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1891. OCTOBER.
- Oct. 1-3.—Guildford : Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 2.—Harrison, Edinburgh : Medal.
Oct. 3.—London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Aberdeen Club : Scratch Medal and Burgmann Cup.
Brighton and Hove : The Berens Gold Medal.
Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.
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Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.
Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.
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Wilpshire District : Scratch Competition.
Seaton Carew : Gray Trophy.
Redhill and Reigate : Turner Medal.
Selkirk : Captain's Prize.
Rochdale : Autumn Competition.
Richmond : Monthly Medal.
Warwickshire : Lefroy Prize.
Cathkin Braes : Gold Medal.
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Haydock Park : Captain's Cup.
Aldeburgh : Silver Medal.
Bowdon : Silver Medal Competition, under special handicap.
Ilkley : Buckley Cup.
Staines : Monthly Medal.
Manchester : Monthly Medal.
Oct. 5, 6, 7.—Harrison, Edinburgh : Cup and Prizes.
Oct. 6.—Cornwall County Golf Club : Monthly Handicap.
Royal Blackheath : Monthly Medal.
Oct. 6-7.—Hayling Island Ladies' : Bath Challenge Star ; Autumn Meeting ; Routledge Cup (Scratch) ; Handicap Prize ; Sweepstakes.
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- Oct. 6, 7, 8.—Dinard : Autumn Meeting, Club Cup, Open Handicap, Scratch Gold Medal, and Sweepstakes.
Oct. 7.—Prestwick : Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 7-9.—Royal North Devon : Autumn Meeting.
Royal Liverpool : Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 8.—Innerleven : Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 8-9.—Dornoch : Platt Cup.
Oct. 9-10.—Brighton and Hove : Autumn Prize Meeting.
Oct. 10.—Southport : Cup Competition.
Aberdeen Club : Final Competition for Burgmann Cup.
West Herts : Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup (Yearly Competition) ; Captain's Prize (final).
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.
Royal Isle of Wight : Autumn Meeting ; Tottenham Gold Medal ; Club Prize.
Tantallon : Autumn Meeting.
Dublin : Lumsden Medal.
Falkirk : Monthly Competition.
Nairn : Pullar Medal.
Wilpshire and District : Monthly Medal.
Alnwick : Marsh Painting.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Captain's Cup.
Alnmouth : Marsh Prize.
Formby : Pearson Prize.
Hayling Island : Monthly Competition.
Tooting : Monthly Medal.
Oct. 12.—Royal Isle of Wight : Foursome Tournament for Prize given by the Club.
Oct. 12-13.—Crookham : Autumn Meeting ; Open Challenge Cup.
Oct. 13.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Cup.
Royal Blackheath : George Glennie Medal, and Penn Cup
Oct. 13-15.—North Berwick : Autumn Golf Tournament.
Oct. 15.—Clapham : Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 15-17.—London Scottish : Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 16.—Harrison, Edinburgh : Medal.
Oct. 17.—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.
Lea Hurst : Monthly Competition.
Royal Belfast : Autumn Meeting.
St. Georges, Sandwich : Franklin-Adams Gold Medal ; Club Cup ; Caird Prize.
Edinburgh C. A. : Autumn Meeting.
Richmond : Autumn Meeting.
Ealing : Monthly Medal.
Oct. 17-19.—Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Autumn Meeting.
St. Georges, Sandwich : Captain's Medal.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Autumn Meeting.

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THE PLAY AT NORTH BERWICK.

After the conclusion of the first day's play at St. Andrews, on September 7th, a week elapsed before the resumption of hostilities on the North Berwick green. The Kirkaldys had admittedly a hard task before them, entering as they did on the second half of the match with a deficit of five holes; and, further, inasmuch as North Berwick is a green more than any other where intimate local knowledge is of the greatest advantage, their prospects of ultimate success were likely to be all the more problematical. Nor can North Berwick be described as a green where very long driving is of any particular use, since accuracy in the approaching game is the one thing needful, in which department, it need scarcely be said, Sayers and his partner excel. While, therefore, the outlook for the brothers was not particularly rosy, still it was felt that if they happened to get a good start, and win two or three holes early in the day, there would be a prospect of an interesting finish.

In the matter of weather, spectators were only moderately fortunate; it is true that they might have extracted such crumbs of comfort as were available from the assurance on scientific authority that the V-shaped depression which had been gadding about Great Britain had now departed to Scandinavia, still it was obvious that its place was filled by another, probably in the form of the letter Z, to judge from the zigzag swirls of wind with which the players had to contend, a depression, too, which brought with it an amount of rain necessitating the use of macintosh and umbrella. Notwithstanding this, a goodly crowd of interested spectators assembled, a qualitative analysis of which revealed the presence of several distinguished amateurs, among whom were—Mr. Horace G. Hutchinson, Dr. Laidlaw Purves, Mr. W. M. De Zoete, Mr. H. S. C. Everard, and Mr. A. F. Macfie, to which list is to be added the Right Honourable the Irish Secretary, whose enthusiasm for the game is a matter of common knowledge. Although Golf at North Berwick might perhaps be compared to a game of racquet in a portmanteau, the course, nevertheless, on a windy day demands considerable judgment, a quality in which the St. Andrews men were conspicuously deficient, while Sayers and Grant evidently knew "quite as much as Horace *quid albus peccat Iapys*," and thoroughly outplayed their opponents in consequence.

With the commendable punctuality always noticeable in professional matches, a start was made at 10.30 precisely, the result of the first hole being to increase still further the already substantial lead of the Lothian men, who, by a better short game, got down in four at Pointgarry, as against five by their opponents. At the next hole, however, where Andrew Kirkaldy played a beautiful fourth shot, this new advantage was lost by a stymy, which Sayers, albeit he tried well, just failed to negotiate. This player made rather a mess of his approach to the third hole, and, as his partner did nothing particularly brilliant by way of recovery, the hole was lost, for the Kirkaldys here played perfect Golf, and were down in four. The Trap was halved in four (it could not on this occasion be reached from the tee) and the Angle in three, both sides here holing in two off the iron; to Hugh Kirkaldy be the glory, for his brother had made a poor tee shot off the line into rough grass. An exceedingly pretty short loft by Andrew won the Low Bent for his side in three; they were now two up on the round, and three down on the match, and the situation was becoming interesting; if the match was to be saved or won, this was the time for it. But, as it turned out, it was not to be. The tee shot to the Far Bent was a difficult one, by reason of the wind; Andrew decided to risk all, and go for the green with his brassy; but he drew his ball into the wood, for which mistake the terrible penalty of a stroke and the distance is exigible. Seeing this, Grant played an accurate safety shot with his cleek, the reply to which was a second shot into the wood by Hugh Kirkaldy, followed by a third from his brother: wherefore, as far as that hole was concerned, "the subsequent proceedings interested them no more." The Hole o' Cross was halved in four, at which figure the Quarry-out fell to the North Berwick combination, by reason of a weak iron approach by Hugh Kirkaldy, who underestimated the distance necessary to clear the opposing hazard. The same player failed to take advantage of a fairly easy chance at the end hole, where by outrunning his long putt he left his partner too much to do; the position was further complicated by a stymy, which Andrew very nearly succeeded in circumventing, but failed by a hair's breadth. The match was now all square on the day's play, but Andrew now threw away the next two holes, the first by an erratic tee shot into long grass, and the next by a well-played but somewhat unlucky approach, which lofted on the wall and rebounded a long distance, each of these holes costing five where four should have sufficed. Sayers let slip a very easy chance on the putting-green at the High Bent, to which his partner had played him a perfect tee shot, but made amends at Perfection by an admirable iron shot on to the green, close to the hole, Hugh Kirkaldy being very wide, and also too far. Hole about followed, mistakes in approach putts by Sayers and Andrew Kirkaldy respectively contributing to this result, the play otherwise being beyond cavil, and then the brothers experienced a bit of bad luck. Both sides were safe after two shots, when Andrew, with a very fine iron shot, had the misfortune

to trickle over the hill at Pointgarry on to the shore, from which position his brother was unable to extricate him; Sayers, laying a long and difficult putt stone dead, the hole went to his side in five, and the last being halved in four, the challengers were four down on the day, and nine down on the match.

Considering the wind, Sayers and his partner played very correct Golf; the first-named made a few mistakes on the green, where his tendency was to be short in his approach putts; but their score may be given as 76, which would certainly have been a stroke less but for the stymy at the second hole. Particulars are approximately as follows:—

Sayers and Grant:—

Out	...	...	...	4	6	5	4	3	4	4	4	4	5=43
Home	...	...	...	4	4	4	3	4	5	5	4=33		76

The Kirkaldys' score cannot be given, owing to their two bad holes; but for the remaining sixteen, they were 70, as against 67 for the corresponding holes.

The remainder of the match needs but little description; the challengers were now nine down and eighteen to play; they won the first hole in the afternoon, thanks to Sayers half topping his second shot, and striking the rocks, but the next hole saw the perfection of play on behalf of the leading couple, who drove two long balls in the teeth of the wind, which had meanwhile increased in strength, these two drives being followed up by a particularly good three-quarter cleek shot by Sayers, which landed close to the hole, the brothers meanwhile having been caught in a bunker short of the green, had no chance. After one halved hole, the three succeeding holes fell to North Berwick in three, four, three; they were thus dormy twelve; a half at the Far Bent was all that was necessary, where the umpire, Provost Brodie, declared the match over.

In reviewing the whole circumstances, abundant credit must be given to the winners; they showed much courage in accepting the challenge, and fortune favoured the brave. No one could have anticipated that Andrew Kirkaldy would have been so very much below his usual game as he proved to be at St. Andrews in the first two rounds, and this circumstance made a most material difference in the match. Then, when the scene shifted, the weather proved somewhat troublesome, and the brothers' strong point was not that of accuracy; in fact, it may be said, with due deference, that they were exceedingly wild. That being so, the consistently steady play of their opponents carried the day. Of the whole quartette, perhaps David Grant from start to finish played most regularly up to his form, showing that he is a performer with whom it would be the height of folly to take any liberties; the losers indeed might with profit reflect upon the sage advice sent under not very dissimilar circumstances to Benhadad and the thirty-two kings—"Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off."

We have many good singles at Golf, both amateur and professional, which are worthy of mere passing notice; but there are comparatively few good foursomes. It was with much pleasure, therefore, that many keen players saw the challenge of the brothers Kirkaldy, of St. Andrews, to play any two for £50 a side, and knew of its being accepted so quickly by Ben Sayers and David Grant, of North Berwick. This showed considerable confidence in the former, well founded, no doubt, for Andrew has shown himself to be a very strong all-through golfer, and Hugh has been playing for months an exceptionally powerful game. It also shows remarkable pluck in the latter, though they, too, had been keeping their own in foursomes against good antagonists.

Andrew Kirkaldy's performance at North Berwick, a year ago, when he was suffering from cold, was brilliant in every part of the game; and his driving is exceptionally strong and straight, reminding me, though in a much stronger way, of old Allan Robertson's brilliancy and accuracy. Hugh beat Sayers on North Berwick and St. Andrews by purely first class play; for Ben is a player of indomitable pluck and "head" in all parts of the game. The challenge of the brothers was, therefore, considered a test one for really first class professionals.

Ben Sayers has good backers. They know his persevering toughness: for he will not give in. Sometimes another may gain a match from him; but he won't be beaten. He will rise fresh to any new encounter. This little fellow is all muscle and spirit. Ben's knowledge of North Berwick makes him have a good pull on an outsider there, though Hugh once frightened him by exceptionally fine play. Grant is a quiet, methodical, business-like player; nothing will ruffle him; he holes out without a mistake. Neither he nor Ben is a brilliant driver; yet they never miss a stroke, and rarely miss the line. It is really wonderful that they do not fall much short on the average of more brilliant players in driving; while they are more deadly than most in all the other parts of the game.

Of course, good judges were rightly of opinion that the Kirkaldys ought to have the pull on their own green, knowing that, on the green of their opponents, they would require to feel themselves slightly handicapped. Yet the unexpected sometimes happens, and this is one of the glorious beauties of the game. Looking generally over the play

at St. Andrews on the 9th inst., one must say that the match was lost by the over-keenness of Andrew Kirkaldy to show that he was "boss" over the others. He seemed as if he could not get his horns out. He was playing wild in all departments, and this may have been on account of his extra keenness to show his well-known and acknowledged superiority. Be that as it may, he showed an uncommon weakness, and, but for the noble pluck of Hugh in carrying him on, the result would have been more damaging. And this weakness was naturally taken advantage of by the North Berwick players. They stuck to each other and each other's play, and by pure perseverance and steady work they won. "The tortoise may beat the hare by caution."

I will make a few observations on the play generally as it struck me at the several holes. But let me say that I was very sorry—for the success of the most excellent of games—to witness the wrangle on two occasions during the course of the play. At the beginning of the second round, after Grant played his tee-shot, Hugh struck off instead of Andrew. The impression seemed to prevail that Andrew in the first round had not been able to "funk" Grant, who was too stolid to be moved by anyone; and, possibly, it may have been considered by the brothers that, by a change, Andrew might, by his strong driving, make Ben "funk." However that may be, Ben was too sharp, and he challenged the change. After consultation the umpires—Colonel Boyd, Mr. Everard, and Tom Morris—came to the conclusion that the Kirkaldys forfeited the hole. This is a nice point; but the umpires judged rightly. What would be the result if the better of two in a foursome should, when he likes, play off any critical tee-shot? The thing is absurd to think of for a moment—though the air was full of howls of execration from the backers of the Kirkaldys in all ranks of life. When no exact penalty is mentioned in match playing, a lost hole is the penalty for any other infringement of the rules. No one who reads the rules with care, or who considers the meaning of any shifting in foursome play, will say that the umpires gave a wrong judgment. They could not have done otherwise. The other case was a more doubtful one. At the fifth hole out in the second round Sayers moved a fungus on the putting-green. Hugh challenged this, and asserted that the fungus was growing when Sayers removed it. Had this been so, of course Sayers would have forfeited the hole. But was the fungus growing when Sayers removed it? Sayers asserted strongly that he did not pull it up, and that it was loose when he touched it. When examined by the others, the fungus was as clearly observed to have a fresh root as if it had been newly removed. It was a doubtful case. There was no professional expert with a microscope to give any help. The player in the match before this foursome might have pulled it up, or, by some accident, the foot of a passer by might have removed it. Accordingly, the umpire decided that they were not in a position to ascertain whether or not the fungus was growing when Sayers touched it, and therefore could not say that there was an infringement of the rule about removing things on the putting-green.

