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MAY.

- May 1.—Minchinhampton : Spring Meeting.  
Durham : Blagdon Cup.  
Guildford : Spring Meeting.  
Alnwick : Spring Meeting.  
Harrison Club, Edinburgh : Medal.  
Innerleven : Spring Meeting.  
Lanark : Hutchinson Cross (scratch), Forest Gold Cup, Ball, Handicap.  
Calcutta : Blackheath Gold Medal.
- May 2.—Minchinhampton : Spring Meeting.  
Brighton and Hove : The Berens Gold Medal.  
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.  
Prestwick St. Nicholas : Bailie Wilson's Medal.  
Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.  
Lanark : Hon. Mrs. Bingham's Links, &c. (Handicap).  
Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.  
Bowdon : Monthly Competition.  
Guildford : Spring Meeting.  
Epsom : Rosebery Gold Medal.  
Haydock Park : Captain's Cup (4 Competition)  
Aldeburgh : Silver Medal.  
Monifieth : Gilroy Challenge Cup.  
Redhill and Reigate : Turner Medal.  
Rochdale : Club Silver Medal.  
Royal Belfast : Spring Meeting.  
Rochdale : Spring Handicap Silver Medal.
- May 4.—Brighton and Hove : Captain's Prize Tournament.
- May 5.—Cornwall County Golf Club : Monthly Medal.  
Royal Blackheath : Monthly Medal.
- May 5-6.—Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews : Spring Meeting.
- May 6.—Durham : Spring Meeting.
- May 6-8.—Bath Ladies : Prize Meeting.
- May 7.—Whitley : Emmerson Prize (final).
- May 7-9.—Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews : Amateur Championship at St. Andrews.  
London Scottish : Spring Meeting.

- May 8.—Whitley : Crawley Prize (final).  
Machrehanish : Spring Meeting.
- May 8-9.—Brighton and Hove : Spring Meeting.
- May 9.—Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.  
Royal Epping Forest : Quarterly Medal and Scratch Medal, &c.  
Birkdale : Club Medal.  
Whitley : Wyndham Cup.  
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.  
Edinburgh University : Challenge Cup and Club Prizes (at Gullane).  
Alnwick : H. Marsh Painting.  
Wiltshire and District : Monthly Medal.  
Rochdale : Captain's Monthly Prize.  
Dublin : Lumsden Medal.  
Tooting : Monthly Medal.  
Brighton and Hove : Mr. H. Knipe's Prize.  
Seaton Carew : Wilson Shield.  
Rochdale : Captain's Prize.  
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.  
Lytham and St. Anne's : Macara Cup.  
Royal Montreal : Sidey Medal.
- May 9-11.—Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Spring Meeting.
- May 12.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Cup; Kentish Gold Medal  
Whitley : Joicey Cup.  
Hayling Island Ladies' Club : Bath Challenge Star.
- May 15.—Durham : Osborn Cup.  
Harrison Club, Edinburgh : Medal.  
Dalhousie Club, Carnoustie : Half-yearly Meeting, 8 o'clock.
- May 16.—Dublin : Monthly Medal.  
West Herts : Monthly Medal.  
Birkdale : Mackenzie Cup.  
Whitley : Spring Meeting.  
Great Yarmouth : Whitsuntide Meeting.  
Prestwick St. Nicholas : Bennie and M'Laren Prizes.  
Disley : First Summer Handicap.  
Epsom : Monthly Medal.  
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.  
Felixstowe : Club Prize.  
Formby : Spring Meeting.  
Falkirk Tryst : Foursome Handicap Tournament.  
Seaton Carew : Club Cup.  
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Cup.  
Dalhousie Club, Carnoustie : Spring Meeting.  
Royal Montreal : Captain v. Ex-Captain.
- May 16-18.—St. George's, Sandwich : Whitsun Meeting.  
Littlestone : Whitsuntide Meeting.
- May 16-23.—Royal North Devon : Spring Meeting.
- May 18.—Great Yarmouth : Whitsuntide Meeting.  
Royal Isle of Wight : Whit-Monday Meeting; The Bembridge Sailing Club Prize; Club Prize.  
West Lancashire : Whitsuntide Meeting.  
Buxton and High Peak : Club Medal.
- May 18-19.—Felixstowe : Whitsuntide Meeting.
- May 18-20.—Harrison Club, Edinburgh : Cup and Prizes.
- May 19.—St. George's (Sandwich) : Champion Challenge Cup (open to all amateurs).  
Falkirk Tryst : Monthly Handicap.

May 20.—Southport: Ladies' Meeting.  
 Royal Epping Forest: Noakes Cup.  
 May 23.—Nottingham: Monthly Medal.  
 Edinburgh Watsonians: Club Prizes.  
 Lytham and St. Anne's: Macara Cup.  
 May 25.—Royal Montreal v. Quebec, at Quebec.  
 May 28.—Nottingham: Monthly Medal.  
 May 29.—Durham: Blagdon Cup.  
 Harrison Club, Edinburgh: Medal.  
 May 30.—Royal Epping Forest: Gordon Challenge Cup; Captain's Prize.  
 Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.  
 Seaford: Monthly Medal.  
 Birkdale: The Crowther Cup.  
 Luffness: Wemyss Challenge Medal.  
 Royal North Devon: Monthly Medal.  
 Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells: Monthly Medal.  
 Royal Eastbourne: Monthly Medal.  
 West Lancashire: Monthly Medal.  
 Dundee Advertiser: Leng Medal.  
 Buxton and High Peak: Monthly Medal and Mickoll's Cup.  
 Royal Montreal: Buchanan Cup.  
 May 31.—Troon: Spring Meeting.

## Club Notices.

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**S**T. ANDREWS Golf Club and Ball Makers' Handicap Medal and Prizes, 16TH MAY, 1891.

**S**EAFOORD GOLF CLUB.—CHALLENGE CUP.—  
 The first Competition will take place on Whit-Monday. The Competition will be decided by playing two rounds of the Links of 18 holes. The Competition is open to members of the Club only. A Cup will be presented to the winner. Entries must be made to the Hon. Sec. not later than three days before the Competition. Entry money, 2s. 6d., must be paid before starting. Play will commence at 10 a.m. J. FLETCHER FARNCOMBE, Hon. Sec.

**S**T. GEORGE'S GOLF CLUB, SANDWICH, KENT.  
 The ST. GEORGE'S CHAMPION GRAND CHALLENGE CUP, open to all amateurs, for the best scratch aggregate score of two rounds, will be played for on Tuesday, May 19th, 1891. Entry 10s. 6d. The Club will give a Cup value 20 guineas as a memento to the winner. Intending competitors are requested to send their names and entry money to the Secretary on or before Friday, May 15th. W. RUTHERFORD, Hon. Sec., 3, Plowden Buildings, Temple, E.C.

**T**HE ISLAY GOLF CLUB.—Hon. President, His Grace the Duke of Argyll, K.G., K.T. Vice-Presidents, J. Wingfield Malcolm, Esq., M.P., John Ramsay, Esq., of Kildalton. Committee: Major Ayshford Wise, Islay House, Captain; J. R. Findlay, of Aberlour; Cyril Wintle, Thatched-House Club, St. James' Street, S.W.; W. Sanderson, Leith; R. L. Watson, Dundee; W. A. Robertson, 45, West Nile Street, Glasgow; W. Morison, 77, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow; P. J. Mackie, Lagavulin, Islay; Secretary, Peter Reid, Factor, Port-Ellen. Treasurer, Lachlan McCuaig, Port-Ellen, Islay. The course is of sea-grass, beautifully situated at Machrie, about 2½ miles from Port-Ellen, and consists of 18 holes laid out by Willie Campbell, the professional golfer, who describes it as "one of the finest Links in Scotland." Communication from Glasgow daily, *via* Tarbert, by MacBrayne's Steamers. McCuaig's White Hart Hotel and McLeod's Islay Hotel have been enlarged, newly furnished, and are most comfortable. For particulars as to membership, apply to PETER REID, Esq., Port-Ellen; or P. J. MACKIE, 13 Carlton Place, Glasgow.



A correspondent calls attention to a peculiar putting incident that occurred at Newhaven, and reported in GOLF a fortnight ago. As a typical example of how Golf should not be played we again reproduce the description of the incident:—"As a purely playing game, the result of the competition is not as gratifying as could be desired; and the fact that only one gentleman completed the round of the holes would appear surprising to all but those who witnessed the proceedings. It so happens that one of the holes is situated on the sharply sloping side of the hill, and defied all the skill and patience of the players, with one exception. It was really amusing to notice how, time and again, the competitors sent in unsuccessful shots at this hole; the ball, whether sent sharply or gently propelled, refused to enter the hole, and rolled down the hill, and did not stop its runaway career until it had reached a point farther from the hole than when started. Some of the gentlemen gave up the attempt, after making up to 50 strokes; others, with creditable persistency, ascended and descended the hill times countable by hundreds. Mr. Harcourt, in his rounds, twice overcame the tricky green, which throughout the day baffled the less skilful players, each time in less than a dozen strokes, thus proving the possibility of scoring at that green."

The executive of the Newhaven Golf club ought to be frankly told that this is not Golf. The best thing they can do is to ask the Earl of Sheffield's gardener to come and dig up that green. The putting-green ought to have a place where, at least, the ball may lodge. The ideal putting-green is not one smooth and level as a billiard table, nor sloping, like this awful abortion at Newhaven, but twenty square yards of good turf with a few undulations for the ball to pass over before reaching the hole, which ought to be on a pretty level surface.

At the neighbouring green of Seaford many of the putting-greens are like this one at Newhaven. The Editor was there at Easter, and found the greens simply excruciating. For example, after being on the edge of the green in two shots from "The Terrace" tee, it frequently took seven to hole out, the putting being as ludicrous as that at Newhaven. The genial secretary said that the sloping greens were good for putting "cut" on your ball. Was this in gentle irony, or did he mean it? The Seaford executive ought to have those greens dug up. They should also take professional advice as to the arrangement of their course. There is too much crossing, too much driving in the faces of players, and in the valley between the sea cliff and the Hawk's Brow the play reminds one of the Scotch caddie's saying, "It's no' gowff at a; it's jist war." Let them ask Tom Dunn to visit the green and see what he thinks of the present arrangement of the holes, and especially of the sloping putting-greens. The air of Seaford is delightful, the club hospitable, Mrs. Russell's tea and luncheon cake fit for the most fastidious golfing appetite, and the Seaford Bay Hotel accommodation good and reasonable. But, oh, those putting-greens!

A new Golf course is projected at Rothesay, the promoter being Mr. Menzies, manager of Kyles of Bute Hydropathic. The plans of a course of 18 holes, extending over two miles, has been submitted to Willie Campbell, who will inspect the ground.

**A GOLF CLUB FOR BRADFORD.**—The members of the Bradford St. Andrews Society, at their meeting last week, resolved to form a Golf club, to be called the Bradford St. Andrews Golf Club. Ground for links has been obtained at Baildon Moor from Colonel Maude, and arrangements for beginning play will be made as speedily as possible. The following gentlemen have consented to become patrons of the club, viz., Mr. H. Byron Reed, M.P., Mr. E. W. Hammond, Mayor of Bradford, Colonel Maude, and Mr. Edward Salt. The officers were elected as follows:—Captain, Mr. Robert Macmillan; hon. treasurer, Mr. G. H. Douglas; committee, Mr. J. Moncrieff, Mr. S. Cowan, Mr. D. Stewart, Mr. T. G. Greig, Mr. George Battye, Mr. C. Mather; hon. secretary, Mr. P. Kerr Chesney, junior, 32, Market Street, Bradford. The membership of the club will not be confined to members of the St. Andrews Society.

The question of a Golf links for Largs has been revived, and certain sections of ground have been prospected with a view to the laying down of a course. That which seems to find most favour is a piece of ground on the farm of Routenburn, over which some play has taken place, and which is said to be suitable for purposes of Golf.

A Golf club has been successfully started at Burnham, Somerset, under the title of the Burnham Golf Club, and already numbers seventy members. A very sporting course of nine holes has been laid out by Gibson, of Westward Ho! and there is ample room to extend to eighteen holes. A commodious pavilion, with every convenience, has been erected by the Wire-Wove Waterproof Roofing Company, and J. H. Taylor, late of Westward Ho! has been engaged as professional and green-keeper, under whose care the green is rapidly improving, and promises to be very good in course of time. The formal opening is fixed for May 28th. Play has, however, been going on for the past two months. All particulars may be obtained from the hon. secretary, Mr. T. Holt, Somerset Court, near Burnham, Somerset.

Owing to an accident to Chisholm, of the Coatham Club, the professional match between him and Kay, of the Seaton Carew Club, has been postponed until later on in the season. The match was originally fixed for the 22nd ult.

**A HOLE IN ONE.**—Mr. W. R. Stikeman, playing with Mr. C. E. Greig, at Chingford, on Saturday, the 18th ult., holed the ninth hole in one stroke.

MRS. GOLFBALL—"Has the Golf season begun yet?"  
MR. GOLFBALL—"Yes—any fool ought to know that."  
MRS. GOLFBALL—"That is why I asked you."

Athelred writes:—Since my last communication was driven off, I have been asked several questions. My answers may be of use to others.

Golf is a game of skill, entirely. This you will find to be the case by asking every player you meet, "Are you playing well?" Some will say "Yes"; others "No"; all will assure you that they have no luck.

The broad aims of golfing legislation at present being to eliminate luck, all disputes should be settled in this spirit.

Everybody must be a little nervous playing for a medal. Indeed, each player must get a "turn" allotted to him. After that each gets a "start," more or less frightening. Some get a worse start than others.

To further this end it is best to play for medals with a thoroughly bad man, and to give him a substantial interest in all bets you make on your score. If you have a scorer, let him be a mere infant who will pay attention to you, and not distract himself from his work by watching the play.

When you have got a hole or so out, and well clear of the crowd, your card must be a record of steady, almost perfect play. One may need many spare strokes on the home green.

If you have done any adversaries out of holes and matches at any time, and your conscience is troubling you, take off an equivalent number of strokes, if possible, during medal rounds.

When the balls lie within six inches of each other, it is very careless not to lift. Some players hole out in these circumstances. Men will not realise that even the shortest putts may be missed.

Taking another point of view, it is inexcusable to miss short putts. Every one will now and then take three to hole where one ought to suffice, but it is making too much of trivial things to treat these as of equal value with long drives. To equalise the eventualities of the game, the best way is to be generous. Don't credit yourself with these. You will find you won't miss them if you leave them unmarked. In fact your score will be better without them than with them.

**A HEBRIDIAN GOLF CLUB'S DIFFICULTY.**—A few months ago, a number of gentlemen in Stornoway, among whom was Lady Matheson's chamberlain, Mr. William MacLennan, formed a Golf club, and began to look round for a suitable course upon which they could practise the popular Scottish game. After a little search, they fixed upon a portion of the links at Melbost, some three miles from Stornoway, as a place in every way well adapted for their purpose. An arrangement with the crofters of the townships who enjoyed in common the right of grazing their cattle on their ground was very soon come to, by which the members of the Golf club agreed to pay the crofters a yearly sum of £2 10s. for the occasional use of the course. Unfortunately, as it now appears, the bargain was merely a verbal one, and terminable at the pleasure of either party. Gradually it seems to have dawned upon the minds of some at least of the crofters that the golfers might, with some extra pressure, be got to bleed to a more copious extent than was represented by a paltry payment of 50s. a year. The outcome of their cogitations was made manifest on Saturday, the 11th ult., when a deputation of them waited upon the golfer's on the course and informed them that the rent henceforth, as fixed upon by the townships, was to be £50 a year. The golfers, as might well be supposed, were thunderstruck, and tried to reason with the crofters, pointing out to them that in various ways, such for instance, as in the sums paid to caddies, amounting, it was calculated, to about £30 a year, the township would be benefited very materially by the sub-letting of the ground; but it was of no use, and the end was that after considering the matter in a hastily convened meeting the club promised to give their decision on the matter later on. Meantime it is hinted that the tables may be turned upon the rackrenters in a way they little dream of, and at a joint conference which will take place, the committee of the club are, it is stated, first to offer a compromise, when, if this is rejected, the crofters are to be informed that a petition will be sent to Lady Matheson, with the view of inducing her to take advantage of the resumption clauses of the Crofters' Act, by which she may be enabled, on a successful application to the Crofters' Commissioners, to resume possession of the land, and afterwards, if so disposed, let it to the club.

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## THE PROPOSED NEW RULES.

THE proposed new rules for the game of Golf, as revised by the special committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, appointed at the general meeting of the club on 23rd September, 1890, have been issued. They will be brought before the annual meeting of the members next week, and it is more than likely that several of the suggested alterations will meet with a good deal of vigorous hostility. The special committee have proved themselves to be a compact body of thoroughly practical reformers. The members of that committee included such well-known names as Mr. Hall Blyth, Mr. W. Laidlaw Purves (who has made the rules of Golf, dating from more than 100 years, a special study), Mr. Henry A. Lamb, the captain of the Royal Wimbledon Golf Club, and Mr. G. H. Jackson. No two men have done more to foster and promote the success of Golf south of the Tweed than Mr. Purves and Mr. Lamb. They are conversant with the large amount of dissentient opinion which exists outside a few greens in Scotland regarding the old code of rules, and the great necessity which existed for recasting them in the interest of clearness, better expression, and more ample definition. Thus we have what may be described as the Scoto-English element represented on the special committee. But it is necessary to point out that all the members of the committee are members of the Royal and Ancient, that no invitation has been sent to the largest Scottish, English and foreign clubs to send delegates for consultation at its great annual spring gathering. It would be no derogation of its stately dignity were the Royal and Ancient frankly to recognise that since the rules are intended for all golfers, a wider and more diversified constituency ought to be consulted than its own playing members. Unless delegation to some extent is attempted, it is impossible to expect that any code of rules, however admirably framed, will meet with general acceptance. Dissatisfaction and agitation resulting therefrom will ever be the outcome of such exclusiveness.

While delegation lingers on the way, let golfers acknowledge that the special committee have done their work in a genuinely business-like spirit. The proposed new rules are a great improvement on the old in many ways. They are more concise, expressed in clearer and better phrases, and aim, especially in the case of "hazard," at something like closeness of definition. Viewed generally, the proposed code assimilates match and medal play. This is a great improvement, and simplifies to a very great extent the progress of the game, since it is not necessary for the player to be master of two concurrent and diverse systems of play. In practice it has been found that the penalties in match play inflicted an altogether disproportionate penalty, not for bad play, but for the ill-luck of a bad-lying ball. But let us examine the alterations of the old rules as they occur chronologically.

Rule 1 reads:—"The game of Golf is played by two or more sides, each playing its own ball. Each side may consist either of one or more persons." The suggested alteration is obscurely worded, and to any one unacquainted with the manner in which the game is played, would convey but little information. It is, indeed, no improvement upon the old rule, which is more clear and more definite.

Rule 6 deals with "The Honour." To say the least of it, this proposed piece of legislation is not a little surprising in its substitution of the permissive "may" for the imperative "shall" in the first clause. "The side gaining a hole may lead, or may make the opposite side lead, in starting for the next hole, and is entitled to claim this privilege. . . ." It has always been understood that the side which gains a hole "shall" lead for the next. What is the utility of giving a player who has gained a hole the optional power of calling upon his opponent to strike off first for the next hole? "The Honour" consists in securing the lead, and in being able to maintain it throughout the match.

The rule about a ball being stuck fast in wet ground or sand disappears, because provision is made in the new code for lifting anywhere.

The rule as to "impression" in a hazard is elucidated more satisfactorily than under the old order, and now a player whose ball is in a hazard "shall not touch the ground" before playing. This is a distinct gain.

Rule 14 defines a "hazard" in some detail, but the committee make an exception of snow or ice, or bare patches. Mr. Jarvis Kenrick's letter in a recent number of GOLF dealing with this subject of snow is not unworthy of the committee's attention. In the new code even the note 20 (A) about snow disappears, and players are left in the dark as to what should be done. In view of the widespread doubt surrounding the subject, the committee would be well advised to add a clause somewhere, at least advising what should be done in the event of play taking place when snow is sprinkled all over the course, or when it lies in isolated patches.

Rule 15 speaks of pressing down or removing "any irregularities of surface." How can a player "remove" an irregularity of surface, since it is part and parcel of the corporate body of the ground? Does this mean worm heaps?

The old rule dealing with a ball covered with fog, bent, or whins disappears.

By Rule 17 a player dropping his ball, may stand as far behind the hazard as he pleases.

Rule 18 entitles the player to lift the opponent's ball when it lies within a club length throughout the course.

Rule 19 says that if a ball lie or "be lost" in water, the player may drop another ball, losing a stroke. This provision appears to conflict with the lost ball penalty in Rule 25, which imposes *two* strokes as penalty for a lost ball. The penalty ought to be made the same in both cases, or the rule of stroke and distance applied in each.

Rule 20 more clearly defines, and better expresses, what "a rub of the green" is. Now we have a ball considered in the dual condition of being *in motion* and *at rest*, which is a distinct advantage.

