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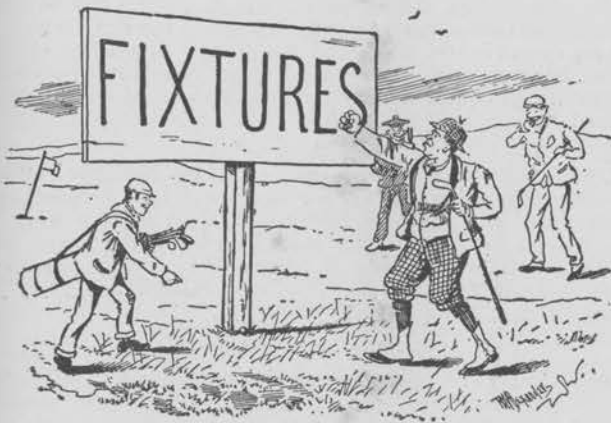
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"Far and Sure."

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## NOVEMBER.

- Nov. 6-7.—Tooting: Autumn Meeting; General Meeting.  
Nov. 7.—Brighton and Hove: The Berens Gold Medal.  
Bournemouth: Monthly Medal.  
Bowdon: Killick Gold Medal.  
London Scottish: Monthly Medal.  
Alnmouth: Handicap Cup.  
Lytham and St. Anne's: Captain's Cup.  
Richmond: Monthly Medal.  
Warwickshire: Lefroy Prize.  
Seaton Carew: Wilson Shield.  
Cathkin Braes: Gold Medal.  
Haydock Park: Captain's Cup.  
Aldeburgh: Silver Medal.  
Lanark: McCall Tournament Prize.  
Lundin: Handicap Medal.  
West Cornwall: Winners of Autumn Handicap.  
County Down: Wallace Cup.  
Prestwick St. Nicholas: Captain Larke's Prizes.  
Glasgow: Wilson and Scott Medals.  
Manchester: Monthly Medal.  
Melbourne: Monthly Medal.  
Redhill and Reigate: Turner Medal.  
Sutton Coldfield: Muntz Prize.  
Nov. 7-9.—Gullane: November Meeting.  
Great Yarmouth: November Meeting; Autumn Meeting.  
Nov. 9-10.—West Cornwall: Club Challenge Cup.  
Nov. 10.—Royal Epping Forest: Kentish Cup (final).  
Great Yarmouth v. Cambridge University.  
Whitley: Joicey Cup.

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

- Nov. 11.—West Cornwall (Ladies): Winners of Autumn Handicap.  
Warwickshire: Moncrieff Hole Competition.  
Nov. 12.—Warwickshire: The Club v. Oxford University.  
Nov. 12-13.—Bath: November Meeting.  
Nov. 13.—Warwickshire: Foursome Competition.  
Nov. 14.—Littlestone: Monthly Medal.  
West Herts: Monthly Medal.  
Guildford: Monthly Handicap.  
Wilpshire and District: Monthly Medal.  
Alnwick: H. Marsh's Painting.  
Warwickshire: Shaw Gold Medal.  
Nairn: Pullar Medal.  
Lanark: Gold Ball, and other Prizes.  
Formby: Pearson Prize.  
Hayling Island: Monthly Competition.  
Tooting: Monthly Medal.  
Sutton Coldfield: Medal Competition.  
Dalhousie: Handicap Match.  
Nov. 17.—Cambridge University: Linskill Cup and Pirie Medal (entrance-fee, 2s. 6d.).  
Nov. 16-21.—Nagpur: Grand Annual Meeting.  
Nov. 19.—Tyneside: Bi-Monthly Competition.  
Nov. 21.—Dublin: Monthly Medal.  
Disley: First Winter Handicap.  
West Lancashire: St. Andrews Meeting.  
Alnmouth: Marsh Painting (Final).  
Lytham and St. Anne's: The Bury Cup.  
Warwickshire: Savile Cup (Tournament).  
Seaton Carew: Club Cup.  
Whitley: Doctors' Cup (final).  
Royal Wimbledon and London Scottish: Joint Medal.  
Ealing: Monthly Medal.  
County Down: County Down Railway Cup.  
Epsom: Monthly Medal.  
Formby: Monthly Optional.  
Sutton Coldfield: Lloyd Prize.  
Nov. 24.—Whitley: Joicey Cup.  
Redhill and Reigate: Handicap Tournament (first and second round).  
Cambridge University: St. Andrews Medal.  
Nov. 28.—Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.  
Royal Liverpool: St. Andrews Day Meeting.  
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells: Monthly Medal.  
Royal Eastbourne: Monthly Medal.  
Ikley: Monthly Medal.  
Warwickshire: Club Cup.  
Buxton and High Peak: Monthly Medal.  
West Herts: Winter Meeting and Dinner.  
Warwickshire: Club Cup Competition.  
Cambridge University v. Epping Forest.  
Nov. 30.—Royal Isle of Wight: St. Andrews Day Meeting; Moreton Cup; St. Andrews Cross.  
Burnham (Somerset): Gold Medal Handicap.

## DECEMBER.

- Dec. 3.—Tyneside: Bi-Monthly Competition.  
Dec. 5.—London Scottish: Monthly Medal.  
Brighton and Hove: The Berens Gold Medal.

## LITTLEHAMPTON LINKS.

Our readers—more particularly Metropolitan ones—may be interested in a few notes about a comparatively unknown seaside course which lies within easy reach of London, and where, from the capital situation adjoining the sea, a most healthy and enjoyable game can be had. The Littlehampton links are situated on the Sussex coast, about midway between Brighton and Portsmouth, and within five minutes' walk of the Littlehampton railway station. The course is a short one, being only nine holes, but these present such a variety of hazards that it exceeds in interest many that are longer. The first hole is very sporting—whins, small mounds, and a cart track all requiring careful play; but, these avoided, there are excellent lies, the whole of the ground, except in the hazards, being covered by that short springy grass that most delights a golfer. This grass is general over the whole course. The second hole has no special point, but the third is a "teaser," as a ditch runs close, always yawning for a pulled ball; and, before the green is reached, a deep ditch, bank, and pond have to be cleared. The fourth hole, again, has to be played with care, as a bad drive lands in thick whins, and a dry ditch lies just in front of the green, thus affording great scope for pretty play with the lofter in approaching. The succeeding holes have all capital hazards of bunkers, ditches, and tussocky grass, which will worry the player who goes off the straight line; and the last hole is, perhaps, the best of all, as the teeing ground is on the side of a gravel quarry, and it requires a long straight drive to clear this. There is then some good play required before safely reaching the green. So much for the links. The surroundings are charming. A pleasant and invigorating air from the sea is always present. The South Downs beautifully wooded at this part, with the town of Arundel and its grand old castle filling in the northern horizon. The links being but little known are never crowded, and the worrying cry of "fore" is seldom heard. A peaceful game may be had every day, Sunday included, as no objection is taken to play on that day. The town gives ample accommodation, apartments being plentiful. There is a first-class hotel, by name "The Beach," while those who do not care for hotel life, and study economy, will find at Surrey Boarding House most comfortable quarters at a reasonable rate, and genial society. The writer speaks from experience, and assures all brother golfers they will not regret a visit paid to Littlehampton and its links.

## AN ASYLUM FOR ENTHUSIASTIC GOLFERS.

The following letter has been sent to us. It needs no word of elucidation. It tells its own story very prettily, and we also subjoin the reply which was sent by the recipient of the curious missive:—

THE GOLFERS' BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION,  
Putting-Green, Linkstown.

DEAR SIR,—I hope you will pardon the liberty I am taking in earnestly soliciting your interest and monetary support in aid of the above excellent institution.

It has long been felt that the severe strain, both mental and physical, incurred by the "enthusiastic golfer" (producing as it does distressing insomnia, and much irritability of temper in otherwise genial natures), must, before long, prove too much for the ordinary human constitution.

It is therefore proposed to erect in some pretty rural spot an asylum for decayed and demented golfers, where their overtaxed minds and attenuated frames will obtain perfect rest, and receive the best possible care and attention.

Awaiting a favourable reply,

I am, Sir,  
Yours truly,

P.S.—Should you wish at any time to bespeak a *suite* of private apartments for personal use, you may rely upon receiving the strictest supervision.

DEAR SIR,—Your claims on the charitable are worthy of consideration, though your appeal savours too strongly of self-interest; but probably the urgency of your case should plead some extenuation. I have no objection at all to become a monetary subscriber to such an institution as you describe—for the safe custody of yourself and kind. But the project, no doubt, would take some little time to mature and to be carried into effect; and to prove that I have much sympathy with your sad case, if you will send to my address some sane member of your family, I will furnish you with an intern ticket for Colney Hatch. You will pardon my suggestion that it would be well for you to lose as little time as possible.

Yours, &c.,



Wiltshire is getting quite famous for the number of links that have sprang into existence lately. Tom Dunn, of Tooting Bec, has just laid out a course of nine holes at Leighton, Westbury, the estate of Mr. Laverton. The links are quite sporting. The hazards consist of a good sized stream (which has to be crossed twice), high hedges, ditches, plantations, &c., which compel one to bring the lofting-iron frequently into use. The turf throughout the course is very good, and the ground undulating. The ladies' links also afford very good sport. The putting-greens call for a good deal of careful play on account of the sloping ground.

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LOW SCORING AT WINCHESTER.—Andrew Kirkaldy—who, as was announced in GOLF a few weeks ago, has accepted an engagement with the Winchester Golf Club for the winter months—on Saturday last succeeded in reducing the record of the links with the fine score of 74, played in a strong northeasterly breeze, and made up as follows:—Out, 6 4 3 3 4 5 5 4 3=37; in, 4 4 4 4 6 4 4 4 3=37=74.

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On Saturday last, two members of the premier English Golf club found themselves, on returning from Sandwich, seated opposite each other in the train at Minster. Beside each of them was a Frenchman, and these latter were greatly interested in watching these golfers put their clubs under the seat. To these sons of "La belle France" we are indebted for the following description of a game to which they could not give a name. The younger Frenchman asked the elder what those sticks (*bâtons*) were for. Said the elder, "It is a new game for two players, one of whom carries sticks and the others a small 'trap' (*une petite machine*). The player who carries the 'trap' also carries a ball, which he places in the trap; the other player then strikes the trap, causing the ball to fly out, and before it has reached the ground he must hit it as far as he can with one of the sticks, after which he runs like mad (*il court comme fou*) round a course marked out with the other sticks, whilst his opponent runs after the ball with the object of dropping it in a little hole in the middle of the course, before the striker has completed the circuit."

"No, no," said the younger, "that game is 'la creekette.'" "Pardon," said the elder "they do not play 'la creekette' in this part of England!" The last stop the train had made was at Canterbury! Necessarily the conversation loses in translation, and the absence of descriptive gesture.

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The competition for Mr. Wintle's medals at the Ranelagh Club will begin on the 8th November, and will be continued weekly through the season. The scores returned in the above competition will be accepted for handicapping for the silver cup to be played later on.

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Mr. Andrew Morison writes:—"A curious error has crept into my letter of last week. What my letter stated was: 'Ties to be decided by playing three holes *extra*, or more if necessary,' not three holes *to ten*, as it appears in your paper."

## THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

WE published last week a letter from a gentleman evidently familiar with the inside "track" of affairs in reply to some strictures that were made on the authorities at St. Andrews for their recent management of this competition. Our correspondent's letter clears up a few points that were hitherto a little obscure, but for the most part it leaves unrebuted the bulk of the criticism then made. First of all, it has been made clear that this important competition has been managed in a rather casual kind of way, that it has been arranged for as if it were solely for the special delectation of a handful of local professionals instead of for all golfers, no matter where situated. The increasing number of entries ought to have warned those responsible for its management that the old leisurely conditions under which the competition was played were rapidly changing, that it was beginning to bulk so largely as to become almost unmanageable under the old order of things, and that some reform was rendered absolutely necessary to keep abreast of the growth of the competition in public favour. This year the number of candidates for the honour was 82; next year it will probably reach 100, if not more; and therefore those who have to undertake the management of next year's competition ought to take some early steps to overhaul and recast the whole of the conditions governing the contest. That, at least, is a point which the controversy brings into prominence.

In the next place, we totally fail to see why in the now altered circumstances of the game, this competition should be the pet plaything of three clubs. It is quite true, as "One Who Knows" reminds us, that the Open Championship has taken place "with unvarying routine exclusively in Scotland." This was an arrangement which worked very well in the earlier days when Golf clubs were for the most part restricted to the narrow area between Prestwick on the west and Musselburgh and St. Andrews on the east. But it is surely perfectly evident that this condition of affairs has long since passed away. For example, why should not North Berwick green have the chance of the competition being played over it? Again, what reason can be urged in favour of the rigid exclusiveness which keeps the competition entirely in Scotland? Are there not good greens, influential clubs, and high class players at Hoylake, Sandwich and Westward Ho! What would be more simple than to have an interchange of views between this time and the next competition among the really influential Golf clubs of Scotland, England, and Ireland as to the suggested reforms which ought to take place? If a fairly approximate unanimity is arrived at, then a delegate from each club could be appointed to supervise the arrangements for the competition, and to take care that at least ample notice was given of the date. In a sublimely humorous passage in his letter, "One Who Knows" urges in triumphant vindication of the clashing of the Hoylake fixture with the

Open Championship that though Mr. Ball, Mr. Hilton, and Mr. Hutchings had to travel to St. Andrews one day and return home in a jolting railway carriage during the night, they were the winners in the autumn meeting at Hoylake. Yes, but they have no need to be grateful to the considerate forethought of the St. Andrews management for this result, but rather to their own pluck, endurance, and good physical constitution.