Let me now look over some of the specially good or bad strokes in the two rounds. On the whole the play was very mediocre; there was no decidedly brilliant run; "commonplace with caution" was the ruling disposition even on the side of the successful partners. The scores were too near ninety in both rounds to show anything like fine play, when we consider the exceptionally fine day and excellent putting-greens. The thousand onlookers were not satisfied with the general play, though an occasionally good shot was heartily applauded. During the outgoing of the first round the Kirkaldys hugged the bunkers rather too much, considering that now, on account of the width of the green, they do not require to go near the line of the bunkers at all, and at the sixth hole out they were two holes behind. The next three, however, they won with very much better play, though Sayers threw the end hole into their hands by being inexcusably short with his putt. Next hole, however, Sayers redeemed himself by holing the ONLY good putt of the day, and made all square. Andrew bunkered his iron shot at the short hole, which went to the other side. Next hole Grant blundered in his second most egregiously, but Ben, by an indomitable power of recuperation, approached boldly and halved the hole. The hole to the Cross hole green was wretchedly played by the North Berwick men, who, of course, lost it. At the next hole Grant redeemed himself by a splendid approach putt, which secured the hole; he was now one up. Ben nearly lost the next hole, but his partner made all right by holing a long putt. Hugh had no excuse whatever for playing into the "Principal's Nose," when Sayers had already floundered there. This showed a want of "head," which is very necessary in good steady play. Sayers showed his individuality at the Road hole by playing out of a track according to his own judgment, instead of heeding his caddie, Crawford, who all through had too much to say. The hole was, however, gained by an exceptionally fine stroke by Hugh. Andrew had drawn him behind the bunker at the hole, and Hugh pitched over the bunker within a few inches of the hole, showing that his nerve was unshaken. At the last hole Andrew showed his unsteadiness to perfection. By sheer brute force he played the approach shot with his cleek, instead of with the well-known

deadly middle spoon of olden times, and drove the ball up to Tom Morris's door, outside of the paling. Hugh pitched this over well, but he was not able to recover the lost position, and North Berwick finished the round one ahead.

The dispute at the start of the second round, already referred to, put all their backs up, except, perhaps, Grant's, who did not speak a word about it. At the second hole Ben approached with a brilliant third shot, which he laid dead; but Andrew holed a good long putt, and halved in four. Of course, the applause of the supporters of both was high in both cases, and many feared a scene ere long on account of the excitement, which I never before saw in any match. Hugh holed well out at the third hole, and reduced the North Berwick men to one up on the match. Ben laid a fine shot dead next hole, and added a second to his advantage. After bunkering his tee-shot, and the worry at the hole about the fungus, Andrew holed out well for a half, thereby showing indomitable pluck. The next two holes were halved. Ben, at the short hole, played a deadly iron shot, which deservedly secured the hole, and secured the turning hole—now four up. Hugh now began to flag. He drove his tee-shot into the whins, and the brothers were unable to get a half, making Ben and Grant five up. The High Hole was well played and halved. Ben, being bunkered, lost the next hole, but it was again recovered by a perfect mess made by Andrew. The Long Hole was halved by excellent play on both sides. Hugh gave Andrew a fine chance at the next hole by laying a full shot very near the disc, but Andrew missed the opportunity. At the corner of the dyke Grant gave Ben the same chance by a similarly good second approach, but Sayers failed to follow up, for Andrew laid a long putt dead and halved the hole. At the Road Hole Grant failed to take advantage of Andrew bunkering his tee-shot by trying to reach the green with the third shot. He should have played short—as everyone knows who has played at this critical hole. But he lost his head, went on the road, and lost the hole. He recovered, however, at the last hole, which he secured by a good putt, making Ben and Grant five holes up on the day.

J. G. McPHERSON.

RECORD AT MACHRIHANISH.—The record at Machrihanish was twice broken within a short period recently. Among the players who have been over the famous links lately, and who played together, were Mr. J. W. Duncan, a St. Andrews player from Boghall, Fifeshire, and Willie Fernie, the Troon professional. The record for the green till the occasion in question was 75, held by Mr. James Lyon, one of the members of the club. Messrs. Duncan and Fernie went round in 76, but subsequently Fernie went round in 74, thus establishing a record for the green. The details of Fernie's score are:—Out, 6 6 4 4 3 4 5 4 3=39; In, 5 5 4 3 4 3 3 5 3=35; total, 74.

LOW SCORING AT TROON.—Playing a single over Troon Links with Hugh Kirkaldy on Saturday evening, Willie Fernie holed out in the fine score of 72:—Out, 4 4 4 4 5 3 5 4 4=37; In, 5 4 3 3 4 5 4 4 3=35; total, 72. It is necessary in order to explain the details to point out that the round was the reversed round.

LADIES' COURSE AT TAYPORT.—On the afternoon of Saturday last a course was opened for the Ladies' Golf Club recently started in Tayport. The new course has been laid out on the same links as the Scotsraig play on, and consists of six holes. There was a large attendance at the opening ceremony, and the Rev. Christopher Halliday, who presided, in an appropriate speech, congratulated the ladies on now being able to play Golf, and complimented Mr. J. B. Robertson on the success of his efforts in forming the ladies' club. Tea was afterwards served, and several couples went over the new course.

INTERESTING FOURSOME AT LEVEN.—A foursome which excited a great deal of interest was played over the ladies' course on Saturday afternoon, Miss Marjorie P. Wilkie, partnered by Mr. R. R. Prentice, engaging Miss Mary Wilkie, with Rev. A. B. Campbell. Two rounds of the course were played. At the conclusion of the first round, Mr. Prentice and his partner were two holes up; but in the second round Rev. A. B. Campbell and his partner secured the first five holes, and halving the sixth, were dormy on the match. Mr. Prentice and Miss Marjorie Wilkie, nothing daunted, played the last three holes so well that they succeeded in halving the match. It was agreed to play another round to decide, and after some rather indifferent give-and-take play, in a very bad light, Miss Marjorie Wilkie and Mr. Prentice won by two holes up and one to play.

BRAIDS GOLF CLUB.—The members of this club held their autumn competition over Gullane Links in boisterous weather. The gold medal for the best scratch score was secured by Mr. W. J. Walker. Generally speaking the scoring was exceptionally high. The turn-out of members was good.

SCIENCE AND GOLF.

DR. ANDREW WILSON has earned a deservedly high reputation north of the Tweed for much excellent work he has achieved in the cause of hygiene. He has lectured and written much on that subject, and fame has adorned his head with the aureole of a judicious, practical scientific reformer. It would, therefore, be but a poor compliment to him to say that so much assiduous and painstaking effort in shedding enlightenment on doubtful or obscure points of sanitary well-being has not been, as far as may be, translated into practice by a large proportion of those who have either listened to him, or read what he has written. But, for once in a way he has left the beaten track, with which he is extremely familiar, and has made an excursion into unknown territory. The result is what might have been expected. He has fallen a victim to his own temerity, and has egregiously blundered.

It appears that the learned doctor has been spending his vacation at Lower Largo, in Fifeshire. The inhabitants of this picturesque little Fifeshire town will, doubtless, be glad to know that the doctor has given them a cautiously worded certificate as to the general salubrity of the village. Though their little town has given to posterity the name of Alexander Selkirk—whose supposed achievements have been immortalised by Defoe's fine work of fiction—a great deal, in the opinion of the doctor, still remains to be done by the inhabitants in the way of a good water supply and a system of drainage. When it has secured those two essentials to the maintenance of public health then, in the opinion of the doctor, Lower Largo will be an estimable health resort. Had the doctor confined himself to this aspect of his subject we should not have been disposed to find fault with him. Being, however, evidently gravelled for matter to make up his "Science Jottings" in a recent number of the *Illustrated London News* he, for want of something better to do, thinks it desirable to fall foul of Golf, and especially of young golfers. This is what he writes, and we call particular attention to the little italicised sentence at the beginning:—

"The great attraction at Largo is the game of Golf. The links are large and extensive, and the cry of the golfer resounds through the land perpetually. At the risk of being regarded as an unorthodox babbler—for I do not play Golf—I must say one tends to grow just a little weary of the eternal discussions about the game one hears at Largo, North Berwick, St. Andrews, Prestwick, and elsewhere. It is doubtless an enchanting, as I am certain it is an all-absorbing, game, and I for one will not risk calling forth howls of derision by an attempt to decry it in any sense. I will say, however, that when I see lads and young men devoting their energies to Golf, I feel that they are neglecting a much finer game for persons of their age—I mean cricket. When one is young, an exercise is demanded which shall exercise the agility, strengthen the self-reliance, educate the faculties and senses, and train the muscles to healthy and sharp action. These desirable ends cricket accomplishes. For converse reasons, I fail to see that Golf is an ideal game for young men. For middle-aged persons who lead sedentary lives Golf, I should say, is a most admirable pastime. It gives just the proper amount of exercise, graduated and not too violent, such as the muscles, heart, and lungs of a middle-aged man require. You hit a ball and walk after it and manœuvre it into a hole, and all this is exciting enough, I daresay; but, I repeat, it is not a proceeding of which youths and young men should grow enamoured. Why cricket is not played in the North, in place of the eternal Golf, it is difficult to understand, for there is no lack of opportunity, so far as I can see, for

enjoying that noblest of sports—one requiring dexterity, sharpness, and a high degree of muscular activity. I have great sympathy with the man who, when asked why he did not play Golf, replied that he was keeping it in reserve as a capital game till he had reached the age of fifty, when he was certain to be gouty. He will be told that he will never learn Golf if he waits till the age named; but his enjoyment may, nevertheless, be great, if I may judge from the veterans I see every summer taking the field for the first time and smashing clubs innumerable in their early attempts to drive the ball. Meanwhile, I protest against youths being absorbed in Golf to the exclusion of cricket; and for girls I should say lawn-tennis is a much better game in every way. Am I far wrong when I say that the present rage for Golf is a kind of *fin de siècle* thing? Or is it too much to ask, would all and sundry attempt to play it if it had not been so much exploited by a certain statesman, and had not thus become the fashion of the day?"

The entire passage quoted above, far from being an example of matured and weighty scientific criticism, based on experience, observation, and analysed *data*, is simply a piece of superfine "hedging"—*telum imbellis sine ictu*. It comes from a scientific critic who absolutely knows nothing about the subject of which he writes—possibly does not know a cleek from a play-club when he sees them. And yet, lending the authority of his name in an influential contemporary, he seeks to prejudice uninstructed public opinion as to the merits of a sport for the young about which he frankly acknowledges that he is not capable of expressing an opinion one way or another. "Unorthodox babbler." We thank thee for that phrase, doctor! But the critic has shrewdly perceived the chinks in his armour through which assailants would try to reach him. The whole criticism is cast very much in the vein of:—

"I do not love thee, Dr. Fell,
The reason why I cannot tell;
But this I know, I know full well
I do not love thee, Doctor Fell."

We have no fear that golfers, young, middle-aged, or elderly, will attach any importance whatever to the criticism of Dr. Andrew Wilson. It would have, in all probability, about as much effect on their minds as, say, a report drawn up by an assembly of errant golfing lads and young ladies, whom the doctor's eye regretfully watches dissipating the best years of their lives playing Golf, describing the science of hygiene as a species of mumbo-jumbo.

No one who knows anything of cricket will ever decry it; it is a noble game, and does all that Dr. Andrew Wilson claims for it. But Golf as an exercise for the young is equally efficacious. It exercises "the agility, strengthens the self-reliance, educates the faculties and senses, and trains the muscles to healthy and sharp action." Nothing finer can be said for it than that. But the doctor ought to be able to see that no amount of learned disquisition or scientific recommendation will impel the youth of any country to adopt a particular form of sport because its ultimate outcome on the physique or moral constitution is supposed to be in certain well-defined directions. Individual taste, opportunity, and the association of companions, will impel some to cricket and others to Golf, and some to both forms of sport, as in the case of Mr. Leslie Balfour, one of our best golfers, and one of the best cricketers in Scotland. The same remark holds good with

respect to young ladies who play lawn tennis. It is purely a case of individual predilection, opportunity, and association; but when the doctor recommends ladies to desert their Golf-clubs for the lawn-tennis racquets, on the ground that lawn-tennis is a better and more suitable game, there we dissent from him. When played as it should be, lawn tennis is violent exercise, and liable to produce severe and irreparable strains—a fact which a doctor ought to know. The last sentence of his gentle diatribe is too obscure for intelligent realisation. In what sense does he use *fin de siècle*, and how does he apply it to Golf? Further, the suggestion that because Mr. Balfour, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, relieves his mind from the worries, cares, and anxieties of office by playing Golf, the game has, therefore, become a fashionable craze with all classes, is a little too ridiculous for sober treatment. The doctor is a Scotchman, and ought, therefore, to know something about the history, at least, of his own country. Would he be surprised to know that his countrymen have played Golf for a thousand years, and that legislative suppression has been directed against it time and again without avail. Does a stubborn little fact like this not show some inherent stability in the game which science wotteth not of, and which is proof against all the vagaries and choppings and changes of unstable fashion? As a final word to the doctor, may we say this? When next he seeks to gain the public ear he may be grateful to us for reminding him of a trite, but, in his case, particularly pregnant saying of Apelles to an ambitious cobbler critic—*ne sutor ultra crepidam*.

ISLAY GOLF CLUB.—A match for a gold medal presented by the captain, Major Wise, Islay House, was played by members of the club over the Machrie Links on Monday, the 21st ult. There was a large turn-out of spectators, and amongst the players were the Right Hon. Lord Watson, London, and his son. Lord Watson, who is an old Edinburgh player, expressed himself much pleased with the Machrie course, and although he was not successful in gaining the medal, his lordship played a very good game. The day was dry, but on account of a strong breeze from the north the players took from ten to fifteen strokes more to the round than they would have done on a calm day. Mr. William Ritchie, Edinburgh, gained the medal with a score of 109, less 4=105. The outward holes are not so long as those on the inward course, but on account of the wind Mr. Ritchie took 60 strokes outward and only 49 inward. Mr. R. Ballingall (scratch) did the round in 107 strokes, viz., outward, 55; inward, 52. It may be remembered that Campbell, when playing against Fernie, did the round in 89.

ALBAN GOLF CLUB.—The half-yearly competition for the club medal and other prizes, took place at Gullane on the 19th ult. The conditions, so far as weather was concerned, were the reverse of favourable for low scoring. The wind blew a hurricane, and during the early part of the day some rain fell. On a number of the greens it was extremely difficult to hole out on account of the gale, and at the seventh, which is on a slope and very keen, players were fortunate who holed out before reaching double figures in the putting, some players having taken upwards of 20. Councillor Macpherson won the medal, and the other prize-winners were Councillor Mackenzie, Messrs. W. D. Stewart, William C. Mackenzie, J. Douglas, C. Mackenzie, A. Mackenzie, and A. Hamilton, jun.

SCOTSCRAIG CLUB.—The members of this club on Saturday competed for the monthly medal. There was a good turn-out, but a gale of wind made low scoring out of the question. At the close it was found that the medal had been won by Mr. J. Greig, with a score of 115, less 16=99. Play in the third round for ex-captain Thomson's silver cup resulted as follows:—Dr. Orr beat Rev. C. Halliday by 5 holes and 4 to play; Mr. P. K. Sellars beat Mr. J. Eadie by 9 holes and 8 to play; Mr. W. Death scratched to Mr. G. Millar; Mr. G. B. Black, a bye. The draw for the fourth round resulted as follows:—Dr. Orr *v.* Mr. P. K. Sellars; Mr. G. B. Black *v.* Mr. G. Millar.