Rule 21 says that if in match play a ball strikes your opponent or his caddie, or if the ball strikes the player, his partner, or caddie, the penalty is a stroke. In medal play, however, there is no penalty imposed for the same misadventure of striking the other player; it is to be considered "a rub of the green." This is illogical. In the interests of fair play the same penalty should be imposed; and it is more preferable to impose a penalty of some kind as a check to carelessness than to tolerate a breach of sound play by letting the guilty party off with a possibly advantageous rub of the green.

The definition of what constitutes a moved ball is deleted. In view of some very interesting correspondence in these columns on this point we question very much the wisdom of the elimination. We should prefer to see paragraphs 28 and 29 of the present rules reinstated; nothing is gained by leaving an opening for bickering and controversy.

Rule 24 changes the penalty for playing the opponent's ball from a lost hole to a stroke, but the penalty cannot be claimed if the mistake arises through wrong information given by the opponent.

Rule 25 is one of the crucial points in the new code. A player is penalised two strokes if his ball be lost, a second ball to be teed as near as possible at the same distance from the hole as the lost ball was supposed to be. The ten minutes' law of search is reduced to five minutes. Mr. Hall Blyth, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Purves and Mr. Jackson are in favour of a stroke and the distance penalty instead. This latter suggestion is by far the better and more workable arrangement; and it is to be hoped that the rule will eventually be modified in this sense.

Rule 26 enables a player to lift anywhere and tee behind, under a penalty of two strokes. Mr. Hall Blyth dissents from this provision. There is no unfairness in giving a player the option of playing or paying the heavy penalty of two strokes, which are tremendous odds in any well contested match.

Rule 29 revives the question, "Ought the Stimy to be Abolished?" In match play, the stimy, by this rule, is abolished; but a strong protest is appended by Mr. Hall Blyth, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Purves, the latter of whom suggests a compromise to the effect that a player laying himself a stimy shall be compelled to bear with it. Of course, to be logical the committee had no alternative when assimilating match and medal play but to abolish the stimy. This is the point of the new rules, however, about which most outcry will be raised; and it is to be hoped that the committee will see their way to make this nicety of the game an exception to the general levelling process, much as that is needed. We shall return to the stimy later on, but in the meantime our opinion is clear that it is a trait of the

game which ought, if possible, to be respected. If reform is imperative, at least the modification suggested by Mr. Purves ought to find favour. But Golf legislators as a body ought to set their faces hard against any proposals to reduce the number of legitimate difficulties to be encountered in the game. They ought to preserve a game enriched by so many opportunities of displaying skill, judgment, nerve, temper, and coolness from deteriorating into the dull, monotonous uniformity of lawn croquet.

#### THE NEW COURSE IN ISLAY.

In these days when Golf has attained such popularity there is nothing startling in the fact that the game has this spring travelled from the mainland of Scotland to the Outer Hebrides. It is in Islay that the latest of the season's Golf courses has been laid down, and that the youngest of the many young Golf clubs in Scotland has been formed. On the island there has just been completed an eighteen-hole course which, having much in common with Machrihanish in its character, may at a future day prove a formidable rival to that well-known west country green. The course, too, has this trait in common with Machrihanish, that it is not the easiest to get at. But to holiday-makers prepared to devote a week or a fortnight to the Royal and Ancient game this circumstance is not of great account. To the enthusiastic golfer, with time at his disposal, the whereabouts of the course is a small matter provided the green affords scope for the full enjoyment of the game, and can lay claim to some attractions in situation and in surroundings. In these respects the new green in Islay—Machrie course, as it has been named—amply fulfils the conditions. The eighteen holes, which have been laid down under the supervision of Willie Campbell, of Bridge of Weir, are sufficiently sporting to satisfy the most exacting player, and the green has charms peculiarly its own in its picturesque situation within sight of the rolling waves of the Atlantic. Few stretches of links so extensive and so naturally adapted to the purposes of Golf are to be found anywhere as that which skirts Laggan Bay. No sooner does the player reach the first hole, which is admirably placed on an outstanding knoll, than he comes in full view of a vast expanse of beach extending five miles to the southward. This beach is of sand firm enough to be driven over with ease, and in olden times—long before the islanders knew that there was such a game as Golf—it formed the highway for all traffic, as the still standing ruins of a once famous "halfway" hostelry bear witness. The Big Strand, as this beach is locally termed, is fringed for a considerable distance inland with sandhills—knolls and hollows—covered with a short hard grass, mixed in some places with bent and in others with moss. This five mile stretch of links affords area sufficient for almost as many full courses of eighteen holes. In the meantime, however, there is no need for more than one, so that only about a fifth part of the ground has been encroached upon. The formation of a Golf course, as a rule, implies the existence of a Golf club. In this case the club was formed before the course was laid out, and with influential office-bearers at its head it is in a fair way to become a flourishing institution. The ground belongs to Mr. Ramsay, of Kildalton, to whom the club is indebted for its use.

A journey by road of about three and a half miles brings the visitor from Port Ellen, on the east coast of the island, to the starting point, where a club-house has been erected. With abundance of ground at hand, there has been no need to resort to the expedient of "crossing" in laying down the holes. The great area of the links has also allowed of plenty length being given to the holes. The round is one of three and a half miles, sufficient surely to satisfy most golfers. But the taste of more than usually energetic players has been consulted. An optional hole has been placed on the far side of the Gleneigdale river, the northern boundary of the green, and players, by treating the ordinary eighth hole as non-existent, and continuing their way across this water, can add half a mile to the length of the round. Most players, however, will be content to follow the beaten track, the more because hazards numerous and dangerous enough to satisfy the most adventurous spirit have to be negotiated without seeking fresh dangers further afield. In the journey round, legions of hillocks have to be "carried," dangerous bunkers have to be avoided, and the marshy ground which occurs here and there must be shunned at all risks. A feature of the course is the number of knolls rising abruptly in the line of play, and requiring bold negotiation. Machrie may claim to have its "Maiden" as well as Sandwich, for leaving the fifth hole the player finds himself face to face with a hill about fifty feet in height having a frontage of loose sand, and this, if he would escape dire consequences, he must

carry from the tee. Nor is this all, for at the very next tee a high ball is again required to carry another hazard of much the same kind. Advantage is also taken of the Machrie river at the outset, and again at the last three holes, to lend variety to the play—indeed, there is scarcely a hole on the green which has not an interest of its own. It goes without saying that, as in all new courses, the greens require a good deal of attention before the turf will be of the quality—say—of that found at Gullane or Hoylake. Mention of the latter green recalls the fact that many of the holes are placed after the manner of the "Punch-bowl" of these English links, a circumstance which will give a decided advantage in the matter of low scoring to good iron play. The "bottom" of the links is in places somewhat soft and foggy, but only the exercise of the game is required to firm the turf and make it all that could be desired. As the links form an extensive rabbit warren, there is the danger of a bad lie or of a lost ball even when the line is kept, and the danger is of course the greater in the case of erratic drivers. The shortest hole on the course is 204 yards (but a truly sporting one nevertheless), and the longest 435 yards; but if the country beyond the Gleneidale water is explored in the manner indicated, the eighth hole, instead of being one of 430 yards, is 750, and the ninth, instead of 290 yards, is 620. Following the ordinary course, however, the lengths are as follows:—1st hole, 320 yards; 2nd, 250 yards; 3rd, 204 yards; 4th, 330 yards; 5th, 330 yards; 6th, 360 yards; 7th, 270 yards; 8th, 430 yards; 9th, 290 yards; 10th, 330 yards; 11th, 390 yards; 12th, 400 yards; 13th, 435 yards; 14th, 363 yards; 15th, 382 yards; 16th, 285 yards; 17th, 375 yards; 18th, 296 yards.

**LEITH CALEDONIAN GOLF CLUB.**—The spring meeting of this club was held over Gullane on Monday, the 20th ult. The attraction of the meeting was the gold and silver medals, and these, together with a gold charm and four presented prizes, induced thirty members to compete. The greens were in excellent condition, though exceedingly keen, but, notwithstanding this, the scoring was good. Mr. R. J. Henderson carried off the honours of the day, holing out in 82. The prize winners were:—1, Mr. R. J. Henderson (scratch), 82, gold medal and charm; 2, Mr. Charles A. Garvie (scratch), 84, silver medal and first handicap prize; 3, Mr. John Henderson, 85, plus 2=87; 4, Mr. William Gibson, 98, less 10=88; 5, Mr. T. A. Helm, 99, less 10=89.

**HAWICK CLUB.**—The Bombay medal was played for on the Hawick course on the 21st ult., in somewhat cold weather. Result:—1, Mr. James Barrie, 99, less 21=78; 2, Mr. W. W. Forsyth, 95, less 12=83; 3, Mr. G. P. Ross, 85, less 1=84; 4, Mr. R. Michie, 93, less 9=84; 5, Mr. William Robson, 100, less 12=88; 6, Dr. Barrie, 95, less 5=90.

**ABERDEEN, BANFF AND KINCARDINE CLUB.**—The Aberdeen, Banff, and Kincardine Golf Club held a competition on Monday, the 20th ult., over the Archerfield course for the captain's gold medal and other prizes, presented by members of the club. The following were the lowest scores:—Mr. A. Hutcheson, 105, less 15=90; Mr. W. Mackenzie, 96, less 4=92; Mr. C. Symington, 96, less 4=92; Mr. W. Tough, 108, less 15=93; Mr. W. A. Smith, 106, less 12=94; Mr. W. R. Findlay, 98, less 4=94; Mr. A. McDonald, 98, plus 6=104.

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### HANDICAP MATCH TABLES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—A subject was broached in your columns a few weeks ago on which I should like to say a few words, if you can spare me the space. A correspondent asked for information as to where strokes should be taken, saying that the scheme in the "Badminton" book appeared to be based on no obvious principle. In your reply you indicated that the principle of such schemes should be to take strokes at the moderately long holes. I would ask as briefly as possible, do you think the advantage of this plan is sufficient to outweigh those of having a fixed scheme for all links? Of the latter there are especially two: (1.) A single scheme is readily learnt, whereas a variety only leads to confusion. Nothing is more common than to arrive at the first tee and find that there is a doubt as to where to take the strokes on this particular green, though one can often clearly remember where to take them on some other green. (2.) The arrangement of strokes according to the length of the holes is apt to introduce an element of luck in playing off halved matches, where the whole round is not completed. I notice that on many greens the first hole is often selected to give a stroke; and this hits rather hardly those who have to give only a few strokes in the round and having played a tie are directed to play on till one side wins a hole.

My suggestion is that the scheme has *no* reference to the length of the holes, which are to be regarded for this purpose as of equal length. I venture to think that those who have actually experimented on the matter will have found that the nature of the hole affects the frequency with which the stroke counts far less than is imagined; and if you will allow me, I should like in a future letter to give a few figures on this point. Further that, if (say) five strokes are to be given, the course be divided into five equal parts, and a stroke be taken in the middle of each part. Those unfamiliar with fractions will find it easiest to do this by drawing a line of eighteen inches in length, and dividing it by compasses. If a division falls in the seventh inch, this means of course that the stroke will come in the seventh hole. This plan is recognised on most links in the special case of "a third" or six strokes, where the course naturally divides into six groups of three holes each, and a stroke is taken in the middle hole of each group. There is just one small point to be settled, viz., what is to be done when a stroke falls exactly between two holes? For instance if *one* stroke alone be due, it should come at the middle of the round, i.e., exactly between the ninth and tenth holes. The ambiguity occurs for all odd numbers of strokes: indeed, it is almost a pity that the number of holes in a links is not seventeen or nineteen, which would have made many things much simpler. But as things are in these doubtful cases, we must either give the receiver of odds his stroke just before it becomes due (so that the ninth hole would be the proper hole for one stroke), or give him it just after it is due (at the tenth hole for one stroke). I think it will be best to adopt both these plans in our table, one in the first half and the other in the second, and for this reason: the second half of the table will be most easily remembered by *leaving out* the strokes taken

in the first half. Thus sixteen strokes should be taken at all holes *but* those where two strokes are taken: that is, every hole *but* 5 and 14. Thus, if we give one stroke at the ninth hole, we must give seventeen strokes, at every hole *but* the ninth hole; and in the latter case we allot the doubtful stroke to the tenth hole, just after it becomes due.

The following is a scheme for strokes on this plan:—

Strokes. Holes.

1.	9
2.	5 14
3.	3 9 15
4.	3 7 12 16
5.	2 6 9 13 17
6.	2 5 8 11 14 17
7.	2 4 7 9 12 15 17
8.	2 4 6 8 11 13 15 17
9.	1 3 5 7 9 11 13 15 17
10.	1 3 5 7 9 10 12 14 16 18
11.	1 3 5 6 8 10 11 13 14 16 18
12.	1 3 4 6 7 9 10 12 13 15 16 18
13.	1 3 4 5 7 8 10 11 12 14 15 16 18
14.	1 2 4 5 6 8 9 10 11 13 14 15 17 18
15.	1 2 4 5 6 7 8 10 11 12 13 14 16 17 18
16.	1 2 3 4 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 15 16 17 18
17.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
18.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

The case of nine strokes, "a half," stands by itself, and there is no particular reason why the strokes should be taken either at the odd or the even holes: but there are various ways of playing at this handicap: as, having an equal stake on two matches, one with strokes at odd holes, and another with strokes at even. The results are sometimes surprisingly different. A less known method is to give half a stroke at each hole; so that a hole is never halved, it either falls to the receiver of points for taking the same number of strokes as his opponent, or to the giver for doing it in one less. This enhances the value of the final putt, and is a splendid exercise for the nerves.

Blackheath, April 7th, 1891.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
H. H. TURNER.

### THE PROPOSED NEW RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The proposed new rules, which I have had an opportunity of seeing, appear to show as their chief advantage the *very nearly* entire assimilation of match and medal play. The rules for the two kinds of play, however, are still not exactly identical. There would be an undoubted advantage in having them identical, and this, it appears to me, might be effected at the expense of only some very small further alterations.

These are the following:—

1. Let the penalty for a player's ball striking his opponent remain, in match play, as in medal play, the loss of a stroke. (N.B. No great hardship that a player should be forced to avoid playing his stroke, while his opponent is anywhere in his line. Or adopt the "rub of the green" in *match* as well as in *medal* play.)

2. Make it obligatory in match as well as in *medal* play to remove the flag from the hole before putting at the hole. (N.B. As a matter of etiquette, this is always done among good golfers.)

By adopting this course, medal play as opposed to *match* play, would imply no alteration of rules—merely the extra regulations embraced in the proposed new rules (under heading, medal play), paragraphs, a, b, c, d, f (first 6 words only), g, h, i, and j.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
GEO. SETON.

7, Carteret Street,  
Queen Anne's Gate.

### PAINT FOR GOLF BALLS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I observe that a great many specifics for colouring Golf balls the orthodox white have been recommended in recent

issues of GOLF. But is it not pertinent to ask whether any paint or enamel that was ever invented, or ever will be invented, will adhere in its integrity to a Golf ball for more than three or four medal rounds? Is it reasonable to expect that any substance put on to whiten it will stick to a projectile that is subjected to such rough usage as a Golf ball in a round of Golf? Probably the best specific for balls that have lost their paint is to send them to a good ball-maker, who may be supposed to know better than anybody else what is the best material to use.

But, apart from this, is there no means of dispensing with paint altogether? Why is not the manufacture or preparation of the gutta-percha itself dealt with so as to produce a pure white substance that might be manufactured into Golf balls? Here is a hint to some inventive genius who wishes to make a rapid fortune.

I am, Sir, &c.,

Ayr, April 20th, 1891.

J. MCB.

### LUFFNESS GOLF CLUB—AN EXTRAORDINARY RULING.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I observe from this week's GOLF that you publish a three-line paragraph, which states that the committee of the above club have unanimously sustained the decision of Mr. Hope, of Luffness, in the matter of the protest tendered at the competition for the President's clubs. No particulars whatever are given, and as these, I am certain, will show the extraordinary character of the decision above referred to, I ask space to put the facts before your readers.

The competition in question took place on 7th March, and a heavy fall of snow having occurred on the night previous, the course was in many places covered with a coating of from one to three inches deep. Under the circumstances, it became a question whether or not the competition should be postponed. Acting, however, on the advice of old Tom Morris, who was on the green, the members present agreed to go on, and the draw accordingly took place at the advertised hour, viz., eleven o'clock. There was not a large muster, and as the last couple were leaving the tee, two other members, who had driven from Edinburgh, arrived on the green nearly three-quarters of an hour after the draw, by which time the sun had caused a great deal of the snow to disappear. They played together, and although one gentleman did not even have a club-scoring card, their scores were accepted by the secretary, who announced the one as the winner of the president's clubs and the other as the winner of the first handicap award! A protest was duly tendered against the scores in question, on the ground that the players had not taken part in the draw.

After a due interval, the protesters were informed by the secretary that the protest had been disposed of by Mr. Hope, of Luffness, who, as senior member present, claimed the right to settle any dispute, under Rule XV. of the St. Andrews code, viz:—

"Any disputes respecting the play shall be determined by the captain, or senior member present; or, if none of the members are present, it shall be settled by a committee appointed by the parties interested, or by the captain and his annual council for the time, at their first meeting."

The protesters declined to accept Mr. Hope's ruling, on the ground that the above rule obviously did not apply to the case in question, where no dispute had occurred as to the play—the contention being that the parties were disqualified from taking part in the competition through not being present at the draw.

The committee of management have now sustained Mr. Hope's decision.

This, I venture to characterise as an extraordinary proceeding, and in this expression of opinion, I shall be joined by nearly every member of the club. The last has not been heard of the protest, which undoubtedly will be brought before the annual meeting in September.

I am, Sir, &c.,

A MEMBER OF LUFFNESS CLUB.

April 25th, 1891.

## PROFESSIONAL AS CADDIE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—There is a point of common occurrence in matches to which I wish to call attention, as it seems to me to introduce an element of unfairness into many competitions. A man playing for a medal is allowed to engage a professional to act as his caddie, and to receive from him advice on every difficulty which he finds himself in. Thus, in putting, where a large part of the skill lies in judging the exact allowance to be made for inequalities in the ground, the professional may be seen pointing out the precise line to be taken. Then all through the green it is the professional who advises whether the cleek or the brassy is the club, whether a ball in a whin bush shall be played or lifted, whether the approach shot is a half or a three-quarter one. Thus, wherever the all-important quality of judgment comes in the professional adviser is the man responsible, and not the amateur player. Now if every player had this advantage, it would not, perhaps, be of very much consequence, but as this can never be the case, it seems to me that the man who trusts to his own skill and judgment is too often placed at a disadvantage. I hope you may think this a subject worthy of discussion in your paper.

Yours faithfully,

April 20th, 1891.

ALL SQUARE.

## MR. CLARK'S BOOK ON GOLF.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In answer to G. P. de F., Mr. Clark's book was published in 1875 at one guinea, quarto edition, 9 in by 7 in. It is worth a good deal more now. The large paper copy, 11½ in. by 8½ in. is now a valuable book. I got one two or three years ago for seven guineas, but I had been on the look-out for a copy for some time. Each copy on large paper is numbered.

It is rather startling to be told by one who presumably takes an interest in golfing literature that he has heard of Mr. Hutchinson's and Sir Walter Simpson's books, but not of Mr. Clark's sumptuous volume.

I am, Sir, &amp;c.,

T. T. A. A.

STIRLING GOLF CLUB.—The scratch medal was played for on the King's Park course on the 23rd ult., and was tied for by Messrs. R. A. Smith and J. J. Annan at 87. On playing off, Mr. Smith won. The day was favourable to good scoring, but the greens were keen. The best scores were:—Mr. R. A. Smith, 87, and Mr. J. J. Annan, 87, tie; Mr. J. Morrison, jun., 89; Mr. Harold Paton, 92; Mr. R. Whyte, 96; Captain Blackburn, 97.

CHIPPING NORTON GOLF CLUB.—The ladies' competition (scratch) for the Hitchman prizes was played off on the Common course here on Saturday, the 18th ult. The weather was all that could be desired, but the want of rain rendered the greens hard and rather uncertain for putting. The result was a rather easy win for Miss Bowen, with the very creditable score of 78, the other prize-winners being Miss A. Edwards (87) and Miss Rawlinson (98).

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## ABERDEEN.

