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OCTOBER.

- Oct. 17.—Royal Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Aberdeen Club : Pickop Cup.
Royal Epping Forest : Quarterly Medal.
Disley : Sixth Summer Handicap.
Glasgow : Autumn Meeting.
Prestwick St. Nicholas : Ayr Trophy, &c.
Epsom : Monthly Medal.
Haydock Park : Williamson Medal.
Seaton Carew : Club Cup.
Royal Montreal : Sidey Medal.
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.
Falkirk : Handicap Tournament.
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St. George's, Sandwich : Franklin-Adams Gold Medal ;
Club Cup ; Caird Prize.
Edinburgh C. A. : Autumn Meeting.
Richmond : Autumn Meeting.
Ealing : Monthly Medal.
Richmond : Autumn Meeting.
Lanark : Silver Cleek.
Prestwick St. Nicholas : Meikle Prize ; Armour Medal ;
Final for Marshall Wane and Co.'s Prize.
County Down : County Down Railway Cup and Club Prize.
Oct. 17-19.—Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Autumn Meeting.
St. George's, Sandwich : Captain's Medal.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 18.—Formby : Monthly Optional.
Oct. 19.—St. George's, Sandwich : Club Cup.
Oct. 21.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Gold Medal ; Noakes Cup.
Oct. 22.—Nottingham : Autumn Cup.

- Oct. 22-24.—Rhyl : Autumn Meeting ; Visitors' Cup.
Oct. 22-29.—Hayling Island : Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 23-24.—Prestwick : *Evening Times* Trophy.
Oct. 24.—Warwickshire : Leaf Prize.
Royal Belfast : Iota Cup.
Royal Montreal : Colts Champion Belt.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Bury Cup.
Forfar : Autumn Meeting.
Lanark : Vassie Prize.
Oct. 24-27.—Felixstowe : Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 29-31.—Royal Wimbledon : Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 30-31.—Royal Eastbourne : Autumn Meeting.
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.
Oct. 31.—Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup.
Luffness : Wemyss Challenge Medal.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Monthly Medal.
Haddington : Ross Medal.
Royal Montreal : Buchanan Cup.
Dundee : Club Cross.
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.
Cathkin Braes : Vice-President's Prizes.
Haydock Park : Legh Challenge Cup.
Epsom : Rosebery Gold Medal.
Alnmouth : Handicap Cup.
Ilkley : Buckley Cup ; Monthly Medal.
Littlestone : Autumn Meeting.
Royal Dublin : Open Handicap Prize, value £10.
Troon : Sandhills Medal.
Prestwick St. Nicholas : Prestwick Monthly Medal.
West Cornwall : Monthly Handicap (Final).

NOVEMBER.

- Nov. 3.—Hayling Island Ladies' : Bath Challenge Star.
West Cornwall : Ladies' Monthly Handicap (Final).
Nov. 5.—Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.
Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Competition.
Nov. 6-7.—Tooting : Autumn Meeting ; General Meeting.
Nov. 7-9.—Gullane : November Meeting.
Great Yarmouth : November Meeting ; Autumn 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.

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THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

The last week in September and the first week in October have provided abundant excitement for those interested in first-class Golf. Such a gathering of the clans has rarely been seen, for no sooner had the amateur combatants for the autumn medals completed their task, than they had to prepare, such of them as were in the front rank, for a further and more serious encounter. The date of the open championship had been fixed by the Royal and Ancient for October 6th. This club is popularly supposed to hold in the world of Golf a position somewhat analogous to that of the M.C.C. in cricket. How far it is capable of maintaining that position may be estimated from the fact that the combined intelligence of those responsible for this fixture was unequal to the discovery of the fact that the Hoylake, Westward Ho! and Prestwick meetings (these three ranking next in importance to St. Andrews) had previously been advertised to take place during the week in question. It will be remembered that Mr. John Ball, jun., was the then holder of the championship; therefore, to fix October 6th as the day for decision was especially lacking in courtesy to the Liverpool Golf Club, and must have been due either to most reprehensible negligence, or to the most apathetic indifference to the convenience, not only of this gentleman, but also of such other members of Hoylake Golf Club as might wish to attend that meeting. For besides Mr. Ball, there are in the front rank of amateurs Mr. Laidlay, Mr. Macfie, Mr. Everard, Mr. Charles Hutchings, Mr. Horace G. Hutchinson, Mr. H. H. Hilton, and Mr. F. A. Fairlie, all members of the Liverpool Club, most of whom were by this ill-considered action of the committee debarred from attending the autumn meeting (if they wished to do so) by reason of their desire to compete in the open championship. It is true that Mr. Ball and Mr. Hilton, at great inconvenience, arrived, and that they signified their intention of playing at Hoylake besides, but this would necessitate a long night journey to Liverpool, not the best possible preparation for a day's Golf, while Mr. Fairlie, whose presence would have materially strengthened the amateur ranks, preferred to play at Prestwick on the Wednesday.

It is further to be noted that Mr. Ball and Mr. Hilton were respectively first and second on that day, despite the inconvenient nature of the arrangements, a fact which eloquently testifies to the robustness of their powers. The evil of the whole matter lies in this, that the Royal and Ancient has now become more of a social than a golfing club; and golfing interests, instead of being paramount, suffer accordingly. The administration of these is frequently entrusted to gentlemen ludicrously out of touch with the wider golfing world, gentlemen who, however able in the domestic management of a club, are not practical golfers, or acquainted in the slightest degree with the larger golfing community. Can anyone suppose that if the arrangement of this, the most important fixture of the year, had been handed over, say, to some half-dozen of the leading players of the club, who are all well acquainted with other greens, and with the principal players upon them, that such a discreditable bungle would have been made? The date of such a fixture as the championship should have been made known months beforehand, instead of which the proceedings were arranged in a sort of hole-and-corner way, little more than a month before the date of play, and never advertised in GOLF at all. This was especially hard upon some of the leading professionals resident in England, who were thus kept in ignorance of a new departure initiated on this occasion, viz., that of closing the entries at an earlier date than usual, the general custom being to close the list on the evening before the competition. At great expense to themselves, they came up, or some of them, only to find they were too late, and no less than ten players were rigorously excluded. A compromise was partially effected by allowing them to compete under protest—a document was drawn up, signed by most of the competitors, investing them in a sort of informal manner with a right of entry, but to obtain the signatures was a most laborious task to the players interested, and if in the end one of this number had won the championship, much trouble would almost certainly have ensued. The only English paper in which information was given was the *Field*, which is a more expensive paper than professionals can usually afford. It may be admitted, then, that it is only natural they felt considerably aggrieved. Again, the managing body did not, apparently, think it necessary (if they thought about the matter at all) to insist upon the very obvious precaution of instructing their agent to receive all entries in writing. This omission also—as was only to be expected—was productive of much trouble. The memory of Tom Morris appears to have been relied upon as all-sufficient for the occasion; but, in at least one case, that veteran admittedly forgot all about a would-be competitor, while in others there was much conflict of testimony as to whether he had received names or not. What could have been simpler than to announce that every entry was to be addressed in writing to the secretary of the club? The whole antecedent circumstances, therefore, it will be seen, are regrettable, showing, as they do, most slipshod management, and reflecting but little credit upon the body which arrogates to itself the position of premier club.

Coming to the question of the time of year at which this competition should take place, there seems no particular reason why it should not be earlier than at present. In October and November the daylight begins to fail, and, in addition, the weather is, at the best, uncertain. On the last occasion, when Musselburgh was the scene of action, it was reported that many competitors had received a *douceur* in consideration of their withdrawing from the contest, in order to leave the field open for those having a chance to finish while daylight lasted. It is tolerably certain that, in the future, entries for this event will tend to increase rather than diminish, for the victory of Mr. Ball infused much additional interest into the contest, and showed the amateurs, who had previously been rather "backward in coming forward," that they need not absolutely despair of taking honourable places even when pitted against the highest talent.

Coming to the actual play, it may be said that most of the leading professionals arrived four or five days before the date fixed, and many interesting matches were played. In view of subsequent events, it may be well to recall two of Hugh Kirkaldy's matches, one against the champion, David Brown, in which the former played two rounds of the green without a six occurring in either round; he beat Brown by four strokes on the day. Another interesting match was that between him and Willie Fernie on Monday, October 5th, wherein the former was again victorious—in the first instance by 2, in the second by 3 holes. His scores were 81 and 84. The morning of Tuesday, the 6th inst., disclosed the most uncomfortable weather conditions imaginable; torrents of rain were falling, accompanied by a high south-east wind. The rain, fortunately, moderated later on, with the exception of several drenching squalls, but the wind continued, and water lay in pools between the first and second holes. Altogether, although a worse scoring day might be evolved in the exercise of imagination, still, it was sufficiently bad to act prejudicially on the play of many competitors. These considerations give rise to the reflection that the winner's score was in reality an even better performance than that indicated by the actual figures, excellent beyond record though these are. In the year 1873 Tom Kidd won the championship with a score of 179. The day on that occasion was one of ideal excellence; not the lightest breath of autumn wind stirred the gossamer cobwebs which floated in the atmosphere; while course and putting-greens alike were all that could be desired. Yet now Hugh Kirkaldy, on a dark, stormy day, altogether unfavourable for low scoring, hands in the winning card thirteen strokes better than this. Jamie Anderson, until now, held the record for this event with 170. Bob Fergusson, Bob Martin, and Jack Burns each returned 171, one and all of which scores were made under infinitely easier conditions than those which characterised this 6th of October. In reviewing these circumstances it is impossible to avoid the comparison suggested, when it is remembered that, under unfavourable conditions, the record has been broken by the first three players, and equalled by the fourth. There is little doubt that the result has been to place at the top of the tree the three golfers whom most people would consider the strongest players. The actual winner was he who, for some time previously, had played the most consistently steady game, and it is in accordance with propriety that the player who has holed his native green in the marvellous scores of 74 and 73 should now be laurel-crowned as champion. Scotland generally, and St. Andrews in particular, may be congratulated upon the reassertion of her supremacy.

Some time ago sundry jeremiads appeared deploring the decadence of interest in professional Golf. There is now reason to hope there will be a recrudescence of healthy symptoms; in fact, of late, it has been increasingly manifest that such is the case. The two Kirkaldy brothers have come out in front of their comrades, and if in a recent match they failed to add to their reputation, it should be remembered that individually, if not in combination, they are equalled by few. The victor's game throughout was characterised by extraordinary precision and length of driving. As a general rule, he may be said to have been unlucky rather than the reverse in the lies experienced after his fine tee shots, but this made no sort of difference to him, from good lies and bad alike he drove with unflinching power and straightness—on some occasions sending full play-club shots up to within a few feet of the hole. If criticism of such a fine performance be permitted, it must be directed to the short game, for in every other department his play was beyond reach of it. On the greens he often left himself just enough to do, but usually succeeded in doing it, though as was nearly sure to happen he sometimes failed. His card for the second half of the last round curiously enough consisted entirely of fives, for long and short holes alike, one of these representing a brilliant recovery from the vexatious obstruction known as "Sutherland," into which he carried, just got out, and by a very long drive reached the edge of the green, whence in two more strokes he holed out. Seven fours and two fives were recorded on the outward journey, so that his second round consisted entirely of these figures, a sufficiently remarkable circumstance. Following close upon his heels came his elder brother and Willie Fernie, each of them, curiously enough, with 84 to every round. There is but little to choose between this trio of accomplished players. Andrew Kirkaldy at the end of thirty-four holes had played 156

strokes, the same number as his brother. Fernie had played 158; the former, therefore, had 9 to win and 10 to tie, a by no means impossible task for a player of his calibre. A 6 to the first of these holes left but a 4 for the last, in gallantly attempting which he ran past about a club-length, and failed to hole back. As to Fernie, his task was now, if not impossible, at least improbable to the last degree, such a figure as a 4 to the Road hole being rare of attainment. His adventures were not without a spice of bad luck, as a very fine shot to the last hole but three landed in a bunker known as "Grant of Kilgraston," calling for a 6, where a sure 5, and probable 4 would have been marked. He thus tied with Andrew Kirkaldy for second honours, the tie being decided the following day in favour of the latter by two strokes. Details:—

A. Kirkaldy:—

Out	5	5	4	4	5	5	5	3	5=41	} 85
Home	3	4	6	5	5	5	4	7	5=44	

W. Fernie:—

Out	5	4	5	5	6	4	4	3	4=40	} 87
Home	4	4	6	6	6	5	6	6	4=47	

In playing the tie Fernie was to some extent off his driving, and, indeed, considerably below the usual excellent form associated with his name.

A perusal of the amateurs' returns disclosed the fact that Mr. Mure Fergusson had been the most successful, attaining fourth place with 86, 84, total 170. While this is a sufficiently satisfactory result even as it stands, it must yet be said that he threw away his chance of winning outright by his almost wicked failures at short putts in the second round alone. This is the more extraordinary, as he is such a good holer out as a general rule. His detailed score for the last round was:—

Out	5	5	3	6	5	4	5	4	5=42	} 84
Home	4	3	4	6	6	6	5	5	3=42	

In this score he missed six putts, none of them much over a foot in length, viz., at the second, seventh, eighth, ninth, thirteenth, and fifteenth holes, while at the fourth hole, where he had arrived in the closest proximity in two magnificent shots, he failed to hole out under a total of 6. With great ease, therefore, this round, instead of 84, might have been 76, a sufficiently provoking reflection for him. What his driving and approaching was may be imagined, when, with all these lost chances, his total only amounted to 84. Mr. John Ball, jun., it is satisfactory to note, tied with the champion for the lowest single round, viz., 83, but a most unfortunate Road hole in the first round cost him no less than 11, by which his total mounted to 94, too large a figure when such a field had to be reckoned with. Mr. Alex. Stuart, the medal winner with 85, ran up the hopeless score of 98 in his first round, and did not further persevere. Mr. H. H. Hilton, with 89, 86=175, was next best after Mr. Mure Fergusson. Mr. R. B. Sharp (who played with Andrew Kirkaldy) was 179, and Messrs. Laidlay and Charles Hutchings 180. The professionals have thus avenged their defeat of last year. It is difficult to see how the field could have been strengthened, save by the presence of Douglas Rolland, Mr. Leslie Balfour, and the Fairlie brothers. Amateurs and professionals were about evenly divided. Among the latter were old Tom Morris, a four-fold champion (score 193); Bob Martin, twice champion (183); Jack Simpson (186); Jack Burns (first round 93); Mr. John Ball, jun. (177); Willie Park, jun., twice champion (173); Willie Fernie (168); and David Brown (176), all former winners. To defeat such men as these, and hosts of other no less formidable antagonists, is a success upon which the dashing young professional, Hugh Kirkaldy, may be very heartily congratulated.

PROPOSED GOLF LINKS AT HUNTER'S QUAY.—A Golf club, to be known as the Cowal Golf Club, is being formed for the district of Kilm, Dunoon, and Hunter's Quay. The links will be within a few minutes' walk of Hunter's Quay, between the Rifle Range and the Ardenslake Road, and a lease of the ground has been secured on moderate terms. Willie Campbell, who has reported favourably on the suitability of the turf and the natural hazards that can be utilised, has received instructions to lay out a nine-hole course, which is expected to be ready for play within a few weeks.

BUTE CLUB.—The members of this club played their monthly handicap competition for the M'Call gold medal over the links at Quochoag, Kingarth, on Saturday, 3rd inst. The greens were in very good order, and the weather was favourable for the game. The final stage of this competition will take place on the first Saturday of November. Mr. Baxter was declared the winner of the day, his rounds being 49 and 50. The best cards handed in were the following:—Mr. A. Baxter, Rothesay, 99, less 12=87; Mr. A. Primrose, Rothesay (scratch), 106; Mr. A. M'Gaw, Rothesay, 114, less 6=108; Rev. J. Saunders, Kingarth, 116, less 8=108.

FROM ELIE TO THE KYLES O' BUTE.