In the same way a reason is urged by "One Who Knows" for the inefficient public notice of the competition that the professionals of most clubs have access to the club papers. This may possibly be a piece of news to the members of most clubs, but we greatly doubt its accuracy. We should like to see the caddies and professionals at St. Andrews lying in wait at dusk for the departure of the Royal and Ancient players, furtively stealing in to that elegant reading-room of theirs, and rummaging among the club papers in order to disinter an obscurely-placed advertisement in which they were interested. The ensuing revolution would be sanguinary.

Next, as to the season at which the competition should be held. "One Who Knows" bases his defence of the late St. Andrews fixture on the ground that "custom" did not sanction the holding of the championship before the St. Andrews autumn meeting. Custom has been responsible for many enormities in our social and political history, but it has never been recognised as an insuperable barrier to the progress of reform. It used to be the custom to sell slaves like a pound of mouldy cheese, to traffic in the liberties of the subject by means of rotten boroughs, and for highly-placed people to get rid of undesirable opponents in a manner grimly described as "discreet."

"What custom wills, in all things should we do't,  
The dust on antique time would lie unswept,  
And mountainous error be too highly heapt  
For truth to o'er-peer."

So Shakespeare speaks of "That monster, the tyrant custom;" and such a plea as that of our correspondent would mean the paralysis of any movement, as it will assuredly mean the extinction of this Championship competition if adhered to. There is absolutely no reason why this match should not be arranged for absolutely apart from the autumn meeting of the club over whose green it has to be played, and at a season of the year when the days are longer than in October. As a contribution to the discussion which is arising we offer, with becoming humility, the following suggestions:—

1. That an interchange of views take place, on the invitation of St. Andrews, between the leading clubs of the country for establishing the Open Championship on a really stable and permanent basis.
2. That a conference of delegates from the leading clubs be appointed to meet annually to discuss, arrange, and fix the date of the ensuing competition.
3. That there be a rotation of greens—three in Scotland, two in England, and one in Ireland; that a small entrance-fee be charged to go towards the prize money, which

should be of a substantial amount and worthy of the competition.

4. That the date be fixed at least three months before the competition, and ample notice of the fact, together with the other conditions, be given, and that the competition be held in April or early in May.

5. That the competition be really constituted one for the survival of the fittest, and extended to three days instead of one as at present; that the competition be by strokes, a certain proportion of players whose score exceeds an allotted fixed value, being eliminated each round.

Those are surely workable conditions if taken up and gone about in the right spirit. St. Andrews has a great opportunity in this affair of really doing something to deserve the name of being our leading club. Will it undertake even a small task such as this, or will it continue its policy of apathy and lethargy, and leave to the hands of others—possibly less efficiently equipped—the work of bringing about a much-needed reform?

#### GOLF BY MOONLIGHT.

Now that the winter months are upon us, and enjoyment of "Ye Royal and Auncient" game is likely to be somewhat curtailed, it is gratifying to learn that in the ranks of golfers move several "hunters after novelty," whereby the game may, to some extent, be carried on even when the "shades of night" have closed around.

A couple of such enthusiasts might have been seen on a recent Monday evening wending their way to the Braids Golf course in the vicinity of Edinburgh, for the purpose of putting to the test an argument which had arisen among a number of golfers as to the possibility of playing the game, within reasonable limits as to score, with no other illuminant than the light of the moon.

Playing under ordinary rules, with an iron and mashie only, the following scores may well be considered good, and all the more so when the nature of the course is known, abounding as it does with whins, rocks, and other natural obstacles:—

Out ... ..	6	9	7	6	5	9	8	10	6=66	} 122.
In ... ..	6	7	7	6	6	6	6	7	5=56	
Out ... ..	8	5	7	8	6	7	8	4	6=59	} 123.
In ... ..	7	9	6	9	6	7	7	6	7=64	

The first player's score includes the usual penalties for two "lifts," through "whinning" at the eighth hole, which accounts for the double figures, while at the twelfth hole a lost drive necessitated a return to the tee with the regulation "count." During the whole match these were the only holes which proved serious. Both players, however, had some peculiarly bad "lies," as well as narrow escapes of frequent "whinning." To golfers the game was both interesting and instructive, and brought out some peculiar points. The head of the iron (the instrument chiefly used) was hardly ever visible, and it was, therefore, all the more wonderful that the players never once missed the "globe," although "foozles" were numerous. The irregularities of the putting-greens (for which the Braids are famous) were quite invisible, and many amusing "kicks" were got, while under the uncertain light it was a matter of the utmost difficulty to regulate the stroke. The light again invariably threw the shadow of the players over the hole or ball, or across the line of play, necessitating some awkward stands. It was on the greens through one or other of these causes where the score was chiefly run up, and both gentlemen are confident of making a considerable reduction thereon, should they again attempt it. The balls used were ordinary "gutties," the luminous paint at one time suggested being considered an "infringement of the rules."

Previous to each stroke, at a given signal, silence fell on all around; a clear, sharp "click" was heard to echo forth, followed a few seconds later by a dull thud as the ball reached *terra firma*, and then the search began. It was seldom prolonged beyond a couple of minutes, as in the case of an open course it could be clearly seen shining in the light. The players were accompanied by four officials, a marker, a hole-man, and two fore-caddies. The game was necessarily slow, occupying close upon three hours, and it is perhaps worth mentioning as indicating the success and efficiency of the fore-caddieing that only one ball was lost.

J. W. H.



#### THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have read all your correspondence on the Open Championship. Well, it is supposed to be so, but it has been very doubtful this time. However, let the public judge for themselves when they read this whether it is open or not. I know that David Brown, from Malvern, was at St. Andrews five days, and played there on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and he gave his name in just the same as usual, but in plenty of time. He gave it in on Thursday, the 1st October, by word of mouth. He did the record of Malvern course on the 19th September, and it was put in your paper of the 25th September. It was added in that letter to you that "Brown intends competing for the golfing championship next month." Now, was this not putting his name down in plenty of time? Although at St. Andrews five days before the competition, and playing every day there, yet he knew nothing of being disqualified till Monday night after eight p.m., when he received a letter handed to him, which reads thus:—

"David Brown, care of Thos. Morris,

"St. Andrews, 5th October, 1891.

"GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

"SIR,—I am instructed by the Green Committee to inform you that they cannot allow you to take part in the Golf championship competition, in respect that your name was given in after the time advertised for receiving entries.

"Yours faithfully,

"C. E. GRACE, Sec."

When Brown got this letter he had put his name down agreeing to let the late entries play, never dreaming he was one of them, as his name was on the printed list. But when he got this letter fancy how he felt, for he had come farther than any of his brother professionals, and was there in good time. Still he was not "bunkered," as George Lowe calls it, but he was "unplayable," which is much worse, for had he been "bunkered," he might have got out with his "niblick," and then have had a chance to be champion. This is a distinction well within his reach, as there is no doubt about his being one of the best eight players in the world. Can any one dispute this? In your issue of the 30th October, Mr. McBain says it was only at the last moment that the late entries were informed they were disqualified, and it was not certain that the committee had really done so to the ten late men. This goes to show that he does not know what he was writing about. Brown went down to the club-house when he got the letter, and asked to see Mr. Grace or any of the committee; and he was told that none of them would see him, so he did not get a chance to say he had given his name in time. The committee might have given him a hearing.

Now, about a "ludicrously abortive attempt to parade a document signed by the legitimate competitors," or local competitors. Who had the worst of that? It was Brown; he had two hours' standing in the cold and rain to get the players to put their names down. This was very nice two hours before starting, and then he played, and has a right to the sixth prize-

money, for no player objected to his getting it. But still he did not get it. He was told that he was to get a prize by subscription, and his good pluck would not let him take it. He showed, however, that he was a good man when he challenged the champion, and played him next day a 36-hole match, and beat him very easily by 6 up and 4 to play. He did not have two hours standing in the cold before he played this match. I hope you will put this letter in your paper at an early date.

I am, Sir, &c.,

November 2nd, 1891.

A CLOSE OBSERVER.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I read with interest your article, "The St. Andrews Management," in last week's GOLF.

It has lately become a fact, patent to all who view the matter in a fair light, that the Royal and Ancient Golf Club have not been keeping pace with the growth and development of the game, either in their legislation or the management of such a meeting as the Open Championship.

The committee appointed to revise the rules in May last seemed to go about their work in a very half-hearted way, and the revision which did result was, in its most important points, nullified chiefly by the votes of the least important and practical members. Vulgarly speaking, I would seem to be "teaching my grandmother to suck eggs" when I air the following code, but it seems to me to be the outlines of a practical suggestion.

1. That the club should call a general meeting once a year, at which delegates from the leading Scotch and English clubs be invited to attend.

2. That motions of revisions of rules, &c., proposed either by members or delegates, should be discussed at this meeting. These motions should, of course, have been posted for a period in the club-house.

3. That the date for the next Open Championship be fixed at this meeting, whether it is to be decided at St. Andrews or elsewhere.

I am not a member of the Royal and Ancient, but the idea that her authority as the premier Golf club in existence should not be recognised fills me with pious dread, for there is certainly no club in England, at present, in any way qualified to fill such a position.

I enclose my card, and remain, Sir,

Yours, &c.,

"A GOLFER FRAE THE SOUTH."

THE UNCERTAINTY OF GOLF.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—So much has been written and said about Golf that it seems somewhat difficult to find any fresh point to discuss about the noble pastime; but I think nothing has yet appeared in the pages of this journal referring to the glorious uncertainty of the game. A striking illustration of this uncertainty has been shown in the recent championship meeting. Again the professional talent has come to the fore, the amateur reign which has been so short and sweet is over for a year at least. Now, in Golf, it is absolutely impossible to prophesy with any degree of certainty as to who the winner will be. One day a man may play a perfect game, while the next he will probably not be able to repeat his performance by at least fifteen or twenty strokes. But, it will be asked, in running, rowing, horse racing, &c., is it not just as impossible to be right in our conjectures as to who will carry off first honours? The answer is, No! In all these sports mentioned, the better training a man or horse is in the better chance he has of winning.

Now in Golf, training is not *all*; in Golf a man may be in very good training as regards his general health and muscles, but this is nothing if hand and eye do not work well together; if these members of the body do as they ought to do, and he has a certain amount of luck, all will be well; but if, on the other hand, the "Goddess of Golf" forsake him when she is most needed, then woe betide the wretched man. There is a great

deal in luck; if a golfer happens to be in good form on a competition day so much the better for him. In Golf it is not always the man who is in the better training that wins. And this is clearly shown from the following instance. A would-be winner places himself in training, eschews all luxuries, such as smoking late hours, pastry, &c., and having selected the best balls from his stock, and oiled his clubs with tender care, wakes up the day after the competition with the horrible remembrance that his name appeared in the list of "no returns" on the day before. What was the reason of this? Most likely he made a mess of the first hole, which spoiled his chances completely, or perhaps he fozzled a drive here, and missed a putt there, all of which combined, plunged him into the depths of despair, and led to the destruction of the unoffending card. In beginners especially is this uncertainty most noticeable. Take a person out to-day to play a game of Golf, and he will play a game which a man who has played for a year would find hard to beat. Take that same person out again to-morrow, and ten to one he will not be able to hit a ball. Now what is the reason of this continual changing in Golf? In shooting, archery, cricket, tennis, and all other pastimes, one generally begins at the bottom of the ladder, as it were, and goes up; in Golf we first commence a good way up, and then hop up and down till after long practice we settle down to a certain kind of game, some good, many bad, and others indifferent.

Take another instance, where we drive 150 yards at one hole, and at the next we drive 150 inches. A man who has just made a performance like that, if asked the cause, would most likely put it down to "So-and-so" having sneezed five seconds before he struck. But even if Mr. So-and-so and his sneeze had both been absent, the drive would have been the same. There is always some peg for a disappointed golfer to hang an excuse on, but the real cause of his bad mistakes is due to himself or—ahem—his club? Thus it is that this very same uncertainty in the game lends it such a charm, a charm, indeed, which few can resist. The "Goddess of Golf" tantalises her votaries; she will one day smile, and the other day frown; the happy being who has been shone upon by her smile knows the blissful moments when the ball departs from the centre of the club-face upon a journey of some 160 yards or so, when the missable putts go in, and when approaching seems the easiest thing in the world. Alas, when she ceases for a time to inspire his clubs with her wisdom, then his golfing days are taken up with topping balls into bunkers, and envying those of his golfing brethren who are basking in the sunshine of her smiles. Yes, it is indeed very true what a writer said about Golf: "once in her clutches, there is no escape." In entering into the golfing universe we might quote from Dante the following words, "All hope abandon ye who enter here."