The members of the Victoria Club here competed on Wednesday and Saturday last week, over the old links course for their secretary's prize. The weather was exceedingly favourable on both days, and a large field turned out. A comparison of the cards showed that Mr. Thomas Crighton, with a score of 94, less 12=82, was first; Mr. Alex. Cooper (scratch), 84, second; While Messrs. Balmain, Jessiman, and Ruxton have a tie to play off to decide the third place. The following are a few of the lowest scores handed in:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. T. Crighton ...	94	12	82	Mr. A. M. M. Dunn	88	scr.	88
Mr. Alex. Cooper...	84	scr.	84	Mr. R. Anderson (2)	93	4	89
Mr. R. Balmain ...	94	9	85	Mr. A. Mackay ...	98	9	89
Mr. D. Jessiman ...	101	16	85	Mr. A. Mitchell ...	95	4	91
Mr. W. Ruxton ...	107	22	85	Mr. G. Mortimer ...	96	4	92
Mr. J. Hazelwood ...	94	8	86				

## ASCOT LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The following were the scores in the competition for club prizes at Ascot, on Thursday, April 23rd:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
*Miss F. Magniac...	98	22	76	Mrs. H. C. Clarke	101	12	89
Miss C. Bruce ...	90	9	81	Miss F. Frankland	106	15	91
Miss Morris ...	94	10	84	Miss A. Maitland ...	113	22	91
Miss Magniac ...	108	24	84	Miss I. Barron ...	94	2	92
Mrs. Mackenzie ...	108	24	84	Mrs. H. Blackett ...	95	scr.	95
†Miss R. Hay ...	85	scr.	85	Miss R. Maitland ...	112	17	95
Miss Mason ...	85	scr.	85	Miss E. Barron ...	99	3	96
Miss L. Bannatine	102	15	87	Baroness Berkeley...	105	8	97

\* Winner of handicap prize. † Winner of scratch prize after a tie with Miss Mason.

Over 100 or no returns: Miss Chapman, Miss E. Chapman, Miss M. Clement, Miss I. Clement, Miss E. Frankland, Miss Ingham, and Hon. E. Milman.

## ARDEER GOLF CLUB.

The spring meeting of Ardeer Golf Club took place on Saturday, when there was a large attendance of the members, mostly from Glasgow. The weather was all that could be desired for a day's outing, and the conditions for golfing, both as regards the weather and the state of the ground, were ideal. Some of the players, it is true, complained of the keenness of the greens, but with so much dry weather that was unavoidable. Fernie, the green-keeper, is to be congratulated on the excellent state in which he keeps his compact little course, and especially on the fineness and smoothness of his putting-greens. The twenty couples that were sent out under the personal superintendence of Mr. A. Campbell, the secretary, included some of the cracks of the club. Mr. W. Milne, the well-known secretary of the Glasgow Club, Mr. J. R. Motion, also of the Glasgow Club, and Mr. Robert Adam, secretary of the Irvine Club, the strongest player in the club, whose prowess may be gauged by the circumstance that he is placed 5 below scratch. The competitions were for a series of prizes presented by the club. Play went on from noon till five o'clock, but early in the afternoon the eventual positions on the prize-list had been decided. It was known that Mr. Milne was out of it, and that Mr. Adam, who had taken 43 for the first round, would have an up-hill fight. Mr. W. Fleming, who has been on the prize-list for a number of years, was playing a very steady game, and completed his first round in 42. Mr. J. Thomson, who was Mr. Fleming's partner, was also playing a consistently good game throughout, and, curiously enough, when the couple completed the 18 holes, it was found that they had tied at 83, which turned out to be not only the lowest scratch score, but also the lowest handicap score. But for the fact that Mr. Fleming had the ill-fortune

to get into the burn at the next last hole coming in to finish, and thus lost two strokes, he would have been first. Mr. Adam, who had some very hard luck, came in with 84. It may be noted that the players were divided into two classes, viz., (1) those playing from scratch or under, up to and including nine strokes; and, (2) those with more than nine strokes. The following are some of the best scores:—

## FIRST DIVISION.

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
*Mr. W. Fleming ...	83	scr.	83	Mr. Robert Adam	84 +5 89
*Mr. J. Thomson ...	83	scr.	83	Rev. J. Graham ...	90 scr. 90
Mr. H. Macfarlane	96	9	87	Mr. J. Stewart ...	101 6 95
Mr. J. R. Motion...	86	+2	88	Mr. W. M. Allan ...	104 9 95
Mr. Jas. Laird ...	88	scr.	88		

\* A tie.

## SECOND DIVISION.

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
*Mr. John Colville	98	10	88	Mr. Z. H. Heys ...	114 14 100
*Mr. A. C. Steven	100	12	88	Mr. A. B. Thorburn	121 18 103
Mr. H. Colville ...	102	12	90		

\* A tie.

The ties will probably be played off.

## ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the April monthly medal attracted quite a large entry on the 25th ult., though many local players did not put in an appearance. There were also a good many visitors about, and, as the ladies' links was crowded, the Forest looked quite gay. Though the sky was ashen and sober, and the east wind by its cruel persistency ruffled the surface of the putting-greens and the temper of the putters, though the long-suffering green committee were at times execrated on account of the havoc the elements are working, still some very fair scores were handed in, and everybody seemed more or less to enjoy themselves. A few warm showers will soon bring the green into good condition for our spring meeting on the 9th and 11th inst. Mr. Gossage, who won the medal on Saturday, is quite a young player, and as he made his record round on this occasion, no aspirations can fairly be cast on the vigilance of the handicappers. Scores:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. C. H. Gossage	101	22	79	Rev. A. T. Scott ...	94 5 89
Mr. A. A. Cammell	86	6	80	Mr. H. Banister ...	112 23 89
Mr. Lawford Andrews	93	12	81	Mr. C. H. Evill ...	115 23 92
Mr. T. Hyde ...	88	6	82	Mr. A. Poynder ...	110 18 92
Mr. J. O. Scott ...	103	19	84	Mr. A. H. Newington	99 7 92
Mr. H. Jeddere-				Mr. J. R. J. Bramly	107 13 94
Fisher ...	99	13	86	Mr. J. Mews ...	107 9 98
Mr. H. H. Turner	93	7	86	Mr. J. S. Scott ...	109 10 99
Mr. W. P. Metcalfe	103	16	87		

No returns from Rev. C. C. Woodland, Messrs. Westmacott, R. Birch, Cox, Cameron, Barber, Barry, Simpson, G. Birch, McNab, Ashton, Bone, Browne, H. Finch, E. Finch, Flanagan, Little, Welsford, and Revs. C. Peckham and J. Macartney, &c.

## BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB.

The sixth monthly medal competition took place on Saturday, April 18th, with the following results:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. A. Woodewiss	103	30	73	Mr. G. Crowther ...	105 10 95
Mr. W. E. Buckley	101	16	85	Mr. H. D. Mackenzie	121 20 101
Mr. R. Simpson ...	111	25	86	Mr. W. J. Drewett	131 29 102
Mr. W. Bowker ...	109	16	93		

On Saturday last the Mackenzie cup was competed for a third time, the score being as follows:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. C. Barrett, jun.	105	24	81	Mr. J. E. Pearson ...	110 12 98
Major Pemberton ...	108	20	88	Mr. G. Crowther ...	109 10 99
Mr. J. H. F. Hulton	103	11	92	Mr. R. G. Hayward	119 16 103
Mr. W. J. Drewett	123	29	94	Mr. T. C. P. Gibbons	128 24 104
Mr. H. Dornig ...	117	21	96	Mr. G. D. S. Crowther	123 14 109
Mr. W. E. Buckley	111	14	87	Mr. J. Correy ...	142 30 112

BRUNSWICK GOLF CLUB.—By the kind permission of the Lanark Golf Club, this Edinburgh club were enabled to play their spring holiday competitions over that club's green at Lanark. Seventeen members took part in the competition for the W. E. Anderson scratch medal and the Dow handicap cup. The winner of the cup was Mr. J. Griffiths, with a score of 57; 2, Mr. J. Macnaughton; 3, Mr. J. Anderson. The winner of the medal was Mr. J. Hepburn.

THE "SCOTSMAN" CLUB.—On Saturday, in fine weather, this club played for their Caxton medal. The winner was Mr. A. Aitken, with a score of 114, less 30=84.

## BOWDON GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, the 18th ult., one of the most interesting competitions of the year, the club championship, was decided in the presence of a very large gathering of members and visitors, both ladies and gentlemen, and, as was hoped, the day proved not only a social success, but also showed how immensely popular the game is becoming in this part of the country. The weather being fine, many visitors in the afternoon followed round and watched the play, whilst others preferred to remain within easy reach of the club-house, and also Mrs. Gourlay's excellent tea. The distance being twice round the course, or 36 holes, and the fact of there being no handicap, might naturally have led to the belief that the entries would have been limited, but, on the contrary, about twenty-five sent in their names, and eventually started on the long round, most of them of course for the fun of the thing. One couple, consisting of well-known and good players, disappeared among the first batch, and were never afterwards satisfactorily accounted for, a rumour having been put about that they had fallen asleep on a putting-green. Mr. F. C. Morgan, one of the scratch players, was unable to compete owing to an accident, and the other, the honorary secretary, was greatly handicapped by a severe cold, so that there was not, perhaps, the keen struggle for first place that had been looked forward to, although the play on the whole was good. Mr. J. S. Scott, playing a splendid game, especially in his first round, came in with a score of 177, and well deserves the badge for 1891, which was afterwards presented to him by Mrs. F. V. Williams, the wife of the captain. Amongst other things Mr. Scott did the long hole, Westward Ho! in three, a remarkable feat. Getting off with a very long drive, he followed up with a magnificent iron shot for his second, the ball lying dead at the hole. This has never been done before, and will not easily be done again, it being always considered a very good hole in five. Subjoined are the figures for the first three players, the others being over 190:—

Mr. J. S. Scott—

First round ...	{ Out... 4 5 4 4 5 5 5 4 6=42 }	84
	{ In ... 5 3 4 6 5 5 4 5 5=42 }	
Second round...	{ Out... 5 7 2 5 4 6 4 5 6=44 }	93
	{ In ... 4 6 4 9 6 5 5 4 6=49 }	
Total ...		177

Mr. T. Creswick Oliver—

First round ...	{ Out... 7 4 5 6 7 5 5 5 4=48 }	94
	{ In ... 3 6 5 7 5 4 6 5 5=46 }	
Second round...	{ Out... 5 3 5 8 6 6 5 7 6=51 }	94
	{ In ... 3 5 4 5 6 4 6 5 5=43 }	
Total ...		188

Mr. S. W. Gillett—

First round ...	{ Out... 7 4 5 7 6 6 4 5 4=48 }	97
	{ In ... 4 6 6 4 6 4 7 5 7=49 }	
Second round...	{ Out... 6 3 5 6 4 4 5 5 5=43 }	92
	{ In ... 4 6 8 6 4 4 8 3 6=49 }	
Total ...		189

## BUXTON AND HIGH PEAK GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, the 18th ult., the inter-monthly competition for a silver cup took place. A considerable number of players turned out, tempted, no doubt, by the favourable weather.

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. L. Strain ...	112	24	88	Mr. J. Strang ...	118 18 100
Mr. E. Micholls ...	105	16	89	Mr. A. Shipton ...	131 30 101
Mr. J. C. Kay ...	108	17	91	Mr. C. F. Wardley	127 24 103
Mr. R. S. Jones ...	108	16	92	Dr. Palmer ...	130 24 106
Mr. H. L. Shipton	112	18	94	Mr. T. G. Dickson	162 24 138

No returns were made by several other competitors.

## CALCUTTA GOLF CLUB.

Over forty members competed on Friday and Saturday, 3rd and 4th April for the scratch gold medal, instituted in 1870, and for a handsome silver cup (handicap) presented by Mr. J. F. Macnair. The course and greens were in excellent order, and no doubt the heat and glare account for the scores generally not being quite up to usual form. Mr. Macnair showed that he had not in the slightest degree lost his old form. He finished his two rounds of eighteen holes in splendid style, viz., 43 and 39, the latter comprising the following figures—3 4 4 6 4 4 5 4 5. But for misfortune at the Jail hole he would have equalled the record of 38 made by Mr. Jas. H. Mudie, in 1878, when he negotiated the Basket hole in the wonderful score of 3. Mr. Macnair's round, however, is, even with the changes and lengthened course, quite as good as the score at that time. He is to be congratulated on his splendid play, and on having his name engraved on the trophy for the sixth time. Mr. Macnair is also entitled to take the

handicap cup, but he has kindly presented it to be played for again. The fine score of 39 also entitled him to hold the Cashmere silver challenge cup for the best scratch score recorded in matches during the season.

Below are given some of the best scores handed in :—

	1st. Round.	2nd. Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
*Mr. J. F. Macnair ...	43	39	82	scr.	82
Mr. J. Adamson ...	45	41	86	„	86
Mr. H. C. Begg ...	41	45	86	„	86
Mr. J. R. Stewart ...	53	51	104	18	86
Mr. W. K. Eddis ...	47	44	91	4	87
Mr. L. G. Dunbar ...	44	44	88	scr.	88
M. J. A. Toomey ...	46	48	94	6	88
Mr. J. H. Lane ...	54	52	106	18	88
Mr. G. A. Ormiston ...	46	50	96	6	90
Mr. L. Daniell ...	55	53	108	18	90
Mr. J. Taylor ...	52	46	98	8	90
Mr. G. W. S. Caine ...	53	56	109	18	91
Mr. H. J. S. Coiton ...	57	52	109	18	91
Mr. J. C. R. Johnston ...	47	47	94	3	91
Mr. A. C. Marshall ...	48	47	95	4	91
Mr. H. C. Clogstoune ...	52	56	108	16	92
Mr. G. S. Hannah ...	51	47	98	6	92
Mr. W. R. Macdonald ...	46	52	98	6	92
Mr. R. D. Murray ...	49	49	98	6	92
Mr. M. R. Quin ...	49	57	106	14	92

\*Winner of medal and cup.

#### CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

The terminal competition for the Linskill cup and Pirie medal took place on Monday, April 27th, over the University links at Coldham Common. The grass was much shorter than usual for the time of year, but the green was very, very dry, and the putting-greens were like pavement, which rendered accurate putting extremely difficult work. A keen east wind was blowing across the course. Mr. R. A. Nicholson (Principal) won the cup, with the creditable score of 87. The medal fell to Mr. E. Adams, 100, less 26=74.

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. E. Adams ...	100	26	74	Mr. J. E. Pease ...	95 5 90
Mr. C. E. Marriott ...	105	26	79	Mr. J. L. Low ...	92 scr. 92
Mr. G. L. K. Finlay ...	95	12	83	Mr. D. A. M. Brown ...	93 scr. 93
Mr. J. McKneown ...	101	18	83	Mr. S. M. Dimbleby ...	113 20 93
Mr. H. Glasier ...	104	20	84	Mr. E. C. P. Boyd ...	94 scr. 94
Mr. C. E. S. Innes ...	102	16	86	Mr. C. C. Davie ...	108 14 94
Mr. R. A. Nicholson ...	87	scr.	87	Mr. T. Whish ...	114 20 94
Mr. H. Parker ...	103	16	87	Mr. D. D. Robert-	son ... 96 scr. 96
Mr. I. Heron Max-	well ...	107	20 87	Mr. A. M. Joshua ...	104 7 97
Mr. C. D. Somers ...	118	30	88	Mr. P. W. Everett ...	107 9 98
Mr. A. F. G. Hen-	derson ...	114	25 89	Mr. G. R. M. Har-	vey ... 116 18 98

No returns from Messrs. H. P. Frean, C. M. Hutchinson, C. Pigg, E. D. C. Strode, H. J. Reckett, C. L. Barron, A. J. L. Hill and H. Davidson.

#### CLAPHAM COMMON GOLF CLUB.

The club held its spring meeting on Thursday, April 23rd, when the Fairlie scratch gold medal was played for, together with three handicap prizes. The weather was fine, but there was a strong wind blowing, which, with somewhat rough greens, did not improve the scoring. The respective wins of Mr. C. A. Compton, and the captain, Mr. J. W. Grover, were most popular, the former doing the second round in nine holes in 41 gross. Mr. Pace won the second handicap prize, and Messrs. A. J. Robertson and T. Ravenhill tied for the third. Scores as follows :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. C. A. Compton ...	90	6	84	Mr. J. E. Drower ...	112 16 96
†Mr. J. W. Grover ...	105	18	87	Rev. J. H. Ellis ...	105 9 96
†Mr. T. R. Pace ...	103	14	89	Mr. J. Verran ...	107 11 96
Mr. A. J. Robertson ...	97	7	90	Mr. E. J. Hunt ...	123 25 98
Mr. T. Ravenhill ...	112	22	90	Mr. W. G. Chapman ...	123 24 99
Mr. D. F. Russell ...	111	20	91	Mr. C. H. Compton ...	123 23 100
Mr. W. Williams ...	106	14	92	Mr. J. Lidiard ...	127 25 102
Mr. E. L. Arnold ...	123	30	93	Mr. P. M. Thornton ...	122 20 102
Mr. J. B. Wood ...	101	7	94	Mr. J. Hopgood ...	142 30 112

\* Medal and memento. † First handicap prize.

‡ Second handicap prize.

HADDINGTON GOLF CLUB.—The tie for the Hogarth gold medal (scratch) was played off at Luffness on Saturday by Messrs. T. Black and J. Richardson. After a close round, the medal was won by Mr. Black, with an actual of 89. Mr. Richardson took two more to the round, viz., 91.

#### DINARD GOLF CLUB.

On Wednesday, April 22nd, Mr. J. and Miss Nation gave prizes, for ladies singles under handicap. This was the first match played by ladies on the new links. An easy course had been arranged for them, but even that contained yawning bunkers, and gorse clumps, which sorely tried the tempers of some of the players. Tea was given at the club-house by Miss Nation. Scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Miss Olive Chetwynd ...	168	45	123	Miss Kidston ...	146 10 136
Miss B. Gordon ...	128	4	124	Miss Leather ...	161 22 139
Miss M. B. Stephen-	son ...	131	scr. 131	Miss M. Gordon ...	156 16 140
Miss Stack ...	150	18	132	Miss Duntze ...	190 45 145
				Miss L. Chetwynd ...	200 45 155

No returns from Miss Staveley, Mrs. W. Stephenson, Comtesse de Francs, Mdle. de Lunangal, Miss Forbes, and Miss M. Leather.

#### DISLEY v. MACCLESFIELD.

A match was played on April 25th, between the Macclesfield Golf Club and the Disley Golf Club, on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the visitors by nine holes.

DISLEY.			MACCLESFIELD.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Mr. W. Bell ...	0	Dr. Duffus ...	6		
Mr. R. Hutton ...	0	Mr. G. Greenwell ...	0		
Rev. J. Bourne ...	0	Mr. W. Burgess ...	0		
Mr. H. Garrett ...	1	Mr. F. Tylecote ...	0		
Mr. D. Tonge ...	1	Mr. A. Gray ...	0		
Mr. John Milne ...	0	Mr. A. Sheldon ...	3		
Mr. A. Hutton ...	4	Mr. F. Edmondson ...	0		
Mr. G. Hutton ...	6	Mr. W. Cameron ...	0		
Mr. James Milne ...	10	Mr. A. Walsh ...	0		
Mr. S. Thackeray ...	0	Mr. M. H. Hall ...	4		
	22		13		

#### DUBLIN GOLF CLUB.

The club were again favoured with magnificent weather on Saturday, when the third heat of the competition for the captain's prize was played off. The "greens" keep on improving, but a little rain would be of great assistance in bringing on the young grass. The attendance of members was not so large as usual, owing possibly to the counter attraction of Leopardstown, but those who "stuck to their colors," had a most enjoyable day's play. The following is the result of the competition :—Dr. A. Fraill beat Prof. Palmer; Mr. J. H. Pigot beat Mr. Tandy Cannon (scratched); Mr. J. Lumsden, senr., beat Mr. D. Christie; Mr. J. H. S. Russell beat Mr. V. Kyrke. Next Saturday Dr. Fraill plays Mr. Pigot, and Mr. Lumsden plays Mr. Russell.

#### FALKIRK TRYST GOLF CLUB.

Monthly competition, 21st April, 1891. Scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. J. McGregor ...	103	18	85	Mr. J. Gardner ...	105 12 93
Mr. W. M. Scott ...	105	18	87	Mr. W. R. Bow ...	111 18 93
Mr. F. Seatter ...	98	8	90	Mr. H. Robson ...	94 scr. 94
Mr. D. Sinclair ...	102	12	90		

\* Winner.

Gold medal, championship, and optional sweepstakes, 25th April, 1891. Scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*†Mr. H. Robson ...	86	scr.	86	Mr. W. R. Bow ...	111 18 93
†Mr. F. Seatter ...	95	8	87	Mr. W. M. Scott ...	112 18 94
†Mr. A. Black ...	111	24	87	Mr. D. M. Wilson ...	114 20 94
Mr. J. McDonald ...	100	12	88	Rev. J. Scott ...	106 10 96
Mr. G. Richardson ...	103	15	88	Mr. W. Cormack ...	107 10 97
Mr. J. H. Aitken ...	90	scr.	90	Mr. W. K. Gair ...	121 24 97
Mr. J. Mitchell ...	103	12	91	Mr. J. Wilson ...	120 20 100
Mr. A. Nimmo, jun. ...	92	scr.	92	Col. Nimmo ...	123 20 103
Mr. D. Sinclair ...	104	12	92	Mr. J. C. Rennie ...	136 27 109

\* Winner of medal.

† Winners of sweepstakes.

No returns from Dr. Fraser, Messrs. W. Carmichael, A. Turnbull, and — Steadman.