Strong efforts are being made to popularise Golf in America, and lately there has been a movement among a number of enthusiastic golfers in the United States to introduce the game there. Their efforts have not been altogether unsuccessful. About two years ago Mr. John Reid, of the Jordan L. Mott Iron Company, and several other gentlemen who learned the game in England, organized the Yonkers Golf Club. In a few weeks the club had twenty members, and they have been playing monthly match games and frequent exhibitions ever since. Last winter the idea of laying out a Golf course was discussed by the members of the Far Rockaway Hunting Club, and it was finally decided to try the game. The course has been completed and the first of a series of monthly handicap matches was played the other day. The winners of these handicap matches will be given valuable medals, and in the Fall it is proposed to hold an international tournament at these grounds, which expert golfers declare to be excellently adapted for links.

The best players in England, Scotland, and Canada will be invited to compete, and handsome trophies will be offered. Although this tournament was only proposed a few months ago, and really is as yet only a probability, several enterprising New York sporting-goods houses have imported complete sets of Golf outfits, anticipating that the game will eventually become quite as popular in America as it is in England. Besides Mr. Reid, the best players in America are Mr. John B. Upham, who is the champion of the Yonkers Club, Mr. J. C. Ten Eyck, Dr. Moffat, who was at one time one of the best baseball players in Princeton College, Messrs. W. D. Baldwin, Robert Lockhart, H. O. Talmadge, A. P. Kernan, and Kingman Putnam.

In many respects the links of the Ardeer Golf Club on the Ayrshire coast is a model nine-hole course. The turf over the greater part of its area is unsurpassed, and there is a good deal of variety. One of the characteristics of the round is that there must be great precision in approaching, principally on account of the presence of a sluggish watercourse, that flows in a zigzag bed through the heart of the links. I know of no links where a single stream plays such an important part in a round of Golf. The Swilcan Burn at St. Andrews affects the play at only two holes, viz., the first and last hole; the Pow Burn on Prestwick Links is a factor of much greater consequence to the golfer there, but even it is not half so much *en evidence* as the pet rivulet of the Ardeer Club. When it is pointed out that a player has to contend with it more or less directly in six holes out of the nine, it is easy, even for those who do not know the burn, in practice, to judge of the extent to which it controls the play in a medal round. It has to be crossed four times, and it has, in addition, to be approached four times.

It does not come within the sphere of play in either the first or second hole, but the ball from a too strong approach runs the risk of getting into the water at the third. Driving from the tee to the fourth the water in the foreground must be crossed. If the approach is overdone at the fifth, the ball finds the burn at one of its many bends. It scarcely affects the play going to the sixth, but it comes directly into play at the remaining three. At the seventh the putting-green extends to the water's edge,

and as bunkers intervene in the approach, a long approach from a full drive must be very carefully calculated. But it is at the eighth hole that this ubiquitous hazard comes most prominently into the round. The whole distance between the tee and the putting-green is not more than a three-quarter iron shot. Nevertheless, the burn has to be crossed twice from the tee, and if the ball is sufficiently well played to accomplish the double event, there is still the possibility of its reaching the water at another point if it is played just a little too strong. The water here is really not a legitimate hazard. It is calculated to intimidate players below the highest class, and ought, in their interest, to be modified or abolished. There is no doubt that the fact of four scratch men leading at the recent autumn meeting is to be attributed to their confidence in dealing with the burn.

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The water in the stream is muddy, and of an inky blackness, from the discharge of a neighbouring coal mine, and in addition to the loss of score there is often loss of balls. Indeed one of the institutions of a medal day is the small army of boys who, minus their trousers, perambulate the water on the alert for foundered gutties, for the finding of which there is a regular tariff. But even their vigilance cannot always cope with the Stygian darkness of the water, and, unless the gutty is a floater, the chances are against its being found.

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HUSBAND.—“I won enough money yesterday at the Golf tournament to get you a new dress.”

WIFE (*sobbing*).—“I think you might stop gambling, John. You know what it may lead to in the end, and to think that I should ever be the wife of a gambler. This is t-t-too much. What kind of a dress shall I get?”

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The Rhyl Golf Club holds its autumn meeting on Thursday and Friday, October 22nd and 23rd. The leading feature of the gathering will be a visitors' cup, value £10, open to all amateurs. There is also a prize, value £5, for the best scratch score. The club has just engaged as green-keeper and professional William Butler, who has been for eight years with J. Morris, the club-maker at Hoylake.

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The Seaford Golf Club have wisely set about the alteration of their course. Tom Dunn has been called in to advise, and we understand that he has so remodelled the round as to altogether obviate the dangerous crossing, which was so prominent a feature of the old course.

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The neighbouring club at Newhaven have also altered their course. On the old round the greens were unpleasantly sloping, but this drawback has now been remedied, and though at present a little rough, the course presents a few sporting features which ought, with sufficient play and care, to make it a good seaside green. The course was opened on Monday by a competition among the members.

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In the forthcoming contest for the open championship, North Berwick will be represented by Ben Sayers, Davie Grant, and George Sayers, a younger brother of Ben.

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As an effect of the gale at the beginning of last week, the North Berwick course was coated with sand, swept from the sea beach, from the first tee to Pointgarry bunker. The certainty of a heavy lie, even outside the road, was, however, soon obviated by the exertions of the green-keeper and assistants, who were at work from early morning.

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ROBERT'S LATEST; 18TH HOLE.—“Noo, Major —, ye ken vera well ye should'na be puttin' on this green—it's agin the rules.”

“Oh,” says the Major, “I'm very sorry, Robert, I didn't know.”

“That's a d—d lee,” says Robert, “for I saw ye readin' the ticket jist afore I cam' doon.”



OUGHT THE STIMY TO BE ABOLISHED?

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Allow me to thank you for publishing my last communication, and to beg a similar indulgence for this, which treats of the “stimy” question, a subject which is again to be reopened this month, and regarding which very strong and wide-spread counter-opinions exist. I have from week to week anxiously scanned your columns in the hope that an abler pen than mine would lucidly, impartially, and temperately lay before the golfing world the *pros* and *cons* of the advisability or otherwise of abolishing the stimy in match play.

The following resolution (with the omission of the word “scratch”) was submitted to a meeting of the Royal and Ancient last spring and was negatived, though it is again to be brought up at the approaching autumn meeting:—“That the following be added to the rules,” viz. :—“That in all scratch competitions decided by holes, the player may move his opponent's ball from any position it may occupy upon the putting-green, but such act of removal shall be equivalent to the opponent having played his ball in turn and holed it.”

It is alleged that the agitation is due to golfers south of the Tweed, educated by one of their number who, as an exponent of the game, is second to none, and, if his pen and persuasive powers are thrown into the balance, is *facile princeps* the premier golfing authority in our Isles.

Even with a less influential backing than this would indicate, it behoves lovers of the game to urge that the question be thoroughly sifted, and a final decision, in the best interests of the game, arrived at.

The anti-stimyites urge that the stimy is the result of very faulty putting, and that the advocates for its retention have no plea to urge but that of sentimentality. The latter are understood to argue somewhat thus:—“Time was when you professed to desire only the abolition of the stimy, but soon discovering that a referee would be a necessary adjunct to the game (for you might as well expect a batsman to accept the fiat of a bowler as to l.b.w. as that the “non-player” should agree with the “player” as to the existence of a *bonâ fide* stimy) you, rather than relinquish your object, frame an astute and bold resolution, which, in return for nothing (viz., an unmissable putt at the cost of a stroke), removes your opponent's ball when it suits your purpose, but retains it on the green when it may aid you. So manifestly unjust is this to the non-player, that further legislation must necessarily follow in his interests.”

Now as to stymies, the chances are equal as to which of the players lays them. They are not of frequent occurrence, and some of those that do occur the opponent would not acknowledge to be such; others are negotiable by skilled play; others again are self-laid, thus leaving a small remnant unplayable, and not worth legislating for.

We plead to the charge of sentimentality, as being inseparable from the love and fascination begotten of a game which exercised a like influence over untold generations of our predecessors. We fear and deprecate needless changes, which might jeopardise a pastime second to none and superior to all, in that it can be enjoyed from childhood to old age.

The foregoing, Mr. Editor, is a brief summary of the arguments I have heard since the terms of the original proposal saw the light; but I feel tempted to give details of two instances adduced in support of the stimy and against the proposed new rule, and in which the actors were scratch players.

First case:—

"A." played fine first and second shots; "B." pulled both his, heeled his third, the odd, but aided by kindly rubs lay almost in the line of "A's." putt, and about a club length from the hole. "A's." third, a fine run up, lay stone dead, and a stimy. "B." playfully asked "A." an advocate of the proposed change, to anticipate the adoption of his view, and remove his ball. "B." declined, and announced his reconversion!

Second case:—

"C." an unrivalled short game player, lay some fifteen yards from the hole on a keen green with a slight hill intervening. "D." played the three more out of rough ground, lay a foot from the hole, and somewhat between it and "C." The latter was five yards weak in playing one off three, and lay stimed; the next shot overran the hole by two yards: the like, played firmly, but not quite true, caught the side of the hole, whipped round behind, and only just over six inches from "D." a stimy, which was deftly lofted in the odd, securing a half. Neither of the players, nor the gallery, are likely to forget the incident, and the illustration afforded of the unnerving effect produced by the position of "D.'s" ball.

Perhaps it is such unexpected incidents, good and bad lies, lucky and unlucky rubs, &c., which make Golf such a fascinating game.

I am, Sir, &c.,

"CENTIÈME."

MR. A. F. MACFIE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The account of the above gentleman in your last issue is vivid and graphic; on reading it the thought occurred to me how much "the child is father to the man."

Being at the same school as Mr. Macfie, and living in the same suburb, we often walked and talked together, and sometimes skated and boxed, though I have no recollection of his golfing at Bruntsfield. The odd manœuvre on his part, however, which made a lasting impression on me was the way in which he could exercise his thumb-joints, an athletic feat in which I could not vie with him. I laid him a small wager that he would not be able to do so after thirty, but I presume, from Mr. Everard's account of him, that I was mistaken. The only chance that I have had of settling that matter was at the late Amateur Championship, too momentous an occasion to ask your hero to perform one of his juggling tricks.

In those days, too, he had a workshop. My earliest recollection of him is, when quite a little boy, riding about on a funny tricycle, about five years before cycling became the fashion.

I am, Sir, &c.,

KORUNEPHOROS.

September 14th, 1891.

QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I should be obliged if you would be good enough to give in your paper a decision on the following question, which arose lately in a match.

In his tee-shot one of the players landed his ball in some rushes. After searching some time a ball, not his own, as it eventually turned out, was found hanging in one of the rushes. He proceeded to play two strokes, but failing to get the ball clear he took it out with the intention of teeing up behind and losing two strokes (a local rule). The player then discovered that the ball was not his own. He happened at the same moment to see the lost ball close by, with which he proceeded

to play, eventually holing in a fewer number of strokes with it than his opponent, who, however, claimed the hole. The penalty was claimed on the ground that the opponent had played a fewer number of strokes than had already been played by the player with the wrong ball, it being contended that, as the player had accepted the ball as his own by having played with it, the hole should have been played out with that ball.

I am, Sir, &c.,

A.

Westward Ho!

[The opponent was right in claiming the hole. The rule provides that the balls struck off from the tee shall not be changed until holed out, and that where there is a doubt as to the identity of the balls no ball can be touched without the consent of both players. The player who played the ball which he found in the rushes accepted it as his own, and was therefore bound to abide by the consequences which such acceptance entailed. By playing the wrong ball he lost the hole; so much the laws of strict Golf exact. But with the consent of his opponent this player might have been allowed to play out the wrong ball, the number of strokes to be counted just as if the right ball had been played all the time. This player, however, has no right to expect that the generosity of his opponent would extend to the limit of allowing him, after playing four more, to blot out the strokes he had already played and to begin afresh on another ball, possibly more favourably placed. This is expecting too much of golfing human nature: *vestigia nulla retrorsum*; having chosen his cove he must eat it.—ED.]

LINKS AT CANONBIE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—My attention has just been called to your correspondent's letter, signed "A. R.," on page 417, September 11th issue.

The nearest Golf course to Canonbie is the 9-hole one at Dalston, Cumberland, four miles from Carlisle, and one-third of a mile from Dalston Station on the Maryport and Carlisle Railway; in fact, the course of the Carlisle Golf Club.

I am, Sir, &c.,

ROBERT W. COWEN.

KINGHORN.—The final for the Kinghorn Challenge Medal took place on Saturday, the players being Mr. D. Clark, Edinburgh, Mr. G. B. Key, Kirkcaldy, and Mr. Thomas Scott, Kirkcaldy. A severe storm raged during the whole day, and scores were consequently high. Mr. Clark came in first, with a score of 104, less 14=90, Mr. Thomas Scott being second with 97, less 6=91. The final in the Thistle Club for the Dunsire cup took place on Saturday. Mr. Thomas Storrar won the cup with a score of 96 (scratch). Of the five players who are still in the tournament, two couples played off on Saturday, the remaining player, Mr. James Hepburn, jun., being a bye, Mr. Thomas Smith (1) beat Mr. G. B. Key (4) by five holes; Mr. Thomas Watt, Burntisland (1), beat Mr. W. P. Drummond, Edinburgh (4), by three holes. The semi-final will be played off on Wednesday, when Mr. Thomas Smith, Kirkcaldy, will play against Mr. T. Watts.

MORAY GOLF CLUB.—On Saturday afternoon the members of the Moray Golf Club held the annual scratch competition on the course at Lossiemouth for the Corporation medal, presented to the club by Elgin Town Council. There was an exceedingly fierce gale blowing in the faces of the players on the outward half of the course, consequently scoring ruled high. Twelve players competed, and when the cards were handed in it was found that Mr. Francis Davie, Elgin, was the successful man, with an actual score of 88 strokes—a marvellous score considering the high wind. Mr. James M'Isaac, Elgin, was next with 91. Mr. J. S. Urquhart followed with 98.

STOCKBRIDGE CLUB.—The autumn competition of this club took place over Leven links, when the Anderson gold medal (scratch), the Wallace silver medal (handicap), and other prizes were competed for. The greens were very heavy owing to the rain, and the wind blew almost a hurricane, rendering good scoring difficult. Mr. G. W. Millar was the winner of both medals and the first prize with the excellent score of 86, plus 2=88, the other prizes being obtained by Mr. R. Robinson, 95, less 1=94; Mr. W. D. Johnston, 108, 12=96; Mr. J. A. Munro, 109, less 12=97; Mr. D. M. Jackson, 99, plus 2=101; Mr. J. Thomson, 117, less 16=101; Mr. P. Seton, 105, less 3=102; Mr. R. Moffat, 121, less 18=103; Mr. W. A. Millar, 117, less 10=107; Mr. J. C. Johnston, 111, less 3=108; Mr. J. Cowper, 119, less 11=108; Mr. J. C. Sturrock, 116, less 6=110; Mr. J. Cochrane, 122, less 12=110.



ABERDEEN.