I am, Sir, &c.,

R. G. H.

QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Two members are playing together in a competition (medal play rules). One plays his second shot up to a putting-green, and strikes a caddy carrying for the party immediately in front, and who were busy holing out at the time. As a consequence, his ball (which would certainly otherwise have been several yards beyond the putting-green) lies within a foot or two of the hole. What is the penalty? I may add that the gentleman in thus playing did not think that his ball would carry the distance, or he, of course, would have waited until the putting-green was cleared.

I am, Sir, &c.,

NOTCHLAR.

Tyneside, October 31st.

[It is a rub of the green, and must be submitted to without a penalty. It is desirable, however, to impress on all players that they should not play their approach shots, particularly on competition days, until the green is absolutely clear of the previous players. Even the motives of the most honest golfer are liable to misinterpretation in such an accident as that described above.—Ed.]

## THE MANUFACTURE OF GUTTA PERCHA.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Being in possession of a quantity of gutta percha in a crude state, could you or any of your readers inform me through the medium of GOLF how to prepare it, previous to being made into Golf balls?

I am, Sir, &c.,  
"BULGER."

[We fear that our correspondent cannot be supplied with the information he seeks. The manufacture of gutta percha from the raw material is of course a trade secret. The best and cheapest plan of disposing of the material is to offer it to Messrs. Goudie, or Messrs. Thornton, in Princes Street. Some of our readers, however, may be able to satisfy our correspondent.—ED.]

## FIVES BALLS FOR PRACTICE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—May I suggest the use of small hand-fives balls for the purpose of learning or practising driving in private. They have many advantages for learners. (1) They are far cheaper than Golf balls. (2) They do not knock the face of the wooden clubs to pieces, nor break them. (3) They do not carry so far, while at the same time they carry quite well enough to let you know when you have made a clean drive. This is important for those whose space for practice is limited, and it also enables the learner to do more driving with less walking.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
J. C. M. B.

November 1st, 1891.

## IRON CLUB-HOUSES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—We shall be much obliged if any of your readers who have had experience of club-houses built of corrugated iron would write me, and say whether they find them satisfactory.

We propose building a large club-house containing club, reading, and tea-room, with professionals' work-room and living-room; but before doing so we should like, if possible, to view some club-house in active operation. If there are any clubs in the north of England who have such a club-house, an intimation to that effect to the address below would oblige.

We are, Sir, &c.,  
PERCY N. LEE, }  
BEN HIRST, } Hon. Secs.

Ilkley Golf Club, Ilkley,  
October 29th, 1891.

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17,918. An improved holder or support for Golf clubs and the like.—John Buchanan, 115, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow.

17,929. New Golf ball.—William Currie, jun., 6, Strathearn Road, Edinburgh.

17,928. Improved Golf ball.—William Currie, jun., 6, Strathearn Road, Edinburgh.

## MY FIRST GAME AT GOWFF.

Some freends last year wad hae me try  
This game that's pat a' ithers bye;  
They praised it just up tae the sky:  
It is ca'd gowff.  
An' deed a'm no tellin' nae lie,  
It's made me dowff.

Some clubs an' ba's they gar't me buy,  
Then tae the Links we a' did hie;  
An' whan tae it we had got nigh  
We each got laddies;  
T'was said they ken't whar the holes lie,  
An' were ca'd "caddies."

A brow noo ba' was sune pat doon,  
A' got my club an' whirled it roon',  
An', och, it made an awfu' soon',  
But missed the ba'.  
My back I a' thocht a' wad hae swoon',  
Got sic a thraw.

No tae be beat, a' tried again,  
An' syne took tent what a was da'in;  
This time a' hit it wi the bane,  
But did nae mair.  
A' naething said, but thocht my 'lane  
That ba's heid's sair.

My next attempt was little better;  
I obeyed instructions tae the letter,  
An' proodly cried, "see hoo, a've hit 'er,"  
Whan they a' lauch;  
An' whan I ax'd what was the maitter,  
Said t was a sclaff.

Tae tell each stroke wad tak owre lang,  
Hoo whan in sand the ba' I dang;  
Tae speak o' putts wad be mair wrang.  
The way they fared,  
I swore the game micht gae tae—hang,  
For a' I cared.

Whan a' got hame that dreadfu' day,  
What clubs a' had a'm fear'd tae say;  
The ba's, like nocht on face o' clay;  
An' for mysel',  
A' body keep'd oot o' my way.  
Why? Let them tell.

But wi the game I'm held sae ticht,  
Off I maun be, wi main an' micht,  
An' skelpin' at it, day an' nicht,  
That awfu' gowff;  
An' naething sairs\* me wrang or richt,  
An' sae I'm dowff.

ALPHA.

GIRVAN GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition took place over the links at Girvan on Saturday, and very favourable weather brought out a large field of competitors. The lowest scores were:—Mr. A. Scott, 92; Mr. D. M'Connell, 93; Mr. J. Galloway, 95. By an arrangement with Mr. Hannah, Girvan Mains, the club have obtained a lease of their links on very favourable terms.

SCOTSCRAIG GOLF CLUB.—The usual monthly medal (handicap) competition took place at Tayport on the afternoon of Saturday last. There was a large attendance of members, but comparatively few cards were handed in. Mr. W. C. Dickson was the winner of the medal with a score of 95, less 8=87.

\* Serves.



**ABERDEEN.**

The annual general meeting of the Victoria Club here was held in the Lecture Hall, Café Buildings, on Saturday. There was a large turn-out of members, and the captain, Mr. W. J. Jamieson, presided. The secretary submitted the council's annual report and treasurer's balance-sheet for the year, the last-named showing the finances to be in a very flourishing condition. Both reports were unanimously passed. Thereafter office-bearers for the coming season were elected as follows:—Captain, Mr. D. J. Innes; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Addie; and Messrs. A. M. M. Dunn, J. B. Banks, W. H. Reid, W. Argo, and G. Hendry, members of council. The prizes won throughout the season were next presented to the various winners, and after the transaction of other business the meeting adjourned.

**ALNMOUTH GOLF CLUB.**

The club handicap took place at Alnmouth last Saturday in good weather. This was the ninth competition and there was a good attendance of players, Mr. G. F. Charlton succeeded in securing first honours with a net score of 87. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. F. Charlton	93 6 87	Mr. J. de C. Paynter	97 3 94
Mr. E. S. Osborne	98 9 89	Mr. T. Tate	102 7 95
Mr. J. Tennant	96 5 91	Mr. J. Milton	113 15 98
Mr. T. L. Orde	99 7 92	Mr. R. B. Barker	115 16 99
Mr. J. G. Sharp	106 13 93		

Messrs. Smith, Heatley, Lowrie and Foote no returns.

**ASCOT LADIES' GOLF CLUB.**

The monthly competition for club prizes was held on Thursday, Oct. 29th, Mrs. Blackett securing the scratch prize by one stroke from the Hon. Eva Milman, who was also beaten by one stroke only for the handicap prize by the Baroness Berkeley.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Baroness Berkeley	100 16 84	Miss C. Frankland	96 5 91
Hon. E. Milman	93 8 85	Miss Maitland	108 17 91
Miss Magniac	102 16 86	Miss Hanbury	111 19 92
Miss V. Hanbury	105 19 86	Miss Morris	103 11 92
Mrs. H. Blackett	92 3 89	Miss R. D. Hay	100 +2 102

**ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS GOLF CLUB.**

The competition for the October monthly medal brought together a large number of players to the links of the above club at Forest Row on Saturday last, but the returns were remarkably few in number. The day was delightfully fine. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. Crerar	94 17 77	Mr. P. E. Payne	98 7 91
Mr. P. J. Andrews	98 13 85	Crawford	117 22 95
Mr. H. M. Braybrooke	90 3 87	Col. J. St. Clair	100 3 97
Rev. C. C. Woodland	101 12 89	Mr. A. Poynder	115 18 97
Mr. W. E. Hughes	96 6 90	Rev. S. P. Macartney	124 25 99
Mr. W. H. Richardson	91 scr. 91		

**BALLANTRAE GOLF CLUB.**—Ballantrae Golf Club have resolved to extend and improve their course, the membership having increased greatly of late, and the amount of play, especially in the summer time, having much increased. All the teeing grounds are to be enlarged and relaid, and the putting-greens are to be overhauled and put into thorough order. The course will eventually extend to 2½ miles. The work, which has been undertaken by Mr. T. Kennedy, is to be done under the superintendence of Willie Fernie, Troon.

**ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS LADIES GOLF CLUB.**

On Saturday, October 24th, a handicap match was played for a Geneva watch kindly presented to the club by Mr. Francis Peregrine Birch. The competition was open to all members, the conditions being that three rounds of the links should be played with only the usual medal handicaps. The prize was won by Miss Birch, but Miss Muriel Parsons, who played a very steady game, ran her very close, being only two strokes more. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Birch	137 2 135	Miss Moor	166 15 151
Miss M. Parsons	159 22 137	Miss Banister	179 28 151
Mrs. F. Lucas	163 22 141	Mrs. Astbury	181 27 154
Miss Lee	156 10 146	Miss Andrews	162 3 159
Mrs. C. Green	173 22 151	Miss E. Banister	197 18 179

Mrs. Peckham, Miss F. Blencome, Miss H. Blencome, Miss Bone, Miss N. Haggard, and Miss Fox also played.

**BERKHAMSTED GOLF CLUB.**

This club held their autumn meeting on the Common in beautiful weather last Saturday, October 31st. The course is a good deal improved since the summer, and it is difficult to account for the high scores; perhaps they are owing to the exceptionally wet October interfering with steady practice. The scores ran thus:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. G. Tylecote	112 8 104	Mr. E. Mawley	155 28 127
Mr. A. B. Willson	144 28 116	Mr. A. H. Briggs	156 26 130
Mr. G. H. Gowring	129 11 118	Mr. A. Robinson	159 22 137

No returns from Mr. A. M. Prior, Mr. C. H. Greene, Mr. G. J. Yates. Mr. Tylecote thus holds committee prize for lowest scratch score, and Dr. Fry's handicap medal. Mr. Willson wins a prize of one doz. balls.

**BOXMOOR GOLF CLUB.**

Monthly sweepstakes for members, Saturday, October 31st:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. H. Macintosh	108 15 93	Mr. F. Cornwell	125 23 102
Mr. C. L. M. Pearson	103 8 95	Mr. M. S. Ward	122 20 102
Mr. L. W. Wilsden	136 36 100	Mr. J. B. Wildman	113 10 103
		Mr. T. Christopher	129 23 106
		Mr. J. Southall	147 36 111

**DISLEY GOLF CLUB.**

The winners of the last six meetings played off on Saturday, October 31st, for the summer handicap medal under special handicap. On examining the return it was found that Messrs. G. Hutton and A. Hutton had tied for the first place, Rev. J. Bourne and Mr. P. Campbell being only one stroke behind. On playing off the tie Mr. G. Hutton won by two strokes, and the medal becomes his property.

**DURHAM GOLF CLUB.**

The final competition for the possession of the Osborn cup was played on Friday, October 16th, in a terrific storm of wind and rain. The eight individual winners were entitled to compete, but only the following five were present. The cup was won by Mr. H. E. Ferens, the hon. treasurer of the club, the second prize being divided between Messrs. Blagdon and Cluff. Result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. E. Ferens	132 15 117	Mr. F. W. Cluff	138 16 122
Mr. G. P. Blagdon	132 10 122	Mr. J. Duncanson	130 6 124

Captain Roberts retired.

**EAST SHEEN LADIES' GOLF CLUB.**

This club has now been formed, and it is hoped that the links on Sheen Common will be ready about the 14th inst. Boys (age 11 to 15) will also be admitted as members. Arrangements are in progress for a club-room at the Armoury on the common, and a professional has been engaged to keep the links in order, and also to give lessons. Application for membership to be made to Miss K. Rankin (hon. treasurer), Furness Lodge, East Sheen; or to the hon. secretaries, Miss Annie Cholmeley, The Observatory, East Sheen; and Miss Sinclair, Durran Lodge, East Sheen.

**FELIXSTOWE GOLF CLUB.**

Tuesday, October 27th, was the concluding day of the autumn meeting, and was even worse for playing than Monday. The competition was for the monthly challenge cup. The following scores were returned:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. O. S. Pell	92 4 88	Mr. G. G. Kennedy	115 24 91
Mr. H. L. Forbes	101 10 91	Mr. J. W. Greig	105 9 96

Several members made no returns or else were over 100 net.

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## Eminent Golfers.