THE DUNBAR GOLF CLUB.—The competition for the Roxburghe gold medal took place on Saturday. Ten couples started, and on completion of the round the winner of the medal was found to be Mr. W. T. Armour, with a score of 83. The other scores were :—Messrs. R. Cunningham, 89; C. J. Innes Ker, 91; J. Milligan, 91; J. Oliver, 94; W. Dick, 97; J. Rankin, 97; J. Mackinlay, 98; P. Fyshe, 102; C. Mackinlay, 103; J. Pettigrew, 104; F. Wallace, 106; W. Melville, 112; and R. White, 116. The winners of the sweepstakes were :—1, Mr. J. Milligan; 2, Mr. R. Cunningham; 3, Mr. J. Oliver. Messrs. W. T. Armour, C. J. Innes Ker, and Mr. Dick equal for the fourth. The day was fine, and the course and putting-greens in excellent order.

## FELIXSTOWE GOLF CLUB.

The alterations which have been for some time in progress have now been completed. A really excellent billiard-room has been added, and is furnished with a first-class table by Burroughs and Watts. There are five additional bedrooms, which will be furnished and available to let to members for the forthcoming Whitsuntide meeting. The course is in good order, but will soon want rain.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday last, and resulted in a tie between Mr. J. Henderson, 93, less 6=87; and Mr. J. Thompson, 101, less 14=87.

## FORFARSHIRE.

With the continuance of splendid weather, the various Golf courses in the county are just now attracting the attention of unattached players, while a very large number of club events has also contributed to keep the greens busy. At Monifieth, interest is centred in the bi-weekly heats of the Gilroy challenge cup competition, the excitement, of course, increasing with each new stage.

The Monifieth people were not, however, so fully absorbed in the challenge cup as to show their indifference to a foursome played last Friday evening between Messrs. Gregor M'Gregor and Oliver Thomson, of Edinburgh fame, and the local "cracks," William Young and George Wright. Considerable interest was evinced in the match, which, however, turned out to be of a rather common-place description, although the finish was exciting, the Monifieth men only winning by a stroke. Young and Wright began badly, both playing into the burn, and requiring 7 for the first hole. The Edinburgh men, however, lost the next three holes, but their opponents came to grief at the "Roses," and another 7 had to be added to their score. The next hole was halved, with very indifferent play, at 6. A splendid bit of play by Mr. M'Gregor secured the Buddon Ness hole for the strangers at 3, and the match again stood square. The Rashies was halved at 5. Mr. Young had a magnificent shot, going to the Pyramids, and the Monifieth players took the hole at 3. At the turn the scores stood—Monifieth, 45; Edinburgh, 46. The play in returning showed no improvement, for though the match was close, the scoring was not first-class. At the last hole Mr. Young laid Mr. M'Gregor a stimey, and the latter, with a putt of about eighteen inches to square the match, failed to get in, and the Monifieth men thus won by a stroke. Mr. M'Gregor's play was much admired, and Mr. Young also played a fine game. The following are the details of the play:—

Monifieth—												
Out	...	...	...	7	4	5	4	7	6	4	5	3=45
In	...	...	...	6	5	4	5	4	5	5	5	5=44
Edinburgh—												
Out	...	...	...	5	5	6	5	6	6	3	5	5=46
In	...	...	...	5	5	4	6	4	4	5	5	6=44

The second heat in the contest by the members of the Monifieth Club for the Gilroy challenge cup was productive of some very exciting play, some of the couples being very equally matched. Subjoined is the result:—Mr. David Anderson beat Mr. Thomas Little by 9; Mr. R. Christie scratched to Mr. D. B. Hampton; Mr. W. T. Baillie tied with Mr. J. C. Burns; Mr. W. Lorimer beat Mr. T. Douglas by 7; Mr. J. R. Fairweather beat Mr. Irvine Drimmie, jun., by 5; Mr. George Wright beat Mr. John Hendry by 3; Mr. David Dempster beat Mr. George Fox by 1; Mr. William Rennie beat Mr. Walter Livie by 9; Mr. David Dargie beat Mr. W. Fox by 3; Mr. Geo. Pearson beat Mr. G. Macadam by 1; Mr. D. Smyton scratched to Mr. W. Young; Mr. D. L. Low beat Mr. J. Johnston by 9; Mr. I. Drimmie beat Mr. W. S. Wilson by 3; Mr. J. H. Dunlop scratched to Mr. A. Johnston; Mr. D. Robertson beat Mr. D. Hanton by 7; Mr. T. Christie beat Mr. J. M. Walker by 1. Mr. Baillie and Mr. Burns immediately played off their tie. The first two holes were halved, and in semi-darkness Burns took the third hole and won the heat. A remarkable performance arose out of the contest between Mr. Macadam and Mr. Pearson. The players were square, with one hole to play, when Mr. Pearson, who is quite a youth, holed out in 2 and won the match. Mr. David Anderson play the round in 85, while Mr. David Dempster and Mr. David Dargie were 87, and Mr. George Fox 88.

The third heat was played on Saturday, and evoked a considerable amount of interest, the surviving eight couples including all the leading players. The match which attracted most attention was that between Mr. George Wright, the present holder of the cup, and Mr. John R. Fairweather, and the anticipations of a close game were not disappointed, Mr. Wright only managing to win his heat by one hole. It was also expected that Mr. D. L. Low would give Mr. W. Young a tough battle, but "Willie" was in his best form, and never gave his opponent a chance, winning the heat by eight holes. Mr. Young's performance was a brilliant one, his score of 76 being the record for this season. It was thus made up:—

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

The result of the heat was as follows:—Mr. D. Anderson beat Mr. D. B. Hampton by 12; Mr. J. C. Burns beat Mr. W. Lorimer by 3; Mr. George Wright beat Mr. J. R. Fairweather by 1; Mr. D. Dempster beat Mr. W. Renny by 3; Mr. D. Dargie beat Mr. G. Pearson by 5; Mr. W. Young beat Mr. D. L. Low by 8; Mr. I. Drimmie beat Mr. A. Johnston by 1; Mr. D. Robertson beat Mr. Tom Christie by 1.

The first half of the home and home match between the Caledonian Club, Carnoustie, and the King James VI. Club, Perth, which has now been a fixture for the last year or two, was played over Carnoustie Links on Saturday afternoon. Each club was represented by twenty-nine players, and although Mr. Boath, the Caledonian captain, had made special arrangements for the occasion, a good deal of difficulty was experienced in starting, the first couple being almost home before the last couple had got away. A very enjoyable game resulted in favour of the Carnoustie team by the large majority of 40 holes. The following are details:—

CALEDONIAN.			KING JAMES VI.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Rev. W. Proudfoot	...	4	Mr. R. Dunsmore	...	0
Mr. D. Winter...	...	0	Mr. Gregor M'Gregor	...	1
Mr. J. M'Andrew, jun.	...	4	Mr. R. Mackay	...	0
Mr. G. Fox, jun.	...	3	Mr. H. H. Greig	...	0
Mr. D. Shepherd	...	5	Mr. R. Halley	...	0
Mr. W. Harris...	...	0	Mr. O. Thompson	...	6
Mr. W. Menzies	...	3	Mr. J. Donaldson	...	0
Mr. A. Cant	...	4	Mr. J. Paterson	...	0
Mr. A. A. Taylor	...	0	Mr. A. Jamieson	...	5
Mr. J. P. Morison	...	10	Mr. J. Hay, jun.	...	0
Mr. D. M. Boath	...	4	Mr. J. Robertson	...	0
Mr. W. Ferrier	...	0	Mr. D. S. Grant	...	9
Mr. D. Smith	...	0	Mr. John Cresar	...	1
Mr. A. Colquhoun	...	0	Mr. D. Wood, jun.	...	3
Mr. J. H. Dunlop	...	0	Mr. A. Robertson	...	1
Mr. W. Lowson	...	4	Mr. Rector Chambers...	...	0
Mr. W. G. Simpson	...	5	Mr. William Garvie	...	0
Mr. John Lamb	...	0	Mr. George Easton	...	0
Mr. J. Dewars	...	0	Mr. George Buist	...	9
Mr. J. H. Duncan	...	9	Mr. J. F. Haig	...	0
Mr. H. P. Mudie	...	0	Mr. D. S. Dow	...	2
Mr. D. R. Stewart	...	0	Mr. Dan Cuthbert	...	0
Mr. R. Sellar	...	6	Mr. J. Thomson	...	2
Mr. D. Stewart	...	11	Mr. R. M. Kipper	...	0
Mr. A. B. Walker	...	0	Mr. John Bruce	...	3
Mr. R. W. Thornton	...	1	Mr. J. Kennedy	...	0
Mr. D. Fraser	...	8	Mr. George Howat	...	0
Mr. A. Ramsay	...	6	Mr. R. M. Robertson...	...	0
Mr. John Ireland	...	1	Mr. R. A. Hay	...	0
	82			42	

At Montrose on Saturday, the 25th ult., a match took place in splendid weather, between the Stonehaven Club and the Victoria Club of Montrose, when the visitors were beaten hollow. Result:—

VICTORIAN.			STONEHAVEN.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Dr. Soutar	...	1	Mr. A. L. Wood	...	0
Mr. A. Cuthbert	...	1	Mr. W. B. Cormack	...	0
Mr. J. Thom	...	4	Mr. J. C. Robertson	...	0
Mr. W. Edwards	...	2	Major Innes	...	0
Mr. A. B. Kydd	...	7	Mr. A. B. Annandale	...	0
Mr. J. Cameron	...	0	Mr. W. H. Ritchie	...	0
Mr. W. Mitchell	...	2	Mr. F. Ritchie	...	0
Mr. A. D. Adam	...	4	Mr. H. O. Ritchie	...	0
Mr. W. F. Melven	...	0	Mr. A. Wood	...	0
Mr. J. R. Mitchell	...	3	Mr. J. Hart	...	0
	24			0	

The final round in the optional handicap match of the Dalhousie Club, was played over the Carnoustie course in the end of last week, when the following winners in the respective monthly matches competed for the sweepstakes:—Messrs. C. E. Gilroy (scratch), John Sharp, jun., (2 odds), S. C. Thomson (4), H. M. Robinson (6), P. C. Scott (7), A. G. Morgan (9). The following players tied for first place, and it was agreed to divide the stakes:—Messrs. John Sharp, jun., 89, less 2; H. M. Robinson, 93, less 6; P. C. Scott, 94, less 7. Mr. C. E. Gilroy came in at 88, and Mr. Thomson at 97.

Last week on the occasion of the Edinburgh spring holiday, the members of the newly formed Morningside Club journeyed to Carnoustie, where their inaugural match took place. The day was fine, and thirteen couples went out, the result being as under:—1, Mr. Hew Morrison, 84; 2, Mr. A. G. Hodge, 86; 3, Mr. W. Murray, 90; 4, Mr. D. M'Laren, S. S. C., 91; 5, Rev. Mr. Stevenson, 92. Handsome and valuable prizes were awarded, viz.—1, Captain's prize; 2, oil painting; 3, complete set of clubs; 4, silver salver; 5, silver honey jar. Mr.

Morrison also gained in this the first stage of the season's competitions, a valuable prize presented by Mr. Usher, distiller. At a later period of the day, a number of friendly matches were played, and the strangers expressed themselves as highly delighted with their visit.

A match was played over the Montrose course between the local Mercantile Club and the Arbroath Club, fifteen men a-side. The match was closely contested and ended in favour of the strangers, by one hole. Scores:—

MERCANTILE.			ARBROATH.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Mr. C. Thom ...	...	0	Mr. R. Scott ...	...	2
Mr. G. Croall ...	...	2	Mr. A. D. Lowson...	...	0
Mr. J. Hampton ...	...	16	Mr. D. Greig ...	...	0
Mr. J. Spark ...	...	0	Mr. J. Howie ...	...	0
Mr. W. Gordon ...	...	3	Mr. J. Doig ...	...	0
Mr. J. Scott ...	...	0	Mr. A. D. Yule ...	...	4
Mr. G. Addison ...	...	5	Mr. J. Turnbull ...	...	0
Mr. A. Cook ...	...	3	Mr. D. Brown ...	...	0
Mr. J. S. Strachan...	...	0	Mr. D. B. Walters ...	...	10
Mr. J. Calderhead ...	...	0	Mr. J. M'Donald ...	...	8
Mr. G. Edwards ...	...	0	Mr. A. Mann ...	...	5
Mr. J. Sheriff ...	...	0	Mr. J. Aitken ...	...	4
Mr. D. Wyllie ...	...	10	Mr. D. Smart ...	...	0
Mr. A. Mitchell ...	...	0	Mr. T. Ross ...	...	7
	39			40	

Two exceptionally good scores were made by Mr. R. Scott, of Arbroath, and Mr. C. Thom, of the Mercantile, who came in at 79 and 81 respectively, notwithstanding that both players when crossing the "Gully" landed in the ditch and had to lift, losing a stroke in consequence; and that Mr. Thom, while lying within a foot of the hole, was stung by Mr. Scott, and therefore lost a stroke. The following are the details of their scores:—

Mr. Scott ... 5 4 4 5 4 5 4 6 4 5 3 5 5 4 5 4 4 3=79  
Mr. Thom ... 5 4 3 4 5 5 5 6 4 6 3 4 6 5 4 5 4 3=81

At Montrose on Saturday afternoon, a match in foursomes was played between teams representing Chapel Works and Messrs. Millars' Saw Mills. The attendance included some of the best local talent, and appended is the result:—

CHAPEL WORKS.			SAWMILLS.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
W. Cobb and J. Findlay ...	...	6	J. Cobb and E. Cobb...	...	0
D. Cobb and J. Edwards ...	...	0	E. M'Donald and A. Olipant ...	...	0
G. M'Donald and J. Leggat ...	...	0	J. Winton and A. Paterson ...	...	5
D. Burgess and J. Hardie ...	...	2	D. Stott and A. Ritchie ...	...	0
W. Mitchell and W. Douglas...	...	0	J. Buick and J. Douglas ...	...	5
J. Crabb and R. Wilkie ...	...	0	J. Burgess and W. Toons ...	...	0
A. M'Lean and J. Jarvis ...	...	0	D. Wilkie and J. Mitchell ...	...	1
A. Jack and J. J. Forrest ...	...	1	D. Coutts and W. Coutts ...	...	0
R. Martin and J. Clark ...	...	1	G. Fenton and G. Foreman ...	...	0
D. Rodger and A. Graham ...	...	1	A. Duncan and D. Murray ...	...	0
R. Matthew and J. Russell ...	...	4	D. Reith and J. Moir ...	...	0
D. Scott and A. Carr ...	...	13	T. Fitchett and W. Stephens ...	...	0
	28			11	

A match arranged to take place at Forfar between the club of that name, and the Victoria of Montrose, unfortunately fell through, the latter being unable to muster a team for the date fixed.

The first monthly competition for the season of the "Dundee Advertiser" club took place on Saturday at Monifieth. There was a good turn-out, and the players were favoured with brilliant weather. The greens and tees were suffering from the want of rain, but the course is in grand order. Prizes were won as under:—First Class—Lowest—Mr. W. Still; 1st average, Mr. Alexander Buchan; 2, 3, 4 (tie) Mr. John Inglis, Mr. Robert Donn, and Mr. Jacob Clark. Second Class—Lowest and 1st average, Mr. Alexander Davidson, 2 Mr. Peter Williamson, 3 Mr. John Livingston. Third Class—Lowest and 1st average, Mr. Allan Bell, 2 Mr. Robert Johnston, 3 Mr. Thomas Coutts. Mr. W. Still (85) in the first class, Mr. A. Davidson (99) in the second class, and Mr. Allan Bell (105) in the third class were the best scorers.

WHITLEY CLUB.—The Crawley prize was played for on the 25th ult., but only a small number of players turned out for the contest, although the weather was decidedly favourable for the game. The scores were:—

	Gross Hcp. Net.
Mr. G. Boyd ...	117 25 92
Mr. C. A. Ridley ...	94 scr. 94
Mr. J. Hansell ...	113 13 100
Dr. O. Lightfoot ...	118 16 102
Mr. J. Scott ...	131 25 106

Messrs. Ridout and Mitchell retired. The final will be played off shortly.

## GOLF AT HOYLAKES.

### OPENING OF THE SPRING MEETING.

The spring meeting of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club commenced on the 22nd ult., on the links at Hoylake. There was a very numerous muster of players—the largest on record at Hoylake, no fewer than sixty-seven couples being despatched from the tee to play for the various prizes. The result of the play showed that Mr. John Ball, jun., and Mr. H. H. Hilton had tied for the club gold medal and memento with scores of 82, made up as follows:—

Mr. Ball ...	Out ...	5 5 4 4 7 3 5 4 5=42	82
	Home ...	5 4 3 5 3 6 4 5 5=40	
Mr. Hilton ...	Out ...	6 5 4 5 6 3 4 4 5=42	82
	Home ...	5 4 5 5 3 4 3 7 4=40	

On playing off the tie, Mr. J. Ball, jun., was successful with a score of 84, against his opponent's 87. Mr. H. H. Hilton consequently won the Dun cross for the second best scratch score. The next best scratch scores were Mr. W. E. Fairlie and Mr. Herbert Farrar with 87 each, Mr. C. Hutchings and Dr. H. H. Hamilton, 89; Mr. F. P. Crowther, 90; Mr. J. E. Laidlay, 91; and Mr. F. A. Fairlie, and Mr. James Fairclough, 92. The first handicap prize—the spring challenge vase—limited to a handicap of 14 strokes, and which carries with it a £5 prize, given by the club, was won by Dr. G. G. Hamilton with a score of 89, less 7=82. The second handicap prize, given by the club, was tied for by Messrs. William Thomson and J. J. Yates with their respective net scores of 84. The first sweepstake was won by Dr. G. G. Hamilton, and the second and third were divided between Messrs. William Thomson and J. J. Yates. The result of the day's play was as follows:—

	Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.
Dr. G. G. Hamilton ...	89 7 82	Mr. J. C. Baldwin ...	96 4 92
Mr. J. J. Yates ...	98 14 84	Mr. H. W. Hind ...	104 12 92
Mr. W. Thomson ...	101 17 84	Mr. W. H. Wilson ...	105 13 92
Mr. W. E. Fairlie ...	87 2 85	Rev. J. G. Denison ...	100 7 93
Mr. H. Farrar ...	87 2 85	Mr. J. R. Wells ...	103 10 93
Mr. J. Shepherd ...	93 8 85	Mr. George Bird ...	107 14 93
Mr. J. B. Hunter ...	97 12 85	Mr. J. Gould Smythe ...	107 14 93
Mr. A. Huntington ...	110 25 85	Mr. J. H. Knight ...	111 18 93
Mr. John Graham, jun. ...	97 11 86	Mr. Theo. Turpin ...	113 20 93
Mr. H. E. B. Harrison ...	104 18 86	Mr. A. H. Higgins ...	98 4 94
Mr. C. B. Taylor ...	106 20 86	Mr. W. Potter (2) ...	101 7 94
Mr. J. Moore ...	111 25 86	Mr. J. May Somerville ...	110 16 94
Mr. James Fairclough ...	92 5 87	Mr. J. G. Roger ...	112 18 94
Mr. R. Gould ...	99 12 87	Mr. R. L. Dalglish ...	112 18 94
Mr. T. H. Bingham ...	109 22 87	Mr. J. Stewart ...	124 30 94
Mr. H. H. Hilton ...	82 +6 88	Mr. R. W. Brown ...	99 4 95
Mr. J. W. Fowler ...	92 4 88	Mr. J. B. Fortune ...	101 6 95
Mr. R. A. Hull ...	93 5 88	Mr. R. J. Kerr ...	102 7 95
Mr. Edward Whineray ...	93 5 88	Mr. J. Dunn ...	103 8 95
Mr. D. C. Scott ...	104 16 88	Mr. J. K. Crooks ...	110 15 95
Mr. J. H. Silberbach ...	107 19 88	Mr. J. E. Laidlay ...	91 +5 96
Mr. John Ravenscroft (2) ...	113 25 88	Mr. J. Cullen ...	101 5 96
Mr. John "Ferran" ...	100 11 89	Mr. C. Roberts ...	102 6 96
Rev. John Stewart ...	103 14 89	Mr. B. Hall Blyth ...	103 7 96
Mr. A. Lawson ...	104 15 89	Mr. E. H. Higgins ...	113 17 96
Mr. Andrew Stuart ...	111 22 89	Dr. P. Davidson ...	103 6 97
Mr. J. Ball, jun. ...	82 +8 90	Mr. E. Story ...	107 10 97
Mr. Charles Hutchings ...	89 +1 90	Mr. J. E. Pearson ...	109 12 97
Mr. F. P. Crowther ...	90 scr. 90	Mr. J. Talbot Fair ...	113 16 97
Mr. L. S. M. Munro ...	96 +6 90	Mr. G. Crowther ...	115 18 97
Mr. Charles Darbyshire ...	100 10 90	Mr. H. S. Paterson ...	111 13 98
Mr. G. H. Reynolds ...	100 10 90	Mr. A. Hood ...	114 16 98
Mr. J. W. Williamson ...	102 12 90	Mr. W. S. Patterson ...	118 20 98
Mr. S. Jones ...	108 18 90	Mr. C. T. Dixon ...	115 16 99
Mr. A. B. Cook ...	94 3 91	Mr. H. K. Laybourn ...	120 20 100
Mr. G. R. Cox ...	95 4 91	Mr. J. Hornby ...	111 10 101
Mr. H. C. R. Sievwright ...	96 5 91	Mr. H. S. Bower ...	119 18 101
Mr. John White ...	115 24 91	Mr. C. J. G. Duranty ...	119 18 101
Mr. F. A. Fairlie ...	92 scr. 92	Mr. J. F. Milligan ...	119 17 102
Mr. John Ball ...	94 2 92	Mr. J. Smith ...	115 12 103
Mr. Arthur Turpin ...	94 2 92	Mr. H. M. Blythe ...	120 17 103
Mr. T. W. Crowther ...	95 3 92	Mr. T. O. Potter ...	114 10 104
		Mr. C. J. Crowther ...	124 20 104
		Mr. C. Holt ...	116 11 105
		Mr. St. Clare Byrne ...	126 21 105
		Mr. J. Hume ...	127 22 105
		Mr. J. D. Martin ...	120 14 106
		Mr. Nigel Stewart ...	136 30 106
		Mr. H. Owen ...	128 18 110

The following were not handicapped:—Messrs. W. Dodd, 115; A. Dodd, 122; and H. Blake, 143. Thirty-seven players made no return. During the afternoon a number of foursomes were played, the most interest attaching to one in which Messrs. J. Ball, jun., and F. A. Fairlie were opposed by Messrs. J. E. Laidlay, and C. Hutchings.

