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SEPTEMBER.

- Sept. 5.—London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove : The Berens Gold Medal.
Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.
Haydock Park : Captain's Cup.
Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.
Bowdon : Monthly Competition.
Aldeburgh : Silver Medal.
Monifieth : Panmure Silver Medal.
Rochdale : Secretary's Trophy, Silver Shield.
Cathkin Braes : Gold Medal Competition.
Lea Hurst : Competition for Committee Cup.
Seaton Carew : Wilson Shield.
Redhill and Reigate : Turner Medal.
Glasgow : Club, Wilson, and Scott Medals.
Richmond : Monthly Medal.
- Sept. 7.—Harrison, Edinburgh : Cup and Prizes.
Sept. 8.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Cup.
Harrison, Edinburgh : Cup and Prizes.
Sept. 9.—Harrison, Edinburgh : Cup and Prizes.
Sept. 10.—Selkirk : Hashe Medal.
Sept. 11-12.—Lanark : Annual Meeting ; Claret Cup (scratch), Purdie Cup, Gold Ball, and Captain's Prize.
Sept. 12.—Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
West Herts : Monthly Medal.
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.
West Lancashire : Autumn Meeting.
Hayling Island : Monthly Competition.
Alnwick : Marsh Painting.
Wilpshire and District : Monthly Medal.
Rochdale : Captain's Prize.

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- Sept. 12.—Littlestone : Monthly Meeting.
Nairn : Pullar Medal.
Royal Montreal : Club Match.
Sept. 16.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Gold Medal ; Noakes Cup.
Sept. 19.—Brighton and Hove : The De Worms Challenge Cup.
Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Gullane : Captain, and other prizes.
Disley : Fifth Summer Handicap.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Macara Cup.
Epsom : Monthly Medal.
Watsonians : Gold Medal and Club Prizes.
Cathkin Braes : Westwood Cup Competition.
Lea Hurst : Monthly Competition.
Seaton Carew : Club Cup.
Royal Montreal : Brokers' Prize.
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.
Wimbledon Ladies' : Monthly Medals.
- Sept. 21.—Harrison, Edinburgh : Cox Medal and Prizes.
Sept. 23.—Edinburgh Viewforth : Prize Competition.
Sept. 24.—Troon : Autumn Meeting.
Sept. 24-25.—Royal Cromer : Autumn Prize Meeting.
Sept. 24-26.—Minchinhampton : Autumn Meeting.
Luffness : Mr. Tait's Silver Cup and Star.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Seaford : Monthly Medal.
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup ; Captain's Prize.
- Sept. 26.—Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.
West Lancashire : Monthly Medal.
Glasgow : Match, Dumbarton, at Alexandra Park.
Troon : Sandhills Medal.
Warwickshire : Club Cup.
Haydock Park : Legh Challenge Cup.
Felixstowe : Monthly Challenge Cup.
Royal Montreal : Dennistoun Medal.
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.
Crookham : Monthly Medal.
Prestwick : Monthly Medal.
Troon : Sandhills Medal.
- Sept. 28.—Royal Eastbourne : South Lynn Vase.
Burnham : Monthly Gold Medal.
Sept. 29 and 30.—Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews : Autumn Meeting.

OCTOBER.

- Oct. 1-3.—Guildford : Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 2.—Harrison, Edinburgh : Medal.
Oct. 3.—London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove : The Berens Gold Medal.
Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.
Royal North Devon : Extra Monthly Medal.
Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.
Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.
Prestwick St. Nicholas : Bailie Wilson's Medal.
Wilpshire District : Scratch Competition.
Seaton Carew : Gray Trophy.
Redhill and Reigate : Turner Medal.
Selkirk : Captain's Prize.

- Oct. 3.—Rochdale : Autumn Competition.
Richmond : Monthly Medal.
Warwickshire : Lefroy Prize.
Cathkin Braes : Gold Medal.
Lea Hurst : President's Cup.
Haydock Park : Captain's Cup.
Aldeburgh : Silver Medal.
- Oct. 5, 6, 7.—Harrison, Edinburgh : Cup and Prizes.
- Oct. 6.—Cornwall County Golf Club : Monthly Handicap.
Hayling Island Ladies' : Bath Challenge Star.
- Oct. 6, 7, 8.—Dinard : Autumn Meeting, Club Cup (open), scratch Gold Medal, and Sweepstakes.
- Oct. 7.—Prestwick : Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 7-9.—Royal North Devon : Autumn Meeting.
Royal Liverpool : Autumn Meeting.
- Oct. 9-10.—Brighton and Hove : Autumn Prize Meeting.
- Oct. 10.—Southport : Cup Competition.
West Herts : Monthly Medal.
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup (Yearly Competition) ; Captain's Prize (final).
Royal Isle of Wight : Autumn Meeting ; Tottenham Gold Medal ; Club Prize.
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.
Tantallon : Autumn Meeting.
Dublin : Lumsden Medal.
Falkirk : Monthly Competition.
Nairn : Pullar Medal.
Wilpshire and District : Monthly Medal.
Alnwick : Marsh Painting.
- Oct. 12.—Royal Isle of Wight : Foursome Tournament for Prize given by the Club.
- Oct. 13.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Cup.
- Oct. 13-15.—North Berwick : Autumn Golf Tournament.
- Oct. 16.—Harrison, Edinburgh : Medal.
- Oct. 17.—Dublin : Monthly Medal.
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.

GOLFERS' PRIZE.

Suppose, gentle reader, it were decided to play an international Golf match between England and Scotland, eight men a-side, whom would you select as the representative teams?

Write the names below in the order in which you consider their merit entitles them to rank, cut out the form and send it to this office on or before September 25th. A sovereign will be given to the sender of the list which agrees with the majority of votes, and a bound volume of GOLF to the second best list.

SCOTLAND.	ENGLAND.
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Name _____

Address _____

THE GOLFING GREENS IN ABERDEENSHIRE.

I.—BALGOWNIE LINKS.

It is only fitting that a series of papers dealing with the golfing greens in Aberdeenshire should begin with the above, for though the most recently laid-out course of the lot, it is the private home of the Aberdeen Club, which is the leading club in the North.

Balgownie Links, situated two miles directly north of the city of Aberdeen, near the mouth of the Don, are exceedingly picturesque, and we doubt if there is any course in the North of Scotland with the same extensive view as the members of the Aberdeen Club enjoy from the windows of their club-house. This view comprehends the entire coast line from the Girdleness to the Buchanness, two well-known promontories on the East Coast of Scotland. The club-house itself, which is a very commodious and well-appointed structure, is situated on the high hill immediately overlooking the estuary of the river Don.

Surveying the links in their primitive state, even the most enthusiastic golfer would have been appalled at the prospect of playing over them ; but with patience and perseverance all obstacles have been overcome, and at present the green is as good as any to be found in Scotland. The links were acquired about two and a half years ago, the ground surveyed, and the course laid out under the guidance of the brothers Bob and Archie Simpson, of Carnoustie, two of the best professional players of the day. They made out at once an exceedingly interesting and really very good course of 18 holes, but since their visit the council of the club, considering the amount of ground they had at command, have extended and improved the original arrangement in many ways, so that as medal day comes on month after month, it is extraordinary to note to what advantage the ground has been developed. One of the chief difficulties on this green is not so much the finding of excellent places for tees, as the difficulty of obtaining really suitable ground in proper position for the tees. What with a visit from Tom Morris, and the thoughtful attention of Gilbert Heron, the green-keeper, who is now thoroughly up to what is demanded of him as custodian in utilising the ground to the best advantage, we have not the slightest hesitation in saying, that, as the course is now arranged, none of the advantages of the links have been overlooked.

The names of the various holes are as follows :—

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| 1. The Boathouse Hole. | 10. The Garden Hole. |
| 2. The Table Hole. | 11. The Rock Hole. |
| 3. The Bunker Hole. | 12. The Hill Hole. |
| 4. The Middle Hole. | 13. The Pots Hole. |
| 5. The Cottage Hole. | 14. The Mound Hole. |
| 6. The Long Hole. | 15. The Bog Hole. |
| 7. The Black Dog Hole. | 16. The Road Hole. |
| 8. The Burn Hole. | 17. The Redan Hole. |
| 9. The Dyke Hole. | 18. The Home Hole. |

We will now give a slight description of what a player has to contend with in negotiating the round :—

1. The first, or Boathouse Hole, is without much hazard. A good drive over the roughish ground, and with a fair amount of carry on the ball, the player should be almost on the green, which is a large and very fine one. After this, with his second shot, he should have no trouble, and the hole is finished in 4. Distance from tee to hole, 195 yards.

2. The second, or Table Hole, is an exceedingly interesting one. From the tee the player has rather a blind hazard in the way of his drive, but having got the line from his caddie, and kept to it, he lands himself on a fine bit of turf, enabling him, with a clean shot, to get on the green with his second. It is very unusual, with the troubles that face a drawn or heeled ball, for the majority of players to get up in 2, but nevertheless, for a fair player, the hole should be done in 5. Distance, about 250 yards.

3. In going for the third hole, the player has to face the most difficult bunker on the links, which is a wide and deep sandy ravine. He is a little puzzled whether he should go at it and attempt to carry it, or play for safety on the left. The latter course is recommended, and with a good shot, and a fair lie, he should have a chance of being well up. This hole is in a very pretty green, and if approached nicely, the player's ball

is well treated, and he may score a 4. It would be impossible to undertake to calculate how many the unfortunate, who gets into the bunker, would take to hole out on a medal day. Distance, about 275 yards.

4. The fourth, or Middle Hole, presents no special difficulty, provided the player drives far and sure. After this it is nicely approached; keeping well to the left, and taking advantage of the slight run down from the slope of the ground on that side, the player ought to get home in 4. Just beyond the hole is an exceedingly rough piece of ground, and woe betide the ambitious player who, acting up to the old motto of being up, overshoots the mark and lands his ball in a reedy marsh. Distance, about 250 yards.

5. The fifth, or Cottage Hole, is one of the best on the course. The tee is usually placed to the right. In the immediate foreground, the marsh previously mentioned appears, and in it topped balls and club-heads are not unfrequently deposited. A good driver keeps fair on to the pole line, and if fortunate in avoiding a great many small bunkers, has a fair chance of landing his second shot. A hill obscures his view of the green, which lies in a nice basin surrounded by a lot of hillocks. This hole may be estimated as a fairly good one in 5. Distance, about 250 yards.

6. The sixth, or Long Hole, presents no great difficulties to the straight and accurate driver, but to those who do not keep straight, innumerable difficulties will be encountered on either side. On the left whins and indescribably bad lies, on the right hillocks with the nastiest of benty grass; by keeping on the true line, however, it is only a matter of fairly good and straight shots to accomplish the hole in 5. Distance, 375 yards.

7. The seventh hole derives its name from the high hill, called the "Black Dog," seen in the distance, on the top of which are the ruins of an old tower or building used by the Government as a watch-tower in the outlook for smugglers in days gone by. This hill and tower give the player the line from the tee to the hole. A marsh, a burn and a cart-track have to be successfully crossed, and, barring accidents, the player should get down here in 4, or at the most 5, though 6's are often registered at this, the turning-point of the course. The putting-green is a fine natural one. Distance, 200 yards.

8. The eighth, or Burn Hole, is a short one, but has all the characteristics of an exceedingly good and "kittle" hole. Here there is one of the prettiest greens that any golfer need wish. It is small, but really very good. In front a little burn, on the right and left marshy ground, and the reward in placing a well-driven shot from the tee is well merited. This hole was taken last year by old Tom Morris with two of the most perfect shots ever played on any green. Distance, 150 yards, and put down at 4.

9. The ninth is the Dyke Hole, and is a difficult one. Towards it the course narrows considerably, with exceedingly rough ground on the left, and on the right rushes, whins, and pools without number. Altogether, the journey to this hole is one of the most difficult on the course. The green is small, but just about perfection. Difficulties abound on all sides of it, but the pleasure experienced in landing an iron shot close to the hole when your partner is seen in trouble near it, is very comforting. The hole is extra good taken in 4, though 5's and 6's are much more common. Distance, probably 300 yards.

10. The tenth, or Garden Hole, comes next. Here the player drives his ball from the tee over the green-keeper's garden. A short but exceedingly precarious drive it is. If short, the ball lands in whins, and if over-driven gets into a potato field. Some of the stronger players negotiate this with the cleek, but it takes a fair drive to carry the green, and it is better to be a little past than short. The hole is a good figure in 3. Distance, 150 yards.

11. In playing the eleventh hole, you return to the valley along which you played as far as the seventh hole. This, though a little dangerous in facing the players coming out, is really one of the most inviting drives on the course. It is difficult to estimate where the player is to land his ball. The tee is on the high ground, and sometimes, with the wind behind them, long drivers can reach the green. This, though

it may happen occasionally, is very unusual, and a very good figure for this hole is 4. Distance, 200 yards.

12. At the twelfth, or Hill Hole, the player comes to a part of the course which is quite distinctive and of a different character to what has gone before. At this hole his tee-shot has to carry the face of an abrupt hill, and in the immediate front is a small field and ditch. In playing over these, a good shot, if in the line, merits its own reward, but to describe the difficulties encountered by the fozzler, would take more time and space than can be afforded. The second shot, if fairly placed, takes him well on, and the third should land him on the green, which it may at once be admitted, is one of the worst on the course; 5 for this hole is good. Distance, 255 yards. Tom Morris, on his recent visit to the links, recognising the special features of this hole, recommended that the club should at once lay out a special and new green, somewhere about 50 yards past the present hole. Acting on his advice, the committee have made an entirely new green, and when finished, we don't think its equal will be found anywhere.