The autumn meeting of the Aberdeen Club, to which I referred in a previous letter, was duly brought off over the Balgowrie course here on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of last week, and favoured with fine weather throughout, turned out one of the most successful in the annals of the club. The annual half-yearly business meeting was held in the club-room on Wednesday, at which the annual report and accounts for the year were submitted and adopted. The report showed that the number of members on the roll at the commencement of the year amounted to 221, while in addition to a large number of temporary members, no less than 32 new members had been admitted in the course of the year, showing the largest membership the club has ever had. Important additions had been made to the club-room in the course of the season, and altogether, the building is now one of the best equipped and most commodious to be found in the country. The election of office bearers for next season was next proceeded with, the Rev. C. C. Macdonald being unanimously re-elected captain, Mr. J. C. Willet, advocate, secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. J. F. Lumsden, A. H. Wilson, W. G. Jamieson, W. R. Reid, Dr. Joseph Ogilvie, and Mr. A. J. W. Storie, members of council. The members afterwards adjourned to the green to compete for the Charles Chalmers cup and Mrs. Fordyce's gold cross, the last-named prize being played for under handicap. The weather was bright and fine, though cold, but a rather troublesome southerly wind considerably interfered with low scoring, and a number of those who went out did not return their cards. No fault could be found with the putting-greens, for the whole of them were in splendid order, thanks to the care and attention bestowed on them by the obliging green-keeper, Gilbert Heron, and the course all over was in tip-top condition. One round of the links, or 18 holes, had to be played, and no less than twenty-five couples started. When all had returned it was found that the cup had been taken by Mr. J. McK. Ferguson, with the excellent scratch score of 85; while Mr. R. B. N. Findlater and Mr. B. S. McLellan tied for the cross with scores, after deducting handicaps, of 83 each. The following are a few of the lowest scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. R. B. N. Findlater 89 6 83	Mr. J. Moir... .. 98 6 92
Mr. B. S. McLellan 87 4 83	Mr. J. Milne 90 +2 92
Mr. W. G. Walker 94 8 86	Mr. W. Moir 97 4 93
Mr. J. McK. Ferguson 85 +2 87	Mr. J. M. Duncan 109 16 93
Capt. Miller-Wallnutt 89 scr. 89	Dr. J. Ogilvie 99 6 93
Mr. F. C. Diack 97 8 89	Capt. H. V. Brooke 94 scr. 94
Mr. J. A. Montgomerie 102 12 90	Mr. W. F. Orr 93 +2 95
Mr. J. Williams 96 6 90	Rev. C. C. Macdonald 97 scr. 97
Mr. R. A. Nicholson 91 scr. 91	

An optional handicap sweepstake was played among the members competing for the cross, with the result that the first and second prizes were divided between Mr. R. B. N. Findlater and Mr. B. S. McLellan, while Mr. W. Grahame Walker took the third prize.

On the Thursday the weather was rather dull all day, though it fortunately kept dry. There was, however, a continuance of the high wind of the opening day, which made matters troublesome for the competitors. The trophy played for was the club's gold medal, and as it was decided by scratch, there was not such a large turn-out as on the opening day. Fifteen couples started, the course being again one round of the links, or eighteen holes. When the various couples had returned, it was found that the medal had been won by Mr. John Clarke, with a score of 87. A similar score was returned by Mr. R. A. Nicholson, but being a temporary member he was not entitled to win the medal. The following are the lowest scores:—

Mr. John Clarke 87	Mr. B. S. McLellan 93
Mr. R. A. Nicholson 87	Capt. Miller-Wallnutt 93
Mr. W. F. Orr 88	Mr. F. C. Diack 95
Mr. R. B. N. Findlater 91	Mr. J. Williams 95
Mr. J. Milne 92	Capt. H. V. Brooke 98
Mr. F. K. Weir 93	Mr. D. Littlejohn 98

Friday was looked forward to as the great day of the meeting by all the devotees of the game in the town and district, and by eleven o'clock a large number of spectators had gathered at Balgowrie links in anticipation of witnessing the brothers Andrew and Hugh Kirkaldy, from St. Andrews, against the two local professionals—Andrew Annand and Robbie Mearns. They were, however, doomed to disappointment. The game was timed to start at eleven o'clock, and, as no word had been heard from the St. Andrews men cancelling their engagement, the spectators waited on in expectation of their arrival. Twelve o'clock came, but still no word, and at half-past twelve the Rev. C. C. Macdonald, captain of the club, intimated that the two local men would play a game for the same prize-money, and, should the St. Andrews professionals arrive in the afternoon, a foursome between them and the local men would be played. Several of the spectators who had got tired waiting left the links, but a goodly number stayed behind to witness the game between Annand and Mearns, which was immediately commenced. The weather was splendid, and the greens were in capital order, and, both men being in good form, an interesting game was the result. Mearns won the match by three holes. The strokes were:—

Mearns ...	5 5 4 5 4 4 3 4 5 3 5 5 3 4 5 4 4 4	=76
Annand ...	4 4 4 6 4 4 4 4 5 6 5 6 5 4 4 4 5 4	=82

The Kirkaldys still failing to turn up, a second match was arranged between Annand and Mearns for a money prize. The play was very good on both sides, the driving being straight and sure and the putting remarkably steady. The following are the scores:—

Mearns ...	5 4 4 4 3 5 3 3 6 4 5 5 4 4 4 4 4 4	=75
Annand ...	5 5 4 5 3 4 5 5 5 3 4 5 4 5 4 3 5 4	=78

The meeting was brought to a close on Saturday in rather boisterous weather. The attractions of the day were a couple of professional singles, in which Hugh Kirkaldy, from St. Andrews, met Andrew Annand, Aberdeen; while Alex. Herd, St. Andrews, tackled Robbie Mearns, Aberdeen. Notwithstanding the high wind, which considerably interfered with the play, splendid exhibitions of Golf were witnessed. In the contest between Kirkaldy and Annand both men drove magnificently, though the local man had the advantage on the outward journey, and at the sixth hole stood two up. Kirkaldy, however, by perfect play carried the Black Dog, the Burn, and the Dyke holes in 2, 3, and 4, and at the half of the round stood one hole up. He maintained the same strong game to the end, and finally won by three holes. Annand, though he drove well, putted very indifferently in the last half of the round, and to this his defeat is mainly due. The scores were:—

Kirkaldy 4 5 4 5 3 7 2 3 4 4 5 6 3 5 6 5 5 4	=80
Annand 4 5 3 5 3 5 4 6 5 4 6 5 5 5 6 5 7 5	=88

Mearns in his fight with Herd had the advantage all through, standing two up at the end of the first half and finally winning by three holes. Robbie's play was characterised by his usual steadiness, and his score of 79 was a very good performance, considering the weather. Herd, in the homeward journey, spoiled his card by registering a couple of 8's, but otherwise played an excellent hole game. The scores were:—

Mearns ...	5 4 4 4 3 4 4 3 7 4 5 6 3 5 5 4 4 5	=79
Herd... ..	5 7 4 6 3 5 3 5 5 5 4 8 3 8 4 5 4 4	=88

But perhaps the best exhibition of Golf was witnessed in the afternoon in the foursome between Kirkaldy and Herd on the one side and Mearns and Annand on the other. The wind was, if anything, stronger than in the forenoon; but, notwithstanding this, very good work was done, and the match proved to be a very close and exciting one. The visitors opened in splendid style, and pocketed three out of the first four holes. The fifth and sixth were halved, but at the Black Dog the local men gained their first hole in the match, securing it in 4 as against their opponents 5. The Burn was halved in 4, but at the Dyke, thanks to a fine putt by Mearns, the local men wiped off another from the adverse balance. The half journey was now completed, the respective scores being:—Kirkaldy and Herd, 39; Mearns and Annand, 40. The match had to be fought out on the last hole, and a capital finish it proved. Mearns and Herd drove off, the balls alighting close beside each other. The seconds were too short, and both the third strokes a little strong on the green. Kirkaldy, however, had the best "lie," Annand having some loose sand between his ball and the hole. The former, with a wooden putter, holed out in 4, but Annand was not to be beat, and made his ball disappear amid great cheering. The match thus ended all square. The following are the strokes by each couple for the round:—

Kirkaldy and Herd 4 5 3 4 4 5 5 4 5 3 5 6 3 5 4 5 5 4	=79
Annand and Mearns 5 5 4 5 4 5 4 4 4 4 5 5 4 4 4 4 5 4	=79

At the conclusion of the game Mr. C. C. Macdonald, captain of the club, called for three cheers to the St. Andrews professionals, who, he said, had played such a magnificent game. Both games had been an immense treat, and they sent them back to St. Andrews with their very best wishes. They had found them thorough gentlemen golfers, and had brought with them a capital specimen of the way in which golfers

ought to conduct themselves. They were also especially proud of their two local men, and they ought to receive a hearty cheer for the splendid work they had done that day.

Over the old course on Aberdeen Links on Saturday, the members of the Bon-Accord Club completed their season's work by playing a round of the links for the challenge cup. When the cards handed in were compared, it was found that Mr. William Smart had gained it with the scratch score of 87. Two handicap prizes were competed for at the same time, with the result that Messrs. A. Paterson and C. Smith tied for first place, and Mr. W. Gellatly gained third place. The following were next in order:—Messrs. A. Smart, 90; L. Anderson, 97, and J. Ogilvie, 98.

ASCOT LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A small number of ladies assembled to compete for club prizes on Thursday, Sept. 24th, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
* Miss C. Frankland	92	8	84	Baroness Berkeley	106	16	90
Mrs. H. C. Clarke	98	12	86	Hon. E. Milman	99	8	91
Miss M. C. Bayley	101	14	87	Miss L. Bannantine	109	16	93
Miss Sandez	95	7	88	Mrs. H. Blackett	97	3	94
† Mrs. Saulez	90	scr.	90	Miss C. Bruce	107	8	99

* Winner of handicap prize. † Winner of scratch prize.
Over a hundred, Miss Mason.

ALNMOUTH CLUB.

The autumn meeting began on the 24th ult. A handicap for a cup valued at £5 and an optional sweepstake took place. The cup has to be won outright in one competition. The course was in splendid order and the weather was also favourable for play. Twenty-one players competed, and the result was a tie between Messrs. J. W. B. Pease and J. W. Pease (father and son), for first honours, and Messrs. J. E. Davidson and E. Paynter were also equal, 85 each, for second place. As will be seen from the scores, four scratch men played, but the nearest to the winner was Mr. C. A. Ridley—5 points behind. Details:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. W. B. Pease	85	2	83	Mr. J. Lowrie	98	7	91
Mr. J. W. Pease	99	16	83	Mr. T. Tate	100	7	93
Mr. J. E. Davidson	103	18	85	Mr. G. F. Charlton	100	6	94
Mr. E. Paynter	101	16	85	Mr. W. E. Pease	112	18	94
Mr. W. T. Wilson	95	9	86	Mr. J. B. Radcliffe	95	scr.	95
Mr. C. A. Ridley	88	scr.	88	Mr. J. Robertson	103	8	95
Mr. J. Tennant	94	5	89	Mr. F. W. Wyndham	119	21	98
Mr. G. W. Walters	90	scr.	90	Mr. B. Brumell	118	18	100
Mr. F. T. Ridley	93	3	90	Mr. E. J. Dent	116	16	100
Mr. J. Simpson	90	scr.	90	Mr. T. A. Hutton	120	16	104

Mr. J. Milton retired.

The second day's meeting was favoured with fine weather, and there was a large attendance of players. In the competitions for the Percy medal and the Walker cross, five scratch players in Messrs. R. T. Thomson, J. W. B. Pease, J. B. Radcliffe, C. A. Ridley, and J. Simpson competed. During the game a technical point cropped up as follows: Mr. Pease's ball was lying dead nearly on the lip of the hole. Mr. Ridley played his putt, and cannoned his opponent's gutta into the hole. The committee being called upon to decide whether this was a rub of the green, or whether Mr. Pease was bound to hole out, decided that he was bound to replace the ball, and hole out himself. Mr. Pease did so, making his score one stroke more for the round, and tying, in consequence, for first honours with Mr. Ridley. The scores were:—

1st Rnd.			2nd Rnd.			Total.		
Mr. J. W. B. Pease	43	45	88	Mr. G. F. Charlton	54	48	102	
Mr. C. A. Ridley	44	44	88	Mr. J. Lowrie	58	47	105	
Mr. R. T. Thomson	44	46	90	Mr. T. Tate	58	48	106	
Mr. H. E. Brown	46	45	91	Mr. J. de C. Paynter	56	52	108	
Mr. J. B. Radcliffe	46	47	93	Mr. B. Brumell	54	57	111	
Mr. J. Simpson	45	48	93	Mr. J. W. Pease	54	58	112	
Mr. F. T. Ridley	47	48	95	Mr. F. P. Hebelers	53	61	114	
Mr. W. T. Wilson	53	47	100	Mr. W. E. Pease	61	60	121	

Messrs. Hutton, Robertson, Tennant, and Cairns made no returns. The optional sweepstakes were divided between Messrs. J. W. B. Pease and C. A. Ridley, Mr. R. T. Thomson being their closest attendant.

The events for decision on the concluding day of the autumn meeting were a competition for a club cup on handicap terms and a replayed tie for the Percy medal and the Walker cross between Messrs. Ridley and Pease. A strong gusty wind spoiled play, and scores were large in consequence. In the replayed tie Mr. Ridley, playing in good style and commencing with a substantial lead at the first hole, ran out an easy winner by a majority of eleven. Scores:—Replayed tie: Mr. C. A. Ridley, first round 44, second round 46; total 90. Mr. J. W. B. Pease, first round 50, second round 51; total 101.

Twenty-five players turned out for the club cup, but the wind played sad havoc with the competitors, and only fourteen made returns. Mr. J. Robertson played a good game, his first round being accomplished in 45, a point above Mr. Ridley (scratch). The scores were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. Robertson	96	8	88	Mr. T. Tate	108	7	101
Mr. C. A. Ridley	90	scr.	90	Mr. W. T. Wilson	112	9	103
Mr. J. de C. Paynter	98	3	95	Mr. F. T. Ridley	107	3	104
Mr. J. Limont	110	15	95	Mr. J. Tennant	110	5	105
Mr. H. E. Brown	100	2	98	Mr. J. E. Woods	134	25	109
Mr. J. E. Davidson	115	15	100	Mr. R. H. Foote	129	20	109
Mr. J. W. B. Pease	101	scr.	101	Mr. W. A. Heatley	131	20	111

Messrs. Hutton, Cairns, Roddam, Charlton, Stanton, Thomson, Radcliffe, Lowrie, Simpson, Dent, and Wyndham retired.

The members of this club held their half-yearly meeting in the club house last Saturday, Mr. T. Tate occupying the chair. The hon. treasurer (Mr. F. P. Hebelers) submitted his report; financially, the club is in a prosperous condition. The sum of £164, balance due on new building account, has been paid off entirely out of the club revenue. The total membership of the club now stands at 181, being an increase of 13 since the previous meeting. The executive committee remains as before, and consists of:—captain, Earl Percy; committee, Sir H. Williamson, Bart., Messrs. R. T. Thomson, G. F. Charlton, H. E. Brown, H. A. Paynter; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. P. Hebelers; hon. sec., Mr. J. de C. Paynter.

CROOKHAM GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was won on August 29th by Mr. F. P. Browne with a gross score of 113, less 10=103, and on September 26th by Mr. J. H. Hanland with a gross score of 122, less 30=92. The greens are improving every week, and bid fair to be in capital order for the autumn meeting on the 12th and 13th October. A professional has been engaged for the month of October to coach beginners, and generally supervise the upkeep of the links. The club, now five months old, numbers eighty members.