After an exciting match the first named couple won by 3 up and 1 to play, also winning the bye. The same players have arranged another match, Mr. J. Ball, jun., playing with Mr. Hutchings against Mr. Laidlay and Mr. Fairlie. The spring meeting will be continued tomorrow when H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught's star, Lord Stanley of Alderley's gold medal, both of them scratch, a cup presented by Mr. H. W. Hind, captain of the club, under handicap limited to eighteen strokes, and other prizes, will be competed for.

**SECOND DAY'S PLAY.**—The spring meeting of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club was continued at Hoylake, on Friday, 24th April, in weather which must have gladdened the hearts of all golfers who took part in it. The attendance was not so numerous, however, as on Wednesday, but fifty-eight couples competed for the day. First honours were gained by Mr. F. A. Fairlie with the fine score of 80, made up as follows:—

Out ...	5	4	5	5	5	4	4	4	5=41	80
Home ...	6	4	4	5	2	5	5	4	4=39	

This score secured for Mr. Fairlie H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught's star and gold memento. Mr. J. E. Laidlay and Mr. H. Hilton tied for Lord Stanley of Alderley's gold medal for the second best scratch score with 83, made up as follows:—

Mr. Laidlay {	Out	5	4	5	4	6	3	4	3	5=39	83
	Home	5	6	4	5	3	6	5	5	5=44	
Mr. Hilton {	Out	4	6	6	4	5	3	4	5	5=42	83
	Home	4	5	4	4	3	6	5	6	4=41	

On playing off the tie Mr. Laidlay was successful with a score of 82, against his opponent's 89. The next best scratch scores were Mr. Herbert Farrar, 85; Mr. C. Hutchings, 87; Mr. Alexander Stuart, and Mr. John Ball, jun., 91 each; Dr. P. Davidson and Mr. T. W. Crowther, 92 each; and Messrs. F. C. Crawford, A. Turpin, and T. O. Potter, 93 each. The first handicap prize, limited to eighteen strokes (a handsome silver cup, the gift of Mr. H. W. Hind, the captain of the club), was won by Mr. F. A. Fairlie with his actual score of 80. The first club handicap prize was won by Mr. W. Thomson with a score of 96, less 15=81. Messrs. R. C. Beazley and Colin Ross tied for the second club handicap prize with their respective net scores of 82. The first sweepstake was won by Mr. F. A. Fairlie, the second by Mr. W. Thomson, and the third by Mr. R. C. Beazley. The Muir jug, limited to a handicap of eighteen strokes for the aggregate net score for both days' medal play, was won by Mr. W. Thomson with his scores of 101, less 17=84, and 96, less 15=81; total, 165. Wednesday's tie for the two handicap prizes was decided by yesterday's medal play, when Mr. W. Thomson secured the first club prize, Mr. J. J. Yates taking the second. The details of the day's play are as follows:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. F. A. Fairlie ...	80	scr.	80	Mr. Alex. Stuart ...	91	+1	92
Mr. W. Thomson ...	96	15	81	Mr. W. B. Hodge-Wilson ...	105	13	92
Mr. R. C. Beazley ...	102	20	82	Mr. J. E. Pearson ...	104	12	92
Mr. Colin Ross ...	109	27	82	Mr. J. Gould Smyth ...	106	14	92
Mr. H. A. Farrar ...	85	2	83	Mr. E. H. Higgins ...	110	17	93
Mr. T. O. Potter ...	93	10	83	Mr. T. Turpin ...	113	20	93
Mr. G. Bird ...	98	14	84	Mr. R. W. Brown ...	98	4	94
Dr. P. Davidson ...	92	6	86	Mr. J. Hornby ...	104	10	94
Mr. R. L. Dalglish ...	104	18	86	Mr. H. E. B. Harrison ...	110	16	94
Mr. Sydney Hermon ...	97	10	87	Mr. J. Graham, jun. ...	106	11	95
Mr. J. E. Laidlay ...	83	+5	88	Mr. A. Hamilton ...	110	15	95
Mr. C. Hutchings ...	87	+1	88	Mr. J. Talbot Fair ...	111	16	95
Mr. R. J. Ker ...	95	7	88	Mr. A. C. Jones ...	113	18	95
Mr. M. Pole ...	95	7	88	Mr. W. P. Atkin ...	117	22	95
Mr. "H. Henry" ...	101	13	88	Mr. John Dun ...	104	8	96
Mr. J. K. Crooks ...	103	15	88	Mr. C. Darbshire ...	106	10	96
Mr. W. C. A. Milligan ...	104	16	88	Mr. A. Travis ...	116	20	96
Mr. D. C. Scott ...	104	16	88	Mr. J. Fairclough ...	102	5	97
Mr. H. H. Hilton ...	83	+6	89	Mr. B. Hall Blyth ...	104	7	97
Mr. T. W. Crowther ...	92	3	89	Mr. R. Finlay Miln ...	105	8	97
Mr. F. C. Crawford ...	93	4	89	Mr. E. F. Watt ...	108	11	97
Dr. G. G. Hamilton ...	94	5	89	Mr. R. Gool ...	110	12	98
Mr. W. Potter (2) ...	96	7	89	Mr. J. J. Yates ...	110	12	98
Rev. T. P. Williamson ...	98	9	89	Mr. J. G. Roger ...	116	18	98
Mr. John "Ferran" ...	100	11	89	Mr. J. H. Silberbach ...	117	19	98
Mr. H. Owen ...	107	18	89	Mr. A. St. Clare Byrne ...	123	25	98
Mr. Andrew Stuart ...	111	22	89	Mr. John Ball, jun. ...	91	+8	99
Mr. G. Jaeger ...	116	27	89	Mr. L. S. M. Munro ...	105	6	99
Mr. F. Hermon ...	95	5	90	Mr. J. H. Wild ...	108	9	99
Mr. H. W. Hind ...	102	12	90	Mr. A. H. Higgins ...	104	4	100
Rev. John Stewart ...	104	14	90	Mr. C. J. Crowther ...	120	20	100
Mr. A. Hood ...	106	16	90	Mr. G. R. Cox ...	105	4	101
Mr. G. F. Milligan ...	107	17	90	Mr. A. Lawson ...	116	15	101
Mr. J. Stewart ...	120	30	90	Mr. C. Holt ...	113	11	102
Mr. John Stone ...	110	20	90	Mr. J. Smith ...	116	12	104
Mr. A. Turpin ...	93	2	91	Mr. S. Jones ...	123	18	105
Mr. J. Cullen ...	95	5	91	Mr. N. Stewart ...	138	30	108
Mr. C. F. Dixon ...	107	16	91				
Mr. J. H. Knight ...	109	18	91				

Messrs. W. Dodd, 97; H. Walker, 129; A. Dodd, 130; and T. F. A. Agnew, 132, were not handicapped, and thirty-four players made no return.

On Friday evening, sixty-five members and friends sat down to an excellent dinner in the club-room, when Mr. H. W. Hind was duly installed captain for the ensuing year.

## GOLF IN CEYLON.

The following are the net scores in a Golf club handicap, played on March 12th, during the Nuwara Eliya meet:—Mr. J. N. Campbell, 100; Mr. J. M. Purdon, 109; Mr. A. Bethune, 86; Mr. T. S. Dobree, 98; Lieut.-Col. Churchill, 117; Mr. J. Craib, 80; Mr. D. Edwards, 116; Mr. E. Hamlin, 111; Mr. J. L. Anstruther, 104; Mr. G. A. Talbot, 107; Mr. C. Young, 118; Mr. G. Browne, 101; Mr. T. C. Huxley, 103; Mr. J. G. Coutts, 87; Mr. D. M. Steen, 109. Result:—Mr. J. Craib, 1st prize, value Rs. 50; Mr. A. Bethune, 2nd prize, value Rs. 30.

The play on the whole, was good, especially Mr. Purdon's score for the medal.

No returns from Messrs. F. Tooth, A. G. Seton, G. C. Fowler, C. A. Seton and C. R. Paterson.

## GULLANE.

The following is a special description of the fourth and fifth rounds at the Gullane spring meeting, together with the final. In the fourth round Mr. Garden Smith encountered Mr. Sidney MacCulloch, and the two scratch men had a remarkably keen fight. Mr. Smith won the first hole in 5; the second was halved in 4. Both players drove on to the third putting-green with their cleeks, holing out in 3 each. The hole up the hill was fairly played, Mr. Smith securing a half in 5 with a long putt. Both missed short putts at the hole on the hill-top, which was halved in 4. Driving well down the hill, two had approaches were made resulting in a half in 5. The next hole was probably unique in the day's proceedings. Mr. MacCulloch drove on to the green, and holed in 2; Mr. Smith used his cleek (erroneously, we think) from the tee and was short, but, approaching well, lost in 3! The short hole was halved in 4, Mr. Smith missing an apparently dead putt. Driving for Saltcoat's hole, Mr. Smith pulled his ball, and had an indifferent lie, but saved himself by a fine third. Mr. MacCulloch made a perfect drive and good second, but failed to lay dead his approach putt, so the hole was halved in 5. The last hole but one was beautifully played by the artist; playing his second with judgment, he was left with a half-iron approach over the bunker, which he timed so well with his mashie that he holed in four. The younger player wasted his strokes and his strength in a bunker. Mr. Smith drove well for the home hole, but his ball lay in a gully, and failing to get his second quite clean, he drove into the big ditch, the grave of so many good shots. Mr. MacCulloch played his third on to the green, but failed to get down in 5. Mr. Smith got out of the ditch with his niblick, halved the hole in 6, and was entitled to play in the semi-final. The remarkable feature of this round was that only three holes were won, nine being halved! Mr. Smith's score was 52.

Messrs. Smith and Williamson now met, the latter with three holes in pocket. The first hole was halved in 5, but Mr. Smith reduced his opponent's lead to 2 at the second hole. The third hole was halved in 4, Mr. Smith losing a good chance of scoring. The hole up the hill was prettily played by both men, Mr. Smith winning with a fine 4. Mr. Williamson came out better at the turn, holing in 3, the representative of the brush and palette losing a complete stroke in an awkward bunker. Mr. Williamson drove well down the hill, Mr. Smith carrying too far to the right; the latter, however, then made one of the finest shots of the day, placing his ball within 5 feet of the hole, and finishing in 3. At the next hole Mr. Smith kept up his reputation, laying his second dead from the far side of the trench. The short hole was halved in 4, both men fooling their putts. The hole across the road was "Golf all round," Mr. Smith winning with 3 against 4. He was now 1 up and 3 to play. Mr. Williamson, however, stuck close to his man, and nearly won Saltcoat's hole in 4. Both played the second last hole judiciously, and Mr. Smith was dorny when he drove to the home hole; his second shot was extremely lucky, as it leapt over the ditch when there seemed but little life in it. Meanwhile, Mr. Williamson had played a good third past the hole on the left, and was still in the hunt; but Mr. Smith was not to be denied, and he won the hole in 5, and the match by 2. This round was also taken in 52 strokes, being equal to about 78 on the whole round.

The concluding heat took place on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., when Mr. Garden Smith (scratch) carried off the prize, beating his opponent, Dr. Alexander, who had an allowance of 4 holes, by 3 up and 1 to play, after a halved match. The round of 12 holes was played. Mr. Garden Smith holed the 11 holes in the final in 45 strokes, made up as follows:—4 4 4 4 3 5 3 4 4 5 5=45.

## HAYDOCK PARK GOLF CLUB.

The final competition for the challenge cup presented by Mr. T. W. Legh, M.P., took place on Saturday, the 25th ult. The six winners in the monthly competitions for the same, were Mr. Fred. H. Smith (Manchester), Dr. Cottam, Dr. Worsley, Mr. T. W. Legh, Mr. T. Travers, and Mr. Alfred Smith.

Of these, four competed, with the result that Mr. Alfred Smith was the winner. The scores being:—Mr. Alfred Smith 98 (scratch), 98; Dr. Worsley, 106, less 3=103; Dr. Cottam, 112 (scratch), 112; Mr. T. Travers, 134, less 18=116.

## HOLYHEAD GOLF CLUB.

Saturday was a fine day at Holyhead—a golfing day, in fact, one of those sunny, unwindy, dry-above-and-below days that occasionally slip out of June into April. The brilliant yellow gorse and bright blue little bays that decorate the Tre-Ardur links looked most attractive to the players, and proved more attractive still to their balls. The following handicap had been previously arranged:—Col. Marshall, scratch; Mr. C. Marshall, 15; Mr. F. Dent, 35; Mr. G. A. Mossop, 40; Mr. J. Marshall, 40; Mr. H. Williams, 40; Mr. F. Cotton, 50; Miss A. Williams, 75; Miss Dent, 100.

With a few small Welsh caddies and a Welsh vocabulary to the extent of "Lle mac pellen," we got our balls under weigh. No. 1 is an easy hole, with only a few patches of bent grass to catch an erring toe or heel; yet it was Colonel Marshall only who managed it without punishment.

No. 2 is a hard hole with a wall, a bundle of pimply hillocks and a marshy bit, to which several of the players devoted ten of their strokes or more.

No. 4 we would pass over without comment, except that one player was noticed wearing and tacking up the piece before the brook, having probably taken up the habit from sailing his boat against head winds.

When we started for No. 7, someone was heard to remark, "Here I will play with caution," and forthwith her ball slowly and cautiously slipped into Palmer's brook.

Two balls were lost near No. 9, one on the beach to the right, and one in the gorse to the left.

No. 12, on the triangle between two walls and a brook, proved rather a sell to one hard driver, whose ball was eventually found away to the right, "by the sad sea waves." It took from 7 to 15 strokes to settle No. 15.

Before No. 18 one of the players is said to have bombarded the wall steadily for five or six minutes. His sympathetic caddy was heard encouraging him, "You nearly went over that time, sir."

Mr. F. Dent won the handicap with a gross score of 121.

## HOLYWOOD LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On April 20th a competition was played for a prize presented by some members of the Royal Belfast Golf Club. The course being one round of nine holes on the Kinnegar. Match play. The following is the result:—

First Round.—Miss M. Knox (8) a bye; Miss Coates (8) a bye; Miss Kerby (1) a bye; Miss Collier (8) a bye; Miss Cumming (8) a bye; Mrs. Shaw (2) a bye; Miss McLean (8) a bye; Miss Hamilton (1) a bye; Miss A. Garratt (8) beat Mrs. Taylor (5), 3 up and 1 to play; Miss Garratt (scratch) beat Miss Knox (8), 2 up and 1 to play; Miss C. E. McGee (4) beat Miss B. Boyd (8), 3 up and 1 to play; Miss L. Garratt (8) beat Miss Ritchie (8), 4 up and 3 to play; Miss B. Kerby (2) beat Miss Magowan (8), 4 up and 2 to play; Miss MacLaine (8) beat Mrs. Roper (scratch), 2 up and 1 to play; Miss Mulligan (8) beat Miss S. Garratt (8), 1 up; Miss Violet MacLaine (8) beat Miss Newett (8), absent.

Second Round.—Miss M. Knox beat Miss Coates, 5 up and 3 to play; Miss Collier beat Miss Kerby, 2 up and 1 to play; Mrs. Shaw beat Miss Cumming, 1 up; Miss Hamilton beat Miss McLean, 4 up and 3 to play; Miss Garratt beat Miss A. Garratt, 1 up; Miss C. E. McGee beat Miss L. Garratt, 3 up and 2 to play; Miss B. Kerby beat Miss MacLaine, 2 up; Miss Mulligan beat Miss V. MacLaine, 5 up and 4 to play.

Third Round.—Miss Collier beat Miss M. Knox, 2 up; Mrs. Shaw beat Miss Hamilton, 4 up and 3 to play; Miss Garratt beat Miss C. E. McGee, 4 up and 3 to play; Miss B. Kerby beat Miss Mulligan, 1 up.

Fourth Round.—Mrs. Shaw beat Miss Collier, 3 up and 1 to play; Miss Garratt beat Miss B. Kerby, 4 up and 2 to play.

Final.—Mrs. Shaw beat Miss Garratt, 3 up and 2 to play.

EAST OF FIFE V. ANSTRUTHER CLUB. — A match arranged between these two clubs was played over the course of the former on Saturday afternoon, under the most favourable auspices as regards the weather. The conditions were fourteen a-side, but the team of the latter club turned up four short, so that the match commenced and was played with ten a-side. On a comparison of cards at the close the East of Fife team proved the winners by 6 holes, the figures being:—East of Fife, 15 holes; Anstruther, 9 holes.

## LIMPSFIELD CHART GOLF CLUB.

On Tuesday, April 21st, a team of lady golfers from the Blackheath Golf Club visited Limpsfield to try conclusions with the natives. An excellent match resulted in the victory of the visitors by 1 hole on the round of 18 holes. Scores as under:—

LIMPSFIELD.		Holes.	BLACKHEATH.		Holes.
Mrs. Cecil E. Smith...	...	4	Mrs. Mackern ...	...	11
Mrs. Parsons ...	...	3	Miss Richardson ...	...	2
Miss Watney ...	...	2	Miss Moore ...	...	0
Miss A. Stewart ...	...	2	Miss A. Moore ...	...	0
Miss P. Stewart ...	...	1	Miss Smythe ...	...	0
Mrs. Rooke ...	...	0	Miss Farnall ...	...	0
Miss Thompson ...	...	0	Miss Sillar ...	...	0
		12			13

## LITTLEHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.

Friday, 24th April. Monthly club handicap:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. C. Constable	110	35 75	Mr. A. J. Constable	106	15 91
Mr. R. A. Blagden	103	21 82	Mr. R. Holmes, jun.	112	15 97
Mr. N. Grayburns	114	28 86	Mr. H. E. Harris...	120	20 100
Mr. E. C. R. Goff	101	12 89			

Saturday, 25th April. Mr. C. E. Farmer's medal:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. E. C. R. Goff	95	12 83	Mr. R. A. Blagden	113	21 92
Mr. R. Holmes, jun.	101	15 86	Mr. H. E. Harris...	114	20 94
Mr. A. J. Constable	106	15 91	Mr. C. Bartlett ...	121	16 105

## LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

The competitions for a very handsome silver cup presented by Mr. James Buckley, Oldham, for tournament by match play have been taking place during the past few weeks. The last four players left in the semi-finals were Mr. A. H. Doleman, South Shore; Mr. J. Eccles, Preston; Mr. W. Stewart, Lancaster; and Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton. Mr. Eccles scratched to Mr. Doleman, and Mr. Stewart beat Mr. Smith by 6 up and 4 to play. The final by Mr. Doleman and Mr. Stewart (the two scratch men), was played off on Friday last, and after a very exciting struggle the match ended in favour of Mr. Stewart by 2 up and 1 to play. Mr. Stewart therefore became the winner of Mr. Buckley's prize.

## MINEHEAD GOLF CLUB.

The spring meeting was held on the 14th and 15th ult. in fine weather. The putting-greens were in excellent order. The Todd challenge cup was carried off by Mr. G. Hayward with a gross score of 112, less 29=83. The first and second sweepstakes by Mr. M. Hole and the Rev. C. C. Woodland.

On Wednesday, the 15th ult., Mr. Charlton's prize (a pair of candlesticks) was won by Mr. R. C. Graham Clark with a score of 99, less 16=83. The second and third prizes by Dr. Hayes and the Rev. W. P. Mitchell.

On Thursday, the 16th ult., six members of the Exmouth Club played six members of this club. The match was won by Exmouth by 16 holes.