### XVIII.—DOUGLAS ROLLAND.

The writer of the present paper, who may be appropriately described in legal language as a "domiciled Scotsman," is compelled to start with a confession, to admit that he harbours an almost personal grievance, and is prone to entertain somewhat rancorous feelings towards the secretary, the very capable secretary of Limsfield Chart Golf Club, in Surrey. These regrettable sentiments are mainly inspired by the success this gentleman has met with in securing the services of J. E. Douglas Stewart Rolland as his green-keeper, and thus monopolising for a southern green a player equalled by few, and certainly excelled by none, one whose play it is at all times a perfect treat to witness. It is, however, in the nature of a melancholy satisfaction to learn that, although this player has deserted the greens of his native country, and his Scotch admirers know him no more, the value of his example, the advantages of his coaching are to the full appreciated by his present employers. Some eight or nine years or so have elapsed since he began to come into anything like general notice, although, as a matter of course, his merits were well known in the village of Elie, or Earlsferry, his native place. It so happened that about that time Jack Simpson, also a native of Elie, and a subsequent winner of the open championship, was at the height of his game, and Rolland and he were in the habit of playing together continually. Nothing much, however, was known of either of them away from their own green, and the first notice strangers had was the intimation that these two would be glad to play any two amateurs of the Royal and Ancient at St. Andrews.

Accordingly a foursome was arranged, and Messrs. Leslie Balfour and Horace Hutchinson were the selected champions of the latter club. The play exhibited by the challengers was a revelation. Jack Simpson was to the full as fine a player as Rolland himself, even if he was not, as the latter inclined to think, a trifle better, and the driving shown by these two simply pulverised their opponents, who never had a chance from start to finish. It happened to be blowing a heavy gale of wind, which exactly suited the play of the strangers, and, as an instance of their great power, an episode may be given which occurred at the very first hole. The gale was of such strength that Messrs. Balfour and his partner could not cross the burn at the third shot, although they had had three very good drives, and it fell to Jack Simpson to play the like. He called for his cleek, whereupon a spectator, himself a first-rate player, and excellent judge of the game remarked: "I should have thought a man who can drive like that would have risked the burn." With but a three-quarter shot with his cleek, he laid the ball within a few feet of the hole. This particular round was finished in 89, which, considering the day, was an extraordinarily fine performance, but it should be added that their putting was scandalously bad. Neither the one nor the other appeared to have the most rudimentary idea of how to hole a ball out, and time after time, after reaching the green by magnificent driving and approaching, an extra stroke was almost sure to be required, unless the ball was absolutely dead. But, as the late Mr. James Mansfield remarked in the course of the play, "with driving of that description you can afford a deal of slackness in the short game."

The star of Rolland had now risen somewhat above the horizon, and was further augmented in lustre by the result of a challenge thrown out by the many admirers of Mr. John Ball, the late champion. This was a fine sporting match, with nothing very much depending upon it but honour and glory, but notwithstanding this it evoked much interest in the golfing world. A home-and-home match was agreed upon, and on a stormy day in the autumn the first instalment of the match was played at Elie. Here again the noticeable characteristic

was the exceedingly fine driving, accompanied by worse than execrable putting upon both sides—putt after putt of a club length was missed, in fact it came rather as a surprise when either player managed to hole one; still, as in the foursome at St. Andrews, the magnificent long game and approaching by Rolland enabled him to make very good scores each round. He gained a great advantage on his own green, and was able to carry away with him nine holes to Hoylake, where it was thought that Mr. Ball, being considered as he was, all but invincible when at home, might be able to diminish somewhat the commanding lead of his antagonist. As it turned out, however, he was unable to do this, and in lieu thereof fell yet further astern; so Rolland carried off all the honours of war, and was generously complimented by the Hoylake golfers on his brilliant and successful performance. The next day a sort of supplementary match was arranged between the two, and this also Rolland pulled off. At this time he was still an amateur, and came very near winning the open championship in 1884, before he joined the professional ranks. His friend, Jack Simpson, however, proved too good for him; but he was in front of everybody else, excepting W. Fernie, with whom he tied at 164 over Prestwick, on a very windy day. Some of his drives astonished the *habitués* of that green, as well they might, but he threw away his chance by some rather poor iron shots, repeatedly taking four to hole off that club, which as Mr. Hutchinson once remarked, is a champion way of losing a match,

and the remark applies with added force to the losing of medals also. In 1884 he abandoned his amateur status, and three years later accepted the charge of the Malvern green. At the opening of the Sandwich green he appeared to great advantage, winning the prize for the best aggregate score at that meeting, and failing to win the tournament only by a single putt, after a halved match with Archie Simpson. In a professional tournament at Westward Ho! in 1889, he was quite the hero of the week, and won two important competitions, one a tournament by holes, and the other an aggregate scoring competition of two rounds. At this time his driving, always good, had become altogether too much for his co-professionals. All of the class are of course long drivers, otherwise they would be unable to rank as they do—but it was doubtless a new sensation to many of them to be so far passed from off the tee as to make a very material difference.

Yet it was obvious that there were holes, the first for instance, which Rolland could get to with a drive and a cleek, while others could not reach the green under two wooden club shots and an iron. Then again at the seventeenth hole, his tremendous power enabled him to get absolutely home in two drives, whereas for everybody else it was two and an iron. These are two good instances of the great advantage his extra long driving conferred; it meant of course a stroke, but whatever the length of hole, though the difference is not so marked, there remains by so much the less to be done, a putter in the hand instead of an iron, a short pitch instead of a full cleek-shot. Then the moral effect is by no means inconsiderable; few long drivers relish the sensation of being habitually passed by a long distance; anything up to 10 yards is not material, but the more that distance is increased the more serious do matters become—pressing is apt to ensue with its attendant evils, the play becomes incoherent, and disintegration anon complete. It is not so easy to account for this exceptional driving power possessed by one man; the writer has elsewhere remarked that Rolland's trade was that of a stonemason, and suggested the inference that the habitual use of the mason's mallet must develop to a large extent the muscles in the forearm which are called into play. But against this must be set the fact that other stonemasons play Golf; the writer knows lots of them, and first-rate players too, but they don't drive so far as Rolland. Physically, he is splendidly proportioned; none with observation but must notice it, and withal he belongs, to quote a recent writer, to the race of "gentle giants." His imperturbable good





temper and patience are invaluable to him at Golf; he is not one who is easily put off his game by "agencies outside the match," good luck and bad he takes as philosophically as a Stoic, being well matched in this respect with the imperturbable Willie Park, junr. Apart from his golfing powers, he has, owing to his sterling qualities, been extremely popular wherever he has settled down. A good instance of this is furnished by the writer quoted above, who informs us that one Monday morning golfers perceived that on one of the Malvern putting-greens there had been traced the legend, in letters of pitch, "D.R. is a man." He adds his opinion, with which most will agree, that the Sunday leisure of the caddies might have been spent in a worse way. His best round at Malvern was 71 for the eighteen holes, his best at the present green 74, while in a match against Hunter the professional at Forest Row, he established a record of 73, and this although he had only once before played over that course. In style, while not graceful with the grace, say, of the late Davie Strath, he is yet even more attractive to watch by reason of the intense power manifested; standing straight up to his ball he swings tolerably swiftly, but has developed a well marked pause at the end of it, which certainly goes far to ensure the application of force to the best advantage. Many men can drive well going down wind, and some few are better against it, but Rolland is particularly good either way. If he can be said to excel in the use of any one club where all are such trusty servants to him, that one is the cleek—in all probability he is quite the longest cleek driver now living. If he has a weakness, it is one which would make some difference to anybody else, one for which a famous ex-champion (on whose name be peace) would be loth to chide him, a weakness we all experience at times; so let us find no fault, but rather remember that,

"A fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind."

H. S. C. EVERARD.

"Naughty little cuss words,  
Such as "hang" and "blow,"  
Quite as much as wuss words  
Fill the place below!"

THE MAKING OF CLUB SHAFTS.

Messrs. Buchanan and Co. (late of Musselburgh), Golf club and ball and fishing rod manufacturers, Braid Road, Edinburgh, have just patented a turning and tapering machine for Golf club shafts, and we have received two for testing purposes, one finished ready to fix on the head, the other just as it leaves the machine. Mr. Buchanan entered the golfing trade in 1878, and lately he has taken premises in 5, Balcarres Street, Edinburgh, and fitted them up with all the latest improvements in machinery, at a cost of over £500. The firm employs over twelve hands in the making of every requisite for Golf. They also make their own cleek and iron heads, and also cut the wood from the tree, so that they always have a good stock of well-seasoned material at hand. At present they have 30,000 shafts of the best quality in stock. The hickory shafts are beautifully finished. The machinery appears to do its work most thoroughly and effectively. The so-called unfinished shaft taken from the machine is so smooth and complete that it only needs a rub with sand-paper and the leather grip fixed to make it complete. To the large club-makers, who are pressed with orders for early execution, these machine-made shafts ought to come as a welcome relief, because they simplify labour and enable stock to be sensibly increased without deterioration in quality.

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FIRST LANARK R.V. (GLASGOW) GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the medal presented by Col. Paul took place on the course at Yorkhill, on Saturday. The weather was very foggy, and the play took place under considerable difficulties. There was a small turn out, and the scoring was high. The results were:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. F. W. Arthur	91	24	67	Mr. W. E. Griffin...	77	8	69
Mr. J. A. Grant ...	72	4	68				

FORFARSHIRE.

The Montrose Ladies' Golf Club is at present in a highly flourishing condition, the membership roll being large, and including many able exponents of the Royal and Ancient game. The Ladies' course is laid out to the south of the Royal Albert Club-house, and although the holes are short, there is, between whins, hillocks, and other hazards, ample opportunity for a skilful player obtaining an advantage over the proverbial "duffer," while the turf at the greens is unequalled on any course. The last competition for the season was played on Thursday, the 29th ult., when the following started to play for the gold and silver medals and gold bracelet:—Miss Lizzie Lyell and Miss Lowson; Miss More Gordon; Miss Rosie Millar and Miss Louisa Millar; Mrs. Muir and Mrs. R. H. Millar; Miss Millar and Miss Paton; Mrs. Smyth and Miss Cruickshank; Miss Mabel Smith and Miss J. Smith; Mrs. Lyell and Miss Lyell; Miss Renny-Tailyour and Mrs. Dundas; Miss Watson and Miss A. Watson; Mrs. Stone and Miss J. Woodward; Miss Burness and Miss Collier.

On the cards being handed in, it was found that the gold and silver medals had been tied for by Mrs. R. H. Millar and Miss Watson at 114. In order to decide the tie the two ladies had to play a single round, when Mrs. Millar came in with the record score of 50, against Miss Watson's 55. Mrs. Millar thus won the gold medal, while Miss Watson secured the silver medal. Miss Watson also gained the gold bracelet for the best single score, she having in the competition for the medals, apart from the tie, done the round at 54. The next best scores were:—Miss Paton, 119; Miss F. Burness, 121; Miss A. Watson, 122; Miss J. Woodward and Mrs. Smyth, 124; Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Muir, 125; Mrs. Dundas, 126; and Mrs. Lyell, 127.

The members of the Monifieth Club held a competition on Saturday last for club prizes and sweepstakes. The weather was favourable for good play, and some excellent scores were recorded. Fifty players entered, and the prizes were gained as follows:—First class: Scratch, tie between Mr. David Robertson and Mr. David Dargie, both 82; average, first, second, third, and fourth sweepstakes, tied for by Mr. David Dargie, 82; Mr. James C. Burns, 87; Mr. Alexander Simpson, 89; and Mr. David D. Smith, 90, all being 1 above. Second class: Scratch, tie between Mr. David Smyton and Mr. George Pearson, both 89; average and first sweepstake, Mr. John Johnston, 90, 5 below; second and third, tie between Mr. David Smyton, 89, and Mr. R. B. Cowan, 91, both 3 below; fourth, Mr. George Pearson, 89, 2 below. Third class: Scratch, Mr. James M'Intosh; average and first sweepstakes, Mr. George Smart, 108, 7 below; second, Mr. James M'Intosh, 106, 5 below; third, Mr. Thomas Douglas, 107, 1 below. The following were below 90, but failed to find a place in the prize list:—Mr. William Young, 84; Messrs. George Wright and Alex. Hutcheson, 85; Messrs. David Dempster and David L. Low, 86; Mr. Thomas Brimer, 87; and Mr. John R. Fairweather, 89.

At Monifieth Links, on Saturday, the medal competition of the Dundee Advertiser Club took place, when there was a large turn-out of players. The scratch prize in the first class was won by Mr. James Melville with a score of 88. The next best scores were:—Mr. W. Stil, 89; Mr. John Inglis, 94; Mr. John Macrae, 96; Mr. Robert Dunn, 97; Mr. Thomas Knox, 97; Mr. Arthur Forsyth, 97; and Mr. John Brown, 99. Mr. James Duirs was the winner of the medal in the second class, and the third-class medal was won by Mr. A. Garland.

The members of the Montrose Mechanics' Golf Club held a competition on Saturday last for their silver cross and money prizes. The trophy was won by Mr. J. Smith at 98, 1 above, while the other prize-winners were:—Mr. G. Jarvis, 96, 3 above; Mr. D. Black, 98, 7 above; Mr. J. Leggat, 94, 9 above; Mr. D. Rogers, 111, 11 above; and A. M'Lean, 107, 11 above.