This beautiful little Fifeshire golfing green has just closed what is admitted on all hands to have been by far its most successful season. Early in the spring the course presented an unusually animated appearance, and throughout the summer months, and more especially in August and the early days of September, players were so numerous that blocks at the short holes were somewhat too frequent and protracted to be comfortable. The secret of the success of Earlsferry, as a resort for golfers, is not far to seek. Although Earlsferry links proper can only boast of eleven holes, the course in point of interest and general attractiveness is probably not to be excelled by any green of a like size north of the Border. The player of moderate capabilities swears by Earlsferry. He does so because the course offers all the charm of really excellent, if not perhaps first-class, Golf without overwhelming him with insurmountable difficulties. Hazards there are in plenty, but they are of such a nature that a reasonable amount of care and skill will enable most players to negotiate them in safety, without in the least becoming tame. One hears a great deal of the desirableness of the clubs making an effort to secure the fields adjoining the present course, and thus extending it to eighteen holes, in what would be an almost circular form. In the event of this being one day brought about the ladies' course, which at present is at some distance from the long course, could be laid out in the centre—an arrangement which commends itself warmly to all the lady golfers. Under existing circumstances the ladies are a trifle in the background, and unless they venture to accompany their male friends and relatives to the regular course, where I am bound in honesty to say they are not welcome, they must confine themselves to the recreation park which is unquestionably a capital ladies' green, but too far removed from Earlsferry to promote the social element which after all counts for something at holiday resorts. The fields mentioned can, it is said, be easily enough secured if the money were forthcoming; but in this all-important matter the natives and visitors are not exactly at one. Native says, "let visitor stump up"; visitor responds, "you make a pretty good thing out of us in a multitude of ways, do something for us in return, and at the same time benefit yourselves." And so the question of the extension of this charming course is likely to remain, where it is unless some local nabob (and there are one or two in the neighbourhood) solves the difficulty by making them a gift of the ground. Truth to say, however, Mr. Native hereabouts is not of an enterprising turn of mind. He prefers to leave the enterprise, particularly where financial outlay is concerned, to the visitor, and in this way he is content to let the course remain as it is.

During my stay at Earlsferry, a concert was given in aid of the ladies' Golf club. Mr. Marwick, the secretary, was kind enough to invite your correspondent. The programme was rather a startling one for amateurs to essay, but the audience managed to live through it; and, what is more to the point, the club funds were enriched by a good round sum. The Marine Hotel Company, Limited, are untiring in their endeavours to popularise the game here. The manager, Mr. Fish, is an enthusiastic golfer, and considering that he is "quite English, you know," and has only played some six months, he is a remarkably good golfer. In the smoke-room of the "Marine" golfers were wont to foregather in the long evenings of September, and many a tough match was fought again over a friendly pipe and a glass of grog. Many, too, were the discussions on every conceivable and inconceivable point relating to the Royal and Ancient game. On one occasion someone startled those present by springing upon them the question, "Will a Golf-ball swim?" Nobody seemed to be quite certain on the point, but the company were pretty equally divided *pro* and *con*. To place the matter beyond doubt a basin of water was procured, and a number of guttas—some new, others remade—were tried. The result was, what probably few golfers are aware of, viz., that a *new* ball sinks like a stone, while a *made-up* floats with almost perfect buoyancy.

While spending a few days at Port Bannatyne Hydropathic, I was asked by the manager, Mr. Menzies, to walk over the course mapped out a few weeks ago by Willie Campbell, and which it is proposed to acquire as an additional attraction to this beauti-

fully situated hydro. Although certain directors of somewhat fossilised ideas are disposed to oppose the expenditure necessary in renting the ground, there is every likelihood of these objections being got rid of, and the Kyles of Bute Golf course added to the long list of new greens. Fortunately there was a member of the Bournemouth Golf Club staying at the hydro., who had on the strength of a six-line paragraph in GOLF brought a cleek and several balls with him to the Kyles. A match was at once arranged to inaugurate the new course, and was immediately accepted by many of the visitors (the majority of whom had decidedly rugged ideas of the game), as being of an international character. So one fine morning we started off with one cleek between us, and accompanied by quite a crowd of curious southerners. But the wet grass speedily damped their ardour, and before we had holed out the first hole our following was reduced to one ardent "brither Scot," who, chart in hand, preceded us all the way round, indicating as nearly as possible the position of the holes as they appeared on Campbell's map. I have no hesitation in saying that with a reasonable expenditure of labour and money the Kyles of Bute course will make a fairly interesting and attractive golfing ground. Both soil and grass are much more favourable to the game than might naturally have been looked for in this hilly district. The hazards, though not numerous, will be plentiful enough to make the round quite lively enough for the south country "scene shifters," who never fail to visit the Kyles of Bute in the holiday season.

We played the twelve holes indicated on the chart, "The Chiel" coming well out of it with four up and three to play. An incident, by the way, is worth relating. Crossing a barbed fence at one point on our journey, my Bournemouth friend was caught by the seat of his knickerbockers, and in a moment he was too airily attired for eyes polite. Neither of us had a pin, and to add to the horror of the situation we espied a party of ladies from the hydro. advancing to meet us and learn something of the mystic game. Seeing the critical state of affairs I called upon the unhappy Sassenach to change jackets, he being a good many inches the shorter. When the ladies arrived they were vastly amused at the figure cut by Mr. Bodge, attired in a Norfolk some six sizes too large for him. Then they became curious. "Why have you changed jackets?" quoth one fair maid. "Ah," said Bodge, without a blush, "of course you don't understand, but it's part of the game, you know; very funny game, Golf, when you come to know it!"

THE CHIEL.

INNERLEVEN GOLF CLUB.—The autumn meeting of the club was held over Leven links on the 8th inst., in beautiful weather. The club met for business at 10 a.m., when four new members were admitted. Play was begun at 11 o'clock, when the following couples started to compete for the Chiene silver putter (scratch), and a prize presented by Mr. James Anderson for the best aggregate score under handicap at the summer and autumn meetings. A prize was also presented by Mr. T. C. Balfour for the best handicap score for the incoming nine holes. The order of starting was as follows:—Rev. A. B. Campbell and Mr. Robert Russell; Messrs. H. W. Hutchison and John Balfour; Messrs. R. W. B. Creeke and G. J. Wallace; Messrs. John C. Watson and Philip Grosset; Messrs. W. Norman Boase and John W. Duncan; Rev. Charles Durward and Mr. William Shepherd; Messrs. Robert Smith and George Russell; Rev. Alexander M'Kenzie and Mr. John Adamson; Mr. S. W. Johnston and Rev. John Ritchie; Messrs. John H. Carswell and George R. Fortune; Messrs. Patrick W. Brewster and John MacGibbon; Messrs. Robert R. Prentice and James Anderson; Messrs. Alexander M'Laren and David Crole; Messrs. James Bell and Andrew Dewars; Messrs. C. Fred. Balfour and David Wallace; Dr. A. H. Vassie and Dr. A. F. Crole; Sheriff Lees and Rev. William Milne; Rev. Dr. Andrew Gray and Mr. W. H. Dalrymple; Messrs. John Wallace and James H. Smith; Messrs. R. W. Wallace and John Cowan; Messrs. Alexander Anderson and John G. Ballingall. The Chiene silver putter was won by Mr. John W. Duncan, at 86. Mr. Anderson's prize fell to Mr. W. Norman Boase, with 90 and 86=176; and Mr. Alexander Anderson gained Mr. Balfour's prize with 49, less 10=39. The next best scratch scores were:—Mr. C. Fred. Balfour, 87; Mr. John C. Watson, 90; Dr. A. H. Vassie, 91; Mr. John H. Carswell, 93; Mr. Robert Russell, 94; Mr. W. N. Boase, 95; Mr. P. W. Brewster, 96. Sweepstakes were gained by Messrs. C. Fred. Balfour, Alexander Anderson, John W. Duncan, Dr. A. F. Crole, Messrs. W. H. Dalrymple, W. N. Boase, R. R. Prentice, and John C. Watson.



The Open Championship has been decided for another year in the brilliant victory of Hugh Kirkaldy. The short-lived reign of amateur talent in the person of Mr. John Ball has therefore come to an end; but the number of amateur competitors increases year by year. There were 83 competitors—43 professionals and 40 amateurs; it took three and a half hours to start all the players; and it was at one time feared that darkness would overtake some of the couples before they got home. In order to obviate this drawback and to crowd the play into one day, the suggestion has been made by Mr. D. I. Lamb, the convener of the Green Committee, to the effect that in future those competitors who do not come, in their first round, within a certain number of strokes of the lowest card returned, should fall out in the second stage.

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Unless the committee wish to create heartburnings, dissatisfaction, and a sense of injustice, especially among the professionals, they would be better advised to try a less drastic remedy. Entries will increase as years go on, and it will be found physically impossible to finish the competition in one day. Let two days be the time fixed, and give all competitors fair scope. The committee ought also to take notice of the grumblings caused by the disqualifications of the ten players, owing to late entries. An advertisement in the *Field* and the *Scotsman* is not enough; the secretaries of all Golf clubs should receive notice individually to call the attention of members and professionals to the competition, and its conditions. But the whole subject needs looking into, and readjustment.

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Hugh Kirkaldy, who on Tuesday the 6th inst. won the Open Golf Championship at St. Andrews, by his brilliant score of 166 for the double round of the links, is a native of the ancient cathedral city, where he has grown up in the very nursery of professional Golf. In his twenty-third year, he is a strapping young fellow, and his physique warrants the hope that he may maintain the magnificent form which secured for him the highest position in the golfing world. His game is characterised by all that is best in the St. Andrews "school" of professionalism. With a full quick swing he drives a very powerful ball; his approach game is played with great judgment and with grand effect, and his putting—though he is not above making a slip now and then at the holed side—is, as a rule, deadly. He is the youngest of the three Kirkaldy brothers, and on Tuesday his elder brother Andrew was very near tying with him for the Cup.

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Lovers of Golf in the south of England will doubtless be glad to hear that Andrew Kirkaldy, of St. Andrews, who was second in the championship decided last week, has accepted an engagement for the winter months with the Winchester Golf Club.

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LOW SCORING AT GLASGOW.—Playing over the Alexandra Park course, Glasgow, on Wednesday afternoon, in a single with Mr. John Thomson, Mr. Adam Neillie put together the fine score of 72 strokes, made up as follows:—Out, 3 5 3 5 5 4 5 4 3 =37; In, 5 4 4 3 3 3 4 4 5 =35=72. It will be observed that

no figure in the above exceeds five, and when it is taken into account the mettle of his opponent, whose capability as a match player is well known, the score appears all the more meritorious and is only two strokes behind the record established by Mr. Milne last October over the same eighteen holes.

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Mr. Thomson and Mr. R. Adam have been chosen by the Ardeer Golf Club as representatives in the forthcoming tournament for the *Evening Times* Trophy, which takes place at Prestwick on 23rd and 24th current.

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It is understood that the committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews appointed a considerable time ago to revise the rules of the game, reported to the annual general meeting on Tuesday, 30th ult., submitting a draft of the rules as revised. These were approved by the meeting, and the new rules, which it is proposed should come into force on the 1st January, only now remain to be finally adjusted by the committee

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HE KNEW SOMETHING.—“I hear that your rival, Smith, has been successful in becoming engaged to Miss Bulger,” said a young man to his friend.

“Yes, I did my best, but he was more clever than I.”

“Indeed! How was that?”

“He knew enough to let her father beat him at Golf; I didn’t!”

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A GOLFING INCIDENT.—Ex-captain Dougall, Royal Musselburgh Golf Club, playing in a foursome on Tuesday last, over Earlsferry Links, killed a weasel from a cleek shot, the ball from which was nearly spent, but hit the little creature in the mouth with immediate fatal result. This is considered a rather rare incident in golfing annals.

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The Sherringham Golf Club, Norfolk, have engaged the services of Gourlay Dunn, son of Tom Dunn, as professional to the club. He entered on his duties on Monday. The course is now in good order, and the club is increasing rapidly.

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The visitors’ cup competition at the annual meeting of the Rhyl Golf Club will take place on Saturday, the 24th inst., the last day of the meeting.

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LOW SCORING AT PRESTWICK.—Mr. W. Milne, secretary of the Glasgow Golf Club, playing over the links of the St. Nicholas Golf Club on Thursday, the 1st inst., holed out the double round in 73 strokes, a very fine performance, as follows:—First round, 4 4 3 3 3 4 5 4 5=35; second round, 4 4 3 3 6 5 4 4 5=38; total, 73.

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Mr. W. Gibson Bloxson, secretary of the Tantallon Golf Club, was presented with a valuable silver tray on Saturday last, in recognition of his twelve years’ services to the club. Bailie Whitecross, captain of the club, made the presentation.

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Mr. J. E. Laidlay was in the Newcastle district last Saturday, and paid a visit to Ryton-on-Tyne, playing a friendly game against the Tyneside Club’s professional, R. Collins, a good match resulting in favour of Mr. Laidlay.

NEWBIGGIN CLUB.—The captain’s gold medal was competed for on the 8th inst., in fine weather, this being the eleventh contest for this prize during the present season. The result was a tie between Messrs. Wood and Longstaff. Scores—Mr. J. W. Wood, 96, less 1=95; Mr. G. Longstaff, 103, less 8=95; Mr. J. Tate, 113, less 9=104. No return from Mr. Wilkinson.



QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Anywhere on the green, a ball within six inches can be lifted, but *in a bunker*, though I might have raised it in playing my own, I held that my opponent’s ball was not liftable, though within six inches of mine. Was I right or was I wrong?

I am, Sir, &c.,

M. NIBLICK.

Bunker, October 9th, 1891.

[A ball lying within six inches *in any situation* must be lifted. The ball nearer the hole is lifted in order to allow the second player to play; it is replaced, of course, without penalty.—ED.]

THE PHYSICS OF THE BULGER.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—As I was abroad I did not see your issue of August 14th, when it appeared. On reading over my letter on the mechanics of the bulger, which you were good enough to insert, I notice that figures 2 and 3 have become transposed, doubtless owing to my bad writing. This may, perhaps, occasion confusion in the minds of some, though to the majority the error will probably be apparent. For the sake of greater clearness, I might have stated that in each of the figures the observer is supposed to be a right-handed player looking at the head of his own club.

I am, Sir, &c.,

CYCLOPHILOS.

Chislehurst, September 28th.

GOLF IN AUSTRALIA.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—It will be interesting to golfers in the Old Country to learn that a club has now been successfully started in this city. The principal promoter was Mr. J. M. Bruce, who has just returned from a two years’ sojourn in England, where he was for some time a member of the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club; and with him were associated a few old members of various well known clubs, both in Scotland and England. The club begins with a membership of over 140, one hundred of whom subscribed £15 15s. each, as foundation members. A capital 18-hole course has been secured, and a professional, who is now on his way out to Australia, has been engaged as caretaker. An auspicious beginning has been made, and every Saturday several excellent matches, both single and foursome (the most of the players duly attired in the traditional knickerbockers and red coats so dear to the heart of the true golfer), are played

The office-bearers for the first year are as follows:—President, Hon. Sir James McBain, K.C.M.G.; Vice-Presidents, Mr. A. R. Blackwood, Hon. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., Hon. Sir M. H.

Davies, his Honour Mr. Justice Hodges, Hon. James Munro M.P., Hon. Sir Frederick T. Sargood, and Mr. John Simson; Captain, Mr. J. M. Bruce J.P.; Council, Messrs. M. G. Anderson, T. J. Finlay, D. Finlayson, L. C. Mackinnon, H. S. Playfair, and W. Strachan; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. Knox; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Thomas Brentnall.

The first club medal matches will be played on Saturday, 6th September, and I hope to forward you the scores of the games, with the names of the players, by the ensuing mail.

I am, Sir, &c.,

THOS. BRENTNALL, Hon. Sec.

98, Queen Street, Melbourne,
18th August, 1891.

AT ST. BRIAC (DINARD).

(SECOND LETTER.)

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—This is our last day here, and, I am sorry to say, we leave St. Briac with regret. The calm beauty of the place is as fresh and delightful now as on the first day we arrived here. The Golf, too, is excellent.

Since my last letter we have had many struggles over the links—matches, foursomes, handicap sweeps, &c.—and the members are now all looking forward to next week's meeting, when several good prizes are to be competed for. The tournament lasts three days. A quartette of Wimbledonians and a Scotchman arrived last week to swell our numbers, together with a lady player who showed first-rate style and swing. She played round yesterday in a handicap, and with an allowance of 40 she finished only one stroke from the top score, which was 89 net.

As I said in my previous letter, good driving is essential here, or you come to awful grief. The lady, therefore, was seriously handicapped at those holes where the sand bunkers are, they requiring a clean carry of at least 120 or 130 yards to get over.