EXMOUTH.		Holes.	MINEHEAD.		Holes.
Mr. W. E. Dunsford	...	0	Mr. W. H. Fowler ...	...	1
Mr. T. M. Cripp ...	...	2	Dr. Hayes ...	...	0
Mr. H. A. S. Upton	...	15	Mr. E. W. Charlton ...	...	0
Capt. C. H. Hemphill	...	2	Rev. C. C. Woodland	...	0
Rev. C. H. Everitt ...	...	1	Mr. R. C. Graham Clark	...	0
Mr. H. W. Landon ...	...	0	Dr. Clark ...	...	3
		20			4

KINGHORN.—The second stage of the tournament in connection with Kinghorn Golf Club came off on Saturday. Twelve players survived the first day's play, and of these six played on Saturday, the remaining six being allowed to play on Wednesday (Kirkcaldy half-holiday) and on Saturday. The course was crowded, and the greens were very keen. The following is the result:—Mr. Thomas Smith, Kirkcaldy, and Mr. George Oswald, Kinghorn—a tie; Mr. George Brown, Kirkcaldy, beat Mr. H. Maiden, Kirkcaldy, by 11 holes; Mr. George R. Hepburn beat Mr. James Hepburn, jun., by 8 holes, less 1=7. A good deal of interest was manifested in the play of Mr. Smith and Mr. Oswald, two of the strongest players in the club. Both played a remarkably fine game, Smith's score being 38 and 40, and Oswald's 40 and 41. Smith took the last three holes in 3 each. The tie for the prize presented by Mr. Greig, Kirkcaldy, by Mr. Thomas Smith and Mr. James M'Pherson has been played off, and has resulted in Mr. M'Pherson being the winner.

## MORAY CLUB.

The seventh competition by the members of this club, for the Mayer china set, took place on Wednesday, April 22nd, over the links at Lossiemouth. The weather was fine, and there was a large turn-out of members. Some very good cards were returned, the following being a few of the lowest:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. Macintosh ...	101	25	76	Mr. W. Christie ...	94	3	91
Mr. F. Davie ...	87	scr.	87	Mr. J. S. Yeadon ...	100	9	91
Captain Swan ...	107	20	87	Mr. J. Adams ...	101	8	93
Mr. J. Peterkin ...	112	25	87	Rev. A. Lawson ...	94	scr.	94
Mr. A. P. Haig ...	98	10	88	Dr. Millar ...	97	3	94
Mr. J. Falconer ...	97	8	89				

## NORTH BERWICK.

Saturday last was indeed a busy golfing day at North Berwick, the teeing ground being studded, at short intervals, from morning till evening, with the exponents of the royal game. The day was pleasant, and a friendly match was found bracing and enjoyable by young and old, crack and tyro. Members of the Royal High School and Bass Rock Clubs played over the green, and there were besides a good many visitors for the day. The course was in splendid order, but scoring was on the whole somewhat higher than customary, owing to the exceptional keenness of the putting-greens. This proved a trap for the unwary, and few but would have had an improved register for the round had a shower of rain fallen in the early morning. Rather a long course was made on Saturday, owing to the teeing-grounds being well brought back. A large number of friendly singles and foursomes took place, but few of the matches were of more than ordinary interest, several well-known players being engaged in the Luffness and other competitions. Mr. D. Lyall and Mr. George Douglas (professional), had a round on Saturday, the latter giving a third. A good game resulted in favour of the professional by a putt at the home hole, and a second round was also very close, ending in favour of Mr. Lyall. Sir Walter Hamilton Dalrymple and Colonel Brown engaged in a foursome of two rounds with Sir Archibald Napier and Mr. Bob Miller. Each of the matches was pretty equal, resulting in favour of Sir A. Napier and his partner. Among those who played round the links during the past week were Sir Walter Hamilton Dalrymple, Sir J. Hay, Sir G. Clerk, Sir A. Napier, General Brewster, General Ralston, Major Sandford, Mr. W. M. De Zoete, Mr. C. E. S. Chambers, Mr. David Stevenson, Mr. John Forrest, Mr. J. R. Whitecross, Mr. Gordon Robertson and Mr. S. H. McCulloch.

The Bass Rock Club had a very enjoyable day's play in their annual competition for special club prizes. Driving from the tee late in the afternoon the members saved themselves from the inconvenience of a busy course, and a pleasant round resulted in the first award falling to Mr. W. Merriles, a comparatively new member of the club, who had a net return of 93, less 14=79. Mr. John Forrest returned the best actual figure, although somewhat above his average. In handicap order Mr. J. D. Rattray stood second to Mr. Merriles with 86, less 6=80. Mr. Forrest had 83, plus 1=84; and four others tied with him at 84 net for third place, as follows.—Mr. Jas. Mitchell, 86, less 2=84; Mr. Jas. Henderson, 86, less 2=84; Mr. J. Brown MacLachlan, 98, less 14=84; Mr. Geo. Tait, 102, less 18=84. Messrs. A. Hogg (captain) and Geo. Nelson followed with 85 each.

The members of the Royal High School Club spent a pleasant day at North Berwick on Saturday. The weather was all that might be desired. Journeying from the city in two companies, per the 9.27 a.m. and 1.45 p.m. trains from Edinburgh, the members left the tee about 10.30 and 3 o'clock respectively. The Lord Advocate's cup was regarded as the blue ribbon of the meeting, whilst the Millidge medal formed the handicap trophy, and the interest in the competition was enhanced by the offering of a number of handsome allowance prizes in kind. In the forenoon the scoring was unusually high. Mr. G. Lawson (captain), who went round in company with Mr. W. Russell (secretary) in the early part of the play, was expected to possess a fair chance of carrying off the scratch trophy; but he was rather unfortunate in his game on Saturday, and required 95 to complete the round. Although in the afternoon Dr. Cornie gained the cup with the good figure of 86 actual, the scoring was generally higher than usual in consequence of the deceptive keenness of the putting-greens and the course being lengthened somewhat. Amongst the principal returns were:—Dr. Cornie, 86 scratch (winner of the Lord Advocate's cup); Mr. E. Harley, 93, less 12=81 (winner of the Millidge medal and first handicap prize); Mr. R. Darling Ker, 104, less 18=86; Mr. Adamson, 98, less 6=92; Mr. G. Lawson, 95 scratch; Mr. J. Steele, 111, less 16=95; and Mr. M. Sanderson, 119, 24=95. Mr. W. Russell, secretary of the club, satisfactorily conducted the arrangements.

**DUMBARTON GOLF CLUB.**—The final competition for scratch prize took place under favourable conditions on Saturday. A comparison of cards showed that Mr. Lonie had won the prize with the score of 158 for the four rounds of 36 holes. Mr. McIntyre was second with 164, and Mr. Herd third with 165.

## OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

Term began here on April 18th, and the new links at Hincksey were then partly opened for play—twelve holes being ready. The full course of eighteen holes was opened on Monday last and though at present very rough indeed, yet it has the makings of a very good inland course. The greens, with the exception of about four, are very rough indeed, but when the rain comes they will be very much improved, and by next term ought to be very fair. In the long vacation artificial bunkers will be cut at most of the holes, and this will be a great improvement, as at present the course is wanting in hazards, the chief difficulties being hedges and rough country with scattered whins and bushes. When the links have been got into trim, scratch play will be about 82, or even less, as at least five holes are within a drive or less from the tee. Tom Dunn is expected this week to come and see the course and give a few hints for improving the laying out of it. At present some of the holes which run parallel are rather close to one another, and when the links are more crowded would become dangerous. The chief drawback to the new links is their distance from the town, which is between three and four miles; the tramway runs a part of the way, but then there is a walk of two miles across the fields. This, together with the newness of the course, keeps many members from playing at present, but next term we hope for a better state of things.

## PAU LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Mrs. Surtees' prize, a silver clock and lamp combined, was played for on the 8th ult. Miss Newall won the tie in playing off. Scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Miss Y. Newall ...	75	12	63	Miss Cunninghame ...	86	12	74
Mrs. Boreel ...	82	19	63	Mrs. Walker ...	94	20	74
Mrs. Maud ...	80	15	65	Miss Harenc ...	95	20	75
Miss Bewicke ...	83	17	66	Hon. E. St. Aubyn ...	75	scr.	75
Lady Kilmaine ...	87	20	67	Miss Swan ...	96	20	76
Miss K. Anderson ...	84	17	67	Miss Anderson ...	93	14	77
Hon. El. St. Aubyn ...	79	11	68	Hon. Mrs. Bingham ...	87	8	79
Lady Nugent ...	81	12	69	Miss Baring ...	97	18	79
Miss Berners ...	83	14	69	Miss de Longueuil ...	90	11	79
Mrs. Jones ...	87	17	70	Miss Ellis ...	103	20	83
Miss M. Newall ...	68	+4	72	Miss Potter ...	105	20	85
Miss Levett ...	74	2	72	Mrs. Surtees ...	106	20	86
Hon. Mrs. Chetwynd ...	91	18	73	Mrs. Surtees ...	107	20	87
Mrs. A. Troyte ...	85	12	73	Mrs. Scarisbrick ...	112	20	92
Mrs. T. Newall ...	90	16	74				

Also played:—Miss Pearce, Miss Herbert, Hon. Ev. St. Aubyn, and Miss C. Halkett.

Gen. Pearce's prizes, consisting of a handsome silver-mounted crocodile leather belt and a beautiful hand-painted fan, were played for on April 17th. The competition was an unlimited handicap for those who had won no prize during the season. Scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Miss Potter ...	90	31	59	Miss C. Halkett ...	91	17	74
Miss N. Ross ...	76	12	64	Miss Kane ...	87	13	74
Miss Fitzgerald ...	89	25	64	Miss de Longueuil ...	85	11	74
Miss Surtees ...	97	32	65	Miss McDonnell ...	85	10	75
Mrs. H. Newall ...	83	17	66	Mrs. Ross ...	106	30	76
Mrs. Walker ...	91	25	66	Miss Bloomfield ...	89	12	77
Mrs. Maud ...	80	13	67	Miss F. Barham ...	103	25	78
Miss K. Anderson ...	82	14	68	Miss Ellis ...	106	26	80
Miss Cunninghame ...	80	12	68	Mrs. Surtees ...	111	30	81
Miss Anderson ...	85	16	69	Miss E. de Longueuil ...	95	12	83
Mrs. Jones ...	87	18	69	Mrs. Scarisbrick ...	118	34	84
Miss Swan ...	91	20	71	Miss Pontifex ...	111	25	86
Hon. Mrs. Bingham ...	79	8	71	Miss Burton ...	118	25	93
Mrs. Fitzgerald ...	98	26	72	Miss Morris ...	114	16	98
Miss Berners ...	85	13	72	Miss Gurnay ...	114	scr.	114
Hon. El. St. Aubyn ...	82	10	72				

Also played:—Miss M. Foster Barham, Lady Nugent, Mrs. Boreel, and Miss Herbert.

Foursome for ladies and gentlemen. Medal score, round gentlemen's course:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Hon. E. St. Aubyn and Mr. Macnab ...	109	8	101
Miss N. Ross and Mr. H. G. Ross ...	114	12	102
Miss K. Anderson and Mr. Horner ...	117	14	103
Miss Levett and Mr. Elwes ...	110	6	104
Miss Hutton and Mr. Boreel ...	110	5	105
Miss C. Halkett and Mr. Mellor ...	115	10	105
Miss Surtees and Mr. Harenc ...	125	18	107
Miss Berners and Sir V. Brooke ...	123	11	112
Mrs. Jones and Mr. V. Brooke ...	125	13	112
Hon. Mrs. Bingham and Hon. A. Y. Bingham ...	124	10	114
Miss Anderson and Mr. Lawrence ...	137	17	120
Miss Cunninghame and Col. Anderson ...	128	10	118
Mrs. Boreel and Mr. Maud ...	133	12	121
Miss Pemberton and Mr. Platt ...	135	14	121
Mrs. F. Newall and Mr. Kane ...	130	17	103
Hon. El. St. Aubyn and Major Levett ...	146	18	128
Hon. M. St. Aubyn and Capt. Walker ...	144	12	132

## PRESTWICK GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday, the weather being very fine, and the links in fine condition, though the putting-greens, from the effects of the protracted dry weather, were very keen. Fourteen couples went out, and 105, less 24=81, which was the score handed in by Mr. Chas. Thomson, won the medal. The best scores are under noted:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. Chas. Thomson 105 24 81	Mr. L. A. Gallie ... 110 20 90
Capt. A. Blackburn 91 9 82	Mr. W. S. Wilson 88 +3 91
Mr. J. B. Brown ... 106 24 82	Mr. Hugh Neilson 100 9 91
Mr. Cecil Kennard 114 30 84	Mr. R. Hutchison... 93 scr. 93
Mr. R. Cowan ... 93 8 85	Mr. R. McFarlane 117 24 93
Mr. J. A. Neilson ... 92 5 87	Mr. J. H. Wilson ... 101 6 95
Capt. Bertram ... 94 6 88	Mr. Colin Donald ... 110 15 95
Mr. G. A. Grant ... 106 18 88	Mr. W. J. Anderson 113 18 95
Mr. A. Neilson ... 106 18 88	

## REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.

The April competition for the club medal took place on the 18th ult. at the Earlswood links, in favourable weather, which attracted a field of about forty members. A score of 77 net was returned by a well-known member, but it appearing that he had unfortunately omitted to pay his subscription before competing, the medal passed to Mr. G. H. Emmet, of Croydon.

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. G. H. Emmet 107 24 83	Mr. S. C. Watney 116 25 91
Mr. F. P. Browne 100 16 84	Mr. W. B. Avery ... 111 18 93
Mr. J. Armstrong ... 104 19 85	Mr. E. S. McEwen 108 14 94
Mr. A. Schacht ... 92 5 87	Mr. W. O. S. Pell 96 not hcp.
Mr. G. R. Burnett 114 27 87	Mr. W. R. Kersey 134 28 96
Mr. F. C. Milford... 103 16 88	Mr. D. Pym ... 114 16 98
Mr. T. P. Shepherd 113 24 89	Mr. W. Nimmo ... 116 18 98
Mr. A. J. Eames ... 97 6 91	

Also played, Mr. A. E. L. Slazenger, Mr. Graham Stokes, Mr. W. W. Long, Mr. W. H. Pelly, Sir H. T. Wood, Mr. C. J. Trevarthen, Mr. G. Allen, Mr. A. M. Shaw, Mr. R. Treloar, Mr. C. W. Troughton, Mr. H. E. Lawrence, Mr. G. Meredith, Mr. J. S. Quinton (visitor), Mr. C. Hall, Mr. A. H. Eve, Mr. W. Amsden, Mr. H. Aste, Mr. C. W. Link, Mr. F. W. Aske, Mr. F. S. Ireland, Mr. Trevor Williams, etc.

After the competition the annual general meeting of the club took place, Mr. Jarvis Kenrick, the captain, in the chair. Sir Trevor Lawrence, Bart, M.P., was elected president, Mr. Alfred Schacht, captain; Messrs. C. Hall and F. C. Milford, honorary secretaries; Mr. S. C. Hooley, honorary treasurer; and Messrs. Brown, Haldane, Kersey, Horner, Pym, Pringle and Hull members of Committee. The past-captains, Messrs. Kenrick and Pelly, were also added to the committee as ex-officio members.

Amongst other business done, the membership was limited to 200, and it was resolved to raise the entrance-fee to five guineas, and the annual subscription to three guineas, for all new members elected after that number is reached. We learn that the new captain of the club, Mr. Alfred Schacht, succeeded in lowering the record for the course to 74, when playing with Mr. A. J. Eames on Saturday last, his card shows the following nearly faultless play, and is not likely to be beaten:—

Out ...	5 4 4 3 5 4 2 4	6=37
In... ..	6 4 4 3 4 3 5 4	4=37

**SPRING COMPETITION AT HAWICK.**—The spring competition took place on the Hawick course on Saturday afternoon in delightful weather. There was a very large turnout of players, and the scoring was exceptionally good. The principal event was the competition for the champion (scratch) medal, which was won by that famous Border golfer, Mr. G. P. Ross. Mr. Ross was in fine form, and completed the eighteen holes with the uncommonly low score of 78, made up as follows:—5 6 4 4 4 4 6 4 5=42; 4 6 3 4 4 3 5 3 4=36=78. This is the second year in succession in which Mr. Ross has carried off this much coveted trophy. Mr. George H. Douglas was second with 83, and Mr. James Barrie third with 85. Handicap prizes:—Mr. J. S. Turner, 103, less 25=78; Mr. Alexander Fisher, 95, less 12=83; and Mr. Frank Wilson, 101, less 18=83—a tie; Mr. J. J. Oliver, 97, less 12=85, and Dr. Mair, 110, less 25=85—a tie; Mr. R. Milne, 96, less 9=87; Mr. William Robson, 99, less 12=87, and Mr. Thomas Hodgson, 100, less 13=87—a tie; Mr. James Barrie, 85, plus 3=88, and Mr. W. Hume, 90, less 2=88—a tie; Mr. J. Macdonald, 101, less 12=89; Mr. James Reyburn, 99, less 9=90; Mr. James Scott, 106, less 15=91; Dr. Barrie, 97, less 5=92; Mr. James Henderson, 116, less 20=96; Mr. P. Cruickshank, 98; Mr. W. Pitcairn, 114, less 12=102; Mr. R. Simpson, 116, less 12=104; Mr. James W. A. Gibb, 129, less 25=104; Mr. R. Fraser, 137, less 25=112.

## ROYAL EPPING FOREST GOLF CLUB.

The above club played off the April competitions for the Gordon challenge cup and the captain's prize on Saturday last, and although the greens, from two weeks of dry cold east wind and drought, were hard and baked, and the dry worm-casts more than usually annoying, yet the scoring on the whole was low. A very fair muster of members turned out, and the following are some of the best scores returned:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. E. A. Tewson... 97 16 81	Mr. J. W. James ... 109 18 91
Mr. P. Bonthron ... 96 14 82	Mr. A. C. L. Slazenger 113 22 91
Mr. H. T. Lindley... 102 20 82	Mr. H. T. Rutherford 118 27 91
Mr. J. M. Kerr ... 93 8 85	Mr. S. R. Bastard ... 102 10 92
Mr. W. B. Crichton 94 8 86	Mr. W. J. Bowyer... 117 25 92
Mr. S. N. Dimpleby 102 16 86	Mr. R. T. Glover ... 121 27 94
Mr. J. C. Shaw ... 102 16 86	Mr. F. Hines ... 121 25 96
Mr. J. D. Pahlilo ... 109 22 87	Mr. A. W. Good ... 115 18 97
Mr. J. Gould-Smith 93 4 89	Mr. N. Womersley 118 20 98
Mr. R. C. Kerr ... 102 12 90	Mr. R. B. Johnson... 117 18 99
Mr. G. H. C. Lea ... 105 14 91	

## ROYAL WIMBLEDON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly handicap challenge medal was played for on Saturday, the 25th ult. The following are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. W. Bazalgette... 82 6 76	Mr. W. R. Portal... 109 20 89
Mr. J. Dunlop Hill. 93 16 77	Mr. W. L. Purves... 90 scr. 90
Mr. R. Temple Thomson 83 4 79	Mr. P. Strickland... 97 7 90
Mr. N. R. Foster... 80 scr. 80	Rev. H. W. Hussey 106 46 90
Mr. R. Clutton ... 97 17 80	Sir W. Style ... 110 20 90
Sir A. Moncrieff ... 98 18 80	Mr. H. P. Cumming 97 6 91
Mr. W. Muir ... 99 18 81	Mr. C. A. Walker... 99 8 91
Mr. A. Pollock ... 88 6 82	Mr. W. Morley ... 109 18 91
Mr. F. J. Walker ... 88 6 82	Mr. A. H. Molesworth ... 89 +3 92
Mr. F. E. Faithfull... 88 4 84	Mr. J. Taylor ... 104 12 92
Mr. J. F. Adams ... 93 8 85	Mr. C. A. Pidcock... 106 14 92
Mr. J. H. Nelson ... 95 10 85	Mr. W. Austen Leigh 108 16 92
Mr. E. M. Protheroe 95 9 86	Mr. H. A. Lamb ... 93 scr. 93
Mr. C. L. Anstruther 96 10 86	Mr. W. Gordon ... 102 9 93
Sir H. Pottinger ... 102 16 86	Mr. A. Todrick ... 103 10 93
Mr. C. M. Smith ... 91 4 87	Mr. F. Baden Powell 111 18 93
Mr. W. D. Davidson 93 6 87	Mr. J. Gane ... 112 18 94
Mr. J. H. Driver ... 96 9 87	Mr. J. N. Maitland. 112 18 94
Mr. W. Michie ... 97 9 88	Mr. H. W. Horne... 103 8 95
Mr. E. Field ... 98 10 88	Mr. A. Davidson ... 105 10 95
Mr. W. J. Cundell... 99 11 88	Mr. E. A. Duff ... 112 17 95
Mr. C. Routh ... 103 15 88	Mr. C. Macdonald ... 120 24 96
Mr. A. H. Boyd ... 95 6 89	Mr. D. F. Park ... 116 18 98
Mr. N. Lubbock ... 101 12 89	Mr. H. T. Grundtvig 117 18 99
Mr. J. Murray ... 101 12 89	

## RYTON WORKING MEN'S CLUB.

This recently-formed club held their second monthly meeting at Ryton on April 21st and 22nd. Results:—Mr. F. Pearson, 112, 25=87; Mr. G. Robson, 100, less 12=88; Mr. Turnbull, 104, less 16=88; Mr. J. Robson, 103, less 10=93; Mr. A. Hamilton, 108, less 13=95; Mr. H. Yelder, 107, less 11=96; Mr. S. Hall, 114, less 18=96; Mr. W. Liddle, 109, less 13=96; Mr. G. Masters, 99, scr.=99; Mr. T. Hall, 125, less 25=100; Mr. Winder, 116, less 16=100; Mr. J. Tate, 112, less 11=101; Mr. G. Elsworth, 119, less 18=101; Mr. W. Metcalfe, 129, less 24=105; Mr. J. Stobart, 117, less 11=106; Mr. R. Liddle, 128, less 20=108; Mr. J. Thomson, 130, less 20=110; Mr. J. Orange, 126, less 14=112; Mr. W. Tate, 124, less 11=113; Mr. J. Hetherington, 136, less 10=126.