The Dalhousie Club have announced a series of six handicap matches to be played monthly at Carnoustie on the second Saturday of each month, commencing on Saturday next, the 14th inst. These matches should be of great assistance to the management in handicapping, and they will, no doubt, be well supported. Simultaneously, the usual optional competitions take place.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal competitions held by the members of this club during the past season resulted in a tie between Messrs. R. Y. Martin and C. M. Henderson, both having secured the honour twice. The tie was played off over the Braids course, when Mr. C. M. Henderson proved the winner, which entitles him to the gold charm presented by the club.

GLASGOW v. DUMBARTON.

The above clubs played a return match on Alexandra Park on Saturday. The Glasgow club were represented by a handicap team. The result was as follows:—

DUMBARTON.		GLASGOW.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. W. Lonie ...	4	Mr. R. Lawrie... ..	0
Mr. J. Burgess... ..	0	Mr. A. W. Tod ... ..	6
Mr. A. Herd ... ..	0	Mr. J. Baird ... ..	4
Mr. J. Denny ... ..	0	Rev. J. Anderson ... ..	3
Mr. J. McIntyre ... ..	3	Mr. W. Mitchell ... ..	0
Mr. W. Craig ... ..	0	Mr. A. W. Wilson ... ..	0
Mr. W. H. Kidston ... ..	2	Mr. J. M. Jamieson ... ..	0
Mr. W. Risk ... ..	1	Mr. J. B. Duff... ..	0
Mr. H. Wylie ... ..	2	Mr. E. G. C. Welsh ... ..	0
Mr. J. Risk ... ..	0	Mr. J. W. J. Watt ... ..	6
Mr. C. Baptie ... ..	0	Mr. Geo. McDonald ... ..	5
Mr. M. Lawson ... ..	0	Mr. J. Meek ... ..	5
Mr. W. Aitken... ..	0	Mr. J. Hutton ... ..	7
Mr. C. McHardy ... ..	5	Mr. W. Duncan ... ..	0
Mr. J. C. McAusland... ..	0	Mr. J. Bishop ... ..	4
Mr. D. Bell ... ..	0	Mr. J. T. Elder ... ..	0
Mr. W. Gall ... ..	0	Mr. D. Ferguson ... ..	9
Mr. A. Dale ... ..	0	Mr. A. Welsh... ..	9
	17		58

Glasgow thus won by 41 holes.

HAYLING GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club began on Thursday, October 22nd. The weather, which was too bad for words, effectually stopped all play for the day, the greens being completely flooded. Friday, October 23rd (medal day), was a fine golfing day, though the greens, after the soaking they had had, were naturally tricky. The gold medal for the best scratch score, and the silver medal for the best net score under handicap not exceeding 18, were the prizes for competition this day. As a memento a miniature of each medal was presented by the club to the respective winners. The following are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. A. Read ...	100 15 85	Mr. E. H. Liddell... ..	117 18 99
Mr. H. Pain ...	102 13 89	Capt. G. C. Wylie... ..	110 7 103
Col. Greig, R.A. ...	103 12 91	Mr. J. S. Sassoon... ..	121 15 106
†Major Bethune ...	98 3 95	Mr. F. Sandeman... ..	125 18 107
Capt. G. L. Austin	108 13 95	Mr. W. Gann ... ..	119 9 110
Col. Walker ...	108 9 99		

\* Silver medal.

† Gold medal.

No returns from Messrs. W. Hayes Fisher, M.P., P. J. T. Henery, J. F. Croke, and W. Marshall.

There was no competition for the bronze medal which is given for the best net score with handicap exceeding 18.

After the competition several exciting and interesting foursomes were played. At seven o'clock in the evening the annual meeting of the club was held. It was, amongst other things, decided to divert the course after "Pau-cou-chai," and make one of the most sporting holes that a golfer's heart can desire. A drive on a sandhill, to be called "The Widow," will add a new terror to the frequenters of these sporting links.

Saturday, October 24th, was a grand day at Hayling, and a magnificent cup, presented by the Rev. T. J. Filmer Bennett, was competed for under limited handicap. The artistic beauty of this munificent present being well known to the members generally, it is not surprising that a keen competition was the result. The following returns were made:

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. P. J. T. Henery	87 3 84	Capt. Swinburne ...	108 14 94
*Capt. T. Lockhart	107 23 84	Mr. A. Read ... ..	107 12 95
Mr. R. Holmes, jun.	105 18 87	Mr. E. H. Liddell	113 18 95
Col. J. S. Walker... ..	97 9 88	Major Bethune ... ..	100 3 97
Mr. H. Paine ... ..	101 13 88	Capt. G. C. Wylie... ..	105 7 98
Mr. W. Gann ... ..	98 9 89	Mr. E. S. McEuen	107 9 98
Mr. F. Sandeman... ..	109 18 91	Capt. G. L. Austin... ..	112 13 99
Mr. J. S. Sassoon ... ..	106 15 91	Mr. L. G. Bonham	
Mr. Horatio Ross ... ..	110 16 94	Carter ... ..	108 9 99

\* Tie.

The remaining competitors were either over 100 or made no return. The tie between Mr. Henery and Capt. Lockhart was played off in the afternoon, and resulted in Mr. Henery becoming the fortunate possessor of the Bennett cup.

Monday, October 26th.—The splendid challenge cup presented by Col. J. G. Sandeman, hon. treasurer of the club, was played for. Owing to a rough and varying wind the scores were, as might have been expected, somewhat higher than usual. This cup being offered for scratch competition, only the following returns were made:—Mr.

W. Gann, 93; Mr. P. J. T. Henery, 99; Capt. G. L. Austin, 106; Mr. A. Read, 107; Mr. T. W. Thompson, 108.

Tuesday, October 27th.—The competition this day was for a challenge cup, presented by the captain of the club (Mr. F. Sandeman), and played for under handicap limited to 25. After a cessation of the previous rains the greens had begun to assume their normal excellence. Below are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Capt. G. L. Austin... ..	96 13 83	Mr. A. Read ... ..	106 12 94
Mr. V. Sandeman... ..	108 22 86	Mr. W. Gann ... ..	104 9 95
Mr. P. J. T. Henery	90 scr. 90	Col. Walker ... ..	106 9 97
Col. Greig, R.A. ... ..	104 12 92	Mr. H. Ross ... ..	114 16 98
Mr. F. T. Croke ... ..	103 9 94	Capt. Lockhart ... ..	119 20 99
Mr. T. W. Thompson	104 10 94	Mr. J. Silver ... ..	127 20 107

On Wednesday, October 28th, the competition for a valuable cup, presented by Mr. T. W. Legh, M.P., on account of his success in winning "The Houldsworth Plate" in the open competition at the last Easter meeting, began, the conditions being under handicap limited to 18, to be played for by holes. There were twenty-one entries for this much coveted prize, and produced some excellent games. The competition was continued on Thursday, October 29th, both morning and afternoon, the final round being played on Friday morning, October 30th, with the following result:—Mr. W. Gann beat Capt. J. F. C. Hamilton by 4 up and 3 to play.

ILKLEY GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was competed for on Saturday last by a fair number of members, but darkness setting in early, and some of the temporary greens being used during the alterations, rendered the scores higher than usual. The annual general meeting was held at the Wells House on Monday last, the Rev. Irtan Smith being in the chair. The report presented to the meeting was of a satisfactory and highly encouraging nature, and showed an increase during the year of sixty members. It was also decided to raise the entrance-fee to £2 2s. Since the meeting the club have been in communication with the manager of the Wells House Company, who have decided to build a handsome club-house for the use of members of the Golf club. Plans are now being prepared, and there will be accommodation for 150 members, with residential rooms for the professional.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. F. Potter... ..	126 36 90	Mr. W. H. Scott ... ..	136 30 106
Mr. E. Fletcher ... ..	124 33 91	Mr. F. H. Howson. .	146 40 106
Mr. P. N. Lee ... ..	108 16 92	Mr. D. F. Douglas. .	137 20 117
Mr. R. G. Scott ... ..	131 36 95	Mr. C. J. Atkinson. .	168 45 123
Mr. W. Stead ... ..	141 45 96	Mr. J. A. Carpenter	167 43 124
Mr. C. J. L. Rayner	117 13 104	Mr. A. Potter ... ..	151 30 121
Mr. B. Hirst ... ..	129 25 104	Mr. A. H. Blankley	167 45 122
Dr. McDowall ... ..	128 23 105		

LITTLESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The usual autumn meeting of this club was held on Saturday last, the 31st October. Weather was fine, and a large proportion of the visitors extended their stay till Monday evening or Tuesday morning following. Through the courtesy of the S.E.R., not only the usual fast Monday morning train but also a similar train on Tuesday morning was run for the convenience of members. From thirty to forty members of the club and their friends attended the meeting. The events were:

(a.) The final competition for Dr. W. L. Purves' champion challenge scratch gold medal, which goes to the best aggregate of three scratch scores, played at the Easter, Whitsuntide and autumn meetings. This fell to Mr. H. S. Colt, who at the Easter and Whitsuntide meetings scored 88, 83, and 82, total 253, and he thus secures the medal and also retains the memento presented by the club.

(b.) A club handicap prize of the value of about two guineas, which was won by Mr. John Fleming, with 104, less 16=88 net. The principal scores are appended:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. Fleming ... ..	104 16 88	Mr. F. L. Rawson... ..	103 9 94
Mr. H. E. Johnson	106 16 90	Mr. W. E. Maclagan	101 7 94
Mr. W. B. Westhead	100 10 90	Mr. D. S. Hindmarsh	101 4 97
Mr. J. H. Hedderwick	... 100 8 92	Mr. A. J. Stanley ... ..	107 10 97
Mr. R. Lawson ... ..	96 4 92	Mr. P. B. Tubbs ... ..	115 18 97
Mr. R. S. Jones ... ..	98 6 92	Mr. R. E. Peake ... ..	113 16 97
Mr. R. H. Hedderwick	... 104 10 94	Mr. S. W. Tubbs ... ..	115 18 97
		Mr. R. S. Charles... ..	115 18 97

Amongst other visitors we remarked the two Messrs. Blyth, so well known on the Sandwich and other greens.

The committee of the Littlestone Club are arranging, in addition to their usual meetings, a Christmas meeting, at which a foursome tournament will be held to compete for a prize which has been kindly offered by a member of the club.

MANCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

This old club—established in 1818, but which, owing to Kersal Moor having been handed over to the Salford Corporation, and the death of some of its members, has been for several years inactive—resumed operations on Friday, October 23rd. A moderately good ground for the game having been formed in Broughton Park, there has been quite a rush of gentlemen residing in that neighbourhood to join this, the second oldest club in England. It was hoped that the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P., would inaugurate the play, but in his absence the ceremony was duly performed by Sir W. H. Houldsworth, Bart., M.P., the captain of the club. He, as well as a number of the members, played a round, and, although the ground cannot be compared with sea-side links, it was found sufficiently good to warrant money being spent in improvements, and to enable the members to obtain exercise in air as fresh and bracing as can be found in the neighbourhood of Manchester. In order to preserve friendly relations with a strong club on the south side of the city, which has recently adopted the above title, it has been decided to style this club the Old Manchester Golf Club. Mr. J. S. Dods, 11, Albert Square, is the hon. sec. and treasurer.

NEEDLES GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club was held last week after two postponements. It will be seen that Mr. Willoughby-Graham, a very young player, has succeeded in wresting the scratch medal from Lieut. C. B. Collins, R.E., who has won it four times in succession. Owing to stormy weather, there were fewer competitors than usual.

October 11th.—Crozier cup and badge :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. W. W. Graham 85 2 83	Mr. F. W. Graham. 100 9 91
Lieut. Collins. R.E. 86 scr. 86	

The rest were over 100.

Connell gold medal :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. J. Dover ... 104 22 82	Mr. F. W. Graham. 94 10 84
Lieut. H. F. Dawson, R.A. ... 113 30 83	Mr. W. W. Graham 85 scr. 85
Mr. F. Tankard ... 102 18 84	Lieut. C. B. Collins. 94 scr. 94

Winner of Playfair scratch medal, Mr. W. W. Graham, 85.

NEWBIGGIN CLUB.

The event for decision last Saturday was the final for the club cup, value ten guineas, and which has been played for under handicap during the season in a series of competitions. The winners were Messrs. C. E. Wilkinson, J. W. Wood, B. Brumell, W. Farr, J. Hedley, and they were favoured with fine weather for their final bout for the trophy. Mr. Wilkinson was fortunate in winning, as Mr. Brumell ran him very close, and would have won easily had he not had a piece of very bad luck at the last hole, thus spoiling his chance of success. Scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. C. E. Wilkinson 109 12 97	Mr. B. Brumell ... 113 14 99
Mr. J. W. Wood ... 99 scr. 99	Mr. Wilfred Farr ... 106 6 100

Mr. Hedley retired.

A contest for a special prize also took place, and resulted in a tie between Messrs. Bell and Rosser. Scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. J. L. Bell ... 97 4 93	Mr. B. Brumell ... 113 16 97
Mr. D. Rosser ... 109 16 93	Mr. J. W. Wood ... 99 1 98
Mr. J. Tate ... 105 9 96	Mr. W. Farr ... 106 6 100
Mr. C. E. Wilkinson 109 13 96	

Messrs. Longstaff, Radcliffe, and Hedley retired.