A club pavilion is about to be erected right on the links, which, with the furnishing, &c., is to cost, I believe, £400 or £500. Referring again to the accommodation for visitors, Dinard is five miles off, and conveyances scanty and poor. The Hôtel des Panoramas, at St. Briac, is decidedly the best situated, being in the centre of the links, but the catering is wretched in every respect, though there are promises of improvement for next year. The Hôtel de Paris, at St. Lunaire, is the next nearest, and is, I am told, good, but then they close during the winter. The Hôtel du Centre, in the village of St. Briac, distant from the links about a mile, is, I believe, fairly good, and the landlady said she would be glad of golfers, and would take them at quite moderate terms, and would charter a conveyance, if necessary, to take the players to or from the links at about half a franc each, if four or more. There are furnished houses to be had within a short walk (ten minutes or so). These can be had for 150 to 200 francs per month, so that a party of four or six catering for themselves might find this very jolly. A house agent in the village announces himself in the following poetic strain:—

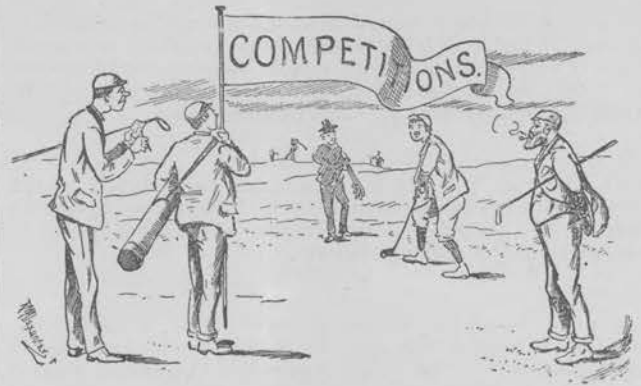
“A défaut du Guide Conty,
Monsieur David prend le parti
De vous dire que, pour familles,
Il a maisons propres, gentilles,
A prix très modérés. Au midi comme au nord
La mer est à deux pas. Grands jardins, face au port,
Tout près de la chapelle,
Et d'un joli château
Que l'on tourne en bateau
A mer haute, à mer belle.”

He even goes so far as to add:—“Eviter les contrefaçons et ne pas se laisser détourner.” No doubt he would give every information about houses and pensions.

I am, Sir, &c.,

S. N. D.

St. Briac, September 30th.



ABERDEEN.

The weather here on Saturday was all that could be desired for Golf, and the members of the Aberdeen club who had their final competition to play off on that day for possession of the Burgmann cup, were thus specially favoured. This handsome trophy was presented to the club some twelve months ago, by Colonel Burgmann, and has since been played for monthly under handicap, the various winners' names being engraved on the cup. The last of the monthly competitions took place on Saturday, the 3rd inst., Messrs. R. S. Nicholson and B. S. McLellan tying. The tie was decided by the first round between these gentlemen on Saturday, Mr. Nicholson winning. It was then found that eight gentlemen in all were entitled to compete in the final, and after being specially handicapped, partners were balloted for by the captain and council, with the following result:—Mr. A. P. Hogarth (6) v. Mr. T. Todd (8); Mr. F. M'Crae (scratch) v. Captain Miller-Wallnut (scratch); Mr. W. F. Orr (plus 2) v. Mr. W. R. Reid (6); Mr. R. A. Nicholson (plus 2) v. Mr. B. S. McLellan (4). Captain Wallnut and Mr. M'Crae could not play together, so Mr. W. G. Jamieson went round with the captain, and Mr. W. Grahame Walker with Mr. McCrae. Two rounds of the course (or 36 holes) had to be played, and the result of the first round showed that Mr. W. R. Reid with 87, less 6=81, occupied the leading place, closely followed by Messrs. Orr and Nicholson with 83 and 84 each, plus 2=85 and 86. Mr. Reid, however, went all to pieces in the second round, and threw away his chances, while Messrs. Orr and Nicholson still showed the same steady play, each returning cards with 84, plus 2=86. This gave Mr. Orr a net total of 171, and Mr. Nicholson of 172; and for a long time it was thought that Mr. Orr would not be beaten. Mr. Todd, however, who in the first round handed in a card with 100, quite excelled himself in the second, and finished with an 85, which with his allowance of 16 strokes for the two rounds, gave him a net total of 169, or two strokes below Mr. Orr, thus making him the winner of the cup. The victory was a very popular one among the members, and Mr. Todd was warmly congratulated on his success. The following are a few of the lowest cards:—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Hcp.	Total.
Mr. T. Todd	100	85	16	169
Mr. W. F. Orr	83	84	+4	171
Mr. R. A. Nicholson	84	84	+4	172
Mr. B. S. McLellan	95	89	8	176
Captain Miller-Wallnut	90	90	scr.	180
Mr. Fred. McCrae	94	91	scr.	185

Over the old course on Aberdeen Links the members of the Victoria Club held their last quarterly prize competition for the season on Wednesday and Saturday, the 7th and 10th insts. The weather was favourable on both days, though the wind on Wednesday was just a trifle high for low scoring. This competition is always a very popular one among the members of the club, and, as usual, quite a large field turned out, some twenty-two couples in all starting. The prizes consisted of golfing material—clubs, balls, &c., and numbered eighteen in all, nine going to players in the first class, and a like number to players in the second class. Ties were decided by the lowest handicaps. On comparing the cards handed in, the following were found to be the winners:—

First-class players:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. A. McConnachie	78	scr.	78	Mr. R. W. Beedie	92	5	87
Mr. D. Gunn	94	12	82	Mr. J. Hazelwood	94	7	87
Mr. Alex. Cooper	86	scr.	86	Mr. W. Bowman	95	7	88
Mr. R. Balmain	89	3	86	Mr. J. Russell	91	scr.	91
Mr. J. Innes	87	scr.	87				

Second-class players:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. Barron ...	90 scr. 90	Mr. J. A. Ross ...	103 3 100
Mr. C. Robertson ...	101 6 95	Mr. D. Neilson ...	118 18 100
Mr. G. Anderson ...	106 9 97	Mr. W. Ruxton ...	107 6 101
Mr. J. Jack ...	114 15 99	Mr. D. W. Clark ...	109 8 101
Mr. G. Hendry ...	100 scr. 100		

The club's scratch prize was played for at same time, and won by Mr. A. McConnachie with the magnificent score of 78. With the same score, Mr. McConnachie also carried off a play club, or its equivalent in value, kindly presented as a prize to the club, by Mr. Main, Golf club maker, and given to the player with the lowest round of the day. The details of Mr. McConnachie's round are as follows:—6 3 5 3 5 4 4 4 2 4 5 4 6 3 3 7 5 5=78.

ALNMOUTH CLUB.

The Marsh prize competition took place at Alnmouth on Saturday, in wet weather. This was the eighth contest for Mr. Marsh's gift—a water-colour drawing. The result was a tie between Messrs. J. Lowrie and J. W. Pease, the scores being somewhat large all round. Details:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. Lowrie ...	98 7 91	Mr. J. B. Radcliffe ...	94 scr. 94
Mr. J. W. Pease ...	104 13 91	Mr. W. R. Heathley ...	114 20 94
Mr. J. Robertson ...	99 7 92	Mr. T. I. M. Orde ...	102 7 95
Mr. T. Tate ...	99 7 92	Mr. C. E. Wilkinson ...	112 14 98
Mr. J. Milton ...	107 15 92	Mr. L. Hudson ...	118 18 100
Mr. J. W. B. Pease ...	92 scr. 92	Mr. J. E. Morrison ...	130 25 105
Mr. F. W. Wyndham ...	114 21 93		

No returns from Messrs. Carl and Foote.

ASCOT LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for Mrs. Woods and Mrs. H. C. Clarke's prizes was played on Thursday, October 8th, and resulted in Mrs. H. Blackett being returned the winner of the scratch prize, whilst a new member, Mrs. Gillon, came in first for the handicap. In a tournament held on the previous day, the four prizes, kindly presented by Mrs. Thornhill and Miss Bruce, were secured by Miss F. Magniac, Miss M. Clement, and the two Misses Barron, in the order named. Scores for October 8th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mrs. Gillon ...	104 24 80	Baroness Berkeley ...	109 16 93
Miss V. Hanbury ...	102 19 83	Hon. E. Milman ...	103 8 95
Miss Bannatine ...	101 16 85	Miss R. Haig ...	94 +2 96
Miss Clement ...	96 8 88	Miss M. C. Bayley ...	110 14 96
Mrs. H. Blackett ...	92 3 89	Miss Romaine ...	117 19 98
Miss F. Magniac ...	100 10 90	Miss Pott ...	123 24 99
Miss C. Bruce ...	101 8 93		

BEVERLEY AND EAST RIDING LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The monthly badge was played for on Wednesday, September 30th. The scores were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mrs. Robinson ...	123 22 101	Mrs. Hodgson ...	151 40 111
Miss S. G. Stephenson ...	116 10 106	Miss Thompson ...	135 10 125
Mrs. Maunsell ...	127 20 107	Mrs. Stephenson ...	166 40 126
Miss C. Hodgson ...	109 +2 111	Mrs. Thompson ...	129 +6 135

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Friday, October 2nd, the usual competition for the gold medal was held, and the plan was tried of playing the course the reverse way. Some of the members seemed to find this more difficult, but Miss Andrews beat the record for two rounds.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Andrews ...	81 3 78	Mrs. Stone ...	136 34 102
Mrs. F. Lucas ...	103 22 81	Miss E. Banister ...	120 18 102
Miss Birch ...	93 2 91	Miss Riddle ...	118 15 103
Mrs. Astbury ...	123 27 96	Miss E. Haggard ...	137 34 103
Miss Banister ...	128 28 100	Miss M. Parsons ...	128 22 106
Miss Fox ...	113 12 101	Mrs. Hyde ...	149 39 110

Miss Stone, Mrs. Peckham, Miss Mentzendorff, and Miss R. Hanning also played.

In the afternoon, while playing a match with Miss Birch, Mrs. Cecil Green took the fourth hole in one stroke, a phenomenal achievement never before recorded on these links; the measured distance from the tee was 87 yards. Luncheon and tea were given by Miss Mentzendorff, and several friends were present as well as the players, being tempted by the fine day to enjoy the beautiful scenery and fresh air of the Forest.

On Monday, October 5th, a match was played at Forest Row against twelve ladies of the Southdown Golf Club. The home team proved too strong, beating the visitors by 81 holes to 2. Scores:—

ASHDOWN.		SOUTHDOWN.	
Holes.	Holes.	Holes.	Holes.
Miss Andrews ...	6	Miss M. Crunden ...	0
Miss Birch ...	10	Miss Shaw ...	0
Miss Lee ...	0	Miss Campbell ...	2
Miss Fox ...	4	Miss A. Crunden ...	0
Miss Moon ...	2	Miss Crunden ...	0
Miss Riddle ...	7	Miss Jackson ...	0
Miss E. Banister ...	10	Miss Mowatt ...	0
Miss Stone ...	6	Miss L. Mowatt ...	0
Miss M. Parsons ...	8	Mrs. Gordon Hill ...	0
Mrs. F. Lucas ...	15	Miss M. Jackson ...	0
Mrs. Green ...	7	Miss Cleaver ...	0
Miss Banister ...	6	Miss E. Cleaver ...	0
	81		2

BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.

The autumn prize meeting took place on Friday and Saturday, October 9th and 10th, when from forty to fifty players started each day. The weather on Friday was all that could be desired, but Saturday was one of the worst days ever seen on these links, and only a few early starters were able to complete their round, as the rain came down in such torrents that in a short time some of the greens were completely under water. On Friday, Mr. A. J. Stanley carried off the Sandemann challenge cup (94, less 13=81), and having already won this cup at the spring meeting, it now becomes his own property. He also divided the sweep with Mr. H. E. Johnson. The Harvey Spiller cup, for members whose handicap is over 18 strokes, was won by Mr. A. Radford (111, less 22=89). Everyone was pleased at the success of Mr. Arthur Denman, who has shown such fine form over these links lately. He won both the scratch prizes, the Nesham challenge bowl, for the best aggregate score of the two days, with a total of 182, and the Club scratch prize on the Saturday, with 92, which, considering the weather, was a really good performance. The following is the score for Friday:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. J. Stanley ...	94 13 81	Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote ...	96 6 90
Mr. H. E. Johnson ...	101 18 83	Major Crosse ...	98 6 92
Mr. J. Brock ...	92 8 84	Mr. F. L. Rawson ...	103 13 92
Mr. F. H. Campion ...	102 18 84	Mr. P. A. Willett ...	107 14 93
Mr. W. W. Thompson ...	97 12 85	Mr. A. C. Johnson ...	125 30 95
Mr. H. A. Hodson ...	102 17 85	Mr. H. H. Turner ...	103 8 95
Mr. H. T. Ross ...	103 17 86	Mr. G. R. Burnett ...	118 22 96
Mr. A. Denman ...	90 3 87	Major Dudgeon ...	123 27 96
Mr. H. E. Acklom ...	95 8 87	Mr. H. Crawshaw ...	111 14 97
Hon. Ivo Bligh ...	95 8 87	Mr. R. B. Reid ...	116 18 98
Mr. G. Sandemann ...	95 8 87	Mr. A. N. Scott ...	117 19 98
Mr. C. O. Walker ...	96 8 88	Mr. S. S. Schultz ...	105 6 99
Mr. A. Radford ...	111 22 89		

The remainder were over 100, or made no return.

Saturday.—Owing to the reasons stated above, only six players succeeded in completing their round. The club scratch prize was won by Mr. A. Denman, and the club handicap prize by Mr. H. E. Johnson, who was also fortunate enough to win the handsome prize kindly presented by Mr. S. S. Schultz for the best net aggregate score with 169. Score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. E. Johnson ...	102 16 86	Hon. Ivo Bligh ...	100 8 92
Mr. A. Denman ...	92 3 89	Mr. A. J. Stanley ...	105 9 96
Mr. G. E. P. Brune ...	101 10 91		

The remainder were unable to finish their round, owing to some of the greens being under water from heavy rain.

DORNOCH.—The annual competition for Mr. T. Platt's challenge cup brought sixteen players into the field. The cup is played for under handicap, and by holes. The following was the result of the first round:—Mr. Thomas Esson, Honourable Company (7), beat Mr. Hector Mackay, Dornoch (18), by 7 and 6 to play; Mr. David Peters, Dornoch (15), beat Provost Sunderland by 5 and 4 to play; Mr. George R. Kennedy (2) beat Mr. Hugh Munro (2) by 3 up and 1 to play; Bailie Fraser (12) beat Mr. Malcolm Macdonald by 2 and 1 to play; Mr. T. R. George Dalziel, Honourable Company (9), beat Captain Leslie (8) by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. A. K. C. Maitland, Sandwich (18), beat Mr. Maxwell, Inverness (18), after a tie; Mr. Alexander Innes (8) beat Mr. George Bridgeford (7) by 3 up and 1 to play. In the second round, Mr. Esson (7) beat Mr. Peters (15) by 1 hole; Bailie Fraser (12) beat Mr. Kennedy (2) by 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. Dalziel (9) beat Mr. Sutherland (plus 3) at the last hole. Mr. Innes and Mr. Maitland did not finish.

COMRIE v. CRIEFF.

A match between these clubs was played on Saturday, the 3rd inst., over the Comrie course (two rounds of nine holes). Eighteen couples joined in the contest with the following result, Comrie winning by 90 holes:—

COMRIE.		CRIEFF.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Dr. Temple ...	5	Mr. R. B. R. Mair ...	0
Mr. D. Ferguson ...	2	Mr. — Anderson ...	0
Mr. H. Campbell ...	6	Mr. G. Veitch ...	0
Mr. W. Lawson ...	6	Mr. W. Caw ...	0
Mr. Rodger ...	4	Mr. D. T. Clement ...	0
Mr. D. Hamilton ...	8	Mr. G. Gow ...	0
Mr. C. Robertson ...	11	Mr. A. A. Connon ...	0
Mr. P. McIntyre ...	9	Mr. — Morgan ...	0
Mr. W. Irvine ...	6	Mr. M. Brown ...	0
Mr. J. McNab ...	1	Mr. — Marshall ...	0
Mr. D. Comrie ...	15	Mr. G. S. Comrie ...	0
Mr. John McIntyre ...	12	Mr. A. Cook ...	0
Mr. Jas. Comrie ...	16	Mr. W. R. Mackay ...	0
Mr. C. Richard ...	0	Mr. — Anderson ...	9
Mr. W. McDavid ...	0	Mr. G. Strathearn ...	13
Mr. P. Brough ...	2	Mr. A. Wright ...	0
Mr. Jno. Graham ...	2	Mr. J. Miller ...	0
Mr. W. Millar ...	7	Mr. — Sinclair ...	0
	112		22

COUNTY DOWN CLUB.