EALING GOLF CLUB.

Incessant rain alone prevented a large turn-out for the monthly medal on Saturday, Sept. 19th. As it was, thirteen men and two ladies braved the drenching rain. Scores were rather high owing to the wet state of the green, which however improves every week. The grass is now quite short throughout, and, after a course of rolling, bad lies will be few and far between. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. H. P. Smith	71	scr.	71	Mr. A. Walker	106	10	96
Mr. C. Plummer	72	+1	73	Dr. Roberts	117	20	97
Mr. P. M. Bigge	101	18	83	Mr. B. A. Patten	130	18	102
Mr. A. H. Martin	102	18	84	Mr. H. Hall	128	24	104
Mr. C. D. Stammers	106	20	86	Mr. W. Jackson	166	not	hcd.
Mr. F. Carver	96	7	89				

Messrs. Shannon and Burford no returns.

Ladies' Medal.—Miss Patten, 152, less 17=135; Miss Cox, 180, less 30=150.

EPSOM GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition was held on September 19th, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. F. H. A. Booth	95	12	83	Mr. L. F. Bridges	107	15	92
Mr. E. Stapylton	105	18	87	Mr. F. Barry	99	4	95
Mr. A. C. Barton	100	10	90	Mr. F. McNair	116	20	96

FELIXSTOWE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly challenge cup was competed for on Saturday last, Sept. 26th. There was a gale of wind blowing which rendered the play difficult, and the scores were consequently high. The best of which were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. M. Joshua	97	5	92	Mr. E. A. Tewson	111	10	101
Mr. G. Thompson	112	13	99	Mr. H. Cheston	129	24	105

Twenty-four other competitors made no returns.

FORFARSHIRE.

The competition for the Watson cup amongst the members of the Caledonia Club of Carnoustie concluded last week, when the winner was found to be Mr. John Lamb. The average of his three best scores was 112.3 below his playing average.

The return half of a home-and-home match between the Scotsraig Club, Tayport, and the Carnoustie Caledonia was played over the course of the last-named place on Wednesday, the 23rd ult. Each club was represented by eleven players, and the match resulted in an

easy win for the home team, who were no fewer than 38 holes up. The details are as follows:—

CALEDONIA.		SCOTSCRAIG.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. D. Shepherd ...	0	Lieut. M. Dougall ...	3
Mr. D. Winter ...	6	Mr. A. S. Thomson ...	0
Mr. D. M. Boath ...	5	Rev. W. Halliday ...	0
Mr. J. P. Morrison ...	5	Mr. J. Simpson ...	0
Mr. W. Ferrier ...	1	Mr. W. Hogg ...	0
Mr. D. Whitton ...	2	Mr. W. Sim ...	0
Mr. D. Smith ...	5	Mr. W. Dickson ...	0
Mr. J. Lamb ...	10	Mr. J. G. Dickson ...	0
Mr. G. Simpson ...	0	Mr. D. M'Gregor ...	1
Mr. F. M'Intyre ...	5	Mr. W. Smith ...	0
Rev. W. W. Scotland ...	3	Mr. P. Sellars ...	0
	42		4

The best scores for the Caledonia were Mr. D. Shepherd, 89; Mr. D. P. Morrison, 90; Mr. J. Lamb, 90; Mr. D. Winter, 91; Mr. D. M. Boath, 92; and Mr. D. Whitton, 92. For the Scotsraig, Lieutenant M. Dougall had the excellent score of 85 to his credit, while the other good scores on his side were Mr. W. Sim, 94, and Mr. J. Simpson, 95.

The monthly competition for the gold and silver medals of the Montrose Ladies' Club was held last week, when there was a good attendance, notwithstanding the fact that the weather was somewhat chilly. Sixteen couples went out in the following order:—Mrs. T. B. Paton and Mrs. Jeffrey; Miss Burness and Miss Francis Burness; Mrs. Muir and Miss Cronin; Miss A. Watson and Miss Walker; Mrs. R. H. Millar and Miss Watson; Miss More-Gordon and Miss G. More-Gordon; Mrs. Stone and Miss M. A. Lyall; Miss J. Woodward and Miss L. Millar; Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Keith; Miss Adamson and Miss Emily Burness; Miss M. Smith and Miss J. Smith; Miss Woodward and Miss R. Millar; Mrs. Lyell and Miss Lyell; Miss Paton and Mrs. Bouch; Miss Lowson and Miss E. Lyell; Miss Mabel Lyell and Miss Cecil Lyell.

On the cards being handed in it was found that the gold medal had been won by Mrs. Stone, with scores of 56 and 54, total for the two rounds, 110. The silver medal was tied for by Mrs. Jeffrey, Miss Watson, and Mrs. R. H. Millar, with 55 and 56, total, 112. In playing off the ties, Mrs. R. H. Millar won with 53, Miss Watson taking 55, while Mrs. Jeffrey required 60.

For the challenge bracelet, Mrs. Stone and Miss Jeanie Woodward tied with 54. In playing off they tied again with 58, but in the third round Miss Woodward won with 61. The next best scores were Miss Annie Watson, 59 and 56=115; Miss F. Burness, 58 and 60=118; Miss Adamson, 61 and 58=119; Miss M. Smith, 61 and 58=119; Miss Burness, 58 and 61=119; Miss Walker, 63 and 57=120; Miss Paton, 61 and 60=121; Miss G. More-Gordon, 62 and 59=121; Mrs. Keith, 63 and 58=121; Mrs. Muir, 63 and 59=122; Miss More-Gordon, 63 and 60=123; Mrs. T. B. Paton, 59 and 65=124.

GIRVAN GOLF CLUB.

The monthly handicap medal was played for on Saturday afternoon in very stormy weather, and very few competitors turned up. The result was:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Rev. S. C. Fry ...	118	25	93
Mr. John Eaglesome ...	94	scr.	94
Mr. John A. Marshall ...	113	12	101

ILKLEY GOLF CLUB.

Twenty-four players faced the tee on Saturday last when the monthly medal was played for in a gale of wind which made good play and low scoring out of the question. Mr. A. Knight with a net score of 90 was first, Mr. E. Fletcher being second with 94. The levelling up and enlarging of the greens is now being proceeded with, and in the meantime temporary greens have been provided.

LEVEN THISTLE GOLF CLUB.—The autumn meeting of this club was held on Thursday and Saturday afternoons. Sixty-seven players entered. Mr. William Marshall secured the autumn medal (scratch) with the excellent score of 84. Mr. Marshall also won the "Reid" trophy, which is for the best aggregate of three scores in four competitions throughout the year. Prizes in kind were played for under handicap, and the following are the principal prize winners: Mr. James Neaves, 91, less 12=79; Mr. William Marshall, 84 (scratch); Mr. J. T. Ireland, 89, less 5=84; Mr. J. Thomson, 90, less 6=84; Mr. T. G. Buchan, 89, less 5=84; Mr. D. Pattison, 94, less 10=84; Mr. A. Campbell, 104, less 18=86; Mr. A. R. Watt, 98, less 10=88; Mr. John Cormie, 98, less 10=88; Mr. W. Lister, 99, less 10=89; Mr. J. C. Crerar, 95, less 5=90; Mr. B. Blackie, 112, less 22=90; Mr. G. Cunningham, 106, less 16=90.

LITTLEHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.

Mr. C. E. Farmer's medal, 18th September:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. C. E. Farmer ...	89 9 80	Mr. R. A. Blagden ...	112 18 94
Mr. R. G. Moor ...	115 30 85	Mr. J. C. Constable ...	121 25 96
Mr. A. Holmes ...	103 12 91	Mr. C. Bartlett ...	113 16 97
Mr. R. Holmes ...	108 15 93	Mr. A. J. Constable ...	109 11 98
Mr. H. E. Harris ...	113 20 93	Mr. T. W. Walker ...	146 22 124

Mr. G. E. Wellesley no return.

Club handicap, 19th September:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
* Mr. A. Holmes ...	93 12 81	Mr. R. Holmes ...	101 15 86
* Mr. G. Moor ...	111 30 81	Mr. J. C. Constable ...	112 25 87
Mr. C. Bartlett ...	99 16 83	Mr. T. W. Waller ...	122 22 100
Mr. R. A. Blagden ...	102 18 84		

* Tie.

Messrs. G. E. Wellesley and H. E. Harris no return.

LUFFNESS.

Very unfavourable golfing weather attended the closing meeting for the season of the Luffness Club. During the play, quite a south-westerly gale blew across the course, and rendered a return of low figures next to an impossibility. This may at once be judged from the fact that whilst the best actual score was an 89—as compared with 81 last year—comparatively few players succeeded in completing the round under the century. Mr. John M'ulloch, North Berwick, exhibited a good and consistent game in view of the strong gusty wind, and his register of 89 sufficed to gain for him the Tait silver putter. He was closely followed by Mr. A. M. Ross with 91 actual, also an unusually high figure for this "crack," but indicating a very fair game on Saturday. Mr. Lees headed the list in handicap order, securing the first allowance prize with a gross score of 98, less 12=86. The scratch scores of Mr. M'ulloch and Mr. Ross gave them second and fourth handicap places respectively, Mr. Stenhouse winning third prize with 90 net. Mr. Shepherd had the greens in good order. Some fifty competitors left the tee. At the close of the competition the best returns were found to be as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. John M'ulloch ...	89 scr. 89	Mr. D. A. Stevenson ...	96 scr. 96
Mr. J. Lees ...	98 12 86	Mr. D. Ritchie ...	96 scr. 96
Mr. J. Stenhouse ...	100 10 90	Mr. A. M. Ross ...	100 4 96
Mr. A. M. Ross ...	91 scr. 91	Mr. T. Binnie ...	112 16 96
Mr. J. Smith ...	104 12 92	Mr. R. Horne ...	103 6 97
Mr. H. Parker ...	101 8 93	Mr. J. Mackinlay ...	103 6 97
Mr. H. B. Bryden ...	94 scr. 94	Mr. J. Dunn ...	103 6 97
Mr. W. Merriles ...	98 4 94	Mr. J. Stevenson ...	103 6 97
Mr. B. Hall Blyth ...	97 2 95	Mr. T. D. Thomson ...	107 10 97

At the annual business meeting of the club, Mr. B. Hall Blyth presiding, Mr. Congalton, secretary and treasurer, submitted his report, showing that the receipts for the year to 23rd September, with a balance of £127, amounted to over £316, and the expenditure to fully £168. This leaves a balance of £148 odd in hand. The report having been approved of, the election of office bearers was proceeded with, when Mr. B. Hall Blyth, C.E., was reappointed captain of the club, and Mr. J. Congalton, secretary and treasurer. Sir Alexander Kinloch, Mr. P. B. Swinton, and Mr. D. A. Stevenson were elected members of the committee to fill the existing vacancies. The present season of the Luffness Club has been of a highly successful character.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

TOURNAMENT BY MATCH PLAY.

A tournament by match play, for which there were forty-five entries, has just been completed on the links of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea. The prize was a handsome silver cup, presented by Mr. John E. Pearson, of Liverpool. Subjoined is the full score, giving also the special handicap of each player.

First and Second Ties.—Mr. J. Talbot Fair, Lytham (9), beat Mr. F. W. Catterall, St. Anne's (14); Mr. W. H. Harrison, Lytham (9), beat Mr. W. Potter, Blundellsands (2); Mr. R. H. Prestwich, Manchester (5), beat Mr. T. H. Miller, Singleton Park (10); Mr. R. W. Hutton, Disley (6), beat Mr. H. M. Ormsby, Rossall (14); Mr. J. Buckley, Norbreck (9), beat Mr. C. Howarth, Manchester (5); Mr. H. T. Parke, Withnell (18), beat Mr. A. H. Doleman, South Shore, (scr.); Mr. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's (5), beat Mr. W. H. Crossland, Manchester (14); Mr. J. Mugliston, Lytham (9), beat Mr. A. Tod, St. Anne's (14); Mr. S. Fisher, South Shore (9), beat Rev. W. G. Terry, St. Anne's (16); Mr. C. G. D. Hoare, St. Anne's (6), beat Mr. C. W. Fisher, Blackpool (9); Mr. H. Fisher, Wrea Green (8), beat Mr. Nicholas Cockshutt, Preston (11); Mr. A. M. Eason, Lytham (7), beat Mr. S. A. Hermon, St. Anne's (4). Byes—

Mr. J. E. Prestwich, Farnworth (14); Mr. W. P. Fullagar, Lytham (18); Mr. S. F. Butcher, Bury (7); Mr. J. E. Pearson, Liverpool (9); Mr. C. A. Birley, Bartle Hall (11); Mr. F. C. Morgan, Manchester (5); Mr. J. E. King, St. Anne's (7); Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton (1); Mr. F. Topp, Little Hulton (13); Mr. W. Stewart, Lancaster (owes 1); Mr. R. Hampson, Blackpool (11); Mr. E. M. Whipp, St. Anne's (11); Mr. W. Newbigging, St. Anne's (12); Mr. F. E. M. Dixon, Formby (3); Mr. T. Baxter, St. Anne's (15); Mr. W. E. Fairlie, Chelford (owes 2); Mr. A. B. Scholfield, St. Anne's (4); Mr. E. Catterall, St. Anne's (10); Mr. W. Cross, St. Anne's (11).

Third Ties.—Mr. J. E. Prestwich beat Mr. W. P. Fullagar; Mr. J. E. Pearson beat Mr. S. F. Butcher; Mr. C. A. Birley beat Mr. F. C. Morgan; Mr. G. F. Smith beat Mr. J. E. King; Mr. W. Stewart beat Mr. F. Topp; Mr. J. Talbot Fair beat Mr. W. H. Harrison; Mr. R. W. Hutton beat Mr. R. H. Prestwich; Mr. J. Buckley beat Mr. H. T. Parke; Mr. J. M. Rea beat Mr. J. A. Brown; Mr. S. Fisher beat Mr. J. Mugliston; Mr. C. G. D. Hoare beat Mr. H. Fisher; Mr. A. M. Eason beat Mr. R. Hampson; Mr. W. Newbigging beat Mr. E. M. Whipp; Mr. F. E. M. Dixon beat Mr. T. Baxter; Mr. W. E. Fairlie, w.o. (Mr. A. B. Scholfield absent, ill); Mr. E. Catterall beat Mr. W. Cross.

Fourth Ties.—Mr. J. E. Pearson beat J. E. Prestwich; Mr. G. F. Smith beat Mr. C. A. Birley; Mr. J. Talbot Fair beat Mr. W. Stewart; Mr. R. W. Hutton beat Mr. J. Buckley; Mr. J. M. Rea beat Mr. S. Fisher; Mr. C. G. D. Hoare beat Mr. A. M. Eason; Mr. F. E. M. Dixon beat Mr. W. Newbigging; Mr. W. E. Fairlie beat Mr. E. Catterall.

Fifth Ties.—Mr. G. F. Smith beat Mr. J. E. Pearson; Mr. R. W. Hutton beat Mr. J. Talbot Fair; Mr. J. M. Rea beat Mr. C. G. D. Hoare; Mr. F. E. M. Dixon beat Mr. W. E. Fairlie.

