R. L'Amy ... ..	...	3	Rev. A. H. Cochrane ... ..	...	0
Mr. O. S. Curtis ... ..	...	1	Mr. R. B. Mansfield ... ..	...	0
		13			0

United University Club won by 13 to none.

In the afternoon a ding-dong foursome was played between Messrs. Boyd and Denman, against Messrs. McKay and Bazalgette, the latter couple winning by one at the last hole.

WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.

The members playing round the club course, at Bushey, on Saturday, had a most enjoyable day, weather very pleasant, course and greens in excellent order. After the competitions for the club summer scratch medal and two handicap prizes, members and friends dined at the Hall.

Club summer scratch medal.—Mr. Arthur Melville, 85, less 5=80.

Handicap prize, for handicaps of 18 and under:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Arthur Melville ...	85 5 80	Mr. H. Williams ...	107 15 92
Dr. F. Rushworth ...	97 16 81	Mr. J. A. Simson ...	102 9 93
Mr. A. B. Chalmers ...	90 6 84	Mr. T. B. Bewick ...	97 2 95
Mr. H. J. Cottam ...	102 17 85	Mr. D. Scoles ...	119 18 101
Mr. B. M. Barton ...	97 10 87	Mr. J. D. Pattullo ...	103
Mr. Thomson Glover ...	93 6 87	Mr. W. Webster ...	119
Mr. A. H. Wallace ...	100 9 91	Mr. J. H. Williams ...	148

Handicap prize for handicaps over 18.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. Wilson ...	101 20 81	Mr. E. F. Jackson ...	124 22 102
Mr. E. R. Harby ...	106 24 82	Mr. R. André ...	132 29 103
Mr. E. F. Maitland ...	106 20 86	Rev. H. T. Lane ...	126 22 104
Mr. H. Dunkley ...	110 22 88	Mr. T. J. Whiam ...	130 24 106
Mr. W. G. Barton ...	120 30 90	Rev. O. Corkrem ...	135 28 107
Mr. J. Forbes ...	121 26 95	Mr. T. J. Peacock ...	162 29 133
Mr. C. E. Fry ...	120 22 98		

ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL GOLF CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The summer competition was held on Saturday, the 20th inst., over Leven Links. Scores:—Dr. Cowrie, 90, scratch, cup; Mr. J. Adamson, 91, less 4=87, inches medal and first handicap; Mr. G. Laws, 92, scratch, second ditto; Mr. M. Greenlees, 111, less 18=93, third ditto; Mr. T. S. Kay, 102, less 6=96, fourth ditto; Mr. J. K. Duff, 98, scratch, and "Kenneth Duncan," 110, less 12=98—tie, fifth ditto. 24 players; green rather dry, but in good order; lovely weather. Mr. Mark Sanderson, vice-president, in a few suitable remarks, presented the prizes to the successful competitors.

NEW GOLF COURSE AT HOYLAKE.—The formal opening of a Golf course belonging to the newly-formed Leasowe Golf Club took place on Saturday on the ground which has been secured between Leasowe Castle and Little Meols. The necessity for a new club in the district has long been felt. The membership roll of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club, whose course is situated at Hoylake, has reached its maximum number of 700, and at times the links are so overcrowded that much inconvenience is experienced in playing. After considerable negotiation the present course was secured, and in the opinion of high authorities on the game, it is one of the best sporting courses in the country, the hazards being numerous and of the most varied character. The ground is easily accessible from Liverpool, the starting point being about half a mile from Moreton station, on the Hoylake Railway, and the course runs parallel with the shore from near Leasowe Castle to Little Meols. At present nine holes are laid down out of a full course of eighteen, but the remaining holes will be laid down as soon as possible. A large number of the members of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club have signified their intention of joining the new club, the subscription of which for the first 100 members will be 10s. 6d. per annum, with an entrance fee of a guinea. Mr. W. Otho N. Shaw, J.P., Sandhey, has accepted the presidency of the new club, and a number of influential gentlemen will act as vice presidents. Among the latter is Mr. T. O. Potter, honorary secretary Royal Liverpool Golf Club, who has offered a monthly medal for competition. Mr. C. Nigel Stewart, of Hoylake, is the honorary secretary of the new club, and Mr. Charles H. Smith, honorary treasurer. With the treasurer and secretary the following gentlemen will be associated as the executive committee:—Messrs. John Ball, jun., J. B. Smith, Donald Ball, John Morris, F. A. Cooper, and J. S. Jolly. The weather was delightfully fine on Saturday afternoon. The president, amid the cheers of the spectators, drove the first ball from the tee. He was followed by Mr. John Ball, jun., and a number of other members, who expressed their satisfaction with the character of the new course.

ROYAL MUSSELBURGH CLUB SUMMER MEETING.—The summer meeting of the Royal Musselburgh Club was held on the 18th inst. at Musselburgh in fine weather. The green was in very fair condition. After a business meeting the members competed, under handicap, for the silver putter and the gold medal, and other prizes. The number of entries was rather small, only about twenty members starting. Despite the absence of some of the "crack" players of the club, the scoring as a whole was fairly low, and some of the competitors made good displays. The lowest actual was made by Mr. C. Mitchell, who scored 88, 46 in the first round and 42 in the second; but the handicap reduced him to the third place, Messrs. G. S. Turnbull and W. J. Gulland tying for the second prize with 85. The winner of the silver putter and the gold medal was Mr. A. M'Lennan with a score of 99, less 16=83. The following were the best scores:—Mr. A. M'Lennan, 99, less 16=83; Mr. G. S. Turnbull, 91, less 6=85; Mr. W. J. Gulland, 97, less 12=85; Mr. C. Mitchell, 88, less 2=86; Mr. W. Dougal, 100, less 14=86; Mr. C. E. Hule, 90, less 2=88; Mr. J. Paul, 92, less 4=88; Mr. G. Sinclair, 97, less 8=89; Mr. R. B. Nisbet, 98, less 8=90; Mr. T. Thompson, 109, less 18=91; Mr. T. Carmichael, 104, less 12=92; Mr. J. M. Brown, 105, less 12=93; Mr. J. D. Gibson, 102, less 8=94; Mr. J. Gibson, 102, less 8=94; Mr. F. A. Renwich, 99, less 4=95; Mr. W. Tait, 113, less 18=95; Mr. R. Bathgate, 110, less 14=96; Mr. J. Williamson, 114, less 18=96; Rev. T. White, 105, less 8=97.

BUXTON AND HIGH PEAK GOLF CLUB.—On Saturday, June 13th, a competition for the inter-monthly cup (Swainson cup) took place on the above links, under handicap. The following are the several scores:—Mr. J. Strang, 106, less 18=88; Mr. J. L. Strain, 107, less 18=89; Mr. E. Micholls, 112, less 14=98, and Capt. Darwin, R.N., 116, less 18=98, tie; Dr. Palmer, 126, less 24=102. Several other members made no returns. Mr. Strang having now won the cup three times, it becomes his outright.

STRATHPEFFER.—The weekly medal and three prizes of Thornton balls were played for on Saturday afternoon. There was a strong wind blowing, and play was difficult. The following are the scores:—Mr. K. Cameron (scratch), 78; Mr. W. F. Gunn, 103, less 10=93; Mr. Lowe, 101, less 7=94; Mr. George Mackenzie, 105, less 10=95; Mr. Storie, 104, less 6=98; Mr. Alexander, 120, less 18=102; Mr. Macdiarmid, 116, less 10=106; Mr. Munro, 132, less 18=114.

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