On Saturday last the final competition took place for the Lawrence prize—a very handsome piece of plate, generously presented by Mrs. Lawrence, who has done so much for Golf and golfers at Newcastle. The competition extended over six Saturdays, and was decided by the aggregate three lowest scores under handicap. Fifty players competed. B. Magill, the veteran of the club, who attained the good old age of fifteen years last month, was declared the winner with the good net score of 242, his handicap being 16. This promising young player, who is a *kithogue*, is likely to falsify the old golfing axiom that there cannot be a good left-handed player. The following are the lowest scores:—B. Magill (16), 242; Mr. T. Dickson (8), 248; Mr. R. H. Wallace (16), 251; Mr. F. F. Figgis (20), 252; Major Delacherois (22), 260; Mr. E. S. Topping (20), 260; Mr. S. Wilson, jun., (20), 264; Mr. H. M. Charley (15), 267; Mr. W. A. Smyth (30), 280.

The competition for the club monthly medal for '90-91 ended in a tie between Mr. R. H. Wallace, our worthy and energetic secretary, and Mr. B. Magill, both having succeeded in winning twice. On account of the excellence of their play, the council decided to present each with a prize of equal value to the original.

On Saturday next the first competition for the prize presented by the County Down Railway Company and for the club monthly medal will take place, when we hope for a good attendance of members.

FELIXSTOWE GOLF CLUB.

Mr. A. Poynder was the winner of the semi-final competition for the ex-captain's prize, which was played for on Saturday last in very unfavourable weather. Under the circumstances, Mr. Poynder's score was an excellent one.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. Poynder ...	101 22 79	Mr. G. R. Quilter ...	92 3 89
Mr. J. M. Henderson ...	92 4 88	Mr. G. Thompson ...	106 13 93
Mr. F. Faithfull Begg ...	108 20 88	Mr. J. G. Wylie ...	115 18 97

The other competitors were either over 100 net or else did not return their cards.

FOLKESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly handicap was played on Wednesday, October 7th, in heavy weather. The course has been lengthened and improved since the last meeting, and promises well for the winter. Score, eighteen holes:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Captain Eccles ...	110 14 96	Mr. Gill ...	117 16 101
*Mr. Morris ...	116 20 96	Mr. Jeffery ...	117 14 103
Mr. Pym ...	129 30 99	Mr. Ward ...	125 16 109

* Tie.

Nine others were over 110 net.

Tie, nine holes:—Captain Eccles, 49, less 7=42; Mr. Morris, 56, less 10=46.

The ladies' handicap was played Friday, October 9th, nine holes. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss D. Jeffery ...	90 30 60	Miss Edwards ...	81 6 75
Miss Hodgson ...	81 20 61	Miss Alice Eccles ...	83 6 77
Miss Augusta Eccles ...	74 6 68	Miss Jeffery ...	123 30 93
Miss Ferguson ...	69 scr. 69	Mrs. Jee ...	133 30 103
Miss P. Jeffery ...	102 30 72	Miss Leigh ...	140 30 110
Miss Bentinck ...	89 15 74		

FORFARSHIRE.

The members of the Edzell Golf Club recently held the last competition of the season for their monthly medal. The winner was Mr. David Nairn, who came in at the score of 74.

The finishing competition for the monthly badge of the Montrose Mercantile Club took place last week, and resulted in the trophy being tied for by Mr. T. Robertson, 90, and Mr. W. Coutts, 101, each 6 below. The badge has been played for seven times during the season, and each time has been won by a different competitor. A prize awarded for the best five scores out of the seven 'competition' has been won by Mr. Alex. Keillor, at an average of 83. The following are the details of the competition just closed:—First class: Mr. D. Burgess, 86, 2 below; Mr. J. Wishart, 86, and Mr. W. G. Mowatt, 89, both 1 below; Mr. E. M'Donald, 90, 2 above; Mr. George McIntosh, 83, and Mr. J. Winton, 91, both 3 above. Second class: Mr. T. Robertson, 90, 6 below; Mr. G. Edwards, 92, and Mr. G. Addison, 90, both 4 below; Mr. G. Fenton, 101, 1 above; Mr. G. W. Spark, 97, and Mr. G. Reid, 99, both 2 above. Third class: Mr. W. Coutts, 101, 6 below; Mr. C. D. Napier, 107, 2 below.

The two last couples in the second round of the competition by the members of the Broughty Club, for the Archibald cup, played off last week with the following result:—Mr. William Smith, receiving 10 strokes, beat Mr. James Bowman by 4 holes; Mr. W. K. Lorimer, giving 13 strokes, beat Mr. J. E. Suttie by 1 hole. Mr. Lorimer played a steady game, his score for the round being 90, while Mr. Bowman came in at 98, his average. The following was the result of the ballot for the third round:—Mr. Hugh M'Culloch (1) v. Mr. David Bisset, jun.; Mr. James Ireland (12) v. Mr. William Smith; Mr. W. K. Lorimer v. Mr. Edward Rowan (18).

The general autumn meeting of the Panmure Golf Club was held on Friday last in Lamb's Hotel, Dundee; Mr. James S. Ogilvie, the captain, in the chair. The minutes, which were submitted, by the secretary, Mr. Irvine Drimmie, were approved of. Two new members were admitted, and arrangements were made for the competitions to be held on the following day. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

The members of the above club played over the Monifieth course last Saturday afternoon for the gold medal and silver cross. The weather was all that could be desired, and the greens were in splendid condition. Sixteen couples started in the following order:—Messrs. A. G. Morgan and William Gibson, jun.; Messrs. W. R. Sharp and H. B. Gilroy; Messrs. J. K. Prain and D. Anderson; Messrs. S. M. Worrall and D. W. Wybrants; Messrs. A. R. C. Patterson and James Prain; Messrs. William Mann and A. Johnston; Messrs. W. O. Cunningham and P. D. Mitchell; Messrs. James S. Ogilvie and James Cunningham, jun.; Messrs. C. E. Gilroy and G. Gilroy, jun.; Messrs. I. Drimmie and A. P. Mathewson; Messrs. D. Gilroy and E. Carmichael; Messrs. J. L. Luke and R. Gilroy; Messrs. J. Jones and J. C. Scott; Messrs. D. I. Lamb and R. B. Sharp; Mr. Thomas Lillie and Dr. Gowans; Messrs. D. M'Intyre and D. L. Low. Some capital play was made, a large number of the members coming in under the 90. After all the cards had been handed in, it was found that Mr. James Cunningham, jun., was the winner of the gold medal with the excellent score of 80 strokes. The next in order was Mr. C. E. Gilroy, who had a score of 83, and was the winner of the silver cross. The next best scores were:—Mr. R. B. Sharp, 14; Mr. D. I. Lamb, 85; Mr. D. Anderson and Mr. D. L. Low, 86; Mr. J. L. Luke, Mr. H. B. Gilroy, Mr. P. D. Mitchell, and Mr. J. Jones, 87; Mr. R. Gilroy and Mr. A. Johnston, 88; Mr. D. M'Intyre, 89; and Mr. J. K. Prain, 90. The members thereafter dined in the club-house, Mr. J. S. Ogilvie, the captain, in the chair, and spent a very pleasant evening. The dinner was purveyed by Mr. S. G. M'Donald, Royal Hotel, Monifieth, and gave entire satisfaction.

The autumn competition of the Carnoustie Caledonia Club was held on Saturday last. The weather was extremely fine, and there was a large turn-out of members. By instructions of the Dalhousie Club, who maintain the course, Mr. Robert Simpson, the curator of the links, and his assistant, Willie Cooper, had the greens in exceptionally good order, and some very fine play was made. Mr. David Shepherd won the club medal with the fine score of 83 strokes. In addition to the medal, which is held for one year, he gets a gold charm, which becomes his own property. In conjunction with the medal competition an average sweepstake competition was held, the winners of which were as follows:—1st, Mr. John Lamb, 90, 8 below average; 2nd, Mr. James Ross, 112, 6 below; and 3rd, Mr. D. M. Boath, 91, 6 below. Amongst the best scores made were the following:—Mr. John M'Andrew, jun., 87; Mr. David Winter, 87; Mr. William Young, 89; Mr. William Harris, 90; Mr. David Whitton, 91; Mr. Alexander Cant, 92; Mr. George Wright, 93; Mr. J. P. Morison, 97; Mr. George Fox, jun., 97; and Mr. H. P. Mudie, 99. In the evening a meeting of the members was held in the club-house, Mr. D. M. Boath, the captain, in the chair. A number of new members were admitted. The other business was formal.

An interesting foursome between four local "cracks" was played over the Montrose course on the afternoon of Saturday last, and some good play was exhibited, and an exciting match resulted in a tie both as regards strokes and holes, the couples going the round each in 84 strokes. The players were:—Messrs. J. Milne and J. Findlay, against Messrs. E. Cobb and G. M'Intosh. It has been arranged to play the tie off to-morrow.

The finishing competition for the monthly badge of the Montrose Mechanics Club took place last Saturday. The weather was excellent, although a stiff breeze somewhat interfered with play in coming homewards. On the cards being summed up it was seen that the trophy had been gained by Mr. D. Lyall at 91. The badge has been played for five times during the season, and has been won by five different players, namely—Messrs. J. M'Gregor, A. Cobb, C. Foreman, J. M. Smith, and D. Lyall.

The members of the Chapel Works Club, Montrose, competed on Saturday for their medal, gold cross, and several money prizes. The medal, which was for the lowest score, was won by Mr. J. Leggat at 91; while the cross, which was decided by the averages, was gained by Mr. J. Burnett at 115, 5 below. The other prize winners were:—Mr. W. Douglas, 95, 1 below; Mr. G. M'Donald 95, 3 above; Mr. D. Burgess, 95, 6 above; Mr. A. Jack 106, 6 above; and Mr. D. Rodger, 110, 6 above.

FORMBY GOLF CLUB.

The first of the winter monthly competitions for a prize presented by Mr. J. E. Pearson took place on Saturday the 10th inst. Mr. R. Goold and Mr. H. Eccles tied at 90 for the best net scores, but the latter gentleman, through inadvertence, did not enter for the sweepstakes which accompanied the prize, and therefore Mr. Goold recorded a win. The following cards were handed in:—Mr. R. Goold, 93, less 3=90; Mr. H. Eccles, 104, less 14=90; Mr. W. Bell, 99, less 7=92; Mr. W. F. Chadwick, 100, less 8=92; Mr. G. Bird, 107, less 14=93; Mr. J. Ainsworth, 109, less 16=93; Mr. A. Chisholm, 99, less 5=94; Mr. J. E. Pearson, 106, less 12=94; Mr. J. F. Shepherd, 122, less 25=97; Mr. F. E. M. Dixon (scratch), 99; Mr. W. Potter, 102, less 2=100; Mr. J. C. Lowe, 112, less 12=100; Mr. H. Sidebottom, 112, less 12=100; Mr. L. D. Stoddart, 102, less 1=101; Mr. T. Henderson, 110, less 9=101; Mr. O. Blundell, 116, less 15=101; Mr. H. B. Barlow, 119, less 18=101; Mr. R. H. Prestwich, 108, less 6=102; Mr. D. Webster, 116, less 11=105; Mr. W. M. Wyld, 122, less 16=106; Mr. H. Dornning, 131, less 25=106; Mr. E. C. Edgecombe, 125, less 18=107; Mr. W. T. Rowley, 128, less 14=114; Mr. W. E. Bland, 130, less 16=114; Mr. H. S. Roughton, 126, less 16=110. Messrs. J. S. Beauford, F. C. Calthrop, J. E. Dean, E. Hewer, G. A. Johnstone, A. C. Knight, J. H. Law, H. Leach, E. C. Lowe, P. S. McCulloch, J. K. Osgood, J. S. Remer, F. A. Rockliff, B. L. Tarleton and G. A. Thomson made no return.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

The members of the Golf club connected with Glasgow University held their autumn meeting over Troon links on Saturday, when, favoured with the finest weather, there was an unusually large turn-out of the members. The competition for the Fraser gold medal, scratch, and the club medal handicap. The play was not particularly noticeable for low scoring, the scratch medal being won with 92, which was the score handed in by Mr. J. Stewart Carrick, whose name is the only one that appears on the medal, he having won it on each of the three occasions on which it has been played for. The handicap medal was won at 85, by Mr. M. P. Fraser. Annexed are some of the scores handed in:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. M. P. Fraser ...	95	10	85	Mr. Hugh McCreadie	105	4	101
Mr. W. E. Lee ...	94	8	86	Mr. J. K. Hunter ...	118	14	104
Mr. J. Stewart Carrick ...	92	scr.	92	Mr. F. B. Smith ...	124	20	104
Mr. J. G. Sewell ...	108	16	92	Mr. J. H. Miller ...	107	scr.	107
Mr. R. R. Murray ...	109	16	93	Mr. D. Bannatyne ...	123	14	109
Mr. Jas. Laird ...	95	scr.	95	Mr. J. D. Leslie ...	127	14	113
				Mr. John Clark, jun.	112	scr.	112

About half the players gave in no returns.

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS GOLF CLUB.—The semi-final in the tournament for the prize presented by Marshall Wane and Co., photographers, Ayr, to Prestwick St. Nicholas Golf Club, was played on Saturday, and the result was as undernoted:—Mr. A. J. Larke (12) beat Mr. Jas. Andrew (3) by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. W. A. Kennedy (12) beat Mr. H. M. Giles (12) by 7 up and 5 to play.

BEARSDEN GOLF CLUB.—The members of this club engaged in a foursome competition on Saturday. The contest resulted in favour of Mr. J. I. Robertson and Mr. D. Inglis, with a score of 114, less 17=97. Mr. W. J. Armstrong and Mr. D. A. Kirkwood were 121, less 18=103; and Mr. W. Mackie and Mr. H. Mackie were 111, less 8=103.

GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday, 10th inst., under unusually unfavourable conditions, as can be imagined by the following case being submitted for decision. Playing the last hole, which is slightly uphill with ruts on the left side of the course, a player pulled into the ruts, and, upon nearing his ball, was annoyed to find that it was floating down a rut to meet him, but, with great presence of mind, he tried "monkeys' tricks," as this stroke has been elsewhere described, and laid his ball close to the hole. It was immaterial in this instance whether this was correct medal play or "monkeys' tricks," as the card was not returned; but if the player had waited for the ball to stop he might have waited some time, as it rained on Merrow Downs that day. The scores were few, but there was some compensation for this in their length.

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. W. M. Corrie ...	104	13	91	Mr. W. P. Trench	114	13	101
Mr. W. J. Perkins ...	116	23	93	Mr. H. T. Cattle	116	14	102
Mr. W. M. Grimshaw ...	102	8	94	Mr. A. W. McDonnell	119	14	105
Mr. W. D. Marshall	109	13	96	Mr. G. J. Low	...	121	not hcp'd.

LITTLESTONE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, October 10th.—Mr. R. S. Jones, 97, less 6=91; Rev. G. H. Samson, 106, less 15=91; tied. Mr. C. Wintle, 122, less 24=98. Messrs. A. W. Stone, J. Finch, J. Fleming, L. Fawell, and others, made no return.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

COMPETITION FOR THE CAPTAIN'S CUP.