Sixth Ties.—Mr. G. F. Smith beat Mr. R. W. Hutton; Mr. F. E. M. Dixon beat Mr. J. M. Rea.

Final.—Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton, beat Mr. F. E. M. Dixon, Formby, and won the prize. The match was won by one hole. The runner-up received the entrance-fees amounting to £5 12s. 6d. There were some very well contested games during the tournament.

MACHRIHANISH GOLF CLUB.

The members of this club held their autumn meeting on Saturday, 19th September, when nineteen couples competed for the club silver medal (scratch), and several handicap prizes. Of these latter the chief were a silver-mounted flask from the captain of the club (Mr. Hugh Mitchell), and a set of gold-sleeve links presented by the members of the ladies' club. The day was favourable for good scoring, but with the exception of the best two cards, there was nothing very meritorious performed. The winner proved to be Mr. William Welsh, whose card of 81 was made up of: Out, 5 5 3 4 5 4 7 4 3=40; In, 5 6 4 5 3 4 4 5 5=41. Close at his heels came Mr. James Lyon with 82, made up of: Out, 4 5 5 5 4 5 5 4 4=41; In, 4 6 5 5 3 4 4 6 4=41. Some of the best scores in handicap order were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. Welsh ...	81 +5 86	Mr. C. J. N. Fleming	107 12 95
Mr. J. Bennie ...	116 30 86	Mr. D. C. Greenlees	105 10 95
Mr. J. Lyon ...	82 +5 87	Mr. D. C. Greenlees	98 3 95
Mr. A. H. Duncan	100 12 88	Mr. J. M. Orr ...	110 15 95
Mr. D. Colville ...	97 9 88	Mr. D. Cameron ...	94 +3 97
Mr. G. E. Inglis ...	109 20 89	Mr. J. MacEwing ...	101 4 97
Mr. W. N. Scott ...	92 scr. 92	Mr. D. Stewart ...	110 12 98
Mr. W. Greenlees ...	93 scr. 93	Mr. A. M. Greenlees	102 3 99
Mr. H. Mitchell ...	97 3 94	Mr. W. Hunter ...	109 10 99
Mr. D. MacCallum	102 8 94	Mr. R. L. Orr ...	105 6 99

NORTH BERWICK.

The September gathering of the North Berwick Ladies' Club formed the chief event of the past week here. Play on Friday took place under very favourable auspices, a large number of ladies driving from the tee in the finest of weather. Of the awards for competition two were presented by the club, and four were gifted respectively by Mrs. N. M. Wylie, Rev. F. L. M. Anderson, Mr. R. M. Harvey, and Mrs. Edward Blyth. Some eighty members engaged in play. The ladies and gentlemen who visited the teeing-ground in the course of the day included:—Lady Hamilton Dalrymple, Sir William des Vœux, Hon. Mrs. Balfour, General Brewster, Major Money, Hon. Mrs. Spens, Rev. F. L. M. Anderson, Rev. G. Davenport Philip, Rev. Marshall B. Lang, Hon. Mrs. Bevan, Mr. Edward L. J. Blyth, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stevenson, Mrs. Bloxson, Mrs. N. M. Wylie, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Orphoot, Mrs. and the Misses Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Parrott, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Bourhill, Mr. R. H. Blaikie, Mr. C. L. Blaikie, Mr. C. Jopp, Mr. J. McCulloch, Mr. P. Balfour, Mr. H. S. Spratt, Mr. H. M. Rush, Mr. R. J. Younger, Mr. G. Brown, Mr. A. Stevenson, Mr. J.

M'Culloch, Mr. R. MacKechnie, Mr. Eastwood. The principal scores were as appended:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss M. Bayley ...	74 14 60	Miss Madeline Camp-	
*Miss Edith Camp-		bell ...	76 5 71
bell ...	69 8 61	Miss Hunter ...	77 6 71
*Miss Sant ...	79 18 61	Mrs. Esson ...	90 18 72
*Miss Muriel Camp-		Miss Mabel Thomson	90 18 72
bell ...	79 18 61	Miss K. Anderson...	90 18 72
*Miss Napier ...	74 12 62	Miss Edith M'Cul-	
*Miss J. A. Bell ...	80 18 62	loch ...	76 4 72
Miss A. Hunter ...	77 14 63	Miss C. Gillies Smith	73 scr. 73
Miss Elsie Mylne ...	78 15 63	Miss Ada Gillies	
Miss Crum Ewing...	73 8 65	Smith ...	73 scr. 73
Miss L. H. Stevenson	81 16 65	Miss Florence Ander-	
Miss E. Hunter ...	81 16 65	son ...	73 scr. 73
Mrs. Savory ...	83 18 65	Miss P. Cutler ...	92 18 74
Miss Orphoot ...	76 11 65	Miss Mabel Spratt...	80 6 74
Miss Annie M. Pep-		Miss H. Crum-Ewing	88 14 74
loe ...	84 18 66	Miss L. M. Smith ...	93 18 75
Miss Bourke ...	83 16 67	Miss Bloxson ...	83 8 75
Miss Rita Gillies		Miss Ethel M'Cul-	
Smith ...	68 scr. 68	loch ...	80 5 75
Miss Mary Stevenson	80 12 68	Miss E. D. Zoete ...	94 18 76
Miss Constance Brown	86 18 68	Miss Spens...	93 16 77
Miss Annie Dalziel	74 5 69	Miss A. Henderson	95 18 77
Miss Murray ...	84 15 69	Miss Netta Spens ...	89 12 77
Miss S. Stevenson...	87 18 69	Miss Evelyn Harvey	97 18 79
Miss Eveline Camp-		Miss Harriet M'Cul-	
bell ...	75 5 70	loch ...	85 5 80
Miss Rittner ...	88 18 70	Miss Lockhart Thom-	
Miss Jessie Crum-		son ...	99 18 81
Ewing ...	77 7 70	Miss J. Cutler ...	100 18 82
Miss Mina Spratt ...	86 16 70	Miss Mary Stevenson	85 scr. 85
Miss Maud Crum-		Miss J. Stevenson ...	85 scr. 85
Ewing ...	86 16 70	Miss Jane Crum	
Miss Blanche Ander-		Ewing ...	97 10 87
son ...	71 scr. 71	Miss A. C. Bruce ...	111 18 93
Miss Maude Shearer	71 scr. 71	Miss A. B. Spens ...	95 scr. 95

* Ties.

On deciding the ties, the winners proved to be:—(2) Miss Edith Campbell, (3) Miss Sant, (4) Miss Muriel Campbell, (5) Miss Napier, and (6) Miss J. A. Bell. The arrangements were carried out in an unexceptionable manner by the hon. secretary and Messrs. G. Dalziel and D. A. Stevenson.

On Thursday of last week the Chief Secretary for Ireland, with Mr. A. M. Ross, as partner, engaged in a foursome Mr. R. M. Harvey with Ben Sayers. The latter couple proved successful by five and four to play. A similar match took place a day or two previous, when over two rounds Mr. Balfour and Mr. Ross were the victors by three and two to play in the first round, and by one at the Home hole in the second. Last September the same couples had engaged in five rounds of the green, and singularly enough the close of the whole match found them all even in respect of holes. On Thursday afternoon Mr. A. J. Balfour and Mr. Ross took part in another friendly match, opposing on this occasion Mr. Gerald Balfour and Mr. H. Hutchinson. One round was throughout of an equal and interesting description, whilst Mr. Gerald Balfour and Mr. Hutchinson were rather easily successful in a second round, winning by five and four to play. On Saturday, Mr. Garden G. Smith and Mr. G. Gordon Robertson had two rounds of the green. The couple played finely and close, and a halved match was a fitting result.

PRESTWICK GOLF CLUB.

The September medal was played for on Saturday under conditions the reverse of favourable for low scoring, there being a high wind with intermittent rain. Eight couples went out, and Mr. J. H. Cassells won the medal with 87. The scores handed in were as undernoted:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. H. Cassells...	105 18 87	Mr. E. D. Prothero	101 6 95
Mr. G. M. Wilson...	93 scr. 93	Mr. Archibld. Walker	119 24 95
Mr. W. Towers		Mr. J. B. Brown ...	112 16 96
Clark ...	112 18 94	Mr. Frank Hunter	117 18 99

PORTOBELLO GOLF CLUB.—The autumn holiday competition took place over Gullane links. The weather was most unfavourable, making scoring high. The Gray scratch medal was won by Mr. H. B. Ferrier, the Craig handicap medal by Mr. James Smart. Other prize-winners were Messrs. W. A. Purves, J. Shepherd, and H. S. Smart.

ANSTRUTHER.—The annual tournament of this club was finished on Saturday, when the prizes were won by Mr. W. Arbuckle, the captain, and Mr. John Bisset. Two rounds were played, and the play was decided by holes.

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS GOLF CLUB.

RESOLUTION TO REMOVE TO NEW LINKS.

A special general meeting of the members of Prestwick St. Nicholas Golf Club was held in the club-house on Saturday, for the purpose of hearing, and resolving upon, the report of a committee containing a recommendation to remove to new links. The club-room was crowded with the members, and the captain of the club, Mr. A. J. Larke, presided. The hon. secretary, Mr. David Caldwell, read the report of the committee, detailing their proceedings since the annual meeting in July, pointing out the insuperable difficulties the committee had met with in their negotiations for an extension of the present links, and containing the committee's unanimous resolution to recommend the transference of the club to the proposed new links. The outlines of the new scheme and a sketch of the ground was given in GOLF last week.

Baillie Willock, Ayr, an ex-captain of the club, then proposed the adoption of the committee's report. Speaking to the motion, Baillie Willock said that, for himself, he had been exceedingly pleased with the links they were now playing over, but the increased membership of the club had been such that they could not get on with the present course in its limited extent, and as insurmountable obstacles in the way of its extension had cropped up, he thought it was imperative that the club should look out for a new course. The proposed new course was quite close to the present ground, and he presumed they were all more or less acquainted with it, and from what they all knew from an examination of the locality, they would, he was sure, agree with him that it would form a links second to none in Scotland. (Cheers.) He asked those present to, if possible, support the motion unanimously. (Cheers.)

Mr. A. M. Turner, Ayr, seconded the motion.

Mr. J. Hamilton, Glasgow, said he had an amendment to propose, and in doing so he said he wished it to be understood that he was not opposed to the scheme, but was only of opinion that it should be postponed. He thought they were going a little too fast. (Hear, hear.) This scheme was a most important one. It might lead to the further prosperity of the club, and if not wisely considered it might involve the club in financial ruin. He thought it was important that before entering upon such an enterprise they should clearly consider such a project in all its bearings. It had occurred to him that there were two serious objections to the adoption of the scheme at present. The first was a financial objection. He thought the expenses involved in the carrying out of such a scheme would be far greater than the club could at present stand. The committee estimated that a new club-house would cost about £1,500. He thought that it could not be properly equipped under £2,000, and that this would involve an annual expenditure of £150. He did not think the club was in a position to meet this additional expenditure. The other objection was a more serious one—the presence of the rifle range on the links. The volunteers had the right of shooting across part of the links, and that was a very serious obstacle to the carrying out of the proposed scheme. He moved that the matter be remitted back to the committee, with instructions to the effect that unless the free and uninterrupted use of the whole proposed course should be secured, no further action be taken in the matter.

Mr. Andrew Muir, Glasgow, seconded the amendment. In doing so he said he noticed that £50 had been named as the cost of preparing the new putting-greens. He had had some experience in laying out putting-greens, and he was confident that four times £50 would not put the putting-greens in proper order.

Mr. D. Fergusson, Ayr, vice-captain, one of the members of the committee, replying to Mr. Hamilton, said that the financial question had been very fully gone into. The income of the club was £350 a-year, and though they did not secure a single new member it would not be less than that. But they were prepared, if the new links were gone on with, to produce at least 50 more members. (Cheers.) With regard to the volunteers, the present plan of the links had been drawn with a view to altogether avoiding the rifle range, and he could assure them that the rifle practice would in no way interfere with the Golf links. Besides, the lease of the rifle corps expired in four years, and the ground could then be wholly at the disposal of the club. Unless the committee were instructed to go on with the proposed scheme at once, a whole year would be lost.

A member of the club suggested that as the matter had been already fully considered by every member present, the vote should be taken; and the mover and seconder of the amendment declining to withdraw the amendment, a vote was thereupon taken without further discussion, with the result that seven voted for the amendment, and for the motion approving the committee's report the remaining members (about 70) present.

The result was received with cheers.

Dr. Duncan, Glasgow, moved that it be remitted to the committee to see to the providing of a properly equipped club-house.

Mr. D. Meikle seconded, and as there was no counter-motion, this was declared to have been unanimously agreed to.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding.

PROFESSIONAL FOURSOME AT TROON AND PRESTWICK

THE FERNIES V. THE KIRKALDYS.

The brothers Andrew and Hugh Kirkaldy visited the West of Scotland in the beginning of last week, with the object of playing Willie Fernie and his brother George in a foursome of 72 holes over the two principal Ayrshire greens. Though begun as a foursome and played over Troon on that footing, the original condition could not be adhered to, Andrew Kirkaldy, on account of a disabled arm, being precluded from playing over Prestwick, and the latter half of the match resolved itself into a single between Willie Fernie and Hugh Kirkaldy over the latter green. The match, which was arranged some time ago, was of a semi-private character, and may be regarded more in the light of an exhibition match than as a match for a money stake. It was none the less, however, a very fine all-round exhibition of Golf on the part of the quartette engaged in it, much better in all probability than if a large stake had been involved, and it must have been a disappointment to George Fernie, after the remarkably good form he displayed on his own green, that the circumstance of his opponent being placed *hors de combat* prevented his having an opportunity of showing what he could do over Prestwick. As it was, playing over Troon under the most unfavourable conditions as to the weather, he played the most certain game of the whole four, and though he was not so strong in his driving as his brother or Hugh Kirkaldy, he played with more certainty, and on the putting-green showed better form than either. Seldom has a match been played in worse weather than that which attended the first round over Troon on Monday forenoon. The rain, which poured in an incessant torrent, was accompanied by a cold east wind, and, in spite of all portable protection, the players and the large company of onlookers who followed them were wet to the skin long before the round was half finished. The rain ceased to a great extent during the second round, but it was the soaking he got in the morning that so disabled Kirkaldy as to cause him to abandon the match on the following day.

The round played over Troon was the reversed round, the "Rabbit" being the first hole instead of the seventeenth. The two first holes went to the Fernies in the perfection of play in 3, the Kirkaldys, inferior in the short game, taking 4. The third was indifferently halved in 5. Willie Fernie was on the green from the tee at the fourth, but the Kirkaldys secured a half in 3 in virtue of the elder brother laying his approach off the iron dead. The fifth was halved in 6, each side dropping a shot on account of bad lies. On the green from the tee the local men were weak at the sixth, and a half in 4 resulted. "Turnberry" was halved in 4. Both were in the bent going to "Tel-el-Kebir," and lost a stroke, halving a hole in 5, which the professionals usually hole out in 4. Hugh Kirkaldy was too strong in his approach at the "Monk," and he thus enabled his opponents to place it to their credit, and to start in 3 up. They also got the "Sandhills" in a perfectly played 4, making them 4 up, and the result was the same at the "Fox," making them 5 up. The twelfth was halved in 3. The thirteenth, to which each took three on the green, was indifferently halved in 5. The local representatives at the fourteenth hole were again weak on the putting-green, and the hole went to their opponents, and, as the result of a long putt by Hugh Kirkaldy, so did the fifteenth. The sixteenth was halved in 5. The Fernies playing a weak short game, the seventeenth went to the visitors, and as the Home hole was halved the round finished with the Fernies 2 up. The scores were:—

Fernies' ... 3 3 5 3 6 4 4 5 4 4 4 3 5 5 5 5 6 4=78.
Kirkaldys' ... 4 4 5 3 6 4 4 5 5 5 5 3 5 4 4 5 4 4=79.