13. The thirteenth, or Pots Hole, is a short one—a beautiful little natural green, just over a deal of rough ground, interspersed with several water springs. The drive from the tee is a most captivating one, and is not out of the reach of a fair player. A deal of trouble, however, awaits the weaker man. This hole has been done in 2 many a time, but to say what the average player should do it in is an exceedingly difficult question. A good figure would be 4. Distance, about 150 yards.

14. The fourteenth is the Mound Hole. The guiding flag here is placed on an intermediate hillock, about half way between the tee and the hole. Not often carried by the tee-shot, full of troubles right and left, the player may here be recommended not to go for too much, but insure a fairly good lie for his second, thus enabling him to get on to the green and hole out in 4 or 5. Distance, about 200 yards.

15. The Bog Hole. This is a very interesting hole. To begin with, the player requires a very good drive; his second is very precarious, as a big swamp lies between him and the hole. He should, if possible, endeavour to send it or his third well up, as if short, he is sure to be "bogged." A good estimate for this hole is 5. Distance, about 300 yards.

16. The Road Hole. In playing the sixteenth hole, you have to drive from the tee over the bog referred to at the previous hole. Here the player keeps well to the right. Surrounding the green, which is a large one, probably about half an acre in extent, there is a lot of rough territory, and it is difficult to say from what side the hole should be approached. Strange to say, this fairly long hole has been done in 2 by both the local professionals—by Mearns when playing a match with Willie Campbell, and by Annand in an important match a week or two after. In both cases they had long drives and holed off the iron. This hole may be fairly estimated at 5. Distance, 250 yards.

17. The seventeenth, or Redan Hole, is thought the best on the course. Tom Morris was particularly struck with it, more especially praising the newly-made bunker, 95 yards, in front of the tee. He said, whatever alterations were made on the course, nothing should induce the club to do away with this hole. He also strongly recommended that after the course, as a whole, was mended and improved, one or two large bunkers similar to this one should be made without delay, beginning with the bank at the first hole. The green lies just beyond a mound, which affords the most exquisite play for lofting-irons of any hole in the course, and the hole is a good one if done in 5. Distance, about 300 yards.

18. The eighteenth, or Home Hole, needs very little description. It is not at present of a sporting nature, and the club intend very soon to have a fresh green made to the north of the clubhouse, to lengthen and improve this hole, at the same time enabling them to lengthen the first hole, and take in a lot of ground for spare tees. The hole is not reckoned worth more than 4. Distance, about 250 yards.

In the above short account of the Balgownie links, the length of the course from hole to hole is found to be about two and a-half miles, and the scratch player's round about 80. During

last summer the course was short, and several very low scores were registered by professionals and amateur crack players; and, no doubt, even now it could be accomplished by some of them in a few strokes under 80, but we think that any of the scratch players of the Aberdeen club returning an 80 card on a medal day would be certain of winning the scratch prize.

The secretary of the Club is Mr. J. C. Willet, advocate, 7, Union Terrace, Aberdeen, who will be very happy to give any information to intending visitors, who, we need not add, are always made welcome.

W. A.

OLD TOM AND JIMMY MORRIS.

EXHORTATION.

Nunc agite, O juvenes, per amœnos pellite campos
Aptam æque pueris virginibusque pilam.*

THE START.

Clavigeræ gentis magna comitante catervâ,
Ecce venit Thomas, dives honore, senex.
Et patris egregii proles, ludique peritus,
Nota ferens secum tela, Jacobus adest.
Protinus exiguï fiunt prope littus acervi
Pulveris, impositum tollit uterque globum.
Jamque vibrat clavam senior connixus, et omnis
Expectans ictum Scotica turba silet.†

THE BURN.

Rivulus est longe, tenui qui flumine campum
Dividit, et luteas ad mare volvit aquas.
Sæpe citra tardas in cæspite constitit undas,
Sæpe fuit medio mersus in amne globus.
Quis sua non sensit ripæ ulterioris amore
Brachia laxari debilitata metu?

THE BUNKER.

O dilecte puer, facilis descensus Averni;
Contigit haud cuivis inde referre pedem.
"Di meliora piis, erroremque hostibus illum,"
Quum diffusa cavos vestit arena locos!
Sed pereat, cæco‡ quicumque relictus in autro
Sustulerit, § spretis lege fideque, pilam.

HALVING THE HOLE.

Arte pares paribus juvenes coguntur eandem
Ictibus ad metam, dimidiantque cavum.

JIMMY GETS OUT OF THE WHINS.

Fit via vi, fretus ferratæ robore clava:
Saltat in Elysios, ecce, Jacobus agros.

LOFTING THE STIMY.

At sensim obrepens, levem pila pulsa per herbam
Nunc dubia in summo marginis ore tremit.
Tardior huc tendens, digitis a morte remotus||
Vix binis, Eheu! desinit ire globus.
Quid juvat optatum præsto patuisse foramen
Alterâ quum rectum jam pila clausit iter?
"Nil desperandum, Thomâ duce et auspice Thomâ,"
Conclamant omnes, expedit ille viam!
Nam dicto citius, ferro pater usus, in orbem,¶
Callidus, intacto gramine, transiluit.

St. Andrews, N.B.

R. DUCKWORTH.

* Pila, the ball; cf. English, Pill. † Silence on the stroke. The poet was evidently a golfer.

‡ Cæco, i.e. a bunker, where he cannot be seen. § Sustulerit, i.e., manibus—see rules of Golf.

|| Digitis a morte, &c., two fingers' breadth from being dead; compare Scotch idiom "about the breadth o' the black o' my nail." ¶ Orbem, the hole.



THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Much general discontent exists with reference to the conditions under which the "Amateur Championship" contest is carried out. The unsatisfactory manner of deciding ties in it, viz., by the first hole won beyond the round, is not worth discussing. It is alleged, however, that the contest fails in its object, and that a remedy could easily be applied, and that until this is done, lovers and good judges of the game will consider the results now arrived at, as to the merits of the competitors, unsatisfactory. The present mode of drawing is so faulty, that it is possible for the competitors to be so drawn that all the best players might annihilate each other, leaving the survivor to meet a "second," if not even a lower class player (both of which classes are said to have had representatives in the last contest, in which I do not concur), and the former, in a one round test, might (due to extreme bad luck, or more probably through indisposition) be defeated. The late contest to some extent exemplified this. The lower half of the "draw" contained most of the reliable match players, who, perforce, extinguished each other. In the upper half Mr. Hilton had practically a walk over, due to absentees and the unaccountable defeat of two or three redoubtable match players. Before the competition began I saw a list drawn out by competent and disinterested golfers (who knew all the entrants except four or five, and these got the benefit of the doubt), by which it appeared that they excised no less than twenty-six players as being outclassed, to which they subsequently added the five unknown, thus leaving only nineteen as being sufficiently high class for such a competition.

The following is suggested, for what it is worth, as likely to raise the prestige of future meetings, and as likely to intensify the interest in the results:—(a) That the Scottish clubs, donors of the amateur championship trophy, assisted (if they so desired it) by other Scottish amateur clubs, select a representative team, with a sufficiency of waiting men, for Scotland. (b) That the English clubs do the same. (c) That the two national teams be pitted against each other. (d) That the best individual of each team meet. (e) That the competition be carried out on the American tournament system.

The above would evolve:—1. The relative merits of each of the Scottish players; 2. The relative merits of each of the English players; 3. The best International team; 4. The amateur champion of Great Britain. Who would not be proud to be included in one of the two teams?

To make a beginning, the executives of each country should, as soon as possible, elect its representatives and a quota of waiting men, and publish the names. From the time of publication up to the next competition those selected should be held individually liable to accept a stipulated number of challenges (through the executive) from players who wish to displace them.

It would be desirable to limit the International meeting to six playing days. This would allow of six a-side playing two rounds each day, with the same opponent, taking up five days; or eleven a-side, playing two rounds a day, but with different

opponents each round, covering the same time. On the sixth day the champions of each country would meet and decide the championship of Great Britain.

For a short time it might be somewhat difficult for England to find eleven representatives, but, as that number would be a sufficient maximum for all time as a test, it would perhaps be best to adopt it from the first.

The next meeting takes place under the auspices of the St. George's Club at Sandwich. No Golf executive exists which is more capable of introducing the much needed changes.

Should the donors of the present challenge trophy decline to entertain innovations, let GOLF undertake the task, and its call for aid, either as to advice or funds, would be heartily responded to in order to found another trophy.

I am Sir, &c.,
CENTIÈME.

AN INTERNATIONAL MATCH.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In your suggested selection of a team of eight a-side you do not say whether the nationality of the players is to depend upon birth or residence. I expect some of your readers may imagine that a well-known Scotch player was born at Wimbledon, and another of them at Felixstowe!

I should like to back the following eight Scotch professionals (and, if their engagements prevent their playing, I could pick another team of much the same form) against any eight Englishmen that could be produced:—David Ayton, Willie Campbell, Willie Fernie, Andrew Kirkaldy, Hugh Kirkaldy, W. Park, jun., Bernard Sayers, Archie Simpson. I do not know, even by reputation, any English players in the same class, and when you have named three amateurs, you have about exhausted the list.

I am, Sir, &c.,
T. T. A. A.

August 22nd, 1891.

[Birth is the only true test of nationality. A Scotsman does not become the less a Scotsman because he happens to reside south of the Tweed.—ED.]

THE SIZE OF THE HOLES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Could you inform me through your columns what the correct size of the Golf holes should be. I notice on some links that the holes are 4 inches and some 4½, and I have been told that the holes at St. Andrews are 4½ inches. I should like to know through your paper the proper size.

I am, Sir, &c.,
SIZE OF HOLES.

August 25th, 1891.

[One would naturally conclude that in the rules of the game such a vital point as that raised by our correspondent would be settled by some authoritative body, much in the same way as the height and width of the stumps are settled by the Marylebone Cricket Club. But this is not so. The rules make no mention of the size of the holes, and the result is that a great many authorities who have written on the game differ very materially as to what should be the proper size of the hole. Take, for example, Mr. H. B. Farnie, a good golfer who wrote a lucid description of "The Game and How to Play It," in 1857. He says that "the holes are about 4 inches in diameter." Mr. Robert Forgan, a St. Andrews player, writing in his "Golfers' Handbook," also says that "the holes are about four inches in diameter," while in his glossary of technical terms he defines hole as being "the 4-inch hole lined with iron." Captain Eaton, of the Royal Isle of Wight Golf Club, in his clear description of the game says, "the holes are 4 inches in diameter and about 6 inches deep." The Badminton book also defines hole as being "the 4-inch hole lined with iron," and Mr. Franklin-Adams, who wrote a concise and clearly-expressed description of the game in our columns, subsequently published in a little book for the use of the Wimbledon Ladies' Golf Club, says that "the hole is made 4½ inches in diameter, and of about the same depth," a point which corresponds with the definition in the proposed new rules

at St. Andrews. Is it not, therefore, an undertaking fraught with peril to pronounce an opinion on a point where so many good authorities apply what would seem to be a rule-of-thumb mode of definition? We believe them to be all wrong in their estimates. The correct size of the hole is 4½ inches.—ED.]

BEGINNERS AND COURTESY OF THE GREEN.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have often thought of drawing attention through your valuable paper to what I may call the "Courtesy of the Green," but a circumstance which occurred last Saturday has forced me into action. Playing with a friend on a green where a goodly number of beginners are to be met with, we had driven to a short hole, and on walking up after our drives I found my ball easily enough, but my friend's could not be seen, it having gone down a slight declivity to the left. After looking for a few minutes, I espied a ball a little further away from the hole, which I thought was his, and my friend played it, but on looking at the ball after holing he discovered that it was not his at all. Presently two players came up, and my friend at once gave up the ball (placing it about where he had found it), on which the owner of the ball remarked, "I played because I saw you had lost your ball, and I had a right to go on."

We took no notice of this remark, intending to point out the gentleman's mistake if we came across him afterwards. No such opportunity occurred. In the first place, my friend had not played his second shot; secondly, the ball was not lost more than three or four minutes, whereas ten minutes are allowed wherein to find a lost ball; and thirdly, it is usual (at any rate on Scottish greens) to ask permission to pass, even if you have the right. In the present case there was no right; indeed, the player had infringed a tolerably well-known rule by playing before my friend had played his second shot.

It seems to be the idea with many beginners that the game consists, as my friend remarked, in "hitting the ball and running after it," without waiting on each other to play, and totally oblivious of who are playing in front. I think, therefore, "Hints to Beginners," which appear in your paper, might contain some moral lessons on the rules and on the courteous and gentlemanly way to play the game, which would be of as much benefit as lectures on the uses of the different clubs.

Beginners should first make themselves acquainted with the rules of the game. No rules are oftener broken by them than those relating to the not playing off from the tee until the party in front have played their second shot, and with reference to approaching while the party in front are putting out.

The game is spreading rapidly in England, and English players may soon be a match for their northern brethren in playing the actual game; but I must say, many have much to learn regarding the "Courtesies of the Green."

I am, Sir, &c.,
AN OLD GOLFER FRAE THE NORTH.

LINKS AT CANONBIE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I should be greatly obliged if you could inform me whether there are any Golf links near Canonbie (sometimes written Canobie), Dumfriesshire.

I am, Sir, &c.,
A. R.

[There is an eighteen-hole course at Lockerbie, another at Skinburrness, on the Solway Firth, about 25 miles off; but, so far as we know, none at Langholm and Annan. Perhaps some of our readers may be able to give the information.—ED.]

QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In reference to the correspondence which has lately appeared about a case at Ashdown Forest; if a player in a

sand bunker, in raising his club to strike his ball, hits the edge of the bunker behind him, surely this would count as a stroke, otherwise a player might raise his club often enough to scrape away the edge of the bunker sufficiently to get a clear swing at his ball. Was it not to avoid a similar practice of scraping sand from behind, and thus teeing a ball, that the rule about not grounding the club in sand was made?

If this is so, why should there be any difference between a sand bunker and a clay bunker? It might lead to a dispute during a round as to the nature of the soil, and would necessitate the appointment of a geological committee to settle points of this kind.

In your editorial note of August 14th you refer to the case of a ball lying near palings, &c., but, if the ball was lying on turf, this would not be on all fours with the case mentioned where the ball was in a bunker.

I am, Sir, &c.,
JARVIS KENRICK.

Golf Club, Guildford,
August 29th, 1891.

NEW GOLF COURSES.

To the ever increasing number of Golf courses we chronicle the birth of two more this week. A course has just been laid out at Bedstone Court, Bucknell, Shropshire, the seat of Sir Edward Ripley, Bart. The course, with the exception of one or two holes, is very sporting, and the turf good. The ladies' links on the lawns around the house are also full of sport. The course was laid out by Tom Dunn, of Tooting Bec.

A nine-hole course was laid out last week at Cheadle, near Manchester, for the newly-formed Cheadle Club. At present the ground is principally over hay-fields, but the council are hopeful of being able to get it permanently kept for grazing, when they would have a capital sporting round, as there is at least one hazard to contend with at every hole. George Lowe, the professional at St. Anne's, laid out the round.

A very choice parcel of tea, known as Golden Tips, grown on the Mahakettiya Estate, Ceylon, and believed to be the finest ever offered, was sold last week, by public sale, on the Mincing Lane Market, at the remarkable price of £35 per pound. It is understood this tea has been purchased for exhibition abroad.

It is understood that plans have been prepared for a club-house for the Dinard Golf Club, France, on their ground at St. Briac. The proposed site of the club-house is the slope of the hill which immediately overlooks the first hole. Arrangements are being considered with the view of holding a prize competition on the ground at an early date in October, so that, for one thing, the links may be brought under public notice more widely.

AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL FOURSOME.—On Wednesday last week, Mr. John A. Neilson, Ayr, with Willie Fernie, Troon, as partner, engaged Mr. E. D. Prothero, Troon, and Archie Simpson, Prestwick, in a foursome over Prestwick links. The match, which attracted some attention, was a thirty-six hole match, and resulted in a somewhat easy victory for Mr. Neilson and Fernie. The couple were six up on the first round, and the scoring was as under:—

Mr. Neilson and Fernie—											
Out	...	...	4	5	5	5	5	6	4	3	5=42
In	...	...	3	7	5	3	5	5	5	4	5=42

Mr. Prothero and Simpson—											
Out	...	...	5	5	6	6	5	5	5	4	5=46
In	...	...	4	7	5	4	5	5	4	5	5=44

The match finished at 7 up and 5 to play, the second round ending in favour of the victors by 3 up and 2 to play. The same match will be played again on Wednesday, 9th inst.

Mr. E. D. Prothero and Willie Fernie played Mr. H. S. C. Everard and George Fernie over Troon links last week. The match was halved.

DEMAND AND SUPPLY IN GOLFING MATERIAL.—Our Edinburgh correspondent writes:—In response to the extraordinary increase in the demand for Golf material of every description, Messrs. Thornton and Co., Edinburgh, have found it necessary to bring about an extensive development in the manufacture of Golf clubs and balls, which is now an important branch of their business. No more convincing evidence could be adduced of the remarkable boom in the Royal and Ancient game than the fact that for many months past Messrs. Thornton have found their existing means of supply taxed to the utmost. They have now, however, with characteristic enterprise, largely increased their productive resources. To the golfer a visit to their establishment is full of interest. Here may be seen a splendid assortment of clubs of every conceivable shape and style, the quality and workmanship of which are beyond reproach. They are of excellent design and finish, and, speaking from a practical test, their merits as play-clubs are of the highest order. Among the most useful and convenient improvements recently introduced, the "Thornton Waterproof Club Cover" is certain to be found in the forefront. This club carrier, which is a distinct advance upon the old-fashioned bag, is furnished with a detachable hood, which covers and protects the club-heads. The advantage and utility of the hood arrangement will be fully appreciated by golfers who frequently travel by rail, and who do not care to be burdened with a cumbersome Golf case. The difference in price between the old and the new style of carrier is very trifling, so that it seems easy to predict a considerable measure of success for the Thornton cover. "Good wine needs no bush," and so with the Thornton "match" ball, which is already of wide renown, and enjoys the reputation of being as nearly perfect as Golf ball can ever hope to be. A statement made the other day by a leading Scottish player is worth recording. "With a six months old Thornton 'match' ball," he said, "my drive is lengthened by about thirty yards. To these splendid guttas I am indebted for many a victory." As the golfer in question is one of our most successful match players, nothing more valuable in the way of praise could be desired.

FORMATION OF A CLUB AT PETERHEAD.—A meeting of gentlemen favourable to the formation of a Golf club in Peterhead was held in Laing's Café on the evening of Friday, the 28th ult. The attendance was not very large, but intimations of their desire to join the club were received from several who could not be present. Mr. Robert Gray, solicitor, was called to the chair, and, the formation of a club having been resolved on, the following were chosen as officials:—Captain, Mr. A. W. Robertson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. McPherson; council, Mr. R. Gray, Dr. Sinclair, Mr. J. D. Milne, Mr. Ramsden Martin, and Mr. Hugh Martin. Play will, meantime, be engaged in on the links, but when the club has been fairly established the promoters have in prospect the laying out of a course on the links at St. Fergus.

STABBING AFFRAY AMONG GOLFERS.—About ten o'clock on Saturday night a number of Monifieth golfers arrived at the railway station from Montrose, where they had gone to take part in a Golf competition. Two of the men, John Hendry, moulder, employed at Monifieth Foundry, and George Wright, also a moulder at the same place, had been disputing on the journey homewards. While on the platform a scuffle took place between them, but by the efforts of their companions and the porters at the station they were separated. Wright thereupon left the station, Hendry being meanwhile detained for a little until it was thought that Wright would be home. On regaining his freedom, it is alleged that Hendry at once rushed after Wright, and, drawing a knife, stabbed him on the thigh. The wounded man at once cried out that he had been stabbed, and several bystanders rendered him assistance, and had him conveyed to the residence of Dr. Smith, where the wound was dressed. Hendry was at once secured, and later was taken into custody by the police. He asserted that he had no knife in his possession, except a small penknife. He was locked up overnight, and on Sunday morning after day-break the police made a careful search in the vicinity of where the assault is declared to have taken place, and found an open knife. It bears the marks of blood, and is believed to have been in the possession of Hendry. The accused is between thirty and forty years of age, and is married and has a family. Wright, who is about twenty-three years of age, is a prominent local golfer, and is held in high esteem in the village and district.



ABERDEEN.

The two local clubs—the Victoria and the Bon-Accord—had competitions on Saturday, the 22nd ult., over the old course on Aberdeen Links. The members of the Victoria competed for Messrs. James Williams and John R. Smith's prizes, and a comparison of the cards handed in showed that Mr. Williams's prize, which goes to players in the first class, was won by Mr. A. Mitchell with a score of 88, less 2=86. Mr. Smith's prize (for second-class players) fell to Mr. J. Grant (scratch) with a score of 96. The secretary's prize (played for under special handicap) was competed for at the same time, the result being as follows:—1st, Mr. J. Grant, 96, less 14=82, while Messrs. A. McConnachie and Alex. Cooper (scratch), 84, and A. Mitchell, 88, less 4=84, have a tie to play off for second and third places.

The Bon-Accord members competed for their captain's prize, the cards handed in showing that Mr. J. Michie, with a score of 94, less 12=82, had secured the first place, Mr. James Florence, 90, less 7=83, being second, while Messrs. L. Anderson, 87, less 1=86, and J. Moir, 98, less 12=86, had tied for third place.

The members of the Victoria Club have concluded a competition which has been in progress over the links course during the last two months. The prize competed for was a handsome copy of Burns's works, presented by Mr. Mitchell, of Messrs. Nimmo and Mitchell, publishers, Edinburgh, and was played for under a handicap by holes. Sixty-four members entered the competition, and at the close of the various heats the two gentlemen left in the final were Mr. A. M. Dunn (scratch) and Mr. David Milne (who had a handicap of 5 holes). These two played off the final on Tuesday, the 18th ult., with the result that Mr. Dunn came in the winner by 3 holes. Mr. Milne also received a second prize, presented by the club.

The weather here on Saturday, the 29th ult., was again very favourable for Golf, but only one of our local clubs had a competition on hand, the members of the Bon-Accord Club competing over the usual links course for Mr. Michie's handicap prize. When the cards handed in were compared it was found that Mr. William Smart, with the excellent score of 77, plus 5=82, had tied with Mr. J. W. Murray, who came in at 85, less 3=82. The details of Mr. Smart's score are as follows:—4 4 4 4 5 4 4 4 3 4 5 5 5 4 5 5 4=77. The following players were next in order:—Mr. A. Smart, 89; Mr. J. Ogilvie, 92; Mr. J. Greig, 94; Mr. H. Glass, 97; Mr. A. Ducat, 97; and Mr. A. Paterson, 98.

The return match between the Bon-Accord and Victoria Clubs will be played to-morrow, September 5th, over the usual links course.

ABOYNE.

A friendly match was played over the Aboyne course on Saturday, the 29th ult., between eight players from Aberdeen and a like number from the local club, the result, after a well-contested game, being a victory for Aboyne by 1 hole. The detailed score is as follows:—

ABOYNE.		ABERDEEN.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. W. R. Reid	...	Mr. R. B. N. Findlater	...
Mr. F. Sandison	...	Mr. W. G. Jamieson	...
Dr. J. Ogilvie	...	Mr. J. R. White	...
Mr. F. Baxter	...	Dr. G. Ogilvie	...
Rev. A. Gray	...	Mr. R. D. Leslie	...
Mr. G. Calder	...	Mr. F. Laing	...
Mr. A. Baxter	...	Mr. J. A. Adamson	...
Mr. A. Grant	...	Mr. H. Adamson	...

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HARRISON CLUB, EDINBURGH.—A three days' highest aggregate competition for three special prizes was finished in Harrison Park on the 26th ult., with the following result:—1, D. Menzies; 2, S. Mackenzie; 3, J. Bowie.

AIRDRIE GOLF CLUB.

The August competition for the Watt medal took place over the links on Saturday, the 29th ult. The weather was favourable but the greens, in consequence of previous wet weather, were heavy, and the scoring was on that account higher than usual. The medal was won by Mr. Frank Robertson with a scratch score of 90, Mr. J. W. Findlay being second with 91, net.

ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB.

The gold medal was played for on Saturday, August 29th, with a limit handicap of 18 strokes, and resulted in a tie between Mr. E. C. Stapylton and Mr. J. B. Pettit, with a net score of 91. Messrs. J. Fry, H. L. Goodlee and C. E. Salmon took first, second, and third sweepstake prizes. The full score was as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. J. B. Pettit	...	91	Mr. H. Gwyn Jeffreys	...	112
*Mr. E. C. Stapylton	...	103	Mr. G. H. Garrett	...	120
†Mr. J. Fry	...	111	Mr. H. Johnson	...	104
‡Mr. H. L. Goodlee	...	114	Mr. H. Cowell	...	116
§Mr. C. E. Salmon	...	111	Mr. J. H. Davidson	...	105
Mr. F. D. Bright	...	117	Mr. H. L. Garrett	...	135
Mr. H. Hill	...	108	Mr. H. W. Richards	...	112
Miss Pettit	...	113	Mr. T. Walker	...	122
Mr. W. F. Thompson	...	109	Major Adams	...	144
Mr. S. B. Tristram	...	110	Mr. R. Prentice	...	153
			Mr. E. Garrett	...	149

* Tie gold medal. † First sweepstake. ‡ Second sweepstake. § Third sweepstake.

Messrs. H. S. Theobald, J. G. S. Anderson, Garrett-Smith, and C. T. Mitchell made no return.

The tie for the gold medal was played off on Monday, with a strong wind blowing, and resulted in a win for Mr. J. B. Pettit, with a net score of 90.

ALDEBURGH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A most interesting handicap competition took place among the ladies of the above club on Monday, August 24th, the prize being an antique silver cream jug presented by the captain, G. H. Garrett, Esq., which was won by a promising player, Miss Tate, with a net score of 107. This was followed by a putting match for a prize value £1, which was won by Mrs. Ingram Walker. The following are the details of the handicap competition. The match was played on the full courses of 18 holes.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Tate	...	142	35
Miss Pettit	...	111	scr. 111
Mrs. Browne	...	152	40
Mrs. Gwyn Jeffreys	...	164	50
Mrs. Salmon	...	164	50
Mrs. Gibb	...	151	30
Miss R. C. Garrett	...	188	50
Mrs. E. Stapleton	...	177	35
Mrs. Ingram Walker	...	192	50

Mrs. Salmon made no return.

ALNMOUTH.

The club handicap took place at Alnmouth last Saturday in fairly good weather, this being the seventh competition this season. Mr. Ridley proved successful, his score of 41 in the second round being a good performance. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. F. T. Ridley	...	88	6
Mr. E. J. Dent	...	102	16
Mr. W. Smith	...	99	13
Mr. T. A. Hutton	...	106	18
Mr. J. B. Dale	...	93	4
Mr. J. Milton	...	105	15
Mr. W. R. Heathley	...	110	20
Mr. C. A. Ridley	...	91	scr. 91
Mr. J. Hedley	...	102	10
Mr. E. S. Osborn	...	107	9

Several players retired. An optional sweepstakes was also won by Mr. F. T. Ridley, Messrs. Dent and Smith tying for second honours.

EAST OF FIFE CLUB.—The second annual competition by the lady members of the club for the gold charm presented by Capt. Gilchrist was held on the Grangemuir course on the 26th ult. Although there was a very heavy rainfall during the night, the course was quite dry before play began. A strong westerly breeze prevailed during the forepart of the day, which somewhat abated during the afternoon, and, from the fine sheltered condition of the course, but slightly interfered with the play. There were few competitors, and the conditions were two rounds of the course. The charm winner was Miss Annie Whyte, Pittenweem, with a scratch score of 74. Three prizes of Golf balls went respectively to Miss Tosh with a score of 86, less 5=81; Miss Marnie, 113, less 12=101; and Miss A. Marnie, 124, less 12=112.

INNERLEVEN GOLF CLUB.—The handicap foursome tournament was concluded on the 24th ult. Messrs. Robert Smith and William Henderson, and Messrs. Percy Balfour and Dr. Cownie were left to fight out the final. The former were in receipt of two strokes, and after a rather one-sided game were successful by 5 up and 4 to play.

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS GOLF CLUB.

To the distressful days which preceded it, Saturday, August 29th, though not wholly free from showers, came as a pleasing change, and a fair number of members competed for the monthly medal. Notwithstanding the deluge of the past fortnight the green played surprisingly well, and the putting-greens, thanks to Hunter and his subordinates, seem, as Mr. Weller said, to be "swelling wisely before our werry eyes." In fact, some of them are now almost big enough—a striking contrast to the little cheese-plates they were in 1889. Most people on Saturday appeared to go out very well, but came back but feebly, a fact less attributable to the wind or any inherent vice of the green than to the annoying frailty of human nature. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. Scott	93	9	84	Mr. J. O. Scott	111	18	93
Mr. T. Hyde	90	5	85	Mr. F. H. Andrews	109	14	95
Mr. W. E. Hughes	91	6	85	Mr. M. Oswald Smith	115	20	95
Mr. P. J. Andrews	100	13	87	Mr. H. Jeddere-			
Mr. W. R. Lee	106	19	87	Fisher	111	13	98
Mr. F. A. Lee	100	12	88	Mr. J. S. Sawyer	103	5	98
Mr. C. O. Walker	98	9	89				

No returns from any of the others.

BURNHAM GOLF CLUB.

The monthly gold medal handicap was decided on August 31st in wet and stormy weather, which prevented good scoring. The following were the best scores made:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Rev. R. B. Bartu	115	30	85	Rev. T. Crump	115	17	98
Mr. J. H. Palmer	121	30	91	Mr. T. W. Colthurst	109	6	103
Mr. W. S. Holt	122	30	92	Mr. E. J. Colthurst	137	30	107
Mr. T. Holt	125	30	95	Rev. F. M. Smith	146	30	116
Rev. W. R. P. Strange	125	30	95				

CULLEN.

A match between teams selected from visitors to Cullen and the Cullen Club was played over the Cullen course on Tuesday afternoon, the 18th ult., and resulted in a win for the visitors by six holes. Scores:—

VISITORS.		CULLEN.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. R. Anderson	0	Mr. W. Duffus	0
Mr. F. Cheyne	9	Mr. J. Simpson	0
Mr. J. E. Rae	2	Mr. J. Rumbles	0
Mr. E. Rae	1	Mr. S. Davidson	0
Mr. J. Sinclair	3	Mr. G. Seivwright	0
Mr. D. Consland	2	Rev. J. Hall	0
Mr. G. Grant	3	Mr. R. Bremner	0
Mr. J. Consland	0	Mr. W. Wood	2
Mr. G. Miller	10	Mr. J. S. Mutterer	0
Dr. Will	0	Mr. D. Hendry	11
Mr. G. Will	0	Mr. W. Thomson	2
Mr. D. W. Deas	1	Mr. J. Smith	0
Mr. J. Fortune	0	Mr. A. Be net.	8
Mr. F. Ruff	0	Mr. J. Thomson	5
Mr. W. M'Hattie	3	Mr. O. Leyde	0
	34		28

Majority for visitors, 6 holes.

On Monday forenoon, the 24th ult., a ladies' prize competition was held over the links here. Nine competitors entered, and had a most enjoyable round, both to themselves and their friends who accompanied them. The following are the prize-winners:—1, Miss Anna Leyde, Edinburgh; 2, Miss E. Sinclair, Lenzie; 3, Miss Rae, Aberdeen; 4, Miss Leyde, Edinburgh. The other competitors were Miss Ross, Miss C. Leyde, Miss Meanie, Miss Johnson, and Miss A. Ross. It is expected that another similar competition will take place on an early date. Very few courses are so suitable for ladies' play as the Cullen links, and it is pleasing to note that the game enjoys a well-deserved and growing popularity.

LADYBANK GOLF CLUB.—The members of the Ladybank Golf Club competed on the 24th ult. for the monthly handicap medal. The weather was, unfortunately, very disagreeable, a drizzling rain falling during the greater part of the afternoon. Notwithstanding, there was a good turn-out of competitors. Dr. Robert Laidlaw was found to be the winner with the score of 79 (less odds).

CUMBRAE GOLF CLUB.—The visitors at Millport played a friendly match with the resident members of the Golf club for prizes on Friday, the 28th ult. The weather was not altogether favourable, a high north-west wind blowing. The winners of the prizes were Mr. T. L. Walker, Mr. G. S. Ranken, and Mr. J. C. Sharpe.

DORNOCH.

The Dornoch competition for the monthly medal was played on Wednesday, the 26th ult. The day opened brightly, but with a high wind blowing, which, about mid-day, entirely subsided to blow with renewed violence towards evening. The links have been much improved since last year, and considerably lengthened. Two new holes have been made over the quarry and beyond the burn. Dornoch now takes its stand as one of the very best links, and evidently golfers are beginning to think so, judging by the additional players this year. Dornoch is a delightful place; far enough from the railway to avoid any crowd—extremely prettily situated, and a rival to St. Andrews in the purity of the air. Both the fortnightly and weekly prizes were competed for on Saturday. There was a good turn-out of players, but the play was hardly so good as usual. Mr. A. L. Tweedie, Wimbledon, won the fortnightly medal with a score of 106, less 18=88; and Mr. John Campbell the weekly prize with a scratch score of 85, the only good scratch score returned.

DUNAVERTY GOLF CLUB.

Accompanied by delightful weather the members of the Dunaverty Golf Club competed for the monthly gold medal on Saturday, 22nd ult. There was a large entry, and the result of the round of eighteen holes was as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. James Taylor	86	5	81	Mr. J. Robertson	113	20	93
Mr. J. C. Hart	108	20	88	Mr. J. Barbour	114	20	94
Mr. W. Reid	102	15	87	Mr. T. Bryce	115	20	95
Mr. J. Andrew	104	12	92	Mr. J. A. Campbell	118	20	98

In foursomes afterwards Messrs. Moffat and Bryce beat Messrs. Barbour and Seright by 3 up and 1 to play. Messrs. Campbell and Taylor beat Messrs. Hart and Barrow by 1 up. Messrs. Robertson and Moffat, jun., beat Messrs. Montgomery and Gillon by 2 up.

An interesting event came off on the above links on Wednesday afternoon, the 26th ult., this being a match between members of the club and visitors. The weather was unfortunately not altogether favourable, but there was a large turn-out to witness the match which resulted as here noted:—

VISITORS.		HOME PLAYERS.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. A. Campbell	5	Mr. T. Boyce	0
Mr. G. Robertson	0	Mr. J. Taylor	6
Mr. A. Neillie	3	Mr. R. Gillon	0
Mr. J. C. Hart	0	Mr. W. Reid	3
Mr. Fletcher	0	Mr. W. Seright	7
Mr. Barrow	0	Mr. J. Barbour	1
Mr. J. Andrews	0	Mr. J. Moffat	12
	8		29

DURHAM GOLF CLUB.

The final competition for the possession of the Blagdon cup, presented by Mr. G. P. Blagdon, hon. secretary of the club, was played at Pinkerknowle on Friday, August 28th. The contestants for the cup and second prize were Dr. O. F. N. Treadwell and Mr. E. W. F. Walker, who had each got two wins in the previous competitions, whilst the third prize was fought out between the players who had only one win each to their credit. As the subjoined scores show, "pencil fever" seemed to have taken possession of the competitors, and the agony was piled on accordingly. The Doctor and Mr. Walker had a severe struggle for first place, but in the end Mr. Walker overcame his more doughty opponent, and came in a winner by the narrow majority of one stroke. The turning-point of the match was undoubtedly at the sixteenth hole, where the Doctor took seven as against a lucky three on the part of his opponent. The third prize fell to Mr. F. W. Cluff, who beat the Rev. A. Robertson by one stroke. It was a lovely day, with little or no wind. Result:—

	1st Rnd.	2nd Rnd.	3rd Rnd.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. E. W. F. Walker	40	37	40	117	4	113
Dr. O. F. N. Treadwell	38	37	38	113	+1	114
Mr. F. W. Cluff	44	43	42	129	20	109
Rev. A. Robertson	39	48	48	135	25	110
Mr. H. E. Ferens	41	48	45	134	15	119

Mr. G. C. Roberts retired.

EARLSFERRY AND ELIE GOLF CLUB.

The fourth competition took place on Saturday, the 22nd ult., when the Glover cup No. 2 (handicap) was played for. Twenty couples started. The usual eighteen hole round was played, and three tied for the cup. On playing off the tie on Monday, it was found that the winner was Mr. R. J. Thomson, with 98, less 10=88.

A match of two rounds was played over the ladies' Golf course at Lundin links on Monday the 24th ult., between visitors and others

at Lundin links and visitors and others at Elie. The match was played by mixed foursomes, twelve players a-side. The Elie team won by 24 holes.

A competition for boys for prizes subscribed by visitors took place on Friday afternoon, the 28th ult. The wind was rather gusty, but some of the scores were in the circumstances very creditable. A silver scratch medal was competed for at the same time, and was won by Mr. J. Muir in 81. The boys competed in three classes. Those under 16 and above 13 played fourteen holes, those under 13 and above 10 played eleven holes, and those under 10 played nine holes. In the first-class 21 competed, 14 in the second, and in the junior class 5. After a very close competition the following were found to be the winners:—Silver Medal: J. Muir, 81 (scratch). Handicap, first class: N. E. Parsons, 77; H. E. Parsons, 78; J. Muir, 81; F. Marshall, 82; W. L. H. Paterson and W. F. Harvey, 86; W. W. Thomson, 87; A. Beattie, 89; R. Falconer and J. G. James, 90; A. Stewart, 92; W. A. Cowan, 93. Second Class: W. G. Glover, 67; R. G. Paterson, 69; F. Aitchison, 77; G. Millar, 80; W. S. Dougall, 81; G. Ellis, 82; W. Paterson, 84; W. Yellowlees, 86; J. Yellowlees, 87. Third Class: L. Marshall, 52; G. Thomson, 62; R. Muir, 77; H. Porteous, 92; C. Thomson, 109.

ELGIN v. GRANTOWN.

On Wednesday, the 26th ult., the biggest match in the history of the Moray Golf Club was played against a team of the Grantown Club, over the course of the former at Lossiemouth. There were eighteen players a-side, a large proportion of both teams being summer visitors. There was a strong w. st wind blowing, but, with the exception of a single heavy shower, the weather was most favourable. After a very close game, the match ended in favour of the Moray (Elgin) Club by six holes. The details of the scoring are as follows:—

ELGIN.		Holes.	GRANTOWN.		Holes.
Major Spencer...	...	0	Mr. D. H. Gillan	...	0
Mr. F. H. Stewart	...	1	Mr. R. Winchester	...	0
Rev. W. R. Pirie	...	0	Mr. G. Harvey	...	3
Rev. A. Lawson	...	4	Mr. T. Carmichael	...	0
Mr. J. M'Isaac	...	11	Mr. A. M. Houston	...	0
Rev. Mr. Rankin	...	4	Mr. J. R. Burgess	...	0
Mr. W. Christie	...	0	Mr. D. V. Haig	...	4
Dr. Miller	...	0	Mr. A. M. Andrew	...	1
Mr. W. J. B. Macdonald	...	2	Mr. D. Winchester	...	0
Mr. G. Ross	...	0	Mr. Slater	...	1
Mr. T. W. Greenstreet	...	0	Dr. Walker	...	2
Mr. John Wilson	...	3	Mr. John Stewart	...	0
Mr. John Adams	...	0	Mr. John Cross	...	7
Mr. F. W. Gibb	...	6	Mr. A. F. Grant	...	0
Mr. D. Cameron	...	3	Mr. T. M'Intosh	...	0
Mr. J. Allan	...	2	Mr. J. Grant	...	0
Mr. J. Falconer	...	0	Mr. A. N. Haig	...	2
Mr. A. Peterkin	...	0	Mr. J. M'Kenzie	...	10
		36			30

FELIXSTOWE GOLF CLUB.

A foursome tournament, for a prize given by the captain (Mr. J. R. Jefferies), was played on Friday, Saturday, and Monday, the 21st, 22nd, and 24th ult., when, despite the rain, some very fair play was shown. Thirty-two players entered. The partners were drawn for, and the winners proved to be Mr. C. G. Tunks and Capt. Ord, who, in the final round, giving 2 strokes, had a close match with Mr. P. G. Spence and Dr. Dawson Williams, only winning by 2 up and 1 to play. The matches resulted as follows:—

First Round.—Rev. W. D. Bushell and Mr. J. Porteous, receiving 13 strokes, beat Mr. J. M. Henderson and Mr. A. M. Joshua, 1 up; Mr. C. G. Tunks and Capt. Ord, giving 1 stroke, beat Mr. G. Thompson and Mr. C. L. Bushell, 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. C. M. Baker and Mr. A. Mackay, giving 3 strokes, beat Mr. F. E. Speed and Mr. S. Joshua, 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. J. H. Driver and Mr. W. P. Fulcher beat Mr. S. Mure Fergusson and Mr. J. J. Read, 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. P. S. Spence and Dr. Dawson Williams, receiving 3 strokes, beat Mr. J. W. Greig and Mr. L. Speed, 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. G. R. Quilter and Mr. A. W. Ramsay, giving 4 strokes, beat Mr. J. L. Ridpath and Mr. A. M. Lee, 2 up; Mr. C. G. Havell and Mr. H. P. Cumming, giving 12 strokes, beat Mr. J. R. Jefferies and Capt. Lyell, 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. W. O. S. Pell and Mr. A. Gibb, giving 8 strokes, beat Mr. Wyllie and Mr. M. G. Davidson.

Second Round.—Mr. C. G. Tunks and Capt. Ord, giving 6 strokes, beat Rev. W. D. Bushell and Mr. J. Porteous, 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. J. H. Driver and Mr. W. P. Fulcher, giving 8 strokes, beat Mr. C. M. Baker and Mr. A. Mackay, 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. P. G. Spence and Dr. D. Williams, receiving 5 strokes, tied with Mr. G. R. Quilter and Mr. A. W. Ramsay in the eighteen holes, but won the nineteenth; Mr. C. G. Havell and Mr. H. P. Cumming, giving 5 strokes, beat Mr. W. O. S. Pell and Mr. A. Gibb, 4 up and 3 to play.

Third Round.—Mr. C. G. Tunks and Capt. Ord, receiving 7 strokes, beat Mr. J. H. Driver and W. P. Fulcher, 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. P. G. Spence and Dr. D. Williams, receiving 8 strokes, beat Mr. C. G. Havell and Mr. H. P. Cumming.

Final Round.—Mr. C. G. Tunks and Capt. Ord, giving 2 strokes, beat Mr. P. G. Spence and Dr. D. Williams, 2 up and 1 to play.

In one of the heats for the ex-captain's prize (the final of which will be played in October), played on Saturday, Mr. F. Elmer Speed was the winner with a net score of 82. The following scores were handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. F. Elmer Speed	98	16	82	Mr. A. M. Joshua...	93	5	88
Mr. H. J. Hibberd..	89	6	83	Mr. S. M. Fergusson	86	+3	89
Mr. W. O. S. Pell...	88	4	84	Mr. J. J. Reed	104	14	90
Mr. C. G. Tunks	97	12	85	Mr. L. Speed	110	18	92
Mr. W. K. Graham	98	12	86	Mr. F. H. Hardcastle	107	15	92
Mr. J. M. Henderson	91	4	87	Mr. F. W. Wilson	103	9	94
Mr. P. G. Spence	99	11	88	Mr. A. W. Ramsey..	114	20	94
Mr. J. L. Ridpath...	97	9	88	Mr. J. Porteous	122	24	98

No returns from Messrs. Lawrence, Gordon, W. T. Nash, L. Thomas, H. P. Cumming, J. E. Ransome, A. Mackay, Joseph Greig, G. Thompson, G. Joshua, H. Chiston, C. C. Wyllie, T. P. Morson, C. Sharland, Capt. Lyell, Messrs. M. G. Davidson, J. R. Jefferies, A. Pearce, Rev. W. D. Bushell, Messrs. P. Everett, C. L. Bushell, Dr. Dawson Williams, Messrs. M. Hay Chapman, E. Gibb, H. J. W. Jervis.

FORFARSHIRE.

A match between the Caledonian Club of Carnoustie and a team of visitors chiefly belonging to Edinburgh, and at present residing at Carnoustie, was played over the course there last week. There were sixteen players a-side, and the match went in favour of the club by a majority of 43 holes. Notwithstanding that the weather was showery, and that the course was heavy with the recent rains, some very good scores were made. The details are as follows:—

CALEDONIAN.		Holes.	VISITORS.		Holes.
Mr. D. Winter	...	0	Mr. W. H. Bryce, Edinburgh	6	
Mr. G. Wright...	...	1	Dr. Lowson, Forfar	...	0
Mr. W. Young	...	3	Mr. W. T. Thomson, Edin...	0	
Rev. W. Proudfoot	...	11	Dr. Bryce	...	0
Mr. D. Shepherd	...	9	Mr. J. C. Ross...	...	0
Mr. A. Cant	...	10	Mr. J. Anderson	...	0
Mr. W. Harris...	...	11	Mr. J. M. Brown	...	0
Mr. J. Ireland...	...	2	Mr. A. C. Thomson	...	0
Mr. J. P. Morison	...	0	Dr. Scott	...	3
Mr. G. Simpson	...	0	Dr. Muir	...	4
Mr. W. Ferrier	...	7	Mr. R. J. Bryce	...	0
Mr. D. M. Boath	...	4	Mr. C. F. Scott	...	0
Mr. D. Smith	...	6	Mr. W. C. Sturrock	...	0
Mr. J. H. Duncan	...	0	Mr. R. A. Corson	...	6
Mr. H. Mudie...	...	1	Mr. A. Coutts	...	0
Mr. J. P. Bruce	...	0	Mr. W. Smith...	...	3
		65			22

The best scores were:—For the visitors, Mr. W. H. Bryce, 85, and Dr. Lowson, 86; and for the Caledonian, Mr. A. Cant and Mr. W. Harris, 81; Mr. D. Shepherd, 83; Mr. W. Young, 85, and Mr. George Wright, 86.

A match was played at Montrose the other week between teams selected from the employes of Montrose Sawmills, the golfers above thirty years of age being pitted against those under thirty years. The match resulted in favour of the young players by 17 holes, the scores being as follows:—

ABOVE THIRTY.		Holes.	UNDER THIRTY.		Holes.
Mr. E. Cobb	...	1	Mr. E. Cobb	...	0
Mr. J. Winter	...	0	Mr. E. Macdonald	...	4
Mr. A. Paterson	...	0	Mr. J. Buick	...	1
Mr. D. Stott	...	0	Mr. J. Douglas	...	2
Mr. W. Towns	...	0	Mr. A. Duncan	...	3
Mr. J. Burgess...	...	0	Mr. D. Coutts	...	1
Mr. D. Wilkie...	...	4	Mr. G. Fenton	...	0
Mr. J. Mitchell	...	0	Mr. J. Hardie	...	4
Mr. C. D. Napier	...	1	Mr. J. Moir	...	0
Mr. D. Reith	...	0	Mr. W. Coutts	...	2
Mr. A. Reith	...	0	Mr. D. Murray	...	4
Mr. H. Lee	...	0	Mr. Jos. Gouk...	...	2
		6			23

Amongst the best scores for the juniors were Mr. E. Macdonald, 84, and Mr. J. Cobb, 86; and for the seniors, Mr. E. Cobb, 85, and Mr. A. Paterson, 91.

The members of the Carnoustie Ladies' Golf Club held their annual tournament last week. A strong gale of wind prevailed and interfered greatly with the play, but, notwithstanding this, some excellent scores were made, and play was above the average. For the seven prizes nineteen couples contended, and at the close it was found that Miss Henrietta Stewart, Edinburgh, had won the first prize—the club's gold medal and a pair of beautiful bangles set in pearls, the gift of Mr. James Prain, captain of the Dalhousie Golf Club—with the very creditable score of 111 strokes for the double round of thirty-six holes. The Curling Club silver cup (to be held for one year), and a valuable carriage clock given by Mrs. Templeman, the lady-president of the club, were won by Mrs. Gibson, Carnoustie, with 113 strokes. The third prize, a handsome gold bracelet, given by Mr. Stewart, Edinburgh, was gained by Miss Anderson, Carnoustie, with 114 strokes. The fourth, gold brooch (club prize), by Miss Ella Nicoll, Carnoustie, with 114 strokes. The fifth, silver mounted putter, given by Mr. Pattison, Edinburgh, by Miss Colquhoun, Carnoustie, with 115 strokes. The sixth, handsome writing case, given by Miss Dickson, secretary of the club, by Miss Dora Nicoll, Carnoustie (after a tie), with 117. The seventh, consolation prize, given to the lady who makes the lowest score not having previously won a prize—by Miss Nicholson, Carnoustie, with 127 strokes. The next best scores were:—Miss E. Stewart, Edinburgh, 117; Miss Whytock, Dundee, 117; Miss H. S. Sherwill, Perth, 117; Miss Stewart, Edinburgh, 118; Miss Hay, Dundee, 118; Miss L. Freeland, Carnoustie, 118; Miss Gentle, Perth, 119; and Miss Fullerton, Dundee, 120.

After the competition the members and a large number of friends adjourned to the Dalhousie Golf Club-house where the prizes were handed to the successful competitors by Lord Provost Mathewson, Dundee, who is one of the trustees of the club. The Lord Provost expressed his pleasure at being present on that occasion, and at the success which had attended the club, which now numbers, he understood, between forty and fifty members. He complimented the members on the high state of proficiency which they had attained, and particularly referred to the excellent scores they had made that day, despite the state of the weather. Referring to the bazaar which is to take place in March of next year, for the completion of the purchase of the links by the Commissioners of Carnoustie, he said he was glad to hear that the club were endeavouring of themselves to give something towards that object, and hoped that the gift would be worthy of them. A vote of thanks was given to Lord Provost Mathewson for his kindness in presiding, and also to the secretary and treasurer of the club.

The fourth monthly competition for the challenge medals of the Montrose Ladies' Golf Club was held on Thursday of last week. The day was fine, and there was a large turn-out of players and spectators. Fourteen couples started in the following order:—Miss Burness and Miss E. Lyall; Miss Watson and Miss A. Watson; Mrs. Muir and Mrs. Stone; Mrs. Jeffrey and Mrs. T. B. Paton; Mrs. R. H. Millar and Mrs. Pressley Smith; Miss Woodward and Miss J. Woodward; Miss Adamson and Miss N. Lyall; Miss A. Lyall and Miss Stuart; Miss Mabel Lyall and Miss Cecil Lyall; Mrs. Lyall and Miss Lyall; Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Keith; Miss More-Gordon and Miss G. More-Gordon; Mrs. Boothby and Mrs. Don.

On the cards being handed in, it was found that the gold medal had been won by Miss Stuart, Dalkeith, with 111, and she also won the valuable bracelet presented by Mr. J. B. Don, of Pitmuies, for the best single score, which was 53. The silver medal was won by Miss Annie Watson, Montrose, with 116. The next best scores were:—Mrs. R. H. Millar, 118; Miss Adamson, 118; Mrs. Boothby, 120; Mrs. Jeffrey, 122; Mrs. Stone, 123; Mrs. Watson, 123; Mrs. Pressley Smith, 127; Miss E. Lyall, 128.

After the monthly competition was finished, a competition played for in couples was begun, in which gentlemen members of the Ladies' club were eligible, the prize being decided by holes. Sixteen couples started, and the competition was concluded on Friday. The following are the details:—

First Round.—Mrs. Boothby and Mr. Keith beat Misses More-Gordon; Miss Watson and Mr. A. Smith beat Mrs. Stone and Mr. W. M. J. Paton; Miss Adamson and Dr. Adamson beat Mrs. Pressley Smith and Mr. G. A. Combe; Mrs. Gordon and Dr. Stone beat Mrs. T. B. Paton and Mrs. Jeffrey; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Millar beat Mrs. Bouch and Mr. G. D. Paton; Miss K. L. Millar and Mr. P. F. Grant beat Miss Woodward and Mr. Keith; Miss A. Watson and Mr. W. Smith beat Miss J. A. Millar and Mr. K. Forbes; Miss Stuart and Mr. J. S. Combe beat Mrs. Muir and Miss J. Woodward.

Second Round.—Miss Watson and Mr. A. Smith beat Mrs. Boothby and Mr. Keith; Mrs. Gordon and Dr. Stone beat Miss Adamson and Dr. Adamson; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Millar beat Miss K. L. Millar and Mr. P. F. Grant; Miss Stuart and Mr. J. S. Combe beat Miss A. Watson and Mr. W. Smith.

Third Round.—Mr. A. Smith and Miss Watson beat Mrs. Gordon and Dr. Stone; Miss Stuart and Mr. J. S. Combe beat Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Millar.

Final.—Miss Stuart and Mr. J. S. Combe beat Miss Watson and Mr. A. Smith.

Play was afterwards commenced in a handicap match confined to lady members for six prizes, the handicap being by holes. Thirty-two players entered, and four rounds were completed on Friday. The following are the results:—

First Round.—Miss M. L. Lyell (4) beat Miss A. Watson (scratch); Miss Watson (scratch) beat Miss Lowson (4); Mrs. Keith (7) beat Mrs. Gordon (11); Miss E. Lyell (7) beat Miss More-Gordon (4); Miss J. Woodward (4) beat Miss Stuart (owes 1); Miss Nora Lyell (scratch) beat Mrs. Boothby (2); Mrs. T. B. Paton (5) a bye; Miss Lyell (6) beat Miss R. L. Millar (6); Mrs. Pressley Smith (5) beat Miss Burness (4), after tying twice; Miss Mabel Lyell (9) beat Miss Adamson (3); Mrs. A. Lyell (7) beat Miss L. Burness (4); Miss J. More-Gordon (6), a bye; Miss May Cruickshanks (12) beat Miss J. A. Millar (8); Mrs. Stone (2) beat Miss A. Belcher (2); Mrs. R. H. Millar (scratch) beat Mrs. Jeffrey (3); Mrs. Muir (8) beat Miss Cecil Lyell (9).

Second Round.—Miss Watson beat Miss M. L. Lyell; Miss E. Lyell beat Mrs. Keith; Miss J. Woodward beat Miss Nora Lyell; Miss Lyell beat Mrs. T. B. Paton; Mrs. Pressley Smith beat Mrs. Lyell; Miss J. More-Gordon beat Miss Mabel Lyell; Miss Cruickshanks beat Mrs. R. H. Millar; Mrs. Muir beat Mrs. Stone.

Third Round.—Miss J. Woodward beat Miss Watson; Miss J. More-Gordon beat Miss Lyell; Miss Cruickshanks beat Miss E. Lyell; Mrs. Muir, a bye.

Fourth Round.—Miss Cruickshanks beat Miss J. Woodward; Miss J. More-Gordon, a bye.

It was intended to have played off the final rounds on Saturday, but as rain fell in torrents play was out of the question, and had to be postponed.

The annual return match between the Mercantile Club of Montrose and the Monifieth Club was to have been played over the Montrose course on Saturday. The Monifieth men put in an appearance, and several couples started, but on account of the heavy rain it was decided to postpone the fixture.

The members of the Dundee Advertiser Club on Saturday last competed at Monifieth for their medals and a number of prizes. There was a fair turn-out of players. Mr. Donaldson, the green-keeper, had the greens in splendid condition, and, with good weather, the cards showed the play to be of an improved character. The medals (scratch) were won as follows:—Mr. William Still and Mr. John Inglis (tie), first class; Mr. William F. Black, second class; and Mr. John Calvert, third class. Other prizes were won by—First class—1st average; Mr. John Inglis; 2nd, Mr. Robert Donn; 3rd, Mr. Thomas Knox; 4th, Mr. John Macrae. Second class—1st, Mr. W. F. Black; 2nd, Mr. John Livingston; 3rd, Mr. John Wynd; 4th, (tie) Mr. Peter Williamson and Mr. George Proctor. Third class—Mr. John Calvert.

FORRES CLUB v. VISITORS.

The return match between the Forres Club and a team of visitors, was played over the Forres green on Thursday evening, the 20th ult., when the club was again victorious. Scores:—

FORRES CLUB.		VISITORS.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. Sutherland	... 1	Mr. C. J. Dunlop	... 0
Dr. Carruthers	... 3	Mr. H. A. Watson	... 0
Dr. Milligan	... 3	Mr. W. S. Anderson	... 0
Dr. Fowlie	... 4	Mr. C. Brown	... 0
Mr. A. Davidson	... 0	Mr. R. Chambers	... 4
Mr. A. Fraser	... 3	Mr. A. Anderson	... 0
Mr. D. K. Stewart	... 0	Mr. W. McLean	... 1
Mr. A. Macpherson	... 0	Mr. J. Seymour Keay, M.P.	... 2
Mr. A. Ledingham	... 0	Mr. C. H. Calder	... 0
Mr. W. McDonald	... 0	Mr. T. M. Henry	... 8
Mr. G. Milne	... 3	Mr. H. Brown	... 0
Mr. H. McIntosh	... 0	Mr. G. Douglas	... 0
Mr. J. Leask	... 5	Mr. R. Malcolm	... 0
	22		15

Majority for Forres, 7 holes.

At the annual monthly competition among the members of the Forres Club, Dr. Milligan carried off the Finlay cup with a score of 100, less 5=95.

GOLF IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Our Pietermaritzburg correspondent writes:—"During the summer season in Natal, extending from November to April, it is almost impossible to play the game owing to the rankness of the grass, but its votaries in Pietermaritzburg, not to be deprived of their beloved pastime, improvised a short course on the Garrison polo ground 'to keep their hands in.' Though one was reminded of a billiard table, it sufficed for the golfer, who has been known to have perforated his back green with

holes that he might perfect his putting game. Thanks to the military element in the Pietermaritzburg Golf Club, the regular course in the public park was in better condition than ever on Saturday last—(July 25th), when the first of the season's monthly medal competitions took place. The club is strong numerically and financially, and may be expected to improve in both respects as the season advances. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Charles Mitchell, takes a lively and practical interest in the game; and Col. Curtis, the genial commandant of troops in Natal, is the captain. The membership is over thirty, one-third being military. When the Royal Scots left the Colony it was feared that the club would suffer, as they contributed some of the best exponents of the game. It is very gratifying to find, however, that the recently-arrived regiments (York and Lancaster, and 11th Hussars), have keen golfers among them, and that the new comer, Mr. Armstrong of the gallant York and Lancaster, stood first in Saturday's competition. Sixteen members started off, and fifteen gave in their scores. In a course of nine holes these may seem low to players in the old country, but it must be remembered that an English stubble field is a near approach to the Pietermaritzburg Links. Expressive adjectives and broken clubs are of course unknown in this part of Africa! Scores.—Mr. Armstrong, 61 (medal); Mr. J. S. Laing, 62; Mr. D. L. Findlay, 63; Mr. C. J. Mudie, 65; H.E. the Governor, 69; Mr. Ross, 70; Col. Todd, R.E., 71; Col. Curtis, 73; Captain Thornton, 76; Dr. Hyslop, 76; Capt. Colhoun, 77; Capt. Cobbold, 77; Mr. Hamilton, 78; Capt. Maul, 79; Mr. C. L. Redwood, 88."

ILKLEY GOLF CLUB.

The continuous and heavy rain of the past few weeks has had a somewhat depressing effect on local Golf here, though the visitors have made the links lively. The better these links are known the more they will be appreciated as a place to spend a good golfing week at. From the advertisement in this week's GOLF it will be seen that there are two open events to be played for on Saturday the 19th inst., and on Thursday and Friday preceding the club events, and the competition for the Ilkley Challenge Bowl will take place. The weather on Saturday for the most part was very favourable for Golf, and over thirty members and visitors were out, but the entry for the monthly medal was very small, only 16 members competing, six of whom made no return. Mr. P. N. Lee was the winner, with a net score of 92:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. P. N. Lee ...	112 20 92	Mr. J. A. Carpenter 151	43 108
Mr. D. F. Douglas 115	20 95	Dr. McDowall ...	132 23 109
Mr. A. L. Booth ...	135 38 97	Mr. H. Ellis ...	159 45 114
Mr. W. H. Scott ...	128 30 98	Mr. B. Hirst ...	145 30 115
Mr. W. F. Potter ...	137 36 101	Mr. S. Meredith ...	165 45 125

ISLAY GOLF CLUB.

The first of a series of matches over the links at Machrie between visitors and members of the club took place on Wednesday last week. The following, which shows that the visitors were the victors, is the result:—

MEMBERS.		VISITORS.	
	Holes.		Holes
Major Wise (capt.) ...	2	Mr. M. A. M'Donald ...	0
Mr. R. Ballingal ...	0	Mr. R. B. Mitchell ...	2
Mr. L. M'Cuig ...	0	Dr. Sandeman ...	10
Mr. Peter Reid ...	2	Mr. D. A. Kirkwood ...	0
	4		12

LANARK GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, the members of the Lanark Golf Club held their annual competition by handicapped couples for the Anstruther medal, presented by Sir W. C. Anstruther, Bart. The weather was splendid and the greens were in first-rate order, but owing to there being a number of other attractions in the neighbourhood on the same day there was a somewhat smaller turn-out than usual. After two rounds of the green—28 holes in all—cards were handed in, and it was found that the medal had been gained by Hon. A. Y. Bingham and Mr. Frame, whose score after deducting odds was 119. Mr. Bingham having in 1888, when partnered with Mr. Jas. Annan, gained these medals with a net score of 120, keeps the one he now gained, and Sir W. C. Anstruther replaces it. The scores of those who handed in their cards are as under:—Hon. A. Y. Bingham and Mr. Frame, 119; Messrs. W. Renwick and Jas. Annan, 123; Messrs. Horn and John Smith, jun., 124; Messrs. Geo. S. Seater, jun. and W. Annan, jun., 125; Messrs. J. Vassie, jun., and W. L. Stewart, 126; Mr. Jas. Arthur Vassie and Rev. W. Smith, 131; Messrs. Vassie and G. J. Miller, 132; Rev. W. Vassie and Mr. George Parker, 137; Messrs. Fullarton and D. Stodart, 139; Messrs. Paterson and T. Watson, jun., 139.

LUFFNESS

The members of the Luffness club had an enjoyable day's Golf over the course here on Saturday, when the captain's and club prizes, and

the president's medal and gold pendant, were offered for competition. The putting-greens showed splendid order, credit for which is owing to Mr. G. Shepherd, the custodian, and the weather was correspondingly suitable for a pleasant game. The attendance was worthy of the occasion and comprised a very fair proportion of scratch players. Along with the president's medal is given the gold pendant, the latter becoming the property of the successful competitor. The award of the captain (Mr. B. H. Blyth) was a very valuable one, taking the form of a solid silver cup of a chaste description, and the other prizes in kind gifted by the club were as usual of a handsome character. Mr. T. Congalton, the genial and obliging secretary, dispatched the competitors, who numbered over sixty, as appended:—Messrs. D. Stevenson and J. Smith, Edinburgh; Messrs. R. Muir and H. Bryden, Edinburgh; Captain Wylie, North Berwick, and Mr. J. Robb, Edinburgh; Messrs. H. Parker and A. B. Drynan, Edinburgh; Messrs. J. Lees, Edinburgh, and T. D. Thomson, of Eastcraig; Messrs. A. Dryborough, Edinburgh, and J. M'ulloch, North Berwick; Messrs. T. Binnie, Salt-coats, and J. M. Scott, Edinburgh; Messrs. F. Bryden and P. L. Catanach, Edinburgh; Messrs. W. Palmer, Dirleton, and J. J. W. Lamb, Aberlady; Messrs. G. Dalziel and Irvine Williamson, Edinburgh; Messrs. R. Croall and J. A. Fleming, Edinburgh; Messrs. F. V. Hagart and R. G. Younger, Edinburgh; Messrs. A. Hogarth, Haddington, and A. M. Miller, Edinburgh; Messrs. C. A. Stevenson and B. Hall Blyth, Edinburgh; Messrs. J. Todrick, Spittal, and A. Wallace, North Berwick; Messrs. T. Lugton and G. M. Sturrock, Edinburgh; Messrs. A. B. Glen and J. W. Todd, Edinburgh; Messrs. D. Ritchie, Gullane, and H. D. Alexander, Edinburgh; Messrs. A. Gillam and A. Murray, Gullane; Messrs. W. T. Armour, Edinburgh, and W. Merrilees, Haddington; Messrs. L. Bilton, Edinburgh, and P. Brown, Aberlady; Messrs. R. Melrose, Edinburgh, and J. Richardson, Musselburgh; Messrs. W. Morris and T. Aitken, Edinburgh; Messrs. M. M'Neill, Haddington, and J. D. Patterson, Edinburgh; Messrs. J. S. Burnet, Haddington, and R. Horne, Tranent; Messrs. D. Fisher, Edinburgh, and J. Winton, Gladsmuir; Messrs. T. Black and James G. Croall, Haddington; Messrs. D. Cowan, Edinburgh, and C. Lamb, Cockenzie; Messrs. J. Stenhouse and E. Peck, Edinburgh; Messrs. R. Macdonald and A. M'Pherson, Edinburgh; Messrs. J. S. Stevenson and J. H. Inches, Edinburgh; Mr. W. W. M'Crie, Edinburgh, a bye.

A keen competition ensued, and after all the cards had been handed in Mr. John M'ulloch, North Berwick, was found to have won the president's medal and gold pendant, with a very fine score of 81, compiled as follows:—

Out ...	4	5	8	5	5	4	3	5	4=43	} 81
In ...	5	3	4	5	5	5	4	3	4=38	

Mr. H. Parker was first in handicap order with a net figure of 78, Mr. B. H. Blyth was second with 80 net, Mr. J. M'ulloch secured third place with his 81, and a tie at 82 for fourth place resulted between Mr. J. S. Stevenson and Mr. R. Horne. In playing off the tie Mr. Stevenson proved successful. The best scratch scores were:—Mr. John M'ulloch, 81; Mr. D. A. Stevenson, 83; Mr. C. A. Stevenson, 83; Mr. W. T. Armour, 83; Mr. D. Ritchie, 84; Mr. B. H. Blyth, 84; Mr. R. J. Younger, 88; Mr. J. S. Stevenson, 89; Mr. W. Merrilees, 89.

In handicap order the principal returns were as appended:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. Parker ...	90 12 78	Mr. J. A. Fleming	96 10 86
Mr. B. Hall Blyth...	84 4 80	Mr. R. G. Younger	88 2 86
Mr. J. M'ulloch ..	81 scr. 81	Mr. J. Smith ...	99 12 87
Mr. J. S. Stevenson	89 7 82	Mr. W. Morris ...	96 9 87
Mr. R. Horne ...	100 18 82	Mr. J. Lees ...	100 12 88
Mr. D. Stevenson...	83 scr. 83	Mr. H. D. Alex-	
Mr. W. B. Glen ...	91 8 83	ander ...	103 15 88
Mr. W. T. Armour	83 scr. 83	Mr. J. H. Inches ...	106 18 88
Mr. J. D. Patterson	93 10 83	Mr. J. G. Croal ...	102 12 90
Mr. D. Ritchie ...	84 scr. 84	Mr. H. Bryden ...	90 scr. 90
Mr. T. Black ..	94 10 84	Mr. J. Robb ...	95 5 90
Mr. A. M. Miller ...	93 8 85	Mr. T. Binnie ...	94 4 90
Mr. W. Merrilees...	89 4 85	Mr. F. Bryden ...	99 9 90
Mr. M. M'Neill ...	89 4 85	Mr. A. Hogarth ...	100 10 90
Mr. D. Fisher ...	95 10 85		

Mr. B. H. Blyth suitably presented the prizes to the successful competitors at the close.

MINEHEAD GOLF CLUB.

The August meeting of the club was held in the week commencing August 25th to the 28th. Prizes were played for each day. Play was greatly interfered with by the continuous gales and torrents of rain. A number of ardent players defied the gale, and, considering how difficult it was to stand up to the strokes, some good play was shown. The medal was won by a fair scratch score of 98. Wednesday's play brought out a young golfer, who did the round, though wet to the skin, in 100. Thursday was a little better as to weather, but play did not come up to

the improved condition. Friday's weather was no improvement, and the scores were still high, excepting our captain's, who came in with a gross score of 93. An interesting match was played throughout the four days, for holes and under handicap. The winner of the pairs on the medal day, continuing on till the last two, played off on Friday, the winner, Mr. Brown, beating Mr. R. C. Clark by a stroke. Gair, the professional, had the greens in capital condition, and if only fine weather had been the rule some good play would have been witnessed, many of our young players having shown a very marked improvement from last year. Winners on Tuesday:—Dr. F. Hayes, 98, less 8=90; Rev. W. P. Michell, 114, less 19=95. Winners on Wednesday:—Mr. Cording, 100, less 25=75; Dr. Hayes, 93, less 8=85. Winners on Thursday:—Mr. R. Hole, 111, less 28=83; Rev. C. C. Woodlands, 106, less 15=91. Winners on Friday:—Hon. H. L. Courtney, 101, less 16=85; Dr. Hayes, 93, less 5=88.

MINEHEAD LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The August meeting of the club was held in the week commencing August 17th, and continuing each day till the 22nd. Prizes were played for each day. The medal was won by Miss Michell, who also won the prize on Tuesday. On Wednesday the prize was won by Miss Dickinson, and followed up on Thursday by another win. On Friday and Saturday the prizes fell to Miss J. Clark. So many being disappointed of a win, the Hon. H. L. Courtney presented the club with a gold medal, to be played for monthly under handicap:—Monday:—Miss Michell, 92, less 25=67; Tuesday:—Miss Michell, 81, less 22=59; Wednesday:—Miss Dickinson, 87, less 19=68; Thursday:—Miss Dickinson, 82, less 17=65; Friday:—Miss J. Clark, 91, less 28=63; Saturday:—Miss J. Clark, 84, less 23=61.

NAIRN.

The annual business meeting of the Nairn Club was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at Nairn. Mr. A. T. Lawrence presided. The secretary (Mr. Laing) in his report stated that the past year had been the most prosperous of a series of prosperous seasons, and a very large increase had taken place in the membership of the club. The treasurer (Mr. Young) submitted a statement of his accounts, which showed that, after defraying the expense of various extra work, a balance remained to the credit of the club of £40. The reports were unanimously adopted. Mr. R. B. Finlay, M.P., announced his intention of erecting a new club-house or pavilion, and presenting it for the use of the club without rent, subject merely to the condition that the building and the approach would be maintained by the club. On the motion of Mr. Laing it was resolved to record the thanks of the club for the handsome and generous gift of Mr. Finlay. The annual competition amongst the boys who are members of the club took place on the same day. The first prize, the Lawrence cup (scratch) was won by Master William Finlay with a score of 108, while the second cup (handicap) was carried off by Master H. C. Cameron with a score of 118, less 13=105.

The annual autumn meeting of the club was held on Saturday, the 29th ult., when various competitions took place. The weather throughout the day was showery. About forty couples started in the competition for the Cawdor cup, and on the whole some very remarkably good scores were handed in. On the completion of the competition it was found that Mr. A. F. Steele had made one of the lowest scores in the history of the club—viz., 81 (scratch), and thus won the cup and Mr. H. Ross's prize. For the second prize (handicap) Mr. P. H. Smart and Mr. K. M. Marshall tied; and for the third prize Mr. J. Birnie and Mr. F. M. Marshall were equal. The following are a few of the remaining scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. Innes ...	100 15 85	Mr. D. Mackay ...	99 8 91
Mr. F. W. Hollams ...	92 6 86	Mr. L. Macrae ...	96 3 93
Rev. Dr. Williams ...	101 18 87	Mr. A. J. Dunlop ...	99 6 93
Rev. A. Chisholm ...	88 scr. 88	Mr. W. Laing ...	93 scr. 93
Mr. J. G. Ross ...	98 9 89	Mr. H. E. Richards ...	99 6 93
Mr. D. Young ...	89 scr. 89	Master W. Finlay ...	108 15 93
Dr. Cruickshank ...	99 10 89	Mr. A. T. Lawrence	100 6 94
Mr. W. Paterson ...	107 18 89	Mr. J. F. Millar ...	96 scr. 96
Mr. Lobban (Inverness) ...	90 scr. 90	Mr. J. Allan ...	105 8 97
Mr. A. M. Marshall	90 scr. 90	Mr. E. E. Simpson ...	104 6 98
Mr. A. M'Hardy ...	91 scr. 91	Sir F. Edwards ...	106 8 98
		Mr. R. B. Finlay, M.P.	105 6 99

A competition also took place over the ladies' course for the prize given by Mr. Finlay, M.P. Twelve competitors entered, and the prize was won by Miss Marshall with a score of 67. Miss C. Corballis was second with 68 (a box of "Trufflet" balls presented by Mr. J. H. Corballis), and Miss Innes third with 69. At the close of the competition Miss Rose, of Kilravock, presented the prizes to the successful competitors, and, on the call of Mr. Finlay, M.P., three cheers were given for Miss Rose. Captain Newbigging congratulated the club on the most successful meeting they had had that day.

NORTH BERWICK.

Last week has been abundantly fruitful of competitions and friendly matches over the North Berwick links, the ladies especially enjoying a really pleasant day's Golf. Friday witnessed a splendid gathering of ladies and gentlemen at the Home green, the occasion being the annual scratch medal day. The Lord Mayor of London is at present residing here, and fortunate were the fair exponents of the Royal game in having his Lordship to award the prizes. The Lord Mayor performed the function in a very happy and an interesting way, his observation that he had never dreamt of acting in such a capacity notwithstanding. The Lady Mayoress was also present during the play, and amongst the large company who visited the green were Lord Dalrymple, Alderman Evans, Sir Walter Hamilton Dalrymple, Bart., and Lady Dalrymple, General and Mrs. Stewart, Honourable Mrs. Spens, Rev. G. W. Spott, D.D., Rev. Fortescue L. M. Anderson, Rev. G. Davenport Philip, Provost Brodie, Bailie Whitecross, Colonel Hobart, Mr. Edward L. J. Blyth, Mrs. Dalziel, Misses Lyall, Mrs. R. M. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stevenson, Mrs. Blyth, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Turpie, Mr. Gillies Smith, Mr. F. T. Tennant, Mr. Sant, R.A., Mr. G. Gordon Robertson and Mrs. Gordon Robertson, Mr. George Brown, Misses Campbell, Mr. E. Parrott, Mr. L. S. Anderson, Mr. Syme, Mr. Dawson, &c. Capt. Wylie, hon. secretary of the club, Mr. B. Hall Blyth, Mr. George Dalziel, and Mr. David A. Stevenson, overlooked the arrangements of the forenoon and afternoon competitions in an admirable way.

Very handsome prizes, in addition to the blue riband of the meeting, were offered by the committee and friends. The first was a gift of two silver cups, by Mr. George Brown. To the ladies second, third, and fourth in handicap order, club prizes were given of a silver sugar-bowl silver-mounted to let-bottle, and Golf-club pins respectively. The fifth award was a handsome umbrella, presented by Mr. E. L. J. Blyth, and a special prize of a gold brooch was given by Mr. Stuart Anderson for the best score for one round. After all the cards had been returned, it was found that Miss Ada Gillies Smith had gained the gold medal with the very fine score of 65, made up as follows:—

Out	3	4	4	5	4	3	2	2	4=31	} 65
In	3	5	5	5	3	4	3	4	2=34	

It has previously been won no fewer than five times in succession by Miss Gillies Smith, sister of the successful competitor on Saturday, the scores respectively being 64, 69, 69, 69, and 61 (a remarkably good figure). The allowance prizes were gained as follows:—1, Miss Neta Spens; 2 and 3, Miss Nora Bell and Miss Neta Hunter, tie; 4 and 5, Miss Ada Gillies Smith, Miss J. Crum-Ewing, and Miss M. Crum-Ewing, tie. The principal scores returned were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Miss Ada Gillies Smith ...	65 2 63	Miss Bloxson ...	80 8 72
†Miss Neta Spens ...	79 18 61	Miss Coventry Gillies-Smith ...	72 scr. 72
Miss L. Hunter ...	72 10 62	Miss Peploe ...	91 18 73
Miss Nora Bell ...	80 18 62	Miss Turpie ...	86 12 74
Miss Ada Gillies Smith ...	65 2 63	Miss M. Stevenson ...	84 10 74
Miss Jane Crum-Ewing ...	77 14 63	Miss Edith Campbell ...	82 7 75
Miss M. Crum-Ewing ...	81 18 63	Miss Blair Cunyng-hame ...	93 18 75
Miss Blyth ...	74 10 64	Miss Spens ...	91 16 75
Miss Crum-Ewing ...	74 8 66	Miss E. Hunter ...	90 14 76
Miss Ada Hunter ...	80 14 66	Miss Burke ...	90 14 76
Miss Blanche Anderson ...	68 scr. 68	Miss Violet Sprott ...	85 8 77
Miss Murray ...	82 14 68	Miss Constance Brown ...	95 18 77
Mrs. Wallis ...	86 18 68	Miss M. Cheetham ...	78 scr. 78
Miss Dalziel ...	74 5 69	Miss Bourhill ...	90 12 78
Miss Bayley ...	80 11 69	Miss Lockhart Thomson ...	97 18 79
Miss Sybil Mackinlay ...	87 18 69	Miss M. Henderson ...	98 18 80
Miss Thomas ...	87 16 69	Miss Friedla Matthews ...	98 18 80
Miss Maude Shearer ...	70 scr. 70	Miss J. Henderson ...	99 18 81
Miss Mina Scott ...	85 15 70	Miss Harriet M'Callloch ...	86 4 82
Miss Muriel Campbell ...	86 16 70	Miss F. Murray ...	95 12 83
Miss Jessie Crum-Ewing ...	75 5 70	Miss Adeline Harvey ...	101 18 83
Miss Rittner ...	88 18 70	Miss Evelyn Harvey ...	101 18 83
Miss Florence Anderson ...	70 scr. 70	Miss Mary Stevenson ...	86 scr. 86
Miss Edith M'Callloch ...	74 3 71	Miss A. Henderson ...	104 18 86
Miss Ethel M'Callloch ...	75 4 71	Miss Jessie Matthews ...	104 18 86
Miss Mylne ...	81 10 71	Miss Sant ...	87 scr. 87
Miss Edith Campbell ...	76 4 72	Miss Nellie M'Kinlay ...	107 18 89
		Miss Daisy Blaikie ...	107 18 89
		Miss K. J. Anderson ...	90 scr. 90

* Winner of scratch medal and special prize. † Winner of first handicap award.

The forenoon of Thursday was given over to youthful golfers, the sons of visiting and resident gentlemen competing for Lord Elcho's handicap medal and the residents' scratch medal. In accordance with the conditions of play, the boys must be between the ages of ten and fifteen years, and have been resident for ten days during the month of August. Twelve couples competed, leaving in the appended order:—Masters H. W. de Zoete and T. Digby Jones, N. F. Hunter and T. M. Hunter, H. M. Brown and J. Matthews, Norman Dalziel and C. L. Dalziel, A. Ramsey and P. F. Dawson, C. Bloxson and J. Hutton, J. Wight and R. Cairns, O. Digby Jones and W. Hutton, A. Hamilton and J. Lowden, J. S. Wight and J. Macintosh, J. D. Hamilton and G. Weir, and W. Baird and D. Somerville. Masters T. Digby Jones and C. L. Dalziel, who held respectively the scratch and handicap trophies from last year, again out-played all their opponents, and with scores which would have disgraced no adult player. The details are:—

Master T. Digby Jones (14 years)—

Out	6 6 5 4 4 4 4 3 5 7=48	} 85
In	5 5 4 4 4 6 5 4=37	

Master C. L. Dalziel (14 years)—

Out	5 6 4 4 3 5 3 2 5 6=43	} 86
In	7 5 4 3 4 7 8 5=43	

With these figures they also gained the first and second allowance prizes, J. F. Hunter was third with 90 net, P. F. Dawson fourth with 91, and the last two awards fell to J. Matthews and Norman Dalziel, who tied at 97 net.

Ben Sayers and Davie Grant, of North Berwick, have taken up the gauntlet so recently thrown down by the brothers Andrew and Hugh Kirkaldy, of St. Andrews, and in consequence not a little interest is already excited in this district. Locally, Ben and Davie are regarded as a powerful couple in a foursome; and although Grant has never taken part in a similar match for a large stake, Sayers and he invariably show an excellent combined game, and have rarely, if ever, met with a reverse at North Berwick, when playing together in a friendly foursome. In view of the prowess of the St. Andrews men, an interesting contest is expected. Both the local players had a round of the course on Saturday. Sayers, partnered with Mr. Rainy, engaged Grant with Rev. G. S. Mackay. In the forenoon the former couple were successful by 5 holes up and 4 to play; but they sustained a reverse in a second round, Mr. Mackay and Grant winning by 4 and 3 to play. Sayers and W. Thomson had a single on Thursday, the younger professional succumbing to Ben by 3 up and 2 to play. Thomson's game was very good throughout. Grant was also engaged in a foursome on Friday, in which George Sayers was the opposing professional. Among the visitors to the green on Saturday who engaged in friendly games were Mr. W. M. De Zoete and Mr. John Penn. On Monday disagreeably wet weather rather thinned the attendance of golfers. The course and putting-greens just now are in admirable condition.

NEWBIGGIN CLUB.

The captain's gold medal competition took place on the 22nd ult. in bad weather, a strong wind interfering with play. Mr. J. W. Wood proved successful with a net score of 93; not a bad performance considering the circumstances. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. J. W. Wood ... 97 4 93	Mr. J. L. Bell ... 105 4 101
Mr. C. Walker ... 111 17 94	Mr. B. Brumell ... 121 18 103
Mr. D. Rosser ... 111 16 95	Mr. J. Hedley ... 110 6 104

Messrs. Dawes and Tate retired.

The hon. secretary's prize was competed for on the 26th ult., this being the final contest for the gift. The winner proved to be Mr. James Tennant, with a net score of 98.

PRESTWICK GOLF CLUB.

Though the weather was very fine, the turn-out of competitors for the August medal on Saturday, the 29th ult., was unusually small, and only four cards were handed in. These showed the winner to be Mr. F. E. Villiers. The scores were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. F. E. Villiers... 100 17 83	Mr. J. Todd Stewart 100 12 88
Mr. E. D. Prothero. 94 6 88	Mr. A. Walker ... 115 24 91

LUNDIN, LARGO.—The half-yearly competition for scratch medal and other prizes took place on Saturday, the 22nd ult. Twenty-two couples started. The following are the prize winners:—Scratch prizes—Mr. John Bremner (scratch medal and charm), 89; Colonel D. W. Mackinnon, 90; Mr. Alexander Abbie, 91; Mr. John A. Kennedy, 91. Handicap prizes—Mr. W. R. Hay (handicap medal and charm), 95, less 7=88; Mr. James W. Marshall, 94, less 4=90; Mr. John Wood, 96, less 6=90; Mr. Thomas Davidson, 95, less 4=91; Mr. A. Henry, 101, less 10=91; Mr. D. F. W. Parlane, 101, less 10=91.

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS GOLF CLUB.

The competition for Bailie Wilson's medal took place on Saturday, the 29th ult., and the weather being favourable, and greens in good condition, eighteen couples started, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. J. Raeside ... 89 12 77	Mr. Allan Muir ... 103 18 85
Mr. R. M. Kellie ... 107 30 77	Mr. A. Runcie ... 103 18 85
Mr. J. Hamilton ... 93 12 81	Mr. C. G. Randall . 86 scr. 86
Mr. J. Tullis ... 92 10 82	Mr. A. Boon ... 87 scr. 87
Mr. J. Andrew ... 85 3 82	Mr. J. Meikle ... 97 10 87
Mr. W. E. Griffin... 101 18 83	Mr. H. M. Giles ... 100 12 88
Mr. A. Muir ... 91 8 83	Mr. D. Fergusson... 100 12 88
Mr. J. Stevenson ... 107 24 83	Mr. D. Young ... 112 24 88
Mr. A. Y. Peattie... 108 24 84	Mr. W. J. Templeton 100 12 88
Mr. C. I. Hight ... 96 12 84	Mr. A. M. Turner... 101 10 91
Mr. W. Smith ... 102 18 84	Mr. W. H. Griffin... 113 20 93

ROYAL CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

The half-yearly trophy, a present from the president of the club—Lord Robartes—was played for on Tuesday, August 25th. Rain fell heavily in the morning but cleared off by the time the competition began, but only to come on again with increased vigour before the last few couples completed their second round. Dr. Elliot played two good rounds, but the rest were more or less off their game. The match tournament under handicap, which was begun on Wednesday, has been so much retarded by the incessant rain that it was not finished by the end of the week.

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Brigade-Surgeon A. F. Elliot	66	51	123	25	98
Mr. W. P. Matthews ...	64	55	119	18	101
Mr. Melvill Sandys ...	57	56	113	12	101
Mr. H. J. Graham ...	60	67	127	25	102
Mr. C. H. Hext ...	59	53	112	5	107
Colonel Parkyn ...	66	68	134	25	109
Mr. Young-Jamieson ...	58	68	126	12	114

The second half-yearly competition for the gold medal given to the Ladies' Club by their president, Lady Robartes, took place on Friday last. The weather was beautiful, and quite compensated for the deluge of rain which was incessant during the early days of the meeting. The result proved a close thing between Mrs. Salmon and Mrs. Young-Jamieson. A large company of members and their friends from the neighbourhood were on the green to witness the play.

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.
Mrs. Salmon	49	51	100
Mrs. Young-Jamieson ...	48	54	102
Mrs. Simpson... ..	58	54	112
Miss A. Barnett	60	55	115
Miss E. Gilbert	57	58	115
Miss Page	55	60	115
Mrs. Edyvean	61	61	122
Miss Every	66	61	127
Miss K. Peter-Hoblyn ...	70	67	137
Mrs. Charles Hext	76	69	145
Mrs. Every	83	83	166
Mrs. Wolstan Francis ...		retired	

CHILDREN'S HANDICAP.—GIRLS.

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mabel Every ... 55 scr. 55	Blanche Fenton ... 67 6 61
Harriett Young-Jamieson ... 68 12 56	Beatrice Fenton ... 71 9 62
Amy Elliot ... 63 3 60	Florence Fenton ... 75 3 71
Evelyn Sandys ... 66 6 60	Queenie Elliot ... 101 15 86
Eva Fenton ... 79 18 61	Margie Anderson ... 103 12 91
	Ruby Johnstone ... 120 9 111

Polly Simpson made no return.

First prize, M. Every, gold and pearl horse-shoe bangle; second prize, H. M. Young-Jamieson, gold and pearl initial brooch; third prize, A. Elliot, writing desk.

BOYS.

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Hon. Gerald Agar	Gerald Every ... 78 scr. 78
Robartes... ..	Hon. T. Agar-
Fred. Elliot ... 79 6 73	Robartes... .. 93 scr. 93
Jim Young-Jamieson ... 80 3 77	Monte Edyvean ... 140 3 137
Charles Young-Jamieson... .. 83 6 77	Cyril Edyvean ... 194 9 185

First prize, gold and platinum Golf pin, Hon. G. Agar Roberts, second prize, gold links, Fred. Elliot; third prize, silver watch chain; Jim Young Jamieson.

The prizes were given away by Mrs. Young-Jamieson.

The fifth monthly handicap of the series was played on Friday, the 21st ult., in fine weather. A field of fifteen competed, Miss K. Peter-Hoblyn returning her first winning score with a net total of 91.

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Miss K. Peter-Hoblyn	65	56	121	30	91
Mrs. Salmon	55	51	106	11	95
Mrs. Young-Jamieson	51	56	107	7	100
Miss E. Gilbert	67	59	126	25	101
Mrs. Simpson	59	55	114	11	103
Miss A. Barnett	59	57	116	8	108
Mrs. C. H. Hext	72	71	143	35	108
Miss B. Fenton	68	66	134	25	109
Miss Every	62	65	127	16	111
Mrs. Francis	60	60	120	6	114
Mrs. G. Petherick	75	73	148	35	113
Miss Page	64	67	131	15	116
Lady Morshead	94	102	196	35	161

ROYAL CROMER GOLF CLUB.

Play for a medal presented by Mr. F. Carver, added to a half-crown sweepstake, August 20th, resulted in a tie between Mr. H. M. Leggatt and Mr. O. Nelson, who agreed to divide the sweepstake and play for the medal. The latter won.

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. H. M. Leggatt	97	16	81	Mr. F. Carver	98	8	90
Mr. O. Nelson	101	20	81	Mr. F. S. Ireland	94	3	91
Major Archdale	91	8	83	Mr. H. F. Pelham	102	8	94
Mr. A. Cooper	98	15	83	Mr. B. Bond-Cabbel	109	14	95
Mr. E. B. Sheppard	102	18	84	Mr. B. C. Thompson	111	16	95
Mr. J. Badkin	106	18	88	Mr. J. Alexander	111	14	97
Sir H. Wood	109	20	89				

Several players were over 100, or made no return.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

Saturday, August 22nd.—Col. Mackenzie's prize and sweepstakes. Scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. G. Hornby	88	2	86	*Mr. C. H. Clements	104	12	92
Mr. C. A. Teape	90	3	87	Capt. Robins	97	4	93
*Mr. C. E. Lewis	101	14	87	Mr. T. W. Barker	100	6	94
Major Scott, R.A.	91	1	90	Mr. R. R. Newton	119	22	97
Col. Mackenzie	93	3	90				

* Divided the sweepstakes.

Several players made no return.

ROYAL NORTH DEVON GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday last the monthly medal and the memento (a silver cream jug) were won by Mr. C. E. Boyd, who also put in a win for the Kentish gold jubilee piece and the Houldsworth cup. The Rev. E. G. Peake took first prize in the sweepstake, the second falling to Mr. "Richards." The day was very fine, with rather a strong wind, but owing to the heavy rain on Thursday night there was a quantity of surface water about, which entailed some heavy scoring:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Rev. E. G. Peake, S.	100	18	82	Rev. R. W. S. Vidal,			
Mr. C. E. Boyd, M.	99	13	86	M.S.	100	6	94
Mr. W. "Richards,"				Mr. F. Cooke, M.S.	116	20	96
M.S.	91	4	87	Mr. A. Keir, M.S.	104	7	97
Mr. J. J. Harding,				Lieut.-Col. Winter-			
M.S.	94	5	89	scale, M.S.	107	10	97
Mr. R. B. Moles-				Capt. Chichester,			
worth, M.S.	94	5	89	R.N., M.S.	116	18	98
Mr. P. Winterscale,				Archd. Hardy, S.	116	18	98
M.S.	109	20	89	Capt. Gordon, M.S.	108	9	99
Major F. Gosset,				Rev. J. Stewart, S.	110	11	99
M.S.	98	8	90	Lieut.-Col. Gubbins,			
Major Pigott, M.S.	109	16	93	M.S.	110	9	101
				Mr. H. E. Clerk, S.	129	18	111

No returns.—Surg.-Gen. Fuller, S.; Col. Pearce, M.S.; Capt. A. Molesworth, M.S.; Rev. C. Pigott, M.S.; Messrs. W. Cooke, S.; Cripps, M.S.; Dowell, M.S.; James, S.; W. H. Houldsworth, M.S.; Keats, M.S.; Lemarchand, M.S.; Bainbury, S. There were fifty-eight players out.

STOCKBRIDGE CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The monthly competition for the Wallace handicap medal of this club took place on the 28th ult., over the Stockbridge public park. Mr. P. Seton was the winner of the medal with a score of 89, less 3=86. The other best scores were:—Mr. W. P. Drummond, 98, less 3=95; Mr. Fraser, 112, less 22=90; Mr. J. Cochrane, 105, less 12=93.

ROYAL WIMBLEDON GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly handicap challenge medal took place on Saturday, the 29th ult., with the following result:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. F. E. Faithfull	87	4	83	Mr. N. Lubbock	101	12	89
Mr. C. A. W. Cameron	89	4	85	Mr. E. A. Walker	99	8	91
Mr. J. H. Mudie	89	4	85	Mr. R. H. Usher	107	16	91
Mr. W. Morley	104	18	86	Mr. R. Thomson	97	5	92
Mr. A. Pollock	92	5	87	Mr. W. R. Portal	113	20	93
Mr. R. T. Thomson	90	2	88				

SEAFORD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, August 29th, 1891. Scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. H. Tanner	99	16	83	Judge Coventry	117	25	92
Dr. C. A. S. Leggatt	90	6	84	Mr. T. J. Baillie	114	18	96
Mr. A. Denman