The weather was anything but favourable in the morning, but improved a little in the afternoon for the first competition for the captain's cup, presented by the Rev. W. G. Terry, captain of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club, but, notwithstanding the unpropitious circumstances, fifty-five members went round the links at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea on Saturday. The best gross scores of the day were:—Mr. Marcus Rea, St. Anne's, 92; Mr. F. C. Morgan, Manchester, 97; and Mr. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's, 99. The best net score in the competition was Mr. Marcus Rea's 92, less 8=84, and he therefore took the silver memento, and will be one of the six winners of a competition to play off for the cup. The full score on Saturday was as follows:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. Marcus Rea, St. Anne's ...	92	8	84
Mr. J. Buckley, Norbreck ...	103	15	88
Mr. J. Craig, St. Anne's ...	110	22	88
Mr. F. E. Rowe, Rossall ...	104	14	90
Mr. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's ...	99	8	91
Mr. W. H. Harrison, Lytham ...	105	13	92
Mr. F. C. Morgan, Manchester ...	97	4	93
Mr. T. H. Miller, Singleton Park ...	110	17	93
Mr. J. Bradbury, South Shore ...	111	18	93
Mr. H. M. Ormsby, Rossall ...	111	18	93
Mr. A. B. Scholfield, St. Anne's ...	100	6	94
Mr. R. Lythgoe, St. Anne's ...	109	15	94
Mr. E. Harrison, St. Anne's ...	112	18	94
Rev. C. Billington, Lytham ...	105	9	96
Mr. H. Fisher, Wrea Green ...	108	12	96
Mr. S. Gask, Lytham ...	110	14	96
Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft, St. Anne's ...	110	13	97
Mr. C. Addison Birley, Bartle Hall ...	114	17	97
Mr. T. Baxter, St. Anne's ...	117	20	97
Mr. T. C. Midwood, Manchester ...	116	18	98
Mr. J. Talbot Fair, Lytham ...	111	12	99
Mr. W. H. Crossland, Manchester ...	119	20	99
Mr. F. H. Smith, Manchester ...	106	6	100
Rev. W. G. Terry, St. Anne's ...	118	18	100
Mr. E. Redfern, St. Anne's ...	123	20	103
Mr. A. Entwistle, Bolton ...	131	25	106
Mr. J. H. Evans, Manchester ...	128	20	108
Mr. A. W. Carrington, Lytham ...	133	25	108
Mr. F. Merriman, Knutsford ...	128	18	110
Mr. R. Hampson, Blackpool ...	131	20	111
Mr. W. Cross, St. Anne's ...	128	16	112

No returns from Mr. W. Newbigging, St. Anne's; Mr. W. P. Fullagar, Lytham; Mr. F. Bradshaw, South Shore; Mr. S. A. Hennon, St. Anne's; Mr. S. Fisher, South Shore; Mr. S. F. Butcher, Bury; Mr. J. A. S. Fair, Lytham; Rev. Canon Hawkins, Lytham; Mr. H. N. Brown, St. Anne's; Mr. C. W. Fisher, Blackpool; Mr. C. H. Atkinson, Singleton; Mr. A. F. M. Wilson, Rossall; Mr. A. Tod, St. Anne's; Mr. N. Cockshutt, Preston; Mr. Jas. Mellor, Failsworth; Mr. F. T. Wright, Manchester; Mr. R. H. Edmondson, Wigan; Mr. E. Holt, Manchester; Mr. G. Harper, Preston; Mr. J. E. King, St. Anne's; Mr. R. Dewhurst, Lytham. The first optional sweepstakes was won by Mr. J. Marcus Rea, the second by Mr. J. Buckley, and the third by Mr. F. E. Rowe.

NAIRN.

The Pullar monthly medal was competed for over the course here on Saturday. The weather was exceedingly fine, and there was a fair turnout of competitors. When the various couples had returned, and the cards had been compared, it was found that the medal had been won for the month by Mr. F. W. Hollams, with the score of 92, less 6=86. The following came next in order:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. P. H. Smart ...	97 8 89	Mr. W. Laing ...	94 scr. 94
Mr. A. Coxon ...	108 18 90	Mr. A. B. Finlay ...	103 9 94
Rev. Mr. Chisholm ...	91 scr. 91	Mr. D. Mackenzie ...	103 8 95
Mr. P. Park ...	96 4 92		

PETERHEAD.

The first monthly competition for the newly-formed Peterhead club's silver medal took place on Wednesday afternoon, the 7th inst., over the Peterhead links. There was a fairly large turnout of competitors, and on comparing the cards handed in, it was found that Mr. William Smith with a score of 100 less 18=82 was the first winner. The following are a few of the remaining scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. Forrest ...	100 12 88	Mr. R. Martin ...	100 3 97
Mr. A. W. Robertson ...	89 scr. 89	Rev. Mr. Sutherland ...	98 scr. 98
Dr. Anderson ...	95 5 90	Mr. H. Martin ...	103 5 98

PRESTWICK GOLF CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

The autumn meeting of this club took place on the 7th inst., the day following the championship meeting at St. Andrews. The latter circumstance was calculated to be unfavourable to the success of the meeting, but it did not, so far as could be judged, so affect it. Though the number of entries was a little below the average, a large proportion of the crack players of the club were present and took part in the contest, which was for the Eglinton gold medal and St. Andrews cross, the former from scratch and the latter handicap. With the exception of a heavy shower in the middle of the contest the weather was favourable, and the links, including the putting-greens, were never in finer order. Play was commenced at half-past ten, Charlie Hunter sending away the following twenty-five couples:—Messrs. J. H. Wilson and J. E. Dykes; Messrs. E. D. Prothero and John Kemp; Messrs. Cecil Kennard and G. W. Richardson; Messrs. R. H. Balloch and J. E. Dubs; Messrs. Walter Alston and D. D. Whigham; Messrs. Walter Neilson and W. S. Wilson; Messrs. C. E. Maclaren and J. O. Fairlie; Sir Jas. Gibson-Craig and Mr. J. H. Anderson; Messrs. F. E. Villiers and J. G. Walker; Messrs. R. Hutcheson and G. M. Wilson; Messrs. W. F. Orr and T. R. Lamb; Messrs. J. B. Brown and G. Fleming; Capt. K. M'Laren and Mr. E. A. Miller; Messrs. W. E. Fairlie and F. A. Fairlie; Messrs. J. B. Scott and A. R. Paterson; Messrs. H. Macgeorge and A. Walker; Messrs. J. L. Stewart and H. D. Paterson; Messrs. W. J. Anderson and C. K. Aitken; Mr. J. S. Alston and Rev. F. R. Macdonald; Messrs. R. N. Fairlie and J. A. Neilson; Messrs. J. S. Higginbotham and A. Neilson; Messrs. J. Tod Stewart and W. Towers Clark; Messrs. John Carrick and James Denny; Messrs. G. H. Grant and G. A. Grant; Mr. Alex. Stuart and Capt. Douglas Hamilton.

The weather somewhat favoured the first few couples in, among whom were Mr. E. D. Prothero, who finished with an 88 as noted:—

Out ...	8 3 6 4 3 5 4 4	5=42	} 88.
In ...	6 4 5 6 5 6 4 6	4=46	

Mr. Prothero, it will be observed, made a bad beginning, which arose from a topped shot from the tee getting into a rut, and causing the player to be short all through. Mr. W. S. Wilson, a frequent winner of the medal was out of the running at an early stage of the game, and finished at 96. The next player to hand in a good score was Mr. W. F. Orr, who, playing a very steady game, gave in an 87, undernoted:

Out ...	5 4 6 5 4 6 4 5	5=44	} 87.
In ...	6 4 5 6 5 5 4 5	3=43	

In the meantime, however, the two Fairlies playing together, had, it was known, been playing well—the youngest brother, Mr. W. E. Fairlie, particularly.

He had gone out with the record of the day 38, and was back again at the club-house in 26, thus leaving him with a large margin to beat the lowest score already in. As a matter of fact, he took the remaining four holes in 18 strokes, thus finishing the round in 82. The 38 out was a very fine performance. The 7 at the tenth hole is the only indication of bad play, and the one stroke too many here was the result of missing a short putt. Mr. Fairlie's score is here given:—

Out ...	5 3 5 4 3 5 3 5	5=38	} 82.
In ...	7 5 5 5 4 6 3 5	4=44	

Mr. F. A. Fairlie played a game which was equally meritorious with that played by his partner going out, but he was somewhat off in the

short game coming home. He, however, finished with an 87, made up as follows:—

Out ...	5 4 4 4 3 5 3 5	6=39	} 87.
In ...	6 5 6 6 6 5 4 5	5=48	

Mr. Alexander Stuart, who recently won the St. Andrews medal, and who was the last player to leave the tee, naturally kept the result in suspense for some little time, but as it was early known that he had taken 43 to go out, and had played several holes in badly, the matter was no longer uncertain, particularly as Mr. A. R. Paterson, the winner of the spring medal, had broken down and finished at 94. Mr. Stuart holed out at 88, as noted:—

Out ...	5 5 5 4 3 6 4 4	7=43	} 88.
In ...	7 5 6 6 5 4 4 5	3=45	

Mr. W. E. Fairlie accordingly became the winner with the exceptionally fine score of 82. The winner of the St. Andrews cross was found to be Mr. W. J. Anderson, with 98, less 18=80. The first sweep was also won by Mr. Anderson; the second falling to Mr. W. E. Fairlie, the third being tied for by Messrs. Orr, Richardson and Stewart. The following are the full results as contained in the scores handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. J. Anderson ...	98 18 80	Mr. J. Kemp ...	99 9 90
Mr. W. E. Fairlie ...	82 scr. 82	Mr. J. E. Dykes ...	105 15 90
Mr. W. F. Orr ...	87 4 83	Mr. R. H. Balloch ...	108 18 90
Mr. J. T. Stewart ...	95 12 83	Mr. R. N. Fairlie ...	90 scr. 90
Mr. W. G. Richardson ...	113 30 83	Mr. W. Neilson ...	99 9 90
Mr. J. A. Neilson ...	90 5 85	Mr. J. B. Scott ...	98 6 92
Mr. E. D. Prothero ...	88 2 86	Mr. F. E. Villiers ...	104 12 92
Mr. W. T. Clark ...	104 18 86	Mr. G. M. Wilson ...	93 scr. 93
Mr. F. A. Fairlie ...	87 scr. 87	Mr. A. R. Paterson ...	94 scr. 94
Mr. A. Stuart ...	88 scr. 88	Mr. J. S. Alston ...	100 6 94
Mr. J. Denny ...	106 18 88	Mr. J. O. Fairlie ...	95 scr. 95
Mr. A. Neilson ...	106 18 88	Mr. T. R. Lamb ...	104 9 95
Mr. C. K. Aitken ...	95 6 89	Mr. J. G. Walker ...	104 9 95
Mr. W. Alston ...	113 24 89	Mr. W. S. Wilson ...	96 scr. 96

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the Turner medal on the 3rd inst., resulted as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. K. Munro ...	105 24 81	Mr. A. J. Eames ...	96 5 91
Mr. J. C. Tucker ...	108 22 86	Mr. E. Pinkerton ...	108 13 95
Mr. G. H. Emmet ...	106 18 88	Mr. W. B. Avery ...	113 16 97
Mr. H. D. Tucker ...	110 22 88	Mr. W. H. Pelly ...	108 10 98
Mr. G. R. Emmett ...	112 22 90	Mr. C. J. Trevarthen ...	130 30 100

A goodly number of cards appear to have been torn up on this occasion.

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

Tuesday, 6th October.—Twenty-four members started to compete for the monthly medal. Four couples were out in the forenoon, and they had decidedly the best of the weather. The wind was boisterous from the south during the morning, but the downpour of rain which supervened in the afternoon caused several players to retire from the green. Mr. W. O. S. Pell won the medal with a very fine score of 114, less 1=113. On his present form, Mr. Pell bids fair shortly to lower the record of the green.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. O. S. Pell ...	114 1 113	Mr. A. Schacht ...	124 3 121
Mr. W. H. Richardson ...	116 2 114	Mr. A. T. Young ...	129 7 122
Mr. W. E. Hughes ...	121 7 114	Mr. F. S. Ireland ...	127 3 124
Major A. W. Anstruther ...	126 9 117	Mr. A. H. Newington ...	130 4 126
Capt. H. Gillon ...	121 3 118	Mr. G. H. Frean ...	148 18 130
Mr. E. A. Walker ...	124 6 118	Mr. Robert Whyte ...	134 1 133
		Mr. J. S. Sawyer ...	142 9 133
		Mr. J. G. Gibson ...	135 scr. 135

No returns from Messrs. E. F. S. Tylecote, H. H. Turner, J. W. G. Andras, Rev. J. H. Ellis, Messrs. J. R. J. Bramly, J. M. Sawyer, C. B. Lindsay, W. H. M. Christie, W. G. Barnes, and W. R. M. Glasier.

RYTON WORKING MEN'S CLUB.—A handicap competition for a prize presented by the club was commenced at Ryton on the 5th inst., in good weather. The prize must be won three times before becoming the property of any member. Net scores: Mr. W. Metcalfe, 81; Mr. W. Liddle, 84; Mr. J. Pearson, 88; Mr. G. Robson, 89; Mr. J. Robson, 92; Mr. J. Tate, 93; Mr. J. Stobart, 93; Mr. J. Thompson, 93; Mr. H. Yelder, 101; Mr. J. Winder, 103.

LENZIE V. CATHKIN BRAES.—The above clubs met at Lenzie on Saturday, and had an inter-club match with the home players. The weather was very fine. Eleven couples engaged in the match, and the visitors were rather severely defeated, getting only 5 holes as against 31 got by local players.

BLACKHEATH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The cup day was fixed for Tuesday, October 5th, when a large field turned out, in spite of a boisterous wind and showers occasionally, to compete for the Valerie cup (scratch challenge), with a sweepstakes, under handicap. Miss Norah Paine won with the very good score of 89, though even her handicap of twelve (of which she has seen the last) failed to bring her to the top for the sweep. The play was very steady throughout, in spite of the wind. The following are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Miss Bessie Smith...	93	18 75	Miss H. Sillar	98	8 90
Miss Norah Paine...	89	12 77	Miss M. Richardson	99	8 91
Miss F. Paine	96	18 78	Miss G. Moore	107	12 95
Miss Swinton	95	15 80	Mrs. Evans	113	12 95
Mrs. Meredith	99	18 81	Mrs. Mackern	96	scr. 96
Mrs. Pell	106	24 82	Miss M. Riddle	116	16 100
Miss Farnall	95	10 85	Miss M. Sillar	118	18 100
Mrs. Johnson	100	13 87	Miss Knapping	123	22 101
Mrs. Lucas	106	18 88	Miss Raymond	116	12 104
Miss Wilkinson	90	scr. 90	Miss Fossett	130	24 106

On the following day (Wednesday) the monthly medal was won by Miss Farnall by some very steady play. Miss Norah Paine very decidedly took possession of her new honours by sandwiching herself between the other two scratch players. It is worthy of remark that in the two days' play there are only three scores over 100. Full score on Wednesday:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Miss Farnall	90	10 80	Mrs. Mackern	89	scr. 89
Miss M. Richardson	90	8 82	Miss A. Richardson	96	7 89
Mrs. Evans	102	18 84	Miss Riddle	105	16 89
Mrs. Lucas	102	18 84	Mrs. Meredith	106	15 91
Miss Sillar	94	8 86	Miss F. Paine	106	14 92
Miss G. Moore	98	12 86	Miss Swinton	106	12 94
Mrs. Pell	104	18 86	Mrs. Johnson	107	13 94
Miss Wilkinson	87	scr. 87	Miss Sherringham	114	20 94
Miss Norah Paine	88	scr. 88	Miss M. Sillar	114	18 96

ROYAL DUBLIN GOLF CLUB.

The half-yearly competition for "the Lumsden medal" took place on Saturday, on the links at Dollymount, in fine golfing weather. The medal is played for by strokes under handicap, and the winner holds it for six months, besides receiving a miniature or prize, value £2 5s. The play on Saturday was very good, and, as will be seen from the subjoined list, the scoring was very close for first place. Mr. J. Rutherford had the best net score of 71, but was disqualified, as he did not play with the member he was drawn with. Mr. E. O'Farrell consequently, being next, with a net of 76, takes the medal and prize. Both Mr. Rutherford's and Mr. O'Farrell's scores are exceedingly good considering they have only played Golf within the last year for the first time.

The following are the returns handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. Rutherford	91	20 71	Mr. J. W. Peisley		
Mr. E. O'Farrell	101	25 76	White	98	11 87
Mr. V. Kyrke	96	19 77	Mr. J. Brown	106	19 87
Mr. W. R. Joyn't	100	23 77	Mr. J. M. Davies	110	23 87
Mr. J. Lumsden, jun.	85	7 78	Mr. W. Hone	98	10 88
Mr. T. Gilroy	78	+2 80	Mr. J. M. Dickson	103	15 88
Mr. J. Petrie	87	7 80	Mr. R. W. Jones	113	25 88
Prof. Doherty	109	27 82	Capt. Crawford	102	12 90
Mr. J. Lumsden, sen.	93	8 85	Mr. W. H. Russell	119	28 91
Mr. D. M. Wilson	100	15 85	Mr. J. O. Wylie	112	20 92
Mr. W. H. Dodd	110	25 85	Mr. D. F. Moore	123	30 93
Mr. A. L. Figgis	103	16 87	Dr. A. Traill	110	14 96

Mr. Gilroy's gross score of 78 is very excellent, and worthy of notice. He went out the first nine holes in 35, which is a splendid performance. The following are the figures for each hole of the round.

Out	4	5	4	2	5	4	2	4	5=35.
In	5	4	5	4	5	5	6	5	4=43.