Going out in the second round the Fernies won the first hole in 3, under conditions precisely similar to those under which they won it in the first round. The second was halved in 4. Willie Fernie missed his approach at the third, and playing into the burn the mistake cost his side the hole, and the addition of an approximate 7 to their score. Each took one more to the short hole this round, and it was halved in 4. A bad lie cost the Kirkaldys the fifth, or long hole, and, after a half at the sixth, they also lost "Turnberry," George Fernie getting down a long putt in 3, and leaving Hugh Kirkaldy a similar shot to get down in the like, which he failed to do. They were thus two holes down on the round. From their play through the green the Troon men ought to have won "Tel-el-Kebir," but a good recovery and a long putt enabled the visitors to so far belie the probabilities as to win the hole in 4 to their opponents' 5. The "Monk" was halved in a regulation 4. Turning home Willie Fernie failed to get away from the tee in his usual manner, and a lost hole and another 7 added to the score was the result. The "Fox" was halved in 5, and the twelfth, as in the first round, in 3. George Fernie holed a three yards' putt at the thirteenth, which secured the Troon combination the hole in 3. A bad approach on the part of Andrew Kirkaldy at the fourteenth was also taken advantage of by the Fernies to add another hole to their credit,

and thus make them 4 up on the day's play. Two other holes were halved in 5, but, by means of better play at the sixteenth and with the help of a long putt at the Home hole, the strangers were enabled to hold their own on the second round, the play over the thirty-six holes thus leaving the Fernies 2 up. Scores:—

Kirkaldys' ... 4 4 4 4 6 4 4 4 4 5 5 3 4 5 5 4 5 3=77.
Fernies' ... 3 4 7 4 5 4 3 5 4 7 5 3 3 4 5 5 5 4=80.

The weather at Prestwick on Tuesday was all that could be desired, and there was again a large attendance of spectators. Some disappointment was naturally felt when it became known to those assembled that the foursome was off. But they were amply compensated for the abandonment of this match in the match substituted—that between Willie Fernie and Hugh Kirkaldy. It was agreed that the play between these two should constitute a continuation of the match begun at Troon, and Fernie accordingly started with a lead of two holes.

The first hole was halved in 5, but Fernie lying within an ordinary putt from the tee holed out in two, Kirkaldy taking 4. The hole across the "Cardinal" was halved in 5. At the fourth Fernie holed a long putt in 4, and Kirkaldy took 5. Fernie was thus 4 up on the match. He dropped the hole across the Himalayas, on account of a soft approach. He should have won the sixth. Fernie was on the green in 2, Kirkaldy taking 3. The St. Andrews man, however, laid his approach off the iron dead, and holed in 4, while Fernie took 3 on the putting-green, reducing the lead to 2 up. Fernie redeemed himself at the seventh with a 3 to Kirkaldy's 4. Fernie played well for the 4 he secured at the eighth, but Kirkaldy eclipsed this performance with a 3, three perfect strokes enabling him to do this. The ninth went to Fernie, and the tenth to Kirkaldy, and the eleventh was halved in 4. Kirkaldy took 3 on the green at the hole across the dyke, and he lost it in 6 to Fernie's 5. A rather unpleasant incident occurred at the thirteenth hole, where Kirkaldy, with the best of the play up to that point, missed a short putt to win the hole, Fernie lying dead. Annoyed at missing the putt, Kirkaldy before the ball had quite stopped drew it back with his club to try the putt over again. Fernie claimed the hole, and the referee sustained the claim, the Troon man being again 4 up. It was evident from his subsequent play, however, that Fernie had gained nothing by the claim, for the incident upset him, and he lost three out of the next four holes. The eighteenth hole was halved in a perfect 3. The round accordingly left Fernie one hole down on the round, and one hole up on the match. Scores:—

Kirkaldy ... 5 4 5 5 3 4 4 3 6 4 4 6 5 4 4 4 4 3=77
Fernie ... 5 2 5 4 4 5 3 4 5 5 4 5 5 5 5 4 5 3=78

In the second round, going to the first hole, Kirkaldy topped his drive, and, being unable to make up the leeway this entailed, took 6 to Fernie's 5. Fernie played a very fine shot on the green at the second. Kirkaldy laid him a dead stimpie on the very lip of the hole, Fernie being nearly a couple of yards off. It seemed impossible for Fernie to avoid holing his opponent's ball. Nevertheless he did this, and, holing his own ball, halved in 3. Fernie failed to carry the "Cardinal" in 2, and took 6 to his opponent's 5. The fourth was halved in 4. A weak approach on the part of Kirkaldy at the fifth cost him the hole. By reason of a fine approach and a long putt, Fernie also got the sixth, but he dropped the seventh in 5, from defective approaching, to Kirkaldy's 3. A perfect half in 4 resulted at the eighth, but going to the ninth Kirkaldy, who lay heavy from the tee, did not get well away, and took 6 to Fernie's 5. The final course in was accordingly entered upon with Fernie 3 up on the match. At the long hole in Kirkaldy was the stronger player through the green, and his superiority in this respect stood him in good stead at the approaching, and he holed out in 5 to Fernie's 6. The hole recrossing the "Himalayas" was halved in 4, Fernie making up in his approach for his short-comings in driving. The hole across the dyke was halved in 5 without mistake. The thirteenth went to Kirkaldy, Fernie being short all through. The Troon man was at this point just 1 hole up on the match, but he won the next two with very fine play, and was dorny 3, and halving the sixteenth hole, he won the match by 3 up and 2 to play. The scores for the completed round were:—

Fernie ... 5 3 6 4 4 3 5 4 5 6 4 5 6 4 4 4 5 4=81
Kirkaldy ... 6 3 5 4 5 4 3 4 6 5 4 5 5 5 5 4 5 5=83

Judging from the scoring, the second round does not indicate such fine form as the first, but it was in reality not much inferior. Taking the play on the aggregate, over both links, it is the finest that has been witnessed for a long time in a match in Ayrshire.

Dr. Highet, hon. sec. Troon Golf Club, acted as referee in the match at Troon, and Mr. Robert Gillan, a member of Prestwick Golf Club, in the match at Prestwick.

PETERHEAD.—On the afternoon of Wednesday, the 23rd ult., the opening match between the married and single members of this newly-formed club was played over the links here. Six couples started, and a very enjoyable game ended in a win for the married members by 5 holes.

RANELAGH GOLF CLUB.

The Ranelagh Golf Club has now begun play in earnest for the season. The links have been much improved, the large number of sheep kept during the summer having reduced the grass to a minimum, and they are still hard at work. The greens have been considerably enlarged, and are in fair order. It is intended to begin the competition for Mr. Myburgh's cup at the beginning of November. Mr. A. Molesworth recently broke Dr. C. A. S. Leggatto's record of 86 by going the round in 83. New members are coming in fast.

ROYAL CROMER GOLF CLUB.

The autumn prize meeting of the above club was held on Thursday and Friday last week. There was a fairly good field, twenty-three couples turning up for the start on the first day, and twenty on the second. Taking into consideration the fineness of the weather, and the excellent condition of the greens, the scoring, as a whole, was somewhat disappointing; at the same time, it must be admitted that the course was two or three strokes more difficult than usual. On Friday, Dr. Heasman won the prize offered for the best aggregate score under handicap. Lord Suffield's prize (scratch), a silver challenge cup, to which the club added a silver sugar-basin, value £3 5s., was played for on Thursday, the Rev. H. C. Rogers being the winner with a score of 91. The silver bowl presented by Mr. Cyril Flower, M.P., was also played for on Thursday, and was won by Mr. Verran with a score of 92, less 10=82. To this the club added a prize value three guineas, a silver-mounted magnifying glass. The same winner took the monthly medal given by the captain, Mr. B. Bond-Cappell. A silver cup, value £5, given by Mr. A. Lyle for the best score under handicap, and played for on Friday, was won by Mr. A. C. Oldham, a new member, whose score of 97, less 18=79, made it evident that the handicap committee were not sufficiently acquainted with this gentleman's play. A further prize in addition to those enumerated, was one given by the club for the best aggregate scratch score of the two days, namely, a silver cream jug and sugar basin, value two guineas. This Mr. A. E. Jarvis secured, his scratch score for the two days being 93 and 88 respectively. Appended are particulars of play, scores over 100 being omitted.

Thursday, September 24th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. Verran ...	92	10	82	Mr. J. R. Baillie ...	104	12	92
Rev. H. C. Rogers	91	7	84	Dr. Heasman ...	99	7	92
Mr. Alfred Burton...	102	13	84	Mr. F. Carver...	101	8	93
Mr. H. Broadhurst,				Mr. B. Bond-Cabell	108	14	94
M.P. ...	97	12	85	Rev. A. T. Far-			
Mr. H. Forbes Eden	104	18	86	quharson ...	108	14	94
Mr. A. C. Oldham	105	18	87	Mr. O. S. Curtis ...	105	10	95
Mr. R. W. Ketton	99	10	89	Mr. J. C. Warren ...	99	4	95
Mr. C. H. Aveston	94	5	89	Mr. K. McFarlane	107	12	95
Mr. A. E. Ripley ...	97	7	90	Mr. A. Savin ...	105	9	96
Mr. A. E. Jarvis ...	93	3	90	Mr. J. J. W. Deuchar	101	4	97
Major Archdale ...	99	9	90	Mr. D. T. Belding	112	15	97
Mr. A. Cooper ...	102	12	90	Mr. W. Williams ...	109	11	98
Mr. E. M. Hansell...	99	8	91				

The following made no return:—Sir Edmund Lacon, Rev. A. E. Black, Messrs. C. B. Comben, E. F. Jarvis, G. d'Angibau, W. E. Hansell, Wyndham C. Cremer, S. Rostron, A. H. Worrall, H. P. Mills, W. B. Monement, G. P. Elwes, and T. Aveston.

Friday, September 25th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. C. Oldham	97	18	79	Mr. W. Cooper-			
Dr. Heasman ...	87	7	80	Brown ...	110	18	92
Mr. R. W. Ketton..	95	10	85	Mr. C. H. Aveston	97	5	92
Mr. A. E. Jarvis ...	88	3	85	Rev. H. C. Rogers..	99	7	92
Mr. A. Cooper ...	98	12	86	Mr. W. B. Monement	117	25	92
Mr. J. Verran ...	97	10	87	Mr. H. Broadhurst,			
Rev. A. T. Farqu-				M.P. ...	105	12	93
harson ...	103	14	89	Mr. A. Savin ...	103	9	94
Mr. D. T. Belding..	105	15	90	Mr. J. J. W. Deuchar	99	4	95
Major-Gen. Dixon...	106	16	90	Mr. G. d'Angibau...	110	15	95
Mr. O. S. Curtis ...	100	10	90	Mr. F. Carver ...	105	8	97
Mr. W. Williams ...	101	11	90	Mr. J. C. Warren ...	101	4	97
Mr. H. Gammidge..	107	16	91	Mr. Ambrose Burton	117	18	99
Capt. Stopford ...	114	22	92	Mr. H. Forbes Eden	117	18	99

No return by the following:—Major Archdale, Rev. A. E. Black, Sir E. Lacon, Messrs. E. F. Jarvis, C. B. Comben, G. P. Elwes, H. P. Mills, E. M. Hansell, A. H. Worrall, and G. L. Charlesworth.

LEVEN LADIES' GOLF CLUB.—A competition open to those who had not won more than one prize this season was held on Saturday. Seven couples started, and the following is the result:—1, Miss M. Wilkie, 90, less 20=70; 2, Miss Blackie, 92, less 16=76; 3, Miss Ballingall, 100, less 20=80; 4, Mrs. Windridge, 97, less 16=81. At the close of the competition the prizes were presented by Rev. David Brewster.

ROYAL DUBLIN GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly medal was competed for by the members of the Royal Dublin Golf Club, on Saturday, the 19th ult., on the Dollymount links. It was in every way a perfect golfing day, and a fair number of players competed. Although over twenty competed, only fifteen made a return. On examining the cards, it was found that Mr. J. Lumsden, senior, was first, with a good score of 85, less 9=76, but he was, of course, disqualified, having elected to play with the professional Brown, no partner being available. Professor Doherty, who was second, therefore took the medal and sweepstake with a score of 110, less 30=80. After the competition, some exciting and warmly-contested foursomes were played. Messrs. Dunbar Barton, Q.C., and Kyrke engaging Messrs. Petrie (captain) and McKean, and beating them one up. This match was keenly contested from start to finish, although the winners held the lead all through and kept it, despite the plucky efforts of their opponents to make matters even. Messrs. D. Christie and J. Lumsden, jun., also played Messrs. D. "Linsow" and F. "Cimgun," the former couple winning after an exciting finish by two holes. Subjoined are the details of the competition:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. J. Lumsden, sen. 85 9 76	Mr. A. L. Figgis ... 100 16 84
* Professor Doherty 110 30 80	Mr. Dunbar Barton, Q.C. ... 118 16 84
Mr. V. Kyrke ... 100 19 81	Mr. J. O. Wylie ... 118 30 88
Mr. J. Lumsden, jun. 89 7 82	Mr. Bristowe ... 121 30 91
Mr. W. Keating ... 110 28 82	Mr. D. Christie ... 103 11 92
Mr. R. H. Charles... 91 7 84	Mr. W. F. Moore... 135 30 105
Mr. R. H. Moore... 109 25 84	Mr. Leask 139 30 109
Mr. T. Gilroy ... 83 +2 85	
Mr. Petrie (captain) 94 7 87	

* Winner of medal and sweepstake.

Messrs. D. "Linsow," F. "Cimgun," Dow, Ross, and Law made no return.

From this time the Dollymount links will be pretty lively, as there are numerous prizes to be competed for before Christmas, viz., the "Bar" cup, the Black Watch gold medal, the Lumsden medal, the captain's prize, and the monthly medal. The council have also decided to hold a competition open to members of all recognised Golf clubs on Saturday, 31st October, when prizes to the value of £10 will be competed for. The council are anxious to make this meeting a success, and arrangements are now on foot to that end. The links at present are looking better than they ever did before, and under the supervision and constant care of Brown, the club professional, have been very greatly improved within the last three or four months, and may now compare most favourably with any of the best greens in the kingdom; indeed, the "putting" greens for general excellence and uniformity of turf are almost second to none, and the links will be found well deserving of a visit. Those interested in the fine old game will be glad to hear that the membership of the club continues to increase steadily.

ROYAL NORTH DEVON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal and accompanying prizes as well as the usual sweepstakes were played for on Saturday, September 26th.