During the contest the following incident happened :—Mr. Radcliffe, in playing to a hole where Mr. Hedley was standing, drove a cleek shot, and the ball lodged between Mr. Hedley's left arm and his breast. He retained the ball there until the player arrived, and he then asked Mr. Radcliffe to play it from its position. Mr. Radcliffe naturally objected, claiming a rub on the green, and the ball being released, the player holed out in 3, just lipping the hole for 2. This meeting concludes the season at Newbiggin.

NORTH BERWICK.

Last week a fair number of competitors engaged in play over the links here, and this year the season may be said to have been somewhat unusually extended; but, with the advent of November, the green has begun to resume its wintry aspect. This is inevitable, considering that all, or nearly all, the visitors residing in the town have left by the end of October, and the links are chiefly occupied by visitors for the day and local golfers. Some of the caddies have already begun to adapt themselves to winter avocations. As, at this period of the year, the demand for their services ceases to be regular throughout the week, the teeing-ground is becoming less animated with caddies. This was felt to be an inconvenience on a recent medal day, when, in one or two instances, the supply was scarcely equal to the demand. Over the

ladies' links the club and ball have now well nigh vanished for a season, and it is only to be hoped that the next spring may herald the approach of so many successful gatherings as followed the early play of this year. Amongst the many distinguished visitors to their fine green during the present season were the Lord Mayor of London, and the successful ladies at one of the medal meetings were fortunate in receiving their well-won prizes at the hands of his Lordship. The First Lord of the Treasury—then Chief Secretary for Ireland—had also on a previous occasion performed the same function, and the lady exponents of the game could not but feel flattered by his most favourable comparison of their short play with that of the sterner sex. Despite the wear of a busy season, the green is in very good condition.

The Fettesian-Lorettonians journeyed to North Berwick on Friday forenoon, and engaged in their annual autumn medal meeting over the course here. Amongst those expected to play was the amateur champion, but he was unable to come forward. Mr. A. R. Paterson had the best register for the day, his 82 being a very creditable figure for the round with the tees brought back as at present. Mr. Paterson's game was of a very fine and consistent description, his all-round play showing few mistakes. Turning with a good 44 to his credit, a six for the Quarry-in hole was still not too promising. After this, he had a succession of four 4's, and finished in 38 for the eight holes, or 82 for the round. The details were—Out, 5 7 5 3 3 4 3 3 6 5=44; In, 6 4 4 4 6 6 4=38; total, 82. The competitors left as follows, under the superintendence of the efficient secretary, Mr. A. R. Don Wauchope :—Mr. J. N. McNeill and Mr. D. B. Donaldson, Mr. G. H. Gibson Carmichael and Mr. Arthur Marshall, Mr. E. J. McCandlish and Mr. Stuart Paton, Mr. A. Nimmo and Mr. J. H. Aitken, Mr. A. R. Paterson and Mr. P. H. Don Wauchope, Mr. Graham-Paton and Mr. R. S. McNeill, Mr. F. M. Marshall and Mr. J. Lawson, Mr. A. R. Marshall and Mr. W. Lawson, Mr. T. R. Clark and Mr. A. R. Don Wauchope, Mr. T. Todd and Mr. W. Boase, Mr. J. F. Carruthers and Mr. A. N. Fleming, and Mr. H. L. Sanderson, a bye. On a return of cards, Mr. Paterson was found to have won the gold medal. The first and second handicap prizes fell to Mr. Carruthers and Mr. Aitken at 74 net and 75 respectively. The following were the lowest scores :—Mr. A. R. Paterson, 82, less 2=80; Mr. J. F. Carruthers, 92, less 18=74; Mr. J. H. Aitken, 84, less 9=75; Mr. R. S. McNeill, 84, less 7=77; Mr. F. M. Marshall, 89, less 6=83; Mr. T. R. Clark, 96, less 11=85; Mr. G. H. Gibson-Carmichael, 98, less 13=85; Mr. J. S. Paton, 96, less 10=86; Mr. A. M. Marshall, 99, less 12=87; Mr. D. B. Donaldson, 101, 14=87; and Mr. W. Lawson, 100, less 12=88.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

The Inter-Collegiate foursomes have been drawn as follows :—Wadham v. Balliol; University v. Magdalen; Oriel v. Lincoln; Exeter, Trinity, Queen's, New College, and Brasenose, byes. The following matches have been arranged :—November 12th, Oxford University v. Warwick Golf Club, at Warwick; November 21st, Oxford University v. Guildford Golf Club, at Guildford; November 23rd, Oxford University v. Coventry Golf Club, at Coventry.

The weekly handicap was played on Friday with the following result.

First class :—	
Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. P. Balfour ... 100 10 90	Mr. L. Armitstead... 108 14 94
Mr. F. H. Stewart... 96 4 92	Mr. L. G. Selby Bigge 111 8 103
Mr. W. D. Davidson 97 3 94	Mr. R. W. Macan... 122 9 113
Mr. H. T. Knight... 98 4 94	

Second class :—	
Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. F. H. Champion 101 25 76	Mr. A. J. Boger ... 110 16 94
Mr. J. C. Smith ... 106 18 88	Mr. A. Moncrieff ... 110 16 94
Rev. F. H. Hall ... 109 18 91	

Ten members made no return.

EDINBURGH LICENSED VICTUALLERS' CLUB.—The members of this club held a competition over Dunbar links on the 29th ult. There was a large turn-out of members, the weather being very fine. The following were the principal prize-winners :—Mr. J. Campbell, 101, less 20=81; Mr. J. Morrison, 95, less 2=93; Mr. Doig, 87, plus 6=93; Mr. J. Mickel, 103, less 10=93; Mr. D. Fisher, 97, less 3=94; Mr. D. Stewart, 112, less 18=94. At the finish Mr. Donald Fisher, captain of the club, presented the prizes.

HADDINGTON.—At the annual meeting of the club Mr. J. Stirling was re-elected captain and Mr. J. S. Croal, secretary and treasurer. A proposal to form a course at Garleton was heartily gone into, and it was remitted to the committee to arrange with the tenant, and have the new course laid out without delay. This club competed at Luffness on Saturday for the Ross medal and other prizes. There was a numerous muster of players. Subjoined were the prize winners :—Mr. W. Merrilees, 89; Mr. A. Hogarth, 92, less 2=90; Mr. W. T. Ferme, 107, less 12=95; Mr. J. G. Croal, 104, less 7=97; Mr. J. Stirling, 105, less 8=97.

RHYL GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of the above club was held on October 22nd to 24th in charming golfing weather. Quite a number of spectators, tempted by the fine afternoon and the presence of the ex-champion, followed the play in the visitors' handicap. The first two days were given up to the scratch prize of the club, which is played for by holes. Only five entered, the result of the first round being that Mr. Birley beat Mr. Briscoe, Mr. Stock beat Col. Mainwaring, and Mr. Plunkett got the bye. In the second round Mr. Stock beat Mr. Plunkett after a good game by 4 up and 3 to play, Mr. Birley a bye. In the final Mr. Birley beat Mr. Stock by 3 up and 2 to play.

Saturday was given up to the visitors' and Platt cups, played for under handicap. The former had attracted several scratch players to the green, the most notable of whom was Mr. John Ball, jun., who won the scratch medal with the good score of 41 and 44=85, the next best scores being Mr. D. Ball, 91, and Mr. Reynolds, 96. Mr. Smith won the handicap prize by one point from Mr. Birley after a tie, Mr. Plunkett being third. Score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. C. H. Smith ...	106 20 86	Mr. Reynolds ...	96 scr. 96
Mr. H. F. Birley ...	104 18 86	Mr. Briscoe ...	132 35 97
Mr. Plunkett ...	105 18 87	Mr. Miller ...	135 38 97
Col. Mainwaring ...	114 25 89	Hon. C. H. Vivian	119 18 101
Mr. Campbell ...	105 15 90	Mr. Healey ...	141 24 117
Mr. D. Ball ...	91 scr. 91	Mr. Strachan ...	164 38 126
Mr. J. Ball, jun. ...	85 +9 94		

No returns from Messrs. Stock, Lace, and Urmston.

The Platt cup was won from scratch by Mr. Birley. Butler, the new professional, had the course in capital order.

ROCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

Result of monthly medal. Played at Oakleigh links, Oct. 31st, 1891.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Capt. H. St. Curteiss	122 25 87	Col. A. H. Langdon	126 18 108
Mr. C. Lake ...	115 14 101	Mr. A. Halliday ...	148 40 108
Mr. P. Winch (capt.)	124 20 104	Mr. J. R. Anderson ...	144 35 109
Mr. A. Seaby ...	124 20 104		

Several others played, but did not hand in returns.

On Saturday last the first competition of the ladies' club was held, a prize being presented by the captain (Mr. P. Winch) of the club; result as follows:—Mrs. C. Lake, 128, less 18=110; Miss L. Clayton, 119, less 4=115; Miss Murten, 154, less 36=118.

Several others played, but made no returns.

ROYAL CROMER GOLF CLUB.

Tom Morris, from St. Andrews, has recently been over the Cromer links for a look round. The main object of his visit was to view the course and advise the committee as to the suggestion of enlarging it to eighteen holes. Having gone over the ground, he expressed himself as greatly pleased with it, and gave as his opinion that it was a fine nine-hole course, "few finer." He suggested certain alterations, such as guarding some of the greens with bunkers, which, when carried out, would, in his opinion, make it second to none as a nine-hole course. With regard to the greens, he said he had seldom seen more excellent turf. He strongly advised the committee not to extend the links at present, but to gradually prepare the extra land acquired, with the view to ultimately carrying out the scheme for eighteen holes. Before leaving, Tom availed himself of a more practical acquaintance with the course by playing a round with Willie Aveston, the young professional.

In the monthly competition held on Thursday last for the silver medal given by the captain, Mr. B. Bond-Cabbell, the winner was Mr. Ambrose Burton, score 108, less 18=90.

ROYAL DUBLIN GOLF CLUB.

The club held a competition on Saturday, open to members of all recognised Golf clubs, both in and out of Ireland, for three prizes of £6, £3 and £1. The entries were numerous, numbering just fifty, and representatives from the following clubs competed:—Prestwick (Ayrshire), Royal Jersey, Royal Belfast, County Club, Portrush, County Down, and of course the Home club, which was numerously represented. Saturday was a perfect golfing day, and although there was a fairly strong breeze, still it did not in any way interfere with the play, as it blew across the links. The greens were in as good a condition as the time of year would allow, and generally the links were in first-rate order; and the first open meeting of the Royal Dublin must, in every way, be considered a success. Almost all those who had entered turned up, and all had got away by half-past two o'clock. On examining the scoring cards it was found Mr. A. L. Figgis (Royal Dublin) was first with a gross score of 93, less 16=77. Mr. E. D. Prothero (Prestwick), who played scratch, came next with a very fine score of 79, and Mr. J. W. Peisley-

White was third with a gross score of 91, less 11=80. The following are the returns handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. A. L. Figgis ...	93 16 77	Mr. H. Lumsden ...	104 13 91		
Mr. F. D. Prothero	79 scr. 79	Mr. J. S. G. Usher	106 15 91		
Mr. J. W. Peisley-		Mr. E. O'Farrell ...	111 19 92		
White ...	91 11 80	Mr. M. O'Connor-			
Mr. Gaussen ...	95 13 82	Morris ...	108 15 93		
Mr. F. E. Cumming...	93 10 83	Mr. J. O. Wylie ...	112 19 93		
Mr. J. M. Davies ...	102 19 83	Mr. Maxwell ...	119 26 93		
Mr. W. Keating ...	109 26 83	Mr. J. H. Pigot ...	104 10 94		
Mr. J. Petrie ...	91 7 84	Mr. D. Christie ...	105 11 94		
Mr. J. Lumsden, sen.	93 8 85	Mr. H. C. Kelly ...	115 21 94		
Mr. R. Kelly ...	105 19 96	Mr. W. Hone ...	105 10 95		
Mr. G. Ross ...	110 24 86	Mr. D. F. Moore ...	121 26 95		
Dr. A. Fraile ...	101 14 87	Lord NewtownButler	117 20 97		
Mr. V. Kyrke ...	104 17 87	Hon. Bailie Hamil-			
Mr. W. H. Dodd ...	108 21 87	ton ...	124 26 98		
Mr. J. Lumsden, jun.	94 6 88	Mr. A. T. Johns ...	118 19 99		
Mr. F. Figgis ...	107 19 88	Mr. Bristowe ...	129 26 103		
Mr. W. R. Joynt ...	104 15 89	Mr. T. R. McCullagh	125 21 104		
Mr. R. W. Jones ...	113 24 89	Mr. F. Wynne ...	130 26 104		
Mr. R. H. Wallace	105 15 90	Capt. W. E. Murray	119 12 107		

Mr. Prothero's score is worthy of setting out in detail, viz. :—

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

ROYAL EASTBOURNE v. BRIGHTON.

A match between teams representative of the Royal Eastbourne and Brighton Golf Clubs came off at Eastbourne on October 24th, with the result as shown below. Mr. Hutchinson played a very fine game, scoring 14 holes against his opponent. For Brighton, Mr. Acklom did all he could to avert defeat.