THE ROYAL NORTH DEVON GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting, which began on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, with an extra monthly medal, and terminated on Saturday, the 10th, with the finish of the pool sweepstakes, was held in somewhat unpropitious weather. Fortunately the gale, which sprung up very suddenly on Monday evening, subsided towards Wednesday morning, but the torrents of rain, tropical in their nature, which accompanied the gale, somewhat impeded the play at the first three and last two holes. During the remainder of the week the weather was fairly good, there being only some stiff breezes and a few storms of rain. The principal winner at the meeting, Mr. T. Heathcote, thoroughly deserved his success, his play throughout the three meetings of the year having been very steady.

Saturday, Oct. 3rd.—Extra monthly medal. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Dr. Siddall, M.	89	6 83	Mr. Wilson Hoare,		
Mr. F. Cooke, M.	104	20 84	M.S.	102	6 96
Mr. J. J. Harding,			Mr. J. M. Cripps,		
M.S.	94	5 89	M.S.	105	8 97
Col. Boyes, M.S.	97	6 91	Mr. F. Dowell, M.S.	113	16 97
Rev. R. W. S. Vidal,			Major Harding, M.S.	102	4 98
M.S.	100	6 94	Col. Pearce, M.S.	113	15 98
Major F. Gosset, M.S.	102	8 94	Mr. J. W. Cooke, M.S.	127	24 103
Rev. E. Pigott, M.S.	111	16 95	Gen. Horne	124	not
Mr. G. C. Davie, M.S.	113	18 95	Mr. E. A. Cuming	129	h'cpd.

No returns.—Mr. H. Bradby, Capt. Carver, Messrs. J. C. Heathcote, —Keats, C. Robinson.

Winners.—Dr. Siddall, medal and pair of Doulton ware Toby beer jugs, mounted in silver; Mr. J. J. Harding, first sweep, Col. Boyes the second.

Wednesday, October 7th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Major Pigott	98	16 82	Mr. F. T. Cooke	115	18 97
Mr. T. G. Heathcote	98	10 88	Mr. G. C. Davie	115	18 97
Mr. J. H. Law	112	24 88	Mr. G. A. Cumming	117	20 97
Mr. R. B. Molesworth	94	5 89	Rev. R. W. S. Vidal	104	6 98
Mr. W. Dunford	95	6 89	Mr. W. H. Fowler	107	9 98
Capt. Corse Scott	97	7 90	Mr. W. Morris	115	17 98
Rev. E. C. Pigott	106	16 90	Mr. A. Boyd	102	3 99
Mr. R. Clutton	108	18 90	Major Harding	103	4 99
Mr. B. James	112	22 90	Mr. H. Bradby	106	7 99
Mr. J. W. Cooke	114	24 90	Mr. C. Pine Coffin	104	4 100
Capt. Gordon	100	9 91	Mr. J. M. Cripps	108	8 100
Capt. Chichester	109	18 91	Col. Jelf Sharp	114	14 100
Col. Boyes	98	6 92	Mr. C. E. Boyd	114	13 101
Dr. Siddall	97	4 93	Rev. H. Siddall	114	12 102
Mr. W. H. Toller	97	4 93	Mr. J. Dawson	120	16 104
Mr. J. W. Colthurst	106	12 94	Lieut.-Col. Gubbins	115	10 105
Mr. J. J. Harding	100	5 95	Mr. B. Nixon	121	15 106
Mr. C. W. Harrison	110	15 95	Mr. W. C. Thorne	124	17 107
Col. Templeman	121	26 95	Mr. W. G. Eden	132	24 108
Mr. R. Church	103	7 96	Capt. Carver	127	18 109
Col. Kennard	102	6 96	Gen. Horne	129	18 111
Mr. Wilson Hoare	103	6 97	Mr. A. Hoare	126	12 114
Major Hopkins	112	15 97	Mr. C. Hale	136	18 118

No returns:—Mr. S. Clarke, Mr. F. Dowell, Gen. Elliott, Surg.-Gen. Fuller, Mr. G. Gorton, Mr. J. P. Gundry, Mr. J. C. Heathcote, Lieut.-Col. Hume, Mr. T. G. Keat's, Rev. Canon Kennard, E. C. Kennard, Mr. P. Leman, Gen. Molesworth, Capt. A. Molesworth, Col. Pearce, Col. Townley, Rev. G. Willes, Lieut.-Col. Winterscale, C. J. Robinson.

Winners:—The Hope Grant gold challenge medal, memento medal awarded: Mr. R. B. Molesworth, 94. The Oliphant challenge silver clubs: Mr. W. E. Dunsford, 95. The challenge cup and club prize, value £5, for first net score: Major Pigott, 98, less 16=82. A club prize, value £3, second net score: Messrs. T. G. Heathcote, 98, less 10=88, and J. H. Law, 102, less 24=88, tied; on playing off, Mr. T. G. Heathcote won. The Siddall cup, last half round: Col. Boyes, 44, less 3=41; Mr. T. G. Heathcote, 46, less 5=41; and Mr. J. H. Law, 53, less 12=41—tied; on playing off, Mr. T. G. Heathcote won.

Foursome competition, Thursday, October 8th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Capt. Gordon and Mr. W. H. Toller	94	6½ 87½
Messrs. W. Morris and W. Thorne	106	17 89
Col. Boyes and Mr. H. Bradby	96	6½ 89½
Major Pigott and Major Hopkins	103	13½ 89½
Messrs. W. E. Law and J. J. Harding	107	16 91
Col. Jelf Sharp and Mr. F. Dowell	108	15½ 92½
Mr. J. H. Law and Rev. G. Willes	109	16½ 92½
Capt. A. Molesworth and Mr. W. Dunsford	104	11 93
Messrs. T. M. Cripps and T. G. Heathcote	102	8½ 93½
Mr. S. Clarke and Rev. H. Siddall	111	17½ 93½
General Elliott and Mr. C. W. Harrison	111	17½ 93½
Capt. Corse Scott and Mr. H. Houldsworth	109	14½ 94½
Col. Pearce and Rev. E. C. Pigott	110	15½ 94½
Col. Townley and Mr. G. C. Davie	116	21½ 94½
Capt. Chichester and Major Harding	110	11 99
Lieut.-Col. Winterscale and Mr. R. Clutton	113	14 99
Messrs. B. James and Wilson Hoare	113	14 99
Surg.-Gen. Fuller and Dr. Siddall	114	14 100
Col. Kennard and Mr. E. C. Kennard	115	12 103
Messrs. W. H. Fowler and P. Church	112	8 104
Mr. J. C. Heathcote and Gen. Horne	123	19 104
Mr. B. Nixon and Col. Templeman	126	20½ 105½
Rev. Canon Kennard and Mr. J. W. Colthurst	125	16 109
Messrs. P. Leman and A. Hoare	126	17 109
Messrs. R. Molesworth and T. G. Keats	126	15 111
Gen. Molesworth and Capt. Carver	151	22 129

No returns.—Messrs. J. Grundy and W. G. Eden (254), Messrs. A. Boyd and C. Boyd (8), Lieut.-Col. Gubbins and Rev. R. W. S. Vidal (8), Messrs. F. Cooke and J. W. Cooke (21), Messrs. C. Pine Coffin and J. Dawson (10).

Winners.—Capt. Gordon and Mr. W. H. Toller win the cups, Messrs. W. Morris and W. Thorne the entries—£3 2s. each.

Friday, October 9th—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. T. G. Heathcote	91	9 82	Mr. J. P. Gundry	120	27 93
Mr. J. C. Heathcote	103	20 83	Mr. C. E. Pine Coffin	98	4 94
Col. Jelf Sharpe	100	14 86	Mr. G. C. Davie	113	18 95
Capt. Corse Scott	94	7 87	Col. Kennard	102	6 96
Capt. Gordon	95	8 87	Mr. F. Dowell	113	17 96
Capt. A. Molesworth	103	16 87	Rev. Canon Kennard	116	20 96
Col. Templeman	113	26 87	Mr. T. G. Keats	121	25 96
Mr. A. Boyd	91	3 88	Dr. Siddall	101	4 97
Mr. W. C. Thorne	105	17 88	Rev. G. Willes	108	11 97
Mr. J. J. Harding	94	5 89	Mr. C. W. Harrison	112	15 97
Lieut.-Col. Winter-			Major Harding	102	4 98
scale	99	10 89	Mr. P. Church	105	7 98
Mr. C. C. Boyd	102	13 89	Mr. N. H. Fowler	107	9 98
Rev. C. Cummings	104	15 89	Rev. H. Siddall	111	13 98
Col. Boyes	96	6 90	Mr. F. Cooke	116	18 98
Rev. R. W. S. Vidal	96	6 90	Mr. J. M. Cripps	107	8 99
Rev. E. C. Pigott	106	16 90	Mr. W. G. Eden	123	24 99
Mr. R. B. Molesworth	96	5 91	Mr. A. Hoare	112	12 100
Lieut.-Col. Gubbins	101	10 91	Col. Pearse	115	15 100
Mr. W. Morris	108	17 91	Major Hopkins	115	15 100
Mr. J. H. Law	114	22 92	Mr. J. W. Cooke	125	24 101
Mr. W. H. Toller	96	3 93	Mr. H. Bradby	107	7 102
Mr. W. Dunsford	99	6 93	Mr. W. E. Law	129	27 102
— Christie	100	7 93	Mr. J. Dawson	120	17 103
Major Pigott	105	12 93	Mr. J. W. Smithurst	127	12 115
Mr. R. Clutton	111	18 93	Mr. C. Robinson	137	18 119
General Elliott	113	20 93			

No Returns. — Capt. Carver, Capt. Chichester, Mr. S. Clarke, Mr. E. A. Cumming, Surgeon-General Fuller, Mr. G. Gorton, Mr. Wilson Hoare, Lieut.-Col. Hume, Mr. B. James, Mr. E. C. Kennard, Mr. P. Leman, General Molesworth, Mr. B. Nixon, Col. Townley, Mr. C. Hall.

Winners.—The silver club medal: Messrs. A. Boyd, 91, and T. G. Heathcote, 91, tied. On playing off, Mr. Boyd won. Consequently the Moncrieff challenge cross fell to Mr. Heathcote.

The Lind testimonial challenge silver biscuit-box, united scratch scores of the two medal days: Mr. T. G. Heathcote, 98, plus 91=189.

The Bideford town trophy and a club prize value £3: first net score, Mr. T. G. Heathcote, 91, less 9=82; a club prize, value £3, second net score: Mr. J. C. Heathcote, 103, less 20=83.

The President's (C. S. Carnegie, Esq.) silver bowl for best aggregate net scores of the two medal days: Mr. T. G. Heathcote, 88, plus 82=170.

Mr. A. Boyd's silver cigarette box for aggregate three best net scores of the six medal rounds of the year: Mr. T. G. Heathcote, 87, plus 83, plus 82=252.

Mr. Clutton's silver candlesticks, first prize in pool sweepstakes: Mr. P. Church, 91, less 12=79.

Play for final possession of the challenge cup, given by the subscribers to the lotteries under special handicap: Mr. C. E. Pine-Coffin (scratch), 98; Mr. W. E. Dunsford (scratch), 99; Major Pigott, 105, less 6=99; Major Harding (scratch), 102; Mr. C. W. Harrison, 112, less 9=103; Major Crosse, absent.

Play for final possession of the silver cup given by Dr. Siddall for last half-round, under special handicap:—Mr. C. E. Pine Coffin (scratch), 42; Lieut.-Colonel Gubbins, 48, less 3½=44½; Mr. T. G. Heathcote, 48, less 3=45; Rev. C. Cummings, 51, less 5½=45½; Mr. W. E. Toller (scratch), 50; Mr. J. M. Cripps, 58, less 2½=55½; Major Gosset, absent; Mr. W. L. Dykes, absent.

SELKIRK v. BASS ROCK, NORTH BERWICK.

The return match between these clubs was played over the Selkirk links on Thursday, the 8th October. The weather was fine, and the greens were in fair order. The result was a win for the home team by twenty-five holes.

BASS ROCK.		SELKIRK.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. Forrest	5	Mr. D. C. Alexander	0
Mr. J. Henderson	6	Mr. J. Thomson	0
Mr. A. Hogg	0	Mr. A. Weir	8
Mr. G. Nelson	0	Mr. J. Connochie	8
Mr. A. Hutchison	0	Mr. R. Penman	8
Mr. William Auld	0	Mr. W. H. Robson	7
Mr. R. Whitecross	0	Mr. P. H. Lidderdale	1
Mr. Merrilees	0	Mr. R. Hardie	5
Mr. J. B. MacLachlan	4	Mr. F. N. Scott	0
Mr. J. Gouldsmith	0	Mr. James Lewis	3
	15		40

STAINES GOLF CLUB.

The first monthly medal meeting took place on Saturday, October 3rd, on the links, Shortwood Common. The weather was extremely favourable, and a more successful inaugural meeting could not have been desired. The greenkeeper (Mitcham) was deservedly complimented on the excellent condition of the putting-greens. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Mr. Mossop	97	16 81	Mr. Somervail	106	16 90
Mr. Maddison	88	6 82	Mr. Master	111	20 91
Mr. Hughes	93	8 85	Mr. Ward	105	12 93
Mr. Rigden	95	10 85	Mr. Harrison	101	8 93
Mr. Tyler	106	16 90	Mr. A. K. Farlow	103	8 95

Messrs. Hunter, Pickering, Struthers, Barrett, Slee, and Puckle, also competed.

ST. ANDREWS.

THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

The tussle for the blue ribbon of Golf which took place at St. Andrews on Tuesday last week was memorable, not only for the excellence of the play and the keen interest manifested in the event, but for the thorough representative character of the field and the large number of amateurs, no doubt emboldened by the success of Mr. Ball at Prestwick last year, who took part in the competition. It might truly be said that every golfer of note, amateur as well as professional, was to be found in St. Andrews on Tuesday.

In addition to the seventy-four entrants whose names were recorded in last week's GOLF the names of another eight players—several of them from England—were tendered, but the club committee declined to allow them to play, on the ground that the entries closed on Saturday, the 3rd inst. It appeared that hitherto the entries were made up to the evening preceding the day of the competition, and those whose names were rejected stated that they were ignorant of the change which had been made. In the case of the English players this was perfectly excusable, as the championship and the conditions of entry thereanent were advertised in one English paper only. This circumstance was the only regrettable thing in an excellent day's play. In order to allow a comfortable finish to the day's proceedings, an early start was made at nine a.m. At this hour the weather was rather unpromising, rain falling heavily, but by ten it cleared up. A troublesome wind, however, prevailed, which told adversely in almost every case against the scoring in the homeward journey. In such a large field, it was a matter of much speculation as to who was the most likely man, but judging from popular favour, as expressed in the number of spectators who accompanied the players, Hugh Kirkaldy seemed to stand well up the list. Nor as the issue of the day's play proved, was the confidence reposed in him misplaced. To go into any lengthy detail of his play is needless. His long game was faultless, and indeed the forward position of his tee shots sometimes told adversely against his approaches, causing him to spare his iron or cleek as the case might be, resulting in one or two slips. This was the case both at the Heather and High holes, in both of which he took 5 when it seemed a certainty for 4. Generally speaking, he made good use both of cleek and putter, though there were one or two inexcusable slips with the latter, notably at the Short hole outwards first round. His best performances were at the Hole o'Cross, which he got down in four after a full drive, which placed him dead in three. He got also long putts in at the end hole and the sixth inwards hole. Hugh's details were:—

First Round—

Out	...	...	5	5	4	4	4	5	5	4	3=39
In	...	...	4	3	5	5	7	4	5	6	5=44

Second Round—

Out	...	...	4	4	4	4	5	4	5	4	4=38
In	...	...	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5=45

Andrew Kirkaldy came in the first round with a register of 84, and his play in the second was keenly watched. Two holes from home—that is at the dyke—he had exactly the same score as his brother, and an aggregate of 10 would have tied, but he took the round dozen, his total being 168. Another redoubtable player, with a score of 84 first round, was Willie Fernie, Troon. Willie is an old St. Andrews man, an ex-champion, and thus had every likelihood of making his mark in the afternoon. He, however, repeated his forenoon's score, and tied with Andrew Kirkaldy. The playing of Mr. Ball naturally attracted a good deal of attention. He was all right up to the second last hole, first round, but in playing to the burn he got on the road. His first attempt to get on the green failed. He again made an effort, but again was unsuccessful, and lifting his ball he took a total of 11 to the hole. This was six strokes more than he ought to have taken, and practically put him out of the field. In his second round he equalled Hugh's score of 83. It was made up as follows:—