**BANK OF SCOTLAND V. COMMERCIAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.**—This match was played at Musselburgh on Wednesday afternoon, the 22nd ult., with the following result:—

BANK OF SCOTLAND.	Holes.	COMMERCIAL BANK.	Holes.
Mr. S. H. McCulloch...	0	Mr. A. Lawson ...	6
Mr. J. J. Morison ...	0	Mr. A. Craigie...	1
Mr. W. Lamond ...	0	Mr. C. E. Huie ...	0
Mr. W. M'Intosh ...	0	Mr. R. S. Bryson ...	3
Mr. H. S. Smith ...	0	Mr. J. Oliver ...	0
Mr. J. W. Fairbairn ...	0	Mr. J. Gibson...	8
Mr. G. G. Crease ...	0	Mr. J. Flynn ...	0
Mr. J. S. Leslie ...	0	Mr. J. S. Sutherland ...	2
Mr. C. Clark ...	0	Mr. D. Dunbar ...	1
Mr. J. Clark ...	2	Mr. J. Wilson ...	0
	2		21

## ROYAL EASTBOURNE GOLF CLUB.

Delightful weather was experienced throughout the Spring Meeting, and the greens, if rendered somewhat too keen by the dryness of the season, gave evidence of the careful attention of the custodian and his assistant. The chief event last Friday was the Club Gold Medal, which, in the absence of Mr. Horace Hutchinson and other scratch players, was a very open event. It was won by Mr. Elmsley with the moderate score of 97. Mr. Tylecote, who is making rapid strides towards the front rank, reserved his best score for the second day, when the scores generally were better. His 91 is a fine score on these links, and deservedly brought him in the winner in a field of 61 competitors. Mr. G. R. Budge won the Tylecote prize, presented for the lowest aggregate net score, viz., 173. Having won the Bruce prize twice he now retains it altogether. Mr. A. M. Wilkinson's 95 is worthy of mention. Appended are the full scores:—

Friday, April 24th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.				Gross. Hcp. Net.			
*Mr. G. Rivett- Carnac ...	98	15	83	Mr. E. Matheson ...	109	17	92
†Mr. R. Elmsley ...	97	11	86	Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote	101	8	93
‡Mr. C. Lethbridge	106	20	86	Mr. G. H. Lawrence	111	18	93
§Mr. H. Ingleby ...	100	12	88	Mr. R. B. Masefield	109	16	93
Mr. S. M. Mellor	104	16	88	Mr. T. E. Blundell	113	20	93
¶Major E. Beville ...	110	22	88	Rev. H. Salwey ...	113	20	93
Mr. W. R. Richard- son ...	112	24	88	Capt. T. E. Gordon	102	8	94
Mr. G. R. Burge ...	107	18	89	Mr. C. E. Hambro	106	12	94
Mr. E. O. Langham	110	20	90	Capt. H. M. Camp- bell, R.A. ...	108	14	94
Rev. H. Von E. Scott ...	98	7	91	Mr. C. W. Campion	114	20	94
Capt. H. C. Best, R.N. ...	99	8	91	Mr. R. M. Tabor ...	109	14	95
Mr. J. L. Ridpath ...	102	11	91	Mr. R. C. Hamilton	116	21	95
Lieut.-Col. A. Boyd	107	16	91	Mr. H. S. Hughes	108	12	96
Mr. F. W. Fison ...	119	28	91	Capt. B. G. Harrison	117	21	96
Mr. A. Mayhew ...	101	9	92	Mr. T. H. B. Beres- ford ...	113	15	98
				Mr. G. P. "Lincoln"	113	16	97
				Mr. C. de R. Barclay	117	18	99

\* Gordon Prize and scores a win for Ingleby prize.

† Club Gold Medal.

‡ Tie for 1st and 2nd Club prizes.

§ Tie for 3rd Club prize.

Twenty-five players were over 100, or made no return.

Saturday, April 25th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.				Gross. Hcp. Net.			
*Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote	...	91	8 83	Rev. H. Salway	...	111	20 91
†Mr. A. M. Wilkinson	...	95	11 84	Mr. C. E. Hambro	...	104	12 92
‡Mr. G. R. Burge	...	102	18 84	Mr. A. M. S. Graeme	...	110	18 92
§Capt. B. G. Harrison	...	105	21 84	Mr. E. Devas	...	112	20 92
Mr. H. M. Campbell, R.A.	...	99	14 85	Mr. W. R. Richardson	...	116	24 92
Mr. Holcombe Ingleby	...	98	12 86	Mr. R. M. Tabor	...	107	14 93
Hon. Ivo Bligh	...	98	10 88	Mr. R. C. Lambert	...	111	18 93
Mr. R. B. Masefield	...	104	16 88	Mr. Lawrence-Craven	...	115	22 93
Mr. F. C. Williamson	...	105	17 88	Mr. W. E. Martyn	...	112	18 94
Capt. H. C. Best, R.N.	...	97	8 89	Lt.-Col. A. Boyd	...	111	16 95
Mr. G. P. "Lincoln"	...	105	16 89	Mr. W. H. Bradford	...	111	16 95
Mr. R. Elmsley	...	100	10 90	Mr. C. de R. Barclay	...	113	18 95
Major J. Harris	...	104	14 90	Mr. T. H. B. Beresford	...	111	15 96
Mr. C. Lethbridge	...	109	19 90	Mr. S. M. Mellor	...	112	16 96
Major E. Beville	...	112	22 90	Mr. E. O. Langham	...	116	20 96
Mr. H. S. Hughes	...	103	12 91	Rev. H. Von E. Scott	...	104	7 97
Col. E. W. Shaw	...	103	12 91	Mr. L. Parsons	...	119	22 97
				Capt. T. S. Gordon	...	106	8 98
				Capt. F. R. Harrison	...	112	14 98
				Mr. E. Matheson	...	115	17 98
				Mr. G. H. Gowring	...	116	18 98
				Mr. W. F. Wilkinson	...	119	19 100

\* Wins the Bruce Prize, 1st Club prize and Monthly Medal.

† Tie for 2nd and 3rd Club prizes.

Twenty-two players made no return, or were over 100.

## THE SOUTHDOWN LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

This club opened their new links at Burgess Hill, Sussex, on the 22nd ult. In the absence of the Baroness de Worms (the president) Miss Mowatt, as captain of the club, opened the ground by striking off the first ball. There were fifty or sixty members present, and some excellent play was seen on the part of the Misses Heathcote, Miss E. Parkinson, Miss Cotton, and others.

The ground was in excellent condition, and the arrangements made by Major Campbell, the hon. treasurer, for the comfort of the members in the new club-rooms, met with great approval.

Mrs. Gordon Dill has undertaken the secretaryship of the club, in the place of her sister, Miss Martin, who is leaving the neighbourhood.

## SCOTSCRAIG GOLF CLUB.

The members of the Scotsraig Golf Club held their monthly medal handicap competition on Saturday. The greens were in good condition, and the weather fine. There was a large attendance, over thirty players starting. Mr. Hutchison was the winner of the medal, with a score of 98, less 20=78. A few of the next best scores are as follows:—Mr. J. G. Dickson, 96, less 16=80; Mr. A. Thomson, 86, less 2=84; Mr. W. Smith, 96, less 12=84; Mr. J. Nicoll, 108, less 24=84; Mr. J. Simpson, 89, less 4=85; Mr. Carr, 103, less 18=85; Mr. W. Hogg, 90, less 4=86; Mr. Phillip, 107, less 20=87; Rev. C. Halliday, 92, less 4=88; Mr. A. Robertson, 107, less 18=89; Mr. Inch, 107, less 18=89; Mr. Ritchie, 113, less 24=89; Mr. G. B. Black, 101, less 10=91; Mr. Willocks, 103, less 12=91; Mr. W. Davidson, 114, less 18=96; Mr. Morton, 114, less 18=96; Mr. C. Riddle, 120, less 24=96.

## ST. ANDREWS.

The past week has been quite a busy one on St. Andrews links, and this happy condition of affairs will now continue, at least, until the Amateur Championship is decided. Of this event there is considerable talk in golfing circles, but no one is yet pointed at in St. Andrews, at least, who is able to wrest the honour from Mr. Ball. The current week, however, should be able to provide some information on this point, as a large contingent of golfers are expected in a day or two. On Monday Mr. Tom Morris left St. Andrews for Cheltenham, to lay out a new course there, and on Saturday he is to be at the inauguration of the new links which have been acquired by the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers.

The best of the past week's matches are the following:—Mr. Everard beat Mr. Macfie by 5 and 3 to play one round, but lost a second by 2. Mr. D. Lamb lost a round by 2 at the burn, but in another encounter he won by 5 and 4 to play, his opponent being Mr. H. Johnstone. Mr. Robertson Reid and Mr. Ed. Scratton defeated Mr. Kennedy Erskine and Jack Kirkcaldy by 2. Dr. Argyle Robertson had round about with Capt. Boothby, the match being all square in holes. Capt. Burn beat Mr. D. Hodge by 4 at the dyke the first round, by 2 at the burn in the second. Mr. Allan Briggs and Mr. A. Tait were all square on the day's play. Mr. Whitelaw gave a drubbing to Mr. Dan Wauchope, winning by 6 and 5 to play. Mr. White and Mr. R. Burns halved a match with Mr. Don Wauchope and Mr. Gibson Carmichael. Captain Burn proved too able for Dr. Argyle Robertson winning, by 4 and 3 to play in one round, and by 5 and 4 in another. Mr. MacEwan beat Mr. Fleming by 3 and 2 to play. Mr. Gibson Carmichael had two rounds with Mr. Wallace and was victorious in both. Mr. Morgan lost by 5 at the ginger beer hole in a single with Mr. Kennedy Erskine. Mr. Boothby and Mr. Morgan beat Mr. Saunders and Mr. Erskine by a single hole. Mr. Robertson Reid and Mr. Everard lost a round by 6 and 4 to play, to Mr. D. Lamb and Mr. R. Gilroy. A second was halved. Mr. Ballingall receiving a third from Tom Morris, won a round by 3 at the dyke. Mr. Grindlay defeated Mr. Grant by 1 in the forenoon and by 5 and 4 to play in the afternoon. Mr. A. Tait had two rounds with Dr. Argyle Robertson, and was successful in both. Mr. Jas. Cunningham was victor by 2 holes in a round with Mr. Everard. In a second encounter the match finished all square. Mr. Williamson beat Mr. Raffin by 2 at the burn in the forenoon, but halved in the afternoon. In this match Mr. Raffin succeeded in holing the short hole in one stroke, the usual penalty (a bottle of whiskey) being forthcoming. Dr. Argyle Robertson was a long way in the rear in a single with Mr. Macfie. Dr. Argyle Robertson and Andrew Kirkcaldy beat Mr. Macfie and Mr. A. Tait by 2 at the burn. Mr. Chas. Cook and Tom Morris defeated Mr. H. Johnstone and Mr. H. Cook by one hole. In a second match, Mr. James Cunningham (taking Tom Morris's place), Mr. Johnstone, and Mr. H. Cook were victors by 3. Mr. Begbie beat Mr. D. Hodge by 2 and 1 to play. Mr. Carmichael lost a round to Mr. Fellowes Gordon by 3 at the dyke. Mr. G. H. Grant had two rounds with Mr. Guy Grindlay, Mr. Grant gained the first by 3 at the dyke, but the second was halved. Dr. Argyle Robertson and Andrew Kirkcaldy had a fine round with Mr. Begbie and Mr. D. Hodge. The former won the match by 3 at the burn. Mr. Everard had two very fine rounds with Mr. A. Tait, resulting in both being halved. In each round Mr. Tait got a start of two holes, in playing the last hole he halved the match both times by holing out in 3 strokes. Mr. D. Lamb beat Mr. R. A. Hull by 7 and 6 to play in the forenoon, and by 6 and 5 to play in the afternoon. Mr. Kennedy Erskine, receiving a third from Mr. D. Lamb, won the match by 2 and 1 to play. Mr. Jas. Cheape and A. Kirkcaldy had a round with Captain Burn and won by 2. Mr. Whitelaw beat Mr. Dan Wauchope by 2 and 1 to play in the forenoon, and by 1 in the afternoon. Mr. Macfie beat Mr. A. Tait by 2 in the forenoon, but lost by 1 in the afternoon. Mr. Guy Grindlay beat Mr. Hull in a two-round match. Mr. Allan Briggs beat Mr. D. Hodge by 2 in the forenoon, but halved in the afternoon.

## THE FERNIE-CAMPBELL MATCH.

The match for £100 aside, between Campbell and Fernie, on the new course at Islay, has been fixed to take place on Friday next, 8th May. The 8th May is, it will be observed, the second day of the amateur championship at St. Andrews, so that the date fixed is not a very happy one.

## THE ROYAL NORTH DEVON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal and usual sweepstakes were played for on Saturday last, the memento with the medal being a pocket aneroid. It was a very good golfing day, and there were nearly sixty players out. Mr. E. H. Buckland won the medal and first prize in the sweep, having played the remarkably fine round of 84, thus justifying the remarks made on his play on these links exactly a year ago, which concluded thus: "With time this will come (experience being alluded to), and then, no doubt, he will take that place in golfing circles which his present style indicates must be his." The best records for the medal round stand thus: Mr. H. Hutchinson, 80; B. Sayers, 82; A. Simpson and D. Rolland, 83. Mr. Buckland's performance, therefore, on Saturday stamps him as a scratch player. Col. Pearse, 101, less 16=85, won the second prize in the sweep, to which he was well entitled, as he is a most persevering and painstaking player. The greens were in good order, but rain is needed.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. E. H. Buckland, M.S. ... 84	7 77	Mr. G. H. Clark, M.S. ... 114	20 94
Col. Pearse, S. ... 101	16 85	Mr. P. Winterscale, M.S. ...	117 20 97
Mr. W. H. Toller, M.S. ... 100	9 91	Mr. E. Murriette, S. ... 116	18 98
Rev. E. C. Pigott, S. ... 109	18 91	Rev. H. M. Taber, S. ... 113	14 99
Capt. Chichester, M.S. ...	113 22 91	Mr. G. C. Davie, M.S. ... 126	25 101
Rev. R. W. S. ...	98 6 92	Rev. J. T. Bramston, M.S. ...	122 20 102
Vidal, M.S. ...	111 18 93	Rev. C. W. Bode, M.S. ... 121	16 105
Capt. G. Dowell, S. ... 98	4 94	Mr. G. Gorton, S. ... 131	18 113
Major Harding, S. ... 105	11 94	Capt. Neville, S. ... 142	27 115
Rev. G. Willes, M.S. ...			

No returns: Messrs. Barff, M.S.; W. E. Law, M.; F. R. Lemarchand, M.S.; Rev. E. Cobbold, S.

## TORQUAY LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A tournament for a prize, presented by the club, was begun on Monday, April 13th, on the links at Walls Hill.

First Round.—Miss K. Oldfield, a bye; Miss G. Livingston, a bye; Miss A. Saunders, a bye; Miss Bethune, scratch; Miss F. Sealey, a bye; Miss Houldsworth, scratch; Miss Hawkes beat Miss Colhoun by three and twenty-one; Miss G. Guise beat Miss Oldfield by three and one; Miss Wollen beat Miss E. Wollen by three and two; Miss McDonall beat Miss L. Bethune by four and three.

Second Round.—Miss K. Oldfield beat Miss G. Livingston by four and three; Miss A. Saunders beat Miss F. Sealey by four and two; Miss McDonall beat Miss G. Guise by four and three; Miss Hawkes beat Miss Wollen by one.

Third Round.—Miss A. Saunders beat Miss R. Oldfield by one; Miss Hawkes beat Miss McDonall by one.

Final.—Miss Hawkes halved with Miss Saunders, and on playing off won at the second hole. Miss Saunders wins the sweepstakes.

The monthly competition for the Warner brooch took place on Friday, April 17th, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Miss K. Oldfield. ... 123	30 93	Miss Oldfield ..... 130	12 118
†Miss Wollen ..... 118	25 93	Miss E. Wollen ... 146	25 121

\* Takes the medal and club prize. † Takes the sweepstakes.  
Miss K. Oldfield and Miss Wollen played off the tie hole by hole, the former winning at the second hole.

## TOOTING BEC GOLF CLUB.

The third spring meeting of this club was held on Friday and Saturday last. On both days there was a good muster of members. Unfortunately, owing to the long spell of dry weather, and the prevalence of parching east winds, the course was as hard as bone, and putting was rendered extremely difficult and uncertain. Tom Dunn, however, had done for the competitors all that skill and long experience could suggest, and the course, teeing grounds, and putting-greens were in admirable order. The first prize on Friday was the Bristowe challenge cup, with a prize value two guineas presented by the club, the second prize being of the value of one guinea. Mr. Tabor sent in the lowest score, but being also eligible for the aggregate handicap prize for the two days' play, he elected to take the latter, the Bristowe cup thus going to Mr. A. J. Robertson. Major Morris and Mr. J. Bell tied for the second prize, the possessor of which yet remains to be decided. On Saturday the first prize was the Guy Pym cup, limited to 18 handicap, with a prize of three guineas presented by the club. This was taken by Mr. W. H. Du Buisson, while Mr. T. W. Legh, M.P.,

secured the second prize. Mr. Willoughby Bazalgette carried off the Ellis scratch medal for the best actual score of the two days' play, and Mr. Tabor a prize presented by Capt. Dudley Ward for the best aggregate score of both days under handicap not to exceed 18, the conditions of tenure being that any member winning the prize twice shall retain it, but if not won in four competitions, the four winners to play off for it.

The general meeting of the club was held on Saturday evening, when the Marquis of Granby, M.P., was elected captain of the club in succession to Mr. Guy Pym. The accounts for the year, showing a substantial balance in hand, were adopted, and the office-bearers re-elected—Dr. Donald, hon. secretary, and Mr. F. Taylor, treasurer. Plans were submitted for the erection of a new club-house, the present accommodation, owing to the great increase in the membership, being ridiculously inadequate. Negotiations are being entered into with Mr. Alfred Heaver, the freeholder of the site on which the present club-house stands, and the result of the communication will be made known at a subsequent meeting. The following are the scores:—

## Friday, April 24th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. G. E. Tabor... 88	10 78	Mr. A. H. Streatfield ... 99	9 90
†Mr. A. J. Robertson ... 87	6 81	Mr. J. B. Carr ... 107	16 91
‡Major Morris ... 93	10 83	Mr. W. Williams ... 103	12 91
§Mr. J. Bell ... 95	12 83	Mr. J. Gould Smith ... 93	scr. 93
§Mr. W. Bazalgette ... 84	scr. 84	Mr. C. E. Nesham ... 93	scr. 93
Major Lindsay ... 90	6 84	Rev. J. H. Ellis ... 99	6 93
Mr. W. H. du Buisson ... 98	14 84	Mr. A. Denman ... 94	scr. 94
Lord Granville Gordon ... 95	10 85	Mr. J. B. Wood ... 102	8 94
Mr. A. Macintosh... 105	20 85	Hon. Percy Wyndham ...	115 20 95
Dr. Leggett ... 96	9 87	Dr. Donald ... 111	15 96
Mr. R. Stewart Bain ... 103	16 87	Mr. F. G. Thorne... 108	8 100
Mr. W. H. Warner ... 106	18 88	Mr. C. D. Cumming ... 120	18 102
Mr. J. P. Croal ... 92	4 88	Mr. C. H. Compton ... 127	22 105
Mr. C. A. Compton ... 91	2 89	Mr. E. H. Stevenson ... 120	13 107
Mr. H. Jackson ... 108	18 90	* Dudley Ward aggregate.	‡ Bristowe challenge cup. † Tie. § Ellis scratch medal.

Several players made no returns.