EASTBOURNE.		BRIGHTON.	
Holes.	Holes.	Holes.	Holes.
Mr. H. G. Hutchinson	14	Mr. A. Denman	0
Mr. H. M. Braybrooke	0	Mr. C. E. Nesham	1
Rev. H. von E. Scott...	5	Mr. S. S. Schultz	0
Mr. R. Elmsley ...	3	Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote	0
Col. E. V. Shaw ...	0	Mr. J. Brock ...	5
Mr. A. M. Wilkinson...	7	Mr. H. W. Street	0
Mr. A. Mayhew ...	0	Mr. H. E. Acklom	10
Dr. Siddall ...	2	Mr. C. O. Walker	0
Dr. Fooks ...	1	Hon. Ivo Bligh	0
	32		16

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

Saturday, October 24th. — Colonel Mackenzie's prize:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. R. Renton...	98 14 84	Capt. Robin ...	94 4 90
Mr. G. Hornby ...	88 1 87	Lieut.-Col. Mayne .	99 9 90
Mr. T. W. Barker...	92 5 87	Mr. D. Turnbull ...	106 15 91
Mr. C. E. Lewis ...	97 10 87	Rev. W. Holland ...	109 18 91
Col. Mackenzie ...	91 3 88	Capt. Fairlie ...	98 6 92
Mr. R. B. Lattimer .	95 7 88	Mr. T. C. Robin ...	99 6 93
Capt. Sumner ...	95 7 88	Major Little ...	120 17 103
Mr. H. Spencer ...	94 4 90		

Eleven players made no returns.

ROYAL NORTH DEVON GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday last in bright sunshine with a strong cold east wind, nineteen competitors started for the monthly medal with its accompanying prizes and the usual sweepstakes. Dr. J. W. Cooke won the medal and the first sweep, also putting in a win for the Kentish Jubilee Gold Piece, and the Houldsworth cup. The Rev. E. C. Pigott took second sweep. In addition to those playing for the medal, twenty members and visitors engaged in private matches.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Dr. J. W. Cooke ...	113 84 89	Mr. W. G. Eden ..	124 24 100
Mr. J. C. McLaren ..	92 1 91	Mr. F. Dowell ...	117 16 101
Rev. E. C. Pigott...	112 16 96	Capt. Chichester ...	119 18 101
Mr. J. M. Cripps ...	106 8 98	Mr. J. H. Law ...	124 22 102
Rev. R. W. S. Vidal	105 6 99	Mr. F. Cooke ...	125 18 107
Major Pigott ...	112 12 100		

No returns:—Messrs. A. Boyd, G. Gorton, J. J. Harding, T. G. Heathcote, Wilson Hoare, W. E. Law, and Col. Boyes.

PRESTWICK GOLF CLUB.—The October medal was played for under very favourable conditions on Saturday, but by a somewhat small turnout of competitors, with the following result:—Mr. C. K. Aitken, 89, less 6=83; Mr. C. Thomson, 102, less 17=85; Mr. W. Neilson, 101, less 9=92; Mr. D. H. Gibb, 122, less 30=92. Mr. Aitken was accordingly the winner of the medal.

TROON GOLF CLUB.

Troon Golf Club competed for the Sandhills medal, which goes to the compiler of the smallest aggregate of four scores made during the year, on Saturday. The weather was very fine, but there was an unusually small turn-out of competitors, and, out of about thirty competitors, only five handed in cards as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. John Shaw ... 101 24 77	Mr. John Merry ... 94 4 90
Mr. J. B. Wilson ... 103 18 85	Mr. D. McKay ... 113 18 95
Mr. Wm. C. Wilson 103 14 89	

ROYAL WIMBLEDON GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club was held on Thursday and Saturday, October 29th and 31st, and fortunately enjoyed two of the best days experienced for some weeks. The daily rains of October had done great service to the course, washing in the light soil which had been spread over many of the rough places, but they also brought the worms up on the putting-greens to the grief of Patrick, who has most successfully worked the greens into their present excellent order. The course was extended to the full medal round, which to some extent accounts for the seemingly high scores, and justifies the handicaps being based on 83 for scratch. The winner of the "Steven" cup was Mr. W. Austen-Leigh, who with 100, less 16=84, on each day, also secured the handicap aggregate. The club gold medal fell to Mr. W. Laidlaw Purves with 88 scratch on the Thursday, while the familiar name of Mr. A. H. Molesworth appears against the "Bennet" medal on Saturday as a tie with Mr. W. Bazalgette at 87, scratch. Mr. Molesworth, however, secured the scratch aggregate. The "Anderson" beakers went to Mr. Horace Peel, with 93, less 13=80.

The general meeting of the club was held on Thursday, as usual, when Mr. William Charles Anderson was proposed as captain for the ensuing year, and accepted with cordial unanimity. A proposal to raise the entrance-fee from ten to fifteen guineas was negatived. The remaining business having been settled to the satisfaction of a well-attended meeting, the proceedings terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring captain, Mr. Henry A. Lamb.

The "Steven" challenge cup, October 29th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. W. Austen-Leigh 100 16 84	Mr. W. Morley ... 106 15 91
Mr. J. H. Driver ... 94 9 85	Mr. W. R. Portal ... 111 20 91
Mr. E. Turle ... 97 12 85	Mr. C. Macdona ... 115 24 91
Sir A. Moncrieff ... 101 15 86	Mr. W. D. Davidson 97 5 92
Mr. R. Whyte ... 91 4 87	Mr. J. Taylor... ... 102 10 92
Mr. H. P. Cumming 93 6 87	Mr W. F. Lyon ... 109 17 92
Mr. M. A. O. Mac-kenzie ... 97 10 87	Mr. A. H. Moles- worth ... ... 90 +3 93
Rev. W. T. Houlds- worth ... ... 102 15 87	Mr. N. R. Foster ... 91 +2 93
Mr. G. F. Muir ... 99 12 87	Mr. E. A. Walker... 96 6 93
Mr. H. T. Grundtvig 105 18 87	Mr. R. H. Caird ... 102 9 93
Mr. W. L. Purves... 88 scr. 88	Mr. W. Michie ... 102 9 93
Mr. C. A. W. Cameron 92 4 88	Mr. A. Davidson ... 103 10 93
Mr. F. E. Faithfull... 92 4 88	Mr. C. W. Harrison 111 18 93
Mr. E. M. Prothero 97 9 88	Mr. A. G. Rickards 114 21 93
Mr. A. Adams ... 98 10 88	Mr. J. M. Henderson 98 4 94
Mr. W. D. Scott- Moncrieff ... 99 11 88	Mr. F. Skene... ... 99 5 94
Mr. T. Smith ... 100 12 88	Mr. R. Thomson ... 99 5 94
Mr. W. C. Anderson 104 16 88	Mr. W. J. Cundell... 105 11 94
Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell 91 2 89	Mr. F. M. Smith ... 112 18 94
Mr. H. W. Horne... 97 8 89	Mr. R. T. Thomson 97 2 95
Mr. J. Croft ... 103 14 89	Mr. R. A. Deane ... 99 4 95
Gen. Elliott... ... 109 20 89	Mr. A. Gibson ... 115 20 95
Mr. J. L. Ridpath... 98 9 89	Mr. C. Morris ... 96 scr. 96
Mr. J. G. Gibson ... 92 2 90	Mr. W. Bazalgette... 99 3 96
Mr. C. Campbell ... 94 4 90	Mr. R. H. Pringle... 102 6 96
Mr. J. S. Russel ... 94 4 90	Mr. J. Wallace ... 103 6 97
Mr. F. J. Walker ... 95 5 90	Mr. J. F. Adams ... 105 8 97
Mr. P. Strickland... 97 7 90	Mr. G. Nicol ... 105 8 97
Mr. H. Peel ... 103 13 90	Sir H. Pottinger ... 113 16 97
Mr. J. Gane ... 106 16 90	Mr. R. H. Usher ... 113 16 97
Mr. J. H. Mudie ... 95 4 91	Rev. J. H. Ellis ... 109 11 98
Mr. J. M. Kerr ... 100 9 91	Mr. H. W. Bradford 113 15 98
Mr. A. Todrick ... 101 10 91	Mr. D. F. Park ... 116 18 98
Mr. H. Becher ... 103 12 91	Mr. C. F. Grundtvig 117 18 99
Mr. G. Clark ... 105 14 91	Mr. W. D. Bovill ... 107 7 100
Mr. W. Johnston ... 106 15 91	Mr. W. Gordon ... 109 9 100
	Mr. R. Clutton ... 115 14 101
	Rev. H. W. Hussey. 117 16 101

The club gold medal, 29th October, 1891:—Mr. W. L. Purves, 88; Mr. A. H. Molesworth, 90; Mr. N. R. Foster, 91; Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell, 91; Mr. R. Whyte, 91; Mr. J. G. Gibson, 92; Mr. C. A. W. Cameron, 92; Mr. F. E. Faithfull, 92; Mr. H. P. Cumming, 93; Mr. C. Campbell, 94; Mr. J. S. Russel, 94; Mr. J. H. Driver, 94; Mr. J. H. Mudie, 95; Mr. F. J. Walker, 95; Mr. C. Morris, 96; Mr. R. T. Thomson, 97;

Mr. W. D. Davidson, 97; Mr. P. Strickland, 97; Mr. H. W. Horne, 97; Mr. E. M. Prothero, 97.

The "Anderson" Beakers, October 31st:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. H. Peel ... 93 13 80	Mr. R. Thomson ... 96 5 91
Mr. C. Macdona ... 107 24 83	Mr. A. N. Cumming 97 6 91
Mr. W. Bazalgette... 87 3 84	Mr. R. F. Denniston 98 7 91
Mr. W. D. Bovill ... 91 7 84	Mr. G. Nicol ... 99 8 91
Mr. H. Becher ... 96 12 84	Mr. W. D. Scott Moncrieff ... 102 11 91
Mr. W. Austen-Leigh 100 16 84	Mr. H. T. Grundtvig 109 18 91
Mr. W. F. Lyon ... 101 17 84	Mr. P. Robertson ... 109 18 91
Mr. F. J. Walker ... 90 5 85	Mr. F. M. Smith ... 109 18 91
Mr. J. L. Ridpath... 94 9 85	Mr. C. Routh ... 104 12 92
Mr. E. M. Prothero 94 9 85	Mr. C. W. H. Harrison 110 18 92
Mr. H. P. Cumming 92 6 86	Mr. W. R. Portal ... 112 20 92
Mr. W. M. Allport... 104 18 86	Mr. J. M. Henderson 97 4 93
Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell 89 2 87	Mr. P. Strickland ... 100 7 93
Mr. F. E. Faithfull... 91 4 87	Mr. R. H. Caird ... 102 9 93
Mr. J. Wallace ... 93 6 87	Rev. J. H. Ellis ... 104 11 93
General Elliott ... 107 20 87	Mr. W. Gordon ... 103 9 94
Mr. J. H. Mudie ... 92 4 88	Mr. J. Murray ... 106 12 94
Mr. J. Dunlop Hill ... 100 12 88	Mr. T. Smith ... 106 12 94
Mr. E. Turle ... 100 12 88	Mr. H. Batten ... 108 14 94
Mr. H. Marsh ... 102 14 88	Mr. J. H. Driver ... 104 9 95
Mr. R. Dalzell ... 97 8 89	Mr. A. Davidson ... 106 10 96
Mr. W. C. Anderson 105 16 89	Mr. C. Wight ... 110 14 96
Mr. H. Jackson ... 107 18 89	Mr. C. A. W. Cameron 101 4 97
Mr. A. H. Moles- worth ... ... 87 +3 90	Mr. J. Taylor ... 107 10 97
Mr. W. L. Purves... 90 scr. 90	Mr. A. Adams ... 108 10 98
Mr. E. A. Walker... 96 6 90	Mr. A. G. Rickards. 120 21 99
Mr. J. Franklin Adams 98 8 90	Mr. C. F. Grundtvig 118 18 100
Mr. G. F. Muir ... 102 12 90	Mr. R. Whyte ... 105 4 101
Mr. N. R. Foster ... 89 +2 91	Mr. J. Gane ... 118 16 102
Mr. J. G. Gibson ... 93 2 91	Mr. R. H. Pringle... 116 6 110
Mr. F. Skene ... 96 5 91	

Eighteen players no returns.

The "Bennet" gold challenge medal, October 31st:—Mr. A. H. Molesworth, 87; Mr. W. Bazalgette, 87; Mr. N. R. Foster, 89; Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell, 89; Mr. W. L. Purves, 90; Mr. F. J. Walker, 90; Mr. F. E. Faithfull, 91; Mr. W. D. Bovill, 92; Mr. H. P. Cumming, 92; Mr. J. G. Gibson, 93; Mr. J. Wallace, 93; Mr. H. Peel, 93.

Scratch prize, best aggregate:—Mr. A. H. Molesworth, 177; Mr. W. L. Purves, 178; Mr. N. R. Foster, 180; Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell, 180; Mr. F. E. Faithfull, 183; Mr. J. G. Gibson, 185.