Out	...	...	5	4	5	4	5	4	4	5	4=41
In	...	...	5	3	4	5	5	6	4	6	4=42

Mr. Mure Fergusson headed the list of amateurs, his total being 171. When all had returned, the result was announced as follows:—Hugh Kirkaldy, winner of the champion cup, gold medal, and £10. Andrew Kirkaldy and Willie Fernie tied for second and third prizes—£6 and £5 respectively. W. D. More, Chester, got £4; Willie Park, £2; W. Auchterlonie, £1; and Ben Sayers, 10s. The money prizes, of course, were open only to professionals, but the following are the leading scores of both classes:—

Hugh Kirkaldy, St. Andrews:—		
1st Round	5 5 4 4 5 4 4 5 4 3 5 5 7 4 5 6	5=83
2nd Round	4 4 4 4 5 4 5 4 4 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	5=83
		166
Andrew Kirkaldy, St. Andrews:—		
1st Round	5 4 4 4 5 4 6 3 5 4 3 5 6 6 5 6 5	4=84
2nd Round	5 6 4 4 5 3 4 4 4 5 4 5 4 5 5 5 6	6=84
		168
W. Fernie, Troon:—		
1st Round	4 4 4 5 5 4 4 4 5 4 3 4 6 6 6 6 6	4=84
2nd Round	3 5 5 4 6 4 7 3 5 4 4 4 5 4 6 6 4	4=84
		168
S. Mure Fergusson, Royal and Ancient:—		
1st Round	4 5 5 5 7 5 4 2 4 4 4 4 6 6 6 4 6	5=86
2nd Round	5 5 3 6 5 4 5 4 5 4 3 4 6 6 6 5 5	3=84
		170
W. D. More, Chester:—		
1st Round	6 5 4 4 6 5 4 3 3 4 3 4 5 6 5 6 6	5=84
2nd Round	4 4 4 5 7 5 4 4 4 3 6 3 5 7 5 5 5	6=87
		171
W. Park, jun., Musselburgh:—		
1st Round	4 5 5 4 6 4 5 4 4 4 4 5 6 7 5 4 7	5=88
2nd Round	6 5 5 6 6 4 3 4 4 4 4 4 5 5 4 5 6	6=85
		173
D. Brown, Malvern:—		
1st Round	4 5 4 5 5 6 4 3 5 4 3 7 6 7 5 4 6	5=88
2nd Round	5 6 4 5 5 5 4 4 4 4 4 6 5 6 5 4 6	4=86
		174

Among the other leading scores were:—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Total.
Mr. H. H. Hilton, Royal Liverpool	89	86	175
Mr. W. Auchterlonie, St. Andrews	85	90	175
Mr. B. Sayers, North Berwick	91	85	176
Mr. J. Ball, jun., Royal Liverpool	94	83	177
Mr. Archie Simpson	86	91	177
Mr. A. Herd, St. Andrews	87	91	178
Mr. J. Kay, Seaton Carew	93	86	179
Mr. R. Mearns, Aberdeen	88	91	179
Mr. J. Kirkaldy, St. Andrews	90	89	179
Mr. R. B. Sharp, Royal and Ancient	94	85	179
Mr. L. Auchterlonie, St. Andrews	87	93	180
Mr. J. E. Laidlay, Honourable Company	90	90	180
Mr. Charles Hutchings, Royal Liverpool	89	91	180
Mr. W. Campbell, Bridge of Weir	94	87	181
Mr. Horace G. Hutchinson, Royal and Ancient	89	92	181
Mr. E. R. H. Blackwell, Royal and Ancient	90	91	181
D. Mason Kinghorn	94	87	181
D. Anderson, jun., St. Andrews	88	93	181
D. Ayton, St. Andrews	94	87	181

Hugh Kirkaldy's score is the lowest at which the championship has ever been achieved on St. Andrews links, and it entitles Hugh to the highest rank amongst past as well as present golfers. He is yet young—only twenty-three years of age—tall, and loosely knit, and should, for many years to come, be able to give a good account of himself. The tie between Andrew Kirkaldy and Willie Fernie was decided on Wednesday in favour of Andrew, so that the two brothers stand at the top of the tree.

The following is a list of the champions since 1872:—

- 1872. Tom Morris, jun., St. Andrews—166; at Prestwick.
- 1873. Tom Kidd, St. Andrews—179; at St. Andrews.
- 1874. Mungo Park, Musselburgh—159; at Musselburgh.
- 1875. Willie Park, sen., Musselburgh—166; at Prestwick.
- 1876. Bob Martin, St. Andrews—176; at St. Andrews.
- 1877. Jamie Anderson, St. Andrews—160; at Musselburgh.
- 1878. Jamie Anderson, St. Andrews—157; at Prestwick.
- 1879. Jamie Anderson, St. Andrews—170; at St. Andrews.
- 1880. Bob Ferguson, Musselburgh—162; at Musselburgh.
- 1881. Bob Ferguson, Musselburgh—170; at Prestwick.
- 1882. Bob Ferguson, Musselburgh—171; at St. Andrews.
- 1883. *W. Fernie, Dumfries—159; at Musselburgh.
- 1884. Jack Simpson, Carnoustie—160; at Prestwick.
- 1885. Bob Martin, St. Andrews—171; at St. Andrews.
- 1886. D. Brown, Musselburgh—157; at Musselburgh.
- 1887. W. Park, jun., Musselburgh—161; at Prestwick.
- 1888. Jack Burns, Warwick—171; at St. Andrews.
- 1889. †Willie Park, jun., Musselburgh—155; at Musselburgh.
- 1890. Mr. John Ball, jun., Hoylake—164; at Prestwick.
- 1891. Hugh Kirkaldy, St. Andrews—166; at St. Andrews.

* After a tie with Bob Ferguson, Musselburgh.
 † After a tie with Andrew Kirkaldy, St. Andrews.

ST. GEORGE'S GOLF CLUB, SANDWICH.

October monthly medal meeting. Scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. R. H. Pringle	94	6	88	Mr. H. Lyall	114	18	96
Mr. W. P. Matthews	101	10	91	Rev. A. L. Kekewich	115	18	97
Mr. T. Welman	96	4	92	Mr. R. C. Harrison	113	15	98
Mr. G. P. Leach	111	16	95	Mr. F. A. Govelt	112	12	100

Several gentlemen made no return, or their scores were over one hundred.

TANTALLON GOLF CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

Over the North Berwick links on Saturday in pleasant golfing weather, the members of the Tantallon Club held their annual autumn medal meeting, and for the closing competition of the year the players were exceptionally favoured in regard to the weather. With a delightfully fine calm day, and the course and greens showing remarkably good order in view of the wear of a busy season, it might have been expected that the scores would rule below the average. The actual figures were, however, higher than usual, an explanation being found in the fact that on Saturday the course was greatly lengthened, and the round was certainly several strokes more difficult than has obtained of late. The teeing-grounds were very much brought back in nearly every instance, and there could be little doubt but that in the change a great improvement was effected, especially at the succession of shorter holes. There was no lack of stimulus to friendly emulation in the shape of substantial awards, seven handsome prizes being offered for competition, in addition to the club merit medal and Victoria Jubilee cup. These consisted of a claret-jug, nest of silver cups, silver fruit-dish, crocodile flask, silver match-box, driver and brassy, and club cover. Under the direction of Ben Sayers, ninety players left the tee as follows:—Mr. J. S. Stevenson and Mr. J. T. Sharpe, Mr. R. J. Younger and Mr. J. M'ulloch, Mr. A. C. Robertson and Mr. W. G. Paxton, Mr. John Forrest and Mr. A. Hogg, Mr. W. Hunter and Mr. Garden G. Smith, Mr. H. Spratt and Mr. G. Gordon Robertson, Mr. W. Sprott and Mr. J. R. Whitecross, Mr. C. J. Ray and Mr. W. Overton, Mr. J. Macintosh and Mr. W. N. Miller, Mr. H. Craigie and Mr. S. W. Allen, Mr. J. Kirkhope and Mr. W. Croall, Captain Savory and Mr. A. Davidson Smith, Mr. T. Binnie and Mr. John Deans, Mr. R. M. Mackenzie and Mr. R. W. Waddy, Mr. Edwin Millidge and Mr. J. Macdonald, Mr. W. Palmer and Mr. T. D. Thomson, Mr. W. Gibson Bloxson and Mr. A. Stewart, jun., Mr. James Brown and Mr. Gregor M'Gregor, Mr. Marcus J. Brown and Mr. A. D. Macpherson, Mr. W. T. Armour and Mr. Irvine Williamson, Mr. L. V. Laurie and Mr. W. H. Bryce, Mr. W. J. Croall and Mr. H. H. Harley, Dr. Calvert and Mr. R. Henderson, Mr. R. Melrose and Mr. John Taylor, Mr. C. M. Maxwell and Dr. Bryce, Mr. J. Brodie and W. Macgregor, Mr. F. T. Robertson and Mr. Knight Watson, Mr. A. F. Simson and Mr. J. Smith, Mr. J. Kirkwood and Mr. W. G. Gillespie, Mr. Jas. S. Burnet and Mr. W. T. Ferne, Mr. G. Roland and Mr. Andrew Paterson, Mr. Jas. J. Ford and Mr. W. Greenhill, Mr. J. Smith Clark and Rev. R. Fraser, Mr. D. N. Cotton and Mr. S. E. Daish, Mr. Robert Sowers and Mr. J. Kay, Mr. J. K. Duff and Mr. J. Balsillie, Mr. J. Somerville Shaw and Mr. D. M. Lewis, Mr. W. Pennycook and Mr. W. Dougall, Mr. John Watson and Mr. Thos. Carmichael, Mr. Donald Fisher and Mr. John Stark, Mr. George Lawson and Mr. Andrew Henderson, Mr. A. Hodge and Mr. J. H. Dixon, Mr. James Gibson and Mr. John Young, Dr. G. H. Melville Dunlop and Mr. G. Allison. Amongst the first to leave the tee was the medalholder, Mr. John Forrest, in company with Mr. Adam Hogg. The former very soon got into difficulties. He played a fairly steady game until on proceeding to the third hole; having played his second shot into the hollow below the table, he required four strokes to get up, his ball just failing to get up and rolling thrice down hill. An eight here might have been a-four, or at most a five. Two threes in succession followed as the result of first-class play. His tee shot, however, went into the wood on going to the sixth hole, and as a second ball followed suit, the medallist seemed now to realise that his chance of the first honours of Saturday was completely lost. Mr. Forrest's game evidently suffered from his want of practice. Mr. A. Stuart was more successful, and, playing a strong and consistent game, he turned in 44, one of the lowest figures out for the day. He continued this game throughout the home play, and, excepting a misfortune at the High Bent, where he found his way on to the beach and had to lift and count two, Mr. Stuart exhibited an all-round game which fully deserved for him the honours of the day. The details of his score of 81 were:—

Out	...	5	5	5	4	4	5	2	5	5=44	81.
In	...	4	3	8	3	4	5	5	5=37		

Mr. J. J. Ford proved the winner of the jubilee cup at 78 net, whilst his actual of 84 was the second best in the competition. The following are a few of the best scratch scores:—Mr. A. Stuart, jun. (winner of merit medal), 81; Mr. J. J. Ford, 84; Mr. Garden G. Smith, 86; Mr. John M'ulloch, 86; Mr. R. J. Younger, 86; Mr. W. G. Bloxson,

88; Mr. James Brown, 88; Mr. John Forrest, 89; Mr. G. Gordon Robertson, 89; Mr. Andrew Henderson, 89.

In handicap order the principal scores were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. J. Ford ...	84	6 78	Mr. W. J. Croall ...	93	4 89
Mr. A. Henderson...	89	10 79	Mr. J. K. Duff ...	95	6 89
Mr. A. Stuart, jun..	81	+1 82	Mr. J. S. Burnett ...	101	12 89
Mr. I. Williamson...	92	10 82	Mr. J. Brodie ...	103	14 89
Mr. Donald Fisher .	94	12 82	Mr. A. C. Robertson	105	16 89
Mr. R. J. Younger .	86	2 84	Mr. H. H. Harley .	95	5 90
Mr. James Brown ...	88	4 84	Mr. R. Melrose ...	98	8 90
Mr. G. Lawson ...	91	6 85	Mr. D. M. Lewis ...	100	10 90
Mr. Wilfrid Sprott...	91	6 85	Mr. W. Dougall ...	105	15 90
Mr. J. M. S. Shaw..	103	18 85	Mr. D. N. Cotton...	106	16 90
Mr. G. G. Smith ...	86	scr. 86	Mr. R. E. Daish ...	106	16 90
Mr. John M'Culloch	86	scr. 86	Captain Savory ...	108	18 90
Mr. C. J. Ray ...	102	16 86	Mr. W. T. Armour.	93	2 91
Mr. J. Kirkhope ...	104	18 86	Mr. W. G. Paxton...	97	6 91
Mr. W. H. Bryce ...	96	10 86	Mr. J. Forrest ...	89	+3 92
Mr. J. Kay... ..	103	16 87	Mr. W. Croall ...	101	9 92
Mr. Edwin Millidge	105	18 87	Mr. J. Kirkwood ...	107	15 92
Mr. W. G. Blossom	88	scr. 88	Mr. J. H. Dixon ...	108	16 92
Mr. H. Craigie ...	96	8 88	Mr. John Young ...	110	18 92
Mr. G. G. Robertson	89	scr. 88			

At the close of the competition Baillie Whitecross, captain of the club, presented a valuable gold medal, which was indeed a trophy of general admiration. The destination of this medal, which will be played for under scratch conditions, will be decided by the lowest aggregate of three competitions. In handing over the gold medal to the hon. secretary on Saturday, Mr. Whitecross said his chief object in presenting it to the club was to have his name perpetuated in connection with the Tantaloon—a club he loved so well. (Applause.) With the single exception of Provost Brodie he could lay claim to being its oldest member. (Applause.)

A vote of thanks was very cordially given to Mr. Whitecross.

Mr. A. Stuart, the scratch medallist of the meeting, observed that it was quite unnecessary on the part of Baillie Whitecross to express a wish that his name should be perpetuated in this way, as it was quite a world-wide one in connection with the game of Golf. (Applause.)

TOOTING BEC GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was competed for on Friday and Saturday last. Those who played on the first day had all the advantage of the weather, as on Saturday it rained hard and blew half a gale. Mr. Wood secured the medal with a capital score, which will doubtless secure for him the interested attention of the handicap committee. Dunn had the greens in first-rate order.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. B. Wood ...	85	8 77	Mr. J. S. Robb ...	98	8 90
Mr. H. Jackson ...	98	18 80	Mr. W. Bazalgette .	94	2 92
Mr. C. A. S. Leggatt	92	9 83	Dr. Donald ...	110	15 95
Mr. A. J. Robertson	88	4 84	Mr. S. Fisher ...	113	18 95
Mr. G. E. Tabor ...	92	8 84	Mr. E. J. Hunt ...	113	18 95
Mr. J. P. Croal ...	90	4 86	Mr. J. B. Voules ...	125	18 107
Mr. W. Williams ...	99	12 87	Mr. R. Fogg ...	128	20 108
Mr. C. D. Cumming	105	18 87	Mr. W. C. Grant ...	126	18 108
Mr. A. Mackintosh	109	20 89	Mr. T. J. Melville...	130	18 112
Dr. Ackroyd ...	99	10 89			

Several made no returns.

UNITED SERVICE GOLF CLUB, HASLAR.

The monthly medal was competed for on Saturday, October 3rd, in lovely weather, with the greens in perfect order, but, in spite of the favourable conditions, no good score was returned. The medal was won by Captain Vidal, R.E., who was playing a strong game, but unfortunately spoilt his chance of a good score by coming to unutterable grief both rounds at the sixth hole. The following were the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Capt. W. S. Vidal,			Mr. A. W. Gilbert ..	122	25 97
R.E. ...	100	8 92	Mr. F. N. Templer .	109	10 99
Col. J. S. Walker ...	103	10 93	Commander Payne,		
Lieut. Heathcote,			R.N. ...	122	22 100
R.N. ...	112	18 94	Mr. N. Morrison ...	115	13 102
Capt. Munro ...	105	8 97	Mr. H. Ross ...	124	18 106

Dr. W. Reid, R.N., Captain Thackwell, Captain Orr, and Lieut. Nugent, R.N. made no returns.