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
* Capt. Gordon, M.S. 99 9 90	Mr. T. G. Keats, M. 124 25 99
* Major Pigott, M.S. 106 16 90	Rev. Norton Thompson, S. ... 118 18 100
Mr. H. Bradley, S. 98 7 91	Mr. W. G. Law, S. 127 27 100
Mr. J. J. Harding, M.S. ... 98 5 93	Rev. R. W. S. Vidal, M.S. ... 107 6 101
Mr. A. Keir, M.S. ... 101 7 94	Mr. E. Cumming, S. 126 not hcp'd
Major Gosset, M.S. 102 8 94	Dr. A. P. Drummond, S. ... 139 not hcp'd
Mr. F. Dowell, M.S. 111 16 95	
Major Little, S. ... 116 18 98	

* Tie.

Mr. W. Richards, M.S., no return.

VIEWFORTH GOLF CLUB.—The closing competition for the season of this club took place at Musselburgh, on the 23rd ult., in fairly good weather. The result of the recent storm was very painfully visible in the back stretch, which was practically one bunker, and many months will scarcely repair the damage done to the green. The gold medal of the club, the captain's aggregate prize, and prizes presented by members were on the card, and, as the result of the two rounds, Mr. John Hay came out as the winner of the medal with the, in the circumstances, very good score of 92, made up of 49 and 43. Mr. O. Thomson's score of 93 came next, and Mr. Knight's 94 followed, the sand having spoilt what would otherwise have been a good score. Appended are the handicap results:—1, Mr. J. Nicol, 109, less 24=85; 2, Mr. F. Ross, 97, less 10=87; 3, Mr. H. Wight, 96, less 8=88; 4, Mr. R. M'Nab, 96, less 5=91; 5 and 6 (tie), Mr. J. Hay, 92, scratch, 92; and Mr. H. M. Knight, 94, less 3=92; 7 and 8 (tie); Mr. O. Thomson, 93, scratch, 93; and Mr. J. Beattie, 98, less 5=93.

ROYAL WIMBLEDON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly handicap challenge medal was competed for on Saturday last.

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. T. W. Lang .. 86 6 80	Mr. W. D. Scott
Mr. W. D. Davidson 88 6 82	Moneriff ... 102 11 91
Mr. R. Thomson ... 88 5 83	Mr. J. Gane ... 109 18 91
Mr. R. H. Usher ... 102 16 86	Mr. F. Sandeman ... 111 20 91
Mr. W. Michie ... 96 9 87	Mr. Guy Pym ... 97 5 92
Mr. J. R. Hutchison 88 scr. 88	Mr. F. Skene ... 97 5 92
Mr. W. L. Purves... 88 scr. 88	Mr. G. Nicol ... 100 8 92
Mr. A. Pollock ... 93 5 88	Mr. F. J. Walker ... 99 5 94
Mr. W. Morley ... 106 18 88	Mr. H. W. Horne... 102 8 94
Mr. W. W. Branston 105 16 89	Mr. C. C. McLaren 103 9 94
Mr. W. R. Portal ... 109 20 89	Genl. Elliott ... 116 20 96
Mr. H. P. Cumming 96 6 90	Mr. G. A. Bonner... 110 13 97
Mr. N. R. Foster ... 91 scr. 91	Mr. T. K. Smith ... 108 9 99
Mr. W. Bazalgette... 94 3 91	Mr. A. Davidson ... 109 10 99
Mr. E. A. Walker... 99 8 91	Mr. E. Turle ... 111 12 99
	Mr. T. Smith ... 117 12 105

SEAFORD GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday last. The weather was very windy and showery throughout the day.

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. P. Lee... ... 110 20 90	Mr. T. J. Baillie ... 106 13 93
Mr. N. J. Fowle ... 111 20 91	Mr. H. F. Gilmour 107 14 93
Mr. W. N. Cundell 105 14 91	

Messrs. Coventry, Whitfield, Danby, Beaumont, Hand, and others played, but made no returns.

ST. ANDREWS.

The medal week of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club at St. Andrews promises well at present if the weather would only keep fair, Mr. Laidlay, Mr. Mure Fergusson, Mr. Macfie, Mr. Everard and other cracks are on the green, and there should be no lack of good scores on the competition day. On Monday between ninety and one hundred matches went round the course, and things were kept pretty lively. Fortunately the links at present are in splendid order and will stand a deal of punishment. Amongst the best of Monday's events were the following:—Mr. J. E. Laidlay had two rounds with Mr. H. S. C. Everard. Mr. Laidlay was in splendid form, and in the forenoon he defeated his opponent by 6 and 5 to play, and in the afternoon by 2 at the burn. Mr. F. G. Tait and Mr. Macfie had a foursome with Mr. Mure Fergusson and Mr. Fairlie. After a fine match, a half was the result. Mr. E. S. Balfour played a single with Mr. T. Mackie, and was successful in both by two holes. Mr. A. Tait lost by a single putt, in a round with Mr. J. Kirk; Mr. R. Hutchison played Tom Morris on level terms. In the first round Tom lost by 5, and 4 to play, but in the second he turned the tables, winning by 4 at the third hole. Mr. Blackwell halved one round and lost a second by 3 at the burn in a match with Mr. F. C. Crawford. Mr. Hindmarsh giving four strokes, halved a round and won a second by 3 in a single with Mr. Wodam. Mr. H. Bethune defeated Captain Stewart, R.N., by 3 at the dyke. Mr. Boyd won his match by 3 at the dyke, playing against Mr. A. Stewart. Mr. Maciel had round about with Mr. Redpath. Mr. Kermack and Mr. Chiene had round about with Mr. Finlay and Mr. Cheyne. Mr. Marshall and Mr. Murray had two rounds with Mr. Macnab and Mr. Murray, and were successful in both. Messrs. Fairlie had two rounds with Mr. D. I. Lamb and Mr. Hull. The former won the first round and halved the second. Hugh Kirkaldy played a round with Mr. Bruce Johnston. Giving his opponent a third, the professional won by 5 and 4 to play. Sir Guy Campbell and Mr. Boothby defeated Mr. Mellor and Mr. Heriot at the last hole.

In a single Mr. Mellor defeated Mr. Heriot by 5 and 4 to play. Mr. J. T. Inglis and Mr. Prothero played Capt. Marshall and Mr. Murray Honey, the result being a half.

In the forenoon Mr. Inglis beat Mr. Prothero by 6 and 5 to play. Capt. Marshall beat Mr. Murray Honey by one. Mr. Sharp and Mr. Irvine gave a drubbing to Mr. Burnet and Mr. Latto. Mr. Deane and Mr. Younger tackled Mr. J. Balfour and Colonel Mackinnon, but the latter were successful in beating their opponents very heavily.

TROON GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting took place on Thursday last week, under conditions which turned out better than they at first promised. The chief business on hand was the competition for the Morison gold medal, scratch, and accompanying gold badge, the St. Andrews Cross, handicap, scratch to 12, and the silver cleek, handicap, 13 odds to 24 odds, and in addition a series of sweepstakes. Twenty-one couples entered, as against eighteen couples at the same meeting last year. The competitors were balloted in three divisions, viz., scratch players, players

classed from scratch to 12 odds, and players classed from 13 to 24 odds. Mr. H. S. C. Everard and Mr. E. D. Prothero were drawn to play in the first division. It was generally expected that either the one or the other of these two players would win the medal, though Mr. W. Morison was named as the possible winner of the trophy, which he himself presented to the club. As it turned out, however, Mr. Morison was off his game, and did not hand in his card. Mr. D. D. Robertson, another scratch player, who partnered Mr. Morison, handed in a 91. The actual winner turned out in effect to be Mr. Everard, who gave in the fine score of 81. With the wind dead ahead, Mr. Everard's 41 out was a fine performance. The details of the winning score were:—

Out	5	5	4	5	4	4	4	5	5=41	81
In	5	5	5	3	6	4	4	4	4=40	

The only 6 in the above score occurs at the long hole, "Crosbie," and a bad lie from an extraordinary long tee-shot explains its presence in a round which indicates the steadiest Golf. Mr. Prothero did not play so good a game as his partner going out, but, with the exception of a very unfortunate incident at the "Well" hole, he played a strong game coming in. Approaching the green in 2, he played into the bunker with the result that what ought to have been a 4 became an 8. The details of Mr. Prothero's card were:—

Out	6	4	6	5	5	4	3	6	6=45	89
In	5	4	5	4	5	5	8	4	4=44	

Mr. F. G. Tulloch made a somewhat chequered round, but finished one stroke less than Mr. Prothero. His score, which contains the record of the day for the nine holes in, is here noted:—

Out	5	5	5	7	4	4	8	5	6=49	88
In	6	4	5	3	4	5	4	4	4=39	

Mr. Tulloch got into the bunker at the High hole going out, and this accounts for the 8 on his card. It is of interest to note that the medal was won last year by Mr. Andrew McMurray, with a score of 88. Mr. McMurray did not hand in his card on Thursday. The result of the day's play was that as already noted. Mr. Everard won the medal with 81, scratch, 81; Mr. T. B. A. McMichael won the St. Andrews cross with 91, less 6=85; Mr. A. Raeside won the silver cleek with 104, less 18=86; Mr. F. G. Tulloch won the scratch sweep. In the second division Mr. T. B. A. McMichael won the first sweep, and Mr. John Merry the second; and in the third division Mr. Alex. Raeside won the first sweep, and Mr. Robert Scott the second. Underlined are the scores of all the players who handed in cards:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. S. C. Everard	81 scr. 81	Mr. A. Johnston	102 8 94
Mr. T. B. A. McMichael	91 6 85	Rev. J. Anderson	98 4 94
Mr. A. Raeside	104 18 86	Mr. W. J. Anderson	104 10 94
Mr. F. Tulloch	88 scr. 88	Mr. Jas. Wilson, jun.	106 12 94
Mr. John Merry	92 4 88	Mr. Hugh Cowan	95 scr. 95
Mr. E. D. Prothero	89 scr. 89	Mr. J. M. Jamieson	109 14 95
Mr. J. W. Weir	101 12 89	Mr. Stuart Foulis	102 6 96
Mr. A. Porteous	90 scr. 90	Mr. John Wallace	110 12 98
Mr. J. Storrar	94 4 90	Mr. John Sander	122 24 98
Mr. R. Scott	108 18 90	Mr. O. Reid	113 14 99
Mr. D. D. Robertson	91 scr. 90	Mr. A. S. Craig	110 10 100
Mr. R. Hutcheson	101 10 91	Mr. J. L. W. Watt	102 scr. 102
Mr. W. Brown	109 18 91	Mr. Archd. Lauder	120 14 106
Mr. F. Reid	93 scr. 93	Mr. W. D. Strachan	125 14 111

The competition for the Sandhills gold medal for last month took place on Saturday last. A gale from the west, accompanied by occasional heavy showers of rain, interfered with the play. Only nine couples went round, and only four cards were handed in, as follows:—Mr. W. F. Salmond, 112, less 24=88; Mr. T. B. A. McMichael, 97, less 6=91; Mr. D. Fullarton, 110, less 16=94; Mr. Philip Robertson, 115, less 16=99.

BURNTISLAND CLUB.—The second monthly competition for the anniversary medal presented by Miss Kirke, of Greenmouth, took place at the High Bents on the 23rd ult., and the day being fine there was a good turn-out and keen competition. Mr. J. Kerr, 74, less 5=69; Mr. H. Kinsman, 75, less 2=73; Mr. James Wood, 76, plus 1=77; Mr. J. W. Connel, 83, less 3=80; Mr. D. Connel, 87, plus 2=85; Mr. J. C. Wallace, 89, less 1=88.

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE GOLF CLUB.—The autumn competition of this club, which should have been played over North Berwick on Monday last, took place at the Braid Hills on Saturday afternoon in very boisterous weather. The following were the prize-winners:—1, Mr. P. R. Reid, 104, less 12=92; 2, Mr. W. G. Munro, jun., 93, scratch; 3, Mr. A. R. Murray, 104, less 4=100; 4, Mr. A. Paterson, 124, less 22=102; 5, Mr. D. G. R. Murray, 115, less 8=107; and Mr. S. S. Story, 143, less 36=107, tie.

WEST LANCASHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The West Lancashire Golf Club held their sixth monthly competition on Saturday at the Hall road links at Blundellsands. The day was fine, but a strong breeze blowing over the course interfered somewhat with the players, of whom there was a large muster. A win in for the medal was scored by the captain, Mr. G. R. Cox, junr., with 83, less 4=79. He also secured the first sweepstake, the second being divided between Messrs. J. W. Fowler and L. D. Stoddart. The previous winners in the competition were Messrs. C. McLaren, J. Shepherd, J. E. Pearson, A. Stoddart, and J. W. Fowler, and these, with Mr. Cox, will play off under special handicap for final possession on the 10th October. Saturday's play resulted as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. R. Cox, junr	83 4 79	Mr. G. A. Thomson	109 18 91
Mr. W. Staveley Taylor	89 5 84	Dr. Hewer	96 4 92
Mr. J. W. Fowler	85 scr 85	Mr. R. Goold	97 4 93
Mr. L. D. Stoddart	86 1 85	Mr. T. A. Kirkwood	103 9 94
Mr. A. G. Rankine	95 7 88	Mr. L. J. Ferguson	100 5 95
Mr. T. Henderson	96 8 88	Mr. T. Mellard Reade	109 14 95
Mr. F. Litchfield	100 12 88	Mr. A. Chisholm	103 7 96
Mr. T. H. Luzmore	97 8 89	Mr. N. W. Brook	106 9 97
Mr. W. S. Harris	104 15 89	Mr. T. Henderson, jun.	106 9 97
Mr. Malcolm Rollo	105 16 89	Mr. Chas. McLaren	108 9 99
Mr. J. N. P. Newton	108 18 90	Mr. Alex. Stookes	104 4 100
Mr. G. Cunliffe	108 17 91		

The other players were over a hundred net or made no return. This competition almost completes the chances for the aggregate prize, for which at present Mr. G. R. Cox, jun., is first with the aggregate of 601 for seven scores returned, Mr. J. W. Fowler next with 602, Mr. J. Shepherd 610, Mr. L. D. Stoddart 614, and Mr. T. H. Luzmore 615. The final competition of the club for the year takes place on the 21st November.

COMRIE.—The autumn competition of this club took place on Saturday. Notwithstanding that the club has only been in existence for about six months, it has a membership of about eighty. Twelve couples turned out to compete. Results:—Scratch competition: 1, Dr. Temple, 96; 2 and 3, Major Dundas and Mr. Henry Campbell, 104; 4, Mr. Wm. Lawson, 111; 5, Mr. D. Hamilton, 113. Handicap competition:—1, Mr. D. Hamilton, 103, less 12=91; 2, Dr. Temple, scratch, 94; 3, Mr. J. M'Isaac, 112, less 14=98; 4, Major Dundas, scratch, 106; 5, Mr. Henry Campbell, 111, less 4=107; 6, Mr. W. Lawson, 112, less 4=108; 7, Mr. C. Robertson, 119, less 9=110; 8 and 9, Mr. P. M'Intyre, 121, less 9=112, and Mr. David Murray, 124, less 12=112.

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