Handicap prize, best aggregate:—Mr. W. Austen-Leigh, 168; Mr. H. P. Cumming, 173; Mr. E. M. Prothero, 173; Mr. E. Turle, 173; Mr. C. Macdona, 174; Mr. F. J. Walker, 175.

Davidson gold challenge medal for best three scores at spring and autumn meetings:—W. Bazalgette, 99, less 9=90; 87, less 9=78; 87, less 3=84; total, 252.

SUTTON COLDFIELD GOLF CLUB.

The opening competition over the new course at Sreatley took place on the 17th ult., when the first monthly contest for the prize given by Mr. A. Ll. Lloyd was played with the following result:—Capt. C. L. Wilson, R.A., 92, less 11=81; Mr. J. H. Chavassi, 100, less 23=87; Mr. F. Rathbone, 113, less 16=97.

This new course, which was laid out by David Brown, of the Worcestershire Club, is gradually being brought into good condition, and in time it will, doubtless, be second to none in the Midlands. A club-house, with accommodation for the professional, has been erected, and Lindsay Ross, of the Braids and St. Andrews, is now in charge as green-keeper. The number of members is steadily increasing, and the following are some of the prizes open to them. Challenge cup, given by Mr. W. E. Chance, competed for at the annual meeting; Mr. A. Ll. Lloyd's prize (value five guineas), to be played for monthly during the winter by strokes, with handicap limited to 20; Mr. G. A. Muntz's prize (value five guineas), to be played for by holes, monthly, during the winter—this is a scratch competition; silver ash bowl, presented by Captain Wilson, to be played for under handicap with cleeks only. A monthly competition is also held on the second Saturday in each month throughout the year, every winner taking a bronze medal given by the club.

WALLASEY GOLF CLUB.

It may interest some of your readers to know that the members of this club are now playing upon their new green. Considering that work was only begun last August, the links reflect great credit on the very capable and energetic "green committee" of the club. R. W. Kirk, the well known Hoylake professional, has been engaged by the club, and is now daily superintending the work going on. From what we have seen of the green we think that all golfers will agree it will prove, after judicious work and care, a truly sporting and first-class

course. The carries from the tee are long, and over natural hazards, such as good honest sand bunkers; and the lies, though rough at present, will soon be all that a golfer can wish, as there is plenty of good turf. One prominent feature is that all the greens are natural, not one having to be laid, and after play and use of the machine will soon be as good as the far-famed Hoylake greens. The membership of the club is limited to 300, and already 212 members have been elected. As soon as the club-house is ready for use, plans of which have already been passed by the council, we prophesy this club will take a very leading position among the numerous Golf clubs of the United Kingdom. Though several members of the club have been playing over the greens for some days back, it was not till last Saturday a foursome was played, which might be called the "official" opening of the green. The four gentlemen engaged in it were really the originators of this club, and they are to be congratulated on the success which has already attended their efforts in such a marked degree. Capt. R. W. Brown, partnered by Mr. Jas. Cullen, played Mr. T. W. Crowther, one of the tru-tees, and Mr. Walter Roughton, the indefatigable secretary of the club, and a good match it proved. The match was one of 36 holes, and at end of the first round, which was a give-and-take match all the way round, "halved match" was declared. After luncheon, play was resumed, and at the sixth hole out Messrs. Crowther and Roughton were 3 up. This, however, was soon changed by the captain's careful and plucky play, and at the fourteenth hole the match was again all square. The next two holes, however, went to Messrs. Crowther and Roughton, thus the captain's ball being twice bunkered, but by brilliant play the seventeenth hole was won by Messrs. Brown and Cullen in 3, against a well played 4 by Messrs. Crowther and Roughton. This left the match dormy 1, but as Messrs. Crowther and Roughton secured this in 5, the captain and his partner had to retire defeated but not disgraced, having been beaten by two holes in this their first round of the Wallasey Golf Club links. It may be mentioned that the captain and his partner holed the first round in 100, against Messrs. Crowther and Roughton's 102. Many strokes were lost in the putting-greens, which naturally are very rough as yet.

#### WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

Glorious weather was experienced on Saturday, the 31st ult., when the monthly competition for the club cup was decided. The putting-greens were in first-rate order, but the course itself was heavy, to which fact the moderate scoring was attributable. Results:—Mr. Alexander Rotherham, 108, less 7=101; Mr. F. A. Bambridge, 113, less 12=101; Mr. S. J. Wheble, 128, less 27=101. The second competition for the Lefroy prize takes place next Saturday, and the November prize meeting begins on the 11th inst.

#### WHITLEY CLUB.

The first competition for the Joicey cup, value fifteen guineas, was played off on the 27th ult., at Whitley. The prize will be competed for in a series of twelve bi-monthly competitions, and there was a good muster of players for the opening game. After good play, Mr. G. F. Charlton was returned the winner at 90. During the contest, however, the following point arose:—Mr. Charlton's ball fell among some timber lying on the links. The player lifted it, and played the hole in 5; his next attempt cost him 7. The committee were, therefore, called on to decide whether he was entitled to remove the ball and count 5, or whether it should count 7, the latter being the number of strokes he took from the ball's first position. As will be seen from the scores, four players tied for third place. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. F. Charlton	93 3 90	Mr. J. Milton	107 12 95
Mr. C. A. Ridley	91 scr. 91	Mr. C. D. Ismay	123 28 95
Mr. G. W. Walters	95 scr. 95	Mr. R. T. Thomson	96 scr. 96
Mr. F. T. Ridley	100 5 95	Mr. G. Williams	99 3 96

Messrs. Lorimer, Marmion, Hutton, Brumell, Whyte, and Beall retired.

ALLOA.—The first match played over the new Golf course at Arnsbrae took place on Saturday, when teams representing the *Glasgow Herald* and the Alloa Clubs engaged in a friendly contest. Two rounds of the course or eighteen holes were played, and when the cards were handed in it was found the visitors had been thoroughly beaten, the scores being:—

ALLOA.		"HERALD."	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. C. Hendry	3	Mr. P. M'Nicol	0
Mr. T. Wallace	11	Mr. S. Hay	0
Mr. W. T. Buchan	9	Mr. G. Roxburgh	0
Mr. A. Norval	0	Mr. J. Rolo	0
Mr. J. Cuthbert	12	Mr. J. Lawrence	0
Mr. A. Roxburgh	0	Mr. J. Waugh	9
	35		9

LUFFNESS GOLF CLUB.—A competition for the Wemyss medal took place at Luffness on Saturday. There was a small turn-out of players. The medal was won by Mr. A. Hogarth with a score of 92, less 10=82; Mr. W. Merrilees being second with 89, less 4=85.

KING JAMES VI. GOLF CLUB, PERTH.—The members of this club competed on the North Inch on Saturday for the silver inkstand presented by Mr. J. F. Pullar. The weather was excellent, and the greens were in good condition. Twenty couples started, as follows:—Messrs. R. Dunsmore and R. Keay, Messrs. A. Robertson and A. Miller, Messrs. R. A. Hay and D. A. Cuthbert, Messrs. P. W. Campbell and Dan Wyllie, Messrs. J. C. Dow and G. T. Cairncross, Messrs. R. M. Robertson and D. S. Dow, Messrs. H. H. Greig and A. T. Mackay, Messrs. James Donaldson and R. Mackay, Messrs. David Wood and Dan Halley, Messrs. E. Campbell and John A. Robertson, Messrs. James Kennedy and J. R. Sinclair, Messrs. John Crerar and John Bruce, Messrs. W. Garvie and Rector Chambers, Messrs. James Patterson and Robert Halley, Messrs. L. Grant and W. S. Leitch, Major Chalmers and Mr. John Robertson, Messrs. A. M'Gillivray and John Thomson, Messrs. George Buist and Finlay MacEwen, Messrs. Thomas Chalmers and D. Fraser, Messrs. James Hay, jun., and A. H. Crawford. When the cards were handed in, it was found that the inkstand had been won by Mr. James Hay, jun., with the score of 115, less 6=109. The following are a few of the next best scores:—Mr. George Buist, 122, less 10=112; Mr. F. MacEwen, 132, less 20=112; Mr. Thomas Chalmers, 142, less 28=114; Mr. D. Fraser, 135, less 20=115; Mr. W. Garvie, 128, less 12=116; Mr. R. Halley, 120, less 4=116; Mr. John Crerar, 125, less 8=117; Mr. G. T. Cairncross, 123, less 6=117; Mr. P. W. Campbell, 136, less 18=118; Mr. Dan Halley, 148, less 30=118; Rector Chambers, 131, less 12=119; Major Chalmers, 129, less 10=119; Mr. James Donaldson, 125, less 6=119; Mr. James Kennedy, 133, less 14=119; Mr. Dan Wyllie, 136, less 16=120; Mr. A. Robertson, 129, less 8=121; Mr. L. Grant, 137, less 16=121. The sweepstake prizes were won by Mr. James Hay, jun., Mr. George Buist and Mr. F. MacEwan.

EDINBURGH CITY CHAMBERS CLUB.—This club played a competition on the Braids on Saturday, when the following prizes were competed for:—The club's monthly gold medal, the captain's prize, and prizes of balls presented by Mr. Somerville, Procurator-Fiscal. The results were: 1, Mr. D. W. Walker—gold medal, captain's prize, and prize of balls—91 (scratch); 2, Mr. Donald Cameron, 98, less 4=94; 3, Mr. James Russell, 109, less 11=98. The captain having waived his right to his own prize, the set of clubs presented by him fall to Mr. Donald Cameron.

BURNISLAND CLUB.—The monthly competition for the anniversary medal and added sweepstakes took place at High Bents on Saturday, when there was a good muster. Owing to the rearrangement of the course, ampler scope being now given at one or two of the holes for long driving, and the roughness of the newly-cut putting-greens, scores were higher than usual. The prize-winners were as follows:—Mr. J. Venters, 87, less 2=85; Mr. W. Elder, 95, less 7=88; Mr. J. Wood, 89, plus 1=90; Mr. A. Lyon, 101, less 10=91; Mr. J. W. Connel, 98, less 3=95.

DORNOCH.—On Saturday the closing competition of the season was held for Provost Sutherland's prize, and a special prize presented by Mr. Gilchrist of Ospisdale. Messrs. J. Sutherland, 83, plus 3=86; and Neal Macdonald with 85, plus 1=86, tied. The special thus falls to either of the two players named, while Provost Sutherland's prize (an exceedingly handsome mounted album) rests between Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Alexander Angus (6 odds), each of whom has put in five wins.

FORTROSE AND ROSEMARKIE.—The October competition for the Rosehaugh medal took place on the 29th ult. Weather fine and the greens in fair condition. Fewer members than usual competed. The medal was won for the second time by Colonel Stephen, Avoch House, with net 103.

AIRDRIE GOLF CLUB.—The monthly meeting to play for the Watt medal was held on the green at Rochsoles, on Saturday. Very fine weather brought out a good muster of the members. Undernoted are the best scores:—Mr. M. R. Mitchell, 106, less 8=98; Mr. W. Baird, 105, less 4=101; Mr. J. W. Findlay, 109, less 6=103.

GLASGOW ACADEMY GOLF CLUB.—By the courteous permission of the Prestwick St. Nicholas Golf Club the members of the above club held a competition over the links of the local club on Saturday. The best scores were made by Mr. J. Leisk, 49; and Mr. A. Sevan, 51; for the round of nine holes.

KILMARNOCK GOLF CLUB.—The Kilmarnock Golf Club opened their season on the Assington Links near Kilmarnock, on Saturday, with a good turn-out of the members. The captain's prize was played for under special rules, the first round being for score, and the four lowest scorers being required to play in a semi-final and final for holes, the winner to become the possessor of the prize. The four lowest scorers were:—Mr. J. Auld, 91, less 10=81; Mr. P. Brown, 93, less 12=81; Mr. J. Davidson, 92, less 10=82; Mr. J. Alexander, 100, less 18=82.

**WARRENDER GOLF CLUB.**—The autumn competition of this club was held over the Braids on Wednesday last in most enjoyable weather, which was a strange contrast to the last two outings of the club. The principal prize was the Inglis gold cross (scratch), the winner of which obtains also a gold charm. There were in addition other seven valuable prizes. After the round had been finished the following were found to be the prize winners:—Mr. Frank Mathie, 87, less 7=80 (winner of the Inglis gold cross and gold charm); Mr. D. G. Robertson, 97, less 12=85; Mr. Gavin Spence, 104, less 17=87; Mr. W. H. Menzies, 104, less 15=89; Mr. T. S. Kay, 95, less 4=91; Mr. J. K. Andrews, 101, less 4=97; Mr. Geo. Campbell, 116, less 18=98; Mr. Robert Clark, 118, less 10=108. At the annual general meeting of the club the following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year: Captain, Mr. J. K. Andrews; treasurer, Mr. David Stocks; secretary, Mr. Frank Mathie; members of the council, Messrs. M'Call, Campbell, Grahamslaw, and Robertson. The membership of the club has increased since acquiring their club-room on the Braids.

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