CUMBRAE GOLF CLUB.—The members of this club met and played for the Russell and Allen medals on Saturday. The weather and greens were most favourable, and there was a fair turn-out of the members, considering that the result of the Bute election was being then awaited for. The results were:—For the Russell medal—Mr. J. Reed, 104, less 16=88; Mr. J. Davidson, 102, less 4=98; Mr. J. C. Sharpe, 104, less 4=100; Mr. W. Barclay, 127, less 18=109. For the Allen medal—Mr. J. Reid, 104, less 1=103; Mr. W. Barclay, 127, less 12=115.

WEST CORNWALL CLUB.

The ladies' monthly handicap match was played on Tuesday, October 6th, under very unfavourable circumstances, rain and wind much interfering with good scores. Five cards were, however, handed in as follows:—

	1st Rnd.		2nd Rnd.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
	1st	2nd	1st	2nd			
Mrs. F. H. Harvey ...	78	66	144	35	109		
Miss Wilkinson ...	61	70	131	20	111		
Mrs. H. N. Harvey ...	61	57	118	6	112		
Miss Vivian ...	80	71	151	28	123		
Miss Banfield ...	88	93	181	35	146		

WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal handicap was played on the club course at Bushey on Saturday last. It being a thoroughly wet day the scoring ruled high. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. Wilson ...	101	16 85	Mr. H. Williams ...	110	14 96
Mr. B. M. Barton	98	9 89	Mr. H. S. Whittaker	117	20 97
Mr. J. A. Simson ...	98	9 89	Mr. A. B. Chalmers	105	6 99
Mr. E. R. Harby ...	114	22 92	Mr. C. Davis ...	130	25 105
Mr. D. Scholes ...	112	18 94	Mr. C. E. Fry ...	129	22 107
Mr. O. W. F. Hill	120	25 95			

WHITLEY CLUB.

The members of this club began their second season on the 6th inst., at Whitley. During the summer recess the course has received careful attention, and is now in splendid condition. Unfortunately the weather was very bad for the opening day's play, gusty wind and heavy rain making things decidedly unpleasant for everyone concerned. Twelve members, however, competed for the prize, a cup value £5, to be won outright in one competition, an optional sweepstakes being decided concurrently with the principal event. Mr. C. A. Ridley (scratch) carried off the cup, his score being 89, and Mr. Walters and Dr. Treadwell tied for the sweepstakes. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. C. A. Ridley ...	89	scr. 89	Mr. F. W. Wyndham	117	20 97
Mr. G. W. Walters	93	scr. 93	Mr. J. B. Radcliffe	98	scr. 98
Dr. Treadwell ...	98	5 93	Mr. G. W. Williams	101	3 98
Mr. E. S. Osborn...	105	11 94	Mr. W. Teasdale ...	108	6 102
Mr. A. Marmion ...	105	8 97	Mr. J. Hansell ...	118	15 103

Messrs. Aitkin and Millons no returns.

The programme on the second day consisted of a contest for the president's prize. The winner of this holds the cup for a year, and is regarded as the club champion, and in addition receives a medal. Last season's winner was Mr. C. A. Ridley, and he again defended his title, but had to succumb and was placed fourth. All the competitors were scratch players, and during the contest Mr. R. T. Thomson drove in error to the wrong hole; he played the hole out, this costing him seven. He then replaced his ball and played out the right hole, six strokes being registered against him. The point to be considered by the committee was whether six or seven points had to be counted. The scores were:—

	1st Rnd.			2nd Rnd.			Total.
	1st	2nd	Total.	1st	2nd	Total.	
Mr. J. B. Radcliffe	44	41	85	49	44	93	
Mr. R. T. Thomson	49	45	85	52	47	99	
Mr. W. Whyte ...	45	44	89	53	46	99	
Mr. C. A. Ridley ...	45	47	92	46	55	101	

Four players retired. Messrs. Thomson and Radcliffe will play the tie off shortly. An optional sweepstakes was carried off by Mr. W. Whyte with a net score of 81.

The annual general meeting was held on Wednesday night in the Continental Restaurant, Newcastle. The hon. secretary (Mr. Radcliffe) reported that the club was in an excellent position, both financially and otherwise. The balance in hand, in spite of heavy expenses, was £75. The membership was 158. Dr. Howden moved that the entrance-fee of the club be two guineas. This proposition was seconded by Dr. Black, and carried. Several donors of prizes to the club were awarded votes of thanks. The election of officers resulted:—President, Mr. J. T. Davison. Vice-presidents: Messrs. R. S. Donkin, M.P.; J. T. Milvain, Q.C., M.P.; J. H. Burn, J.P.; J. Tennant, J.P.; J. L. Bell, J.P.; L. W. Adamson, J.P. Captain, Mr. F. W. Wyndham. Hon. treasurer, Mr. C. H. M. Robson. Hon. secretary, Mr. J. B. Radcliffe. Committee: Messrs. Boyd, Hansell, Philipson, Wilson, Charlton, Ridley, Limont, Whitehorn.

Messrs. J. B. Radcliffe and R. T. Thomson replayed their tie off in the Davison challenge cup last Friday. A close struggle resulted in a win for the latter by one stroke. Mr. R. T. Thomson, 44 and 47=91; Mr. J. B. Radcliffe, 49 and 43=92.

ARBROATH.—The members of this club completed on Wednesday afternoon, the 7th inst., a competition at the Elliot course for the silver handicap medal. It was won by Mr. R. Guthrie with a score of 96.

WIMBLEDON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Amid torrents of rain the autumn meeting of this club was held on Saturday, 10th October. Starting by numbers at set times made it possible to play the round without waiting, and only four couples shirked the rain. The course is in splendid order, and is a witness to what can be done in a few months by constant attention and a liberal outlay of money. The course and putting-greens are now first-rate, hard to be beaten on an inland links. In front of seven of the tees are hazards necessitating a carry of from thirty to eighty yards, and five of the greens are also guarded by hazards. The length of the nine holes is as follows:—1st, 125 yards; 2nd, 135 yards; 3rd, 130 yards; 4th, 100 yards; 5th, 155 yards; 6th, 130 yards; 7th, 100 yards; 8th, 135 yards; 9th, 135 yards; total, 1,154 yards. On Saturday the medal record, hitherto held by Miss Pearson with 37, plus 45=82, was broken by Miss Lena Thomson with 41, plus 37=78, a very first-rate performance, which gained for her the club scratch challenge prize for the best aggregate gross score at the two meetings of 1891.

The October monthly medal on Saturday next should, if the weather be a little finer, show some good scores from the many improving players in this club.

Club scratch aggregate at the two 1891 meetings. Silver challenge cup and gold memento:—Miss Lena Thomson, 92, plus 78=170; Miss Isette Pearson, 89, plus 82=171. The handicap prizes went as follows:—1st, value £5, given by Mrs. Burrell, of Streatham, Miss Lena Thomson, 78, less 9=69; 2nd, value £3, given by Mr. Want and friends, Miss E. King, 97, less 24=73; 3rd, value £2, given by Mr. J. J. Cater, Esq., Miss Pearson, 82, less 5=77; 4th, a putter and a box of balls, Miss Mabel Dickie, 96, less 18=78. The other scores were as follows, and the result shows good handicapping:—Miss Gedge, 103, less 22=81; Miss Emily Carver, 117, less 36=81; Miss Phillips, 93, less 12=81; Mrs. Poole, 114, less 32=82; Mrs. Dowson, 113, less 30=83; Mrs. Cameron, 108, less 25=83; Miss Nicol, 108, less 24=84; Miss S. Henderson, 114, less 30=84; Miss Clarke, 104, less 18=86; Miss Want, 115, less 28=87; Miss Gow, 123, less 36=87; Mrs. Archer, 110, less 22=88; Miss Stevenson, 106, less 18=88; Miss Norah Forde, 124, less 36=88; Miss Reeves, 119, less 30=89; Miss E. Scott, 110, less 20=90; Miss Oliver, 121, less 30=91; Mrs. Foster, 106, less 15=91; Mrs. Horne, 120, less 28=92; Miss H. A. Macfarlan, 129, less 36=93; Miss B. Thomson, 109, less 15=94; Mrs. Stevenson, 130, less 36=94; Miss K. Tuely, 130, less 36=94; Mrs. Hedderwick, 122, less 27=95; Mrs. Davies, 135, less 36=99; Miss M. C. Faithfull, 123, less 24=99; Mrs. Horne, 121, less 21=100; Miss E. Dickie, 124, less 24=100. The following were over 100, or did not return scores:—Miss B. Martyn, Mrs. Moran, Mrs. Nicol, Miss D. Scott, Mrs. Meates, Miss Connell, Miss L. Clapham, Mrs. Chetwynd-Stapylton, Miss Frith, Mrs. Cundell, Miss Tee, Miss Blake, Mrs. W. Laidlaw Purves.

SCOTSCRAIG CLUB.—The autumn meeting of the Scotsraig Club took place at Tagport on Saturday last. The weather was delightful, and the attendance the largest on record. Play was for the Scotsraig gold medal (scratch) and the Walker silver medal (handicap). The former was won by Mr. A. S. Thomson with a score of 88, and the latter by Mr. A. S. Black, with 94, less 12=82. A few of the next best scores were:—Dr. Orr, 91, less 6=85; Mr. R. Law, 104, less 18=86; Mr. G. Millar, 100, less 12=88; Mr. H. Fyfe, 107, less 18=89; Mr. W. C. Dickson, 98, less 8=90; Mr. W. Smith, 98, less 8=90; Rev. C. Halliday, 93, less 2=91; Mr. G. Bell, 107, less 16=91; Mr. W. Hogg, 94, less 2=92; Mr. J. Siewright, 102, less 10=92; Mr. W. E. Methven, 105, less 10=95; Mr. D. McGregor, 105, less 10=95; Mr. W. Honeyman, 111, less 16=95. The winner of ex-captain Thomson's cup was also decided, when Dr. Orr and Mr. G. B. Black competed for the honour; but the Doctor proved too much for Mr. Black, and won the trophy by 5 holes and 4 to play. A general meeting of the club took place during the afternoon, when seven gentlemen were duly proposed and admitted members.

AIRDRIE GOLF CLUB.—The quarterly competition for the Motherwell cup handicap took place over the links at Rochsoles, on Saturday, and the very fine weather brought together a large number of the members of the club. The winner of the cup was Mr. Jas. Woodburn. The following were the best scores:—Mr. Jas. Woodburn, 98, less 9=89; Mr. J. Macfarlane, 99, less 7=92; Mr. J. Ritchie, 102, less 9=93; Mr. J. W. Findlay, 100, less 6=94; Mr. A. D. Lindsay, 95 (scratch).

GIRVAN GOLF CLUB.—The annual meeting of the above club was held on Friday evening last when the following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—Patron, Mr. F. T. R. Kennedy; captain, Mr. David Andrews; secretary and treasurer, Mr. P. F. McKenna, solicitor, Girvan; committee, Rev. A. G. Brown, Rev. C. A. Thomson, Mr. Andrew Brown, Mr. Robert Marshall, and Mr. Robert McConnell, jun. The membership of the club now numbers over 80 regular members, in addition to a large number of summer members.

ROYAL MUSSELBURGH CLUB.—The autumn competitive meeting of the Royal Musselburgh Club took place on October 8th, at Musselburgh, when there was an unusually numerous turn-out of members. Previous to the play, the annual business meeting was held—Mr. T. Carmichael, S.S.C., the captain, in the chair. The Duke of Connaught was re-elected honorary president of the club; Sir John D. Hope, of Craighall, president; Mr. Thomas Carmichael, captain; and Messrs. William Dougall and M. J. Brown were elected to fill the vacancies in the committee. The honorary secretary (Mr. James Gibson) submitted the annual report, from which it appeared that the prosperity of the club still continues. During the year 12 new members had been admitted, the membership now standing at 122 ordinary and 10 honorary members. From the financial statement appended to the report it appeared that the year had opened with a balance in hand of £40 12s., and had closed with a credit balance of £64 11s. 10d. Business over, the members competed for the Club cup and the Colonial medal (both scratch awards), and for a handsome silver tankard, the gift of the captain, and a barometer and cigarette case, provided from the club funds—the prizes in kind being under handicap. The weather was very pleasant, and quite in favour of low scoring. The same, however, could not be said for the state of the green. The recent storm, on the one hand, and the races, on the other, have left it in a condition far from conducive to good play, and the putting-greens could stand some improvement. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, Mr. Marcus J. Brown succeeding in doing the eighteen in 84, his second round being a remarkably good one. The details of his card were:—First round, 4 8 5 5 4 5 4 5 3=43; Second round, 5 6 6 3 4 5 5 3 4=41. Mr. Garden Smith, who was playing with Mr. Brown, was only beaten by him by one stroke. He did the first nine holes in 41, but with a 7 for the second hole of the last round he did not get home under 44. Mr. Brown's 84 secured him the scratch award, and for the handicap prizes the best scores were:—Dr. Ballantyne, 96, less 10=86; Mr. Robert Millar, 97, less 10=87; Mr. J. Michael Brown, 100, less 12=88; Mr. M. J. Brown, 84, plus 6=90; Mr. Garden G. Smith, 85, plus 6=91; Mr. James Gibson, 99, less 8=91; Mr. R. N. Nisbet, 100, less 8=92; Mr. J. M. Henry, 108, less 16=92; Rev. T. White, 100, less 8=92; Mr. George Sinclair, 101, less 8=93; Mr. W. Tait, 111, 18=93; Mr. F. A. Renwick, 98, less 4=94; Mr. C. E. Hill, 96, less 2=94; Mr. T. T. Gray, 96, less 2=94; Mr. J. Baillie, 98, less 4=94; Mr. A. S. Bourhill (scratch), 94; Mr. A. Brunton, 107, less 12=95; Mr. D. S. Duncan, 105, less 10=95; Mr. J. Shepperd, 105, less 10=95; Mr. Wm. Dougall, 110, less 14=96; Mr. J. A. Stevenson, 103, less 6=97; Mr. Thos. Carmichael, 109, less 12=97. In the evening the members dined together in the club-house the captain, Mr. Thos. Carmichael, S.S.C., occupying the chair, and the croupier being Mr. M. J. Brown.

THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE CLUB.—A meeting of the members of this club was held on Thursday evening, the 8th inst., in the Continental Restaurant, Newcastle, Mr. Charles Muir being chairman. The joint hon. sec., Mr. Bates, stated that fifty-four members were elected at the first meeting and forty-seven more were to be submitted for election at the present gathering. Rules were read and adopted, and it was resolved that the entrance-fee be £1 1s., and the annual subscription £1 1s.; the entrance-fee will be increased to £2 2s. after January next. It was agreed that the officers of the garrison be elected to full membership of the club on paying the entrance-fee only. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. J. R. Bolton for his labours in connection with the formation of the club. The names of the forty-seven new members were read to the meeting and carried. The total membership now stands at 101. Tom Morris will superintend the laying out of the course. The officials selected for the season were: President, Mr. J. W. B. Pease; vice-presidents, Capt. Noble, Sir H. Williamson, Mr. Thos. Milvain, M.P., Mr. W. G. Clayton, Mr. R. Clayton, Mr. Joseph Cowen, Lord Armstrong, Mr. Jas. Pennant, Sir M. W. Ridley; captain, Dr. A. W. Wilson; committee, Messrs. W. G. Black, G. W. Ridley, G. F. Charlton, A. H. Marsh, Capt. Stewart, Messrs. E. L. Orde, W. T. Wilson, C. Muir, C. G. Ross; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. T. Thomson; hon. secs., Messrs. J. B. Radcliffe and S. F. Bates. The club starts under very favourable auspices, and should prove one of the most important in the north in time.

LARGS GOLF CLUB.—OPENING OF NEW COURSE.—The links recently laid out at Routenburn by the newly-formed Largs Golf Club was formally opened by the honorary president, the Earl of Glasgow, on Saturday. The Earl, in driving the first ball, wished the club every prosperity. Thereafter a competition took place for a medal presented by the captain of the club, Mr. H. J. McCall, of Holmwood. The links, for an inland course, which, though near the sea they virtually are, are very good, and the hazards present considerable variety. Only one round of the links of nine holes was played, and the result was as undernoted:—Mr. H. J. McCall, 60; Mr. A. B. Culpepper, 65; Mr. A. E. Barbour, 66; Mr. A. M. Thomson, 66; Mr. J. Murray, 66; Mr. C. S. Parsons, 75; Mr. J. W. Parsons, 82; Mr. J. Morris, 87; Mr. J. Orr, 88; Mr. B. Orr, 88; Mr. G. Barnsley, 89.

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