## Saturday, April 25th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. W. H. Du Buisson ... 92	14 78	Mr. J. P. Croal ... 95	4 91
†Mr. T. W. Legh, M.P. ... 94	13 81	Major Lindsay ... 97	6 91
‡Mr. G. E. Tabor ... 92	10 82	Mr. F. G. Thorne... 99	8 91
Mr. A. J. Robertson ... 89	6 83	Mr. J. B. Wood ... 100	8 92
Mr. W. H. Warner ... 101	18 83	Mr. D. F. Russell... 106	14 92
Mr. Stewart Bain... 100	16 84	Mr. H. Jackson ... 110	18 92
Capt. Dudley Ward ... 97	12 85	Major Morris ... 102	10 92
Mr. G. D. Wansbrough ... 103	18 85	Mr. C. A. Compton ... 95	2 93
Rev. J. H. Ellis ... 93	6 87	Mr. J. D. Matthew ... 105	12 93
Mr. W. Williams ... 99	12 87	Mr. E. H. Stevenson ... 107	13 94
Mr. J. S. Robb ... 97	8 89	Mr. A. McCall Smith ... 112	17 95
Dr. Leggett ... 98	9 89	Mr. C. H. Compton ... 117	22 95
Mr. J. Verran ... 98	9 89	Sir A. Jervoise ... 108	12 96
Mr. C. E. Nesham... 90	scr. 90	Mr. J. Harper ... 115	18 97
Mr. W. Bazalgette... 90	scr. 90	Mr. J. Bell ... 109	12 97
Mr. A. Denman ... 91	scr. 91		

\* Guy Pym Cup. † Second prize.

Several players made no returns.

## TROON GOLF CLUB.

The weather in the west of Scotland still keeps very fine, and as a consequence the various greens have been very busy. The members of Troon Club competed for places in the club monthly medals and sandhills monthly medal, on Saturday, and under the favourable conditions there was a more than usually large turn-out. Of the number of players out, twenty-four couples took part in the competitions, and when the cards were looked over it was found that Mr. A. Walker Irvine was the successful competitor for the sandhills medal with 96, less 16=80; that with the same score he was also successful in getting a place for the third-class club medal; Mr. John Merry getting a place in the first-class with 100, less 4=96, and Mr. A. H. Holm a place in the second-class with 97, less 14=83. Underrated are the best scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. Walker Irvine ... 96	16 80	Mr. J. M. Jamieson ... 107	16 91
Mr. A. H. Holm ... 97	14 83	Mr. W. C. Mitchell ... 104	12 92
Mr. R. F. Wilson... 98	14 84	Mr. J. B. Wilson ... 110	18 92
Mr. D. Fullarton ... 103	18 85	Mr. D. Findlay... 99	6 93
Mr. James Irvine ... 99	12 87	Mr. G. S. Black ... 109	16 93
Mr. James Meik ... 96	6 90	Mr. L. B. A. McMichell ... 100	6 94
Mr. D. W. McMillan ... 108	18 90	Mr. J. M. Orr ... 116	22 94

The tie between Mr. R. Scott and Mr. A. Raeside for a place in the third-class club medal, in the previous month was played off, when Mr. Scott won.

## TYNESIDE CLUB.

The spring meeting of this club began on the 23rd ult., a prize valued at £5 being competed for over the Ryton Willows. The affair created a deal of interest among the players, and twenty-eight entered for the event. The greens were in excellent order, and fine weather favoured the meeting. Scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. E. Osborn	... 99	15	84	Mr. W. Farr	... 104	9	95
Dr. J. Limont	... 104	17	87	Mr. J. L. Oliver	... 109	13	96
Mr. F. Redmayne	... 107	20	87	Mr. C. Cooper	... 109	13	96
Mr. T. W. Sharp	... 108	19	89	Mr. E. T. Ridley	... 114	18	96
Dr. R. Howden	... 111	22	89	Dr. G. W. Ridley	... 102	5	97
Mr. T. B. Bewick	... 96	6	90	Mr. F. B. Dunford	103	6	97
Dr. G. Black	... 97	5	92	Mr. F. Babington	... 103	6	97
Mr. J. A. Hutton	... 115	23	92	Mr. C. J. Ismay	... 127	28	99
Mr. R. Young	... 110	18	92	Mr. J. E. Davidson	117	18	99
Mr. C. A. Ridley	... 93	scr.	93	Mr. F. Wilson	... 109	9	100
Mr. A. Wilson	... 103	10	93	Mr. J. M. Redmayne	132	30	102
Mr. F. Smith	... 109	15	94	Mr. W. Temperley	131	28	103
Mr. J. T. Sharp	... 109	15	94				

Messrs. J. T. Nesbit, J. Tennant, and A. H. Dickinson made no returns.

The programme for the second day's meeting of this club was a good one, two prizes, the Whyte challenge cross (scratch) and Thompson medal (handicap) being offered for competition. Fine golfing weather again favoured the players, and there was a large muster of members. Details:—

WHYTE CROSS.—Mr. C. A. Ridley, 93; Mr. J. B. Radcliffe, 94; Mr. J. Tennant, 94; Mr. W. Farr, 96; Mr. W. T. Teasdale, 98; Mr. J. W. Wood, 99; Mr. R. T. Thomson, 100; Mr. J. L. Oliver, 102; Mr. J. G. Sharp, 104; Mr. F. Smith, 107; Dr. J. Limont, 109; Mr. J. A. Hutton, 109; Mr. T. W. Sharpe, 109; Dr. R. Howden, 109; Mr. T. A. Hutton, 116; Mr. J. E. Davidson, 121; Mr. F. Redmayne, 123; Mr. C. D. Ismay, 123; Mr. W. Temperley, 136.

THOMPSON MEDAL.—The result of this contest ended in favour of Mr. J. A. Hutton, with an allowance of 23, his net score being 86. Messrs. Jas. Tennant, Mr. W. Farr, and Dr. Howden tied for second place. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. A. Hutton ...	109	23 86	Mr. W. T. Teasdale	98	9 89
Mr. J. Tennant ...	94	7 87	Mr. J. L. Oliver ...	102	13 89
Mr. W. Farr ...	96	9 87	Mr. J. G. Sharp ...	104	15 89
Dr. R. Howden ...	109	22 87	Mr. J. W. Wood ...	99	9 90

It will be seen from the scores that the play was very even.

The President's prize (the gift of J. Tennant, Esq.) was played for at Ryton, on Saturday. The competition is played under the Calcutta Cup rules. The result of the second round was as follows:—Mr. B. Brummell (9) beat Mr. W. White (4) by 5 and 4 to play; Mr. F. Smith (7) beat Mr. G. Welsh (10) by 5 and 3 to play; Mr. J. W. Wood (4) beat Mr. J. L. Oliver (6) by 4 and 3 to play; Dr. J. Limont (8) beat Dr. Howden (12) by 3 and 2 to play; Mr. E. Hunter (9) beat Mr. J. G. Sharpe (7) by 1 hole; Mr. J. Tennant (3) beat Mr. W. E. Nicholson (13) by 2 holes; Mr. C. W. Muir (11) beat Mr. C. D. Ismay (12) by 2 and 1 to play; Mr. T. W. Sharpe (8) beat Mr. C. Cooper (7) by 1 hole; Mr. A. H. Dickinson (11) tied with Mr. F. Redmayne (9); Dr. A. Wilson (5) tied with Dr. Ridley (2); Mr. J. B. Radcliffe (scratch) beat Mr. W. Farr (4) by 3 and 2 to play; Mr. T. A. Hutton (8) beat Mr. J. Tate (11) by 6 and 5 to play; Mr. J. Scott (7) beat Mr. F. B. Dunford (4) by 4 and 3 to play; Dr. W. G. Black (3) beat Mr. W. Frazer (11) by 4 and 2 to play; Mr. C. A. Ridley (scratch) a bye.

## WEST CORNWALL CLUB.

The fifth monthly competition of the series of six took place on Saturday, 25th ult. The weather was perfect, and the green was well sprinkled with players who did not compete. Scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. R. F. Tyacke...	122	18	104	Mr. W. M. D. LaTouche	132	24	108
Mr. H. L. Harvey	129	24	105	Dr. H. Montgomerie	143	30	113

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EDINBURGH ST. ANDREW GOLF CLUB.—This club held their half-yearly competition for Goldsmith's medal, monthly medal, and seven voluntary prizes over the Braids on Saturday, when twenty-four members competed. The competition was timed to start at four o'clock, but owing to the unusually large number of golfers on the hill, it was 5.40 before the first balls were teed, consequently it was dark before all the competitors could finish the round, about a dozen players failing to return their cards. The following is the result:—For medals and first three prizes, a tie between Mr. D. M. Jackson, 82, plus 2=84; Mr. W. Paterson, 85, less 1=84; and J. Buie, 90, less 6=84; fourth prize, Mr. A. Auchterlonie, 83, plus 2=85; fifth prize, Mr. J. Steven, 88, scratch; sixth and seventh prizes, a tie between Mr. J. Knowles, 91, plus 1=92; Mr. J. Murdock, 92 net; Mr. D. Lowe, 92 net; and Mr. J. Paterson, 92 net. The ties will be played off during the week.

## WHITLEY CLUB.

The tenth competition for the Joicey cup took place on Tuesday, April 14th, in beautiful weather. It will be remembered that this trophy must be won by a player with a majority of wins in a series of twelve contests, and previous to Tuesday's play, the following members had the best records:—Mr. J. Hansell, 4 wins; Mr. R. T. Thomson, 3 wins; Mr. J. B. Radcliffe, 2 wins. Mr. Hansell was an absentee, and chief interest was taken in the play of Messrs. Thomson and Radcliffe. Mr. Thomson was in good form, and succeeded in lowering his previous record (viz., 84 for the 18 holes) by 3, his scores being, first round, 41; second round, 40. Scores:—Mr. R. T. Thomson, 81, plus 6=87; Mr. J. B. Radcliffe, 87, plus 4=91. It will be seen that Mr. Thomson now ties with Mr. Hansell, and the result of the next two games will doubtless create much interest amongst the members of the club.

The last of the preliminary rounds for the Routledge cup (the gift of Mr. J. Routledge), for competition amongst beginners at the game, was played off on the 14th ult. Mr. G. F. Boyd proved successful with 96 net, his handicap allowance being 25, and beating Mr. F. Redmayne by 4 strokes.

The final competition for the Routledge cup (the gift of Mr. James Routledge) was played over the Whitley course. The prize was presented by Mr. Routledge with the object of encouraging beginners at the game, and had to be won in a series of six contests, and these have proved fairly successful. The winners were Messrs. R. Howden, T. H. Leathart, C. H. Hamilton, W. B. Shaw, G. F. Boyd, and T. R. Borkwood. Only three of the above-named turned out for the final, and Dr. Howden proved an easy winner, the scores being:—Dr. R. Howden, 116, less 16=100; Mr. G. F. Boyd, 138, less 20=118. The remaining competitor, Mr. W. B. Shaw, made no return.

ROYAL BANK V. UNION BANK.—These clubs played a match—two rounds of Musselburgh Links—on the 21st ult. in beautiful weather. The green was keen, and the play was interesting. The game resulted in favour of the Royal Bank by 14 holes, as follows:—

ROYAL BANK.	Holes.	UNION BANK.	Holes.
Mr. W. H. Brodie	0	Mr. C. R. Brodie	1
Mr. Hardie	0	Mr. Keene	5
Mr. Ramsay	7	Mr. Gordon	0
Mr. Turnbull	1	Mr. Harley	0
Mr. Hughes	0	Mr. Irvine	4
Mr. Lunan	8	Mr. Gowans	0
Mr. Hastie	0	Mr. Fullerton	1
Mr. Don	9	Mr. Dunlop	0
	25		11

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY CLUB V. CARLISLE.—The return match between these clubs was played on Kingholm Links, Dumfries, on Thursday, 23rd ult. The game consisted of eighteen holes, with eleven players a-side. A strong wind prevailed from the north, but, nevertheless, some good scores were made. When the first round of nine holes had been played Dumfries led by one; and on the return journey, so evenly balanced were the competitors that each club maintained its own, Dumfries thus winning by one hole. The following are the details.

DUMFRIES.	Holes.	CARLISLE.	Holes.
Mr. W. M. Blake	0	Rev. T. W. Stevenson	9
Mr. J. Leitch	7	Dr. Murphy	0
Mr. R. Wright	9	Mr. T. Cochrane	0
Rev. J. Campbell	0	Dr. Helme	5
Mr. Law Starkey	3	Mr. H. Scott	0
Rev. W. Alexander	8	Dr. W. Dowie	0
Mr. George Thomson	4	Mr. R. W. Cowen	0
Captain Stott	4	Mr. J. K. Parker	0
Mr. W. H. Scott	0	Lieutenant Bellamy	12
Mr. W. Moodie	0	Dr. Macdonald	4
Mr. J. Smith	0	Captain Newbury	4
	35		34

TAIN.—The weekly competition of the St. Duthus Golf Club for Captain Macbean's medal took place on the course of the club again on Saturday. There was a large number of players, and the winner this week was Mr. D. Walker, with a score of 95. The nearest other scorers were:—Mr. H. M. Fraser, 111, less 15=96; Mr. R. Y. Graham, 112, less 10=102; Mr. James Munro, 122, less 20=102; and Mr. A. H. Huttr, 148, less 30=118.

**STIRLING V. FALKIRK.**—A match was played on Saturday between Stirling Golf Club and Falkirk Tryst Golf Club, on the ground of the latter at Stenhousemuir. The local club played exactly the same team as in the previous match, when they were beaten by 2 holes; while the Stirling club had strengthened theirs sufficiently to beat both ground and opponents on this occasion by 4 holes. The weather was delightful, but the greens were rather keen for accurate putting. Several splendid scores were handed in, and the play over all was of a good character. Scores:—

STIRLING.		FALKIRK.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. J. Annan ...	0	Mr. J. H. Aitken ...	0
Mr. T. H. Todd ...	0	Mr. A. Nimmo, junr. ...	3
Mr. R. A. Smith ...	3	Mr. H. Robson ...	0
Mr. James Morrison ...	3	Dr. Fraser ...	0
Mr. R. Whyte ...	0	Mr. F. Slatter ...	1
Mr. Harold Paton ...	6	Mr. M. Robertson ...	0
Mr. Graham Paton ...	3	Rev. J. Scott ...	0
Mr. T. Thomson ...	0	Mr. J. Macdonald ...	1
Mr. E. Douglas Paton ...	1	Mr. W. Cormack ...	0
Dr. Macintosh ...	0	Mr. D. Sinclair ...	7
	16		12

**BURNTISLAND V. DUNFERMLINE.**—Fourteen players of the Burntisland Club journeyed to Ferryhill on Saturday, to meet a similar number of the Dunfermline Club. The weather was all that could be desired, and, being the first match of the local club, the game was witnessed by a large number of spectators. The green, though heavy, is attractive, and will yet become an interesting course. The putting-greens were keen, and suffer from the present dry weather. Annexed are scores:—

BURNTISLAND.		DUNFERMLINE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. Robertson ...	4	Rev. D. L. Ritchie ...	0
Mr. T. Watt ...	0	Mr. R. H. Robertson ...	2
Mr. J. Ross ...	1	Mr. H. Alexander ...	0
Mr. R. Dover ...	0	Mr. P. Goodall ...	0
Mr. J. Blyth ...	0	Mr. J. W. Robertson ...	4
Mr. J. Adamson ...	8	Mr. W. Aikman ...	0
Mr. J. C. Wallace ...	0	Mr. J. McIntosh ...	0
Mr. A. Jackson ...	0	Mr. W. Robertson, junr. ...	4
Mr. J. Vinters ...	5	Mr. A. B. Dow ...	0
Mr. R. B. Fergusson ...	3	Mr. D. Gilmour ...	0
Mr. W. Duncan ...	3	Mr. W. D. Smith ...	0
Mr. A. Foster ...	9	Mr. G. Tennant ...	0
Mr. J. W. Connel ...	5	Mr. J. Smart ...	0
Mr. T. Herd ...	0	Mr. J. T. Spence ...	3
	38		13

Majority for Burntisland, 25 holes.

**DOLLAR V. KINROSS.**—The first match of the season took place on the course at Kinross, with the following result:—

DOLLAR.		KINROSS.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Dr. Spence ...	0	Mr. H. B. Ferrier ...	2
Mr. J. Fleming ...	0	Rev. J. F. Cameron ...	10
Mr. W. G. Crookshanks ...	3	Mr. W. Ferguson ...	0
Mr. J. M. Tennant ...	0	Rev. W. L. M'Dougall ...	9
Mr. T. Wallace ...	0	Mr. J. M. Ross ...	2
Mr. M. Anderson ...	2	Mr. C. Hepburn ...	0
Mr. R. Archibald ...	0	Mr. W. Galloway ...	0
Mr. J. Taylor ...	0	Mr. W. G. Downie ...	17
	5		40

Majority for Kinross, 35 holes.

**ROYAL BANK GOLF CLUB.**—This club's spring competition for scratch gold medal and handicap prizes took place over Musselburgh Links on the 23rd ult. Eight couples started from the teeing-ground. On cards being handed in Mr. John Ramsay was found to be the winner of the medal. The other prize-winners are as follows:—1, Mr. J. R. Mitchell; 2, Mr. H. G. Hughes; 3, Mr. A. Hume and Mr. D. S. Lunan, tied. Consolation prize—Mr. J. M'Geoch.

**KELSO V. MELROSE.**—Played on the Kelso course on Saturday, eight men a-side, when Kelso were victorious by 7 holes. Details:—

KELSO.		MELROSE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. Walter Rutherford ...	3	Mr. F. T. Robertson ...	0
Mr. T. D. C. Smith ...	10	Mr. A. T. Simson ...	0
Mr. W. Bennet ...	0	Mr. J. Dickson ...	3
Dr. Rutherford ...	4	Mr. T. S. Bogie ...	0
Mr. James Newton ...	1	Mr. A. D. Robson ...	0
Mr. W. M. Paxton ...	10	Mr. W. Pennycock ...	0
Mr. A. Pott Stevenson ...	0	Mr. Robert Watson ...	7
Mr. Allan Stevenson ...	0	Mr. A. J. Lothian ...	11
	28		21

**SEAFIELD GOLF CLUB, LEITH.**—A competition for prizes presented by members was held over Leith links on Friday and Saturday, with the following result:—1, Mr. J. Grossert, 76, less 14=62; 2, Mr. H. Arnott, 75, less 11=64; 3, Mr. J. Buddie, 78, less 14=64—tie; 4, Mr. J. Calder, 73, less 8=65; 5, Mr. F. P. Cochrane, 73, less 6=66; 6, Mr. G. Sinclair, 75, less 9=66; 7, Mr. W. Wood, 71, less 5=66; 8, Mr. R. Gibson, 73, less 7=66; 9, Mr. J. Proven, 84, less 18=66—tie.

**EDINBURGH THISTLE CLUB.**—This club met on Saturday at the Braid Hills to play for their gold medal (scratch), half-yearly medal (handicap), along with nineteen prizes given by the club; also a special prize to winner of gold medal, presented by Capt. Smith. The weather was all that could be desired. Thirty-six players took part. Owing to the crowded green the enjoyment of the game was lost, as each player had to wait from one to two hours before leaving the first teeing ground. The course was in good condition, although the putting-greens were very keen. At the close Mr. J. Ross handed in his card, which showed that he had established a record by finishing the round in 76, thus winning the gold medal and special prize, also the half-yearly medal and first prize, with a score of 76, less 6=70. Prize-winners:—Mr. D. Scott, 90, less 18=72; Mr. J. Clement, 97, less 22=75; Mr. D. Lynn, 81, less 3=78; Mr. R. Walker, 83, less 4=79; Mr. A. Lountain, 84, less 4=80; Mr. J. Sutherland, 92, less 10=82; Mr. G. Lawrie, 98, less 16=82; Mr. W. Rankin, 109, less 26=83; Mr. J. Turnbull, 95, less 12=83; Mr. G. Masterton, 88, less 5=83; Mr. J. Ormston, 106, less 22=84; Mr. E. Harvey, 97, less 12=85; Mr. W. Smail, 96, less 10=86; Mr. J. Smith, 92, less 6=86; Mr. J. Bell, 91, less 5=86; Mr. J. Nelson, 90, less 3=87; Mr. A. Elder, 94, less 7=87; Mr. C. Struthers, 97, less 10=87.

**INNERLEITHEN CLUB.**—On Saturday afternoon in magnificent weather the Pantan medal was played for under handicap on the home green. There was a good turn-out of members. When cards were handed in Mr. W. Stobie was found to be the winner with a score for the two rounds of 98, less 31=67. The scores are as follows:—Mr. William Stobie, 98, less 31=67; Mr. William Lyon, 79, less 4=75; Mr. F. J. Dalziel, 111, less 34=77; Mr. James Ballantyne, 112, less 34=78; Mr. J. Ramsey-Smith, 100, less 20=80, and Mr. J. Paton, 107, less 27=80—tie; Mr. A. Robertson, 86, less 4=82; Mr. R. T. Robertson, 95, less 13=82; and Mr. J. B. Brown, 103, less 21=82—tie; Mr. M. G. Thorburn, 93, less 10=83, and Mr. Thomas Weir, 113, less 28=83—tie; Mr. J. S. Smail, 95, less 10=85; Mr. Andrew Yellowlees, 99, less 13=86; Mr. G. A. D. C. Fergusson, 92, less 1=91, and Mr. R. C. Smail, 100, less 9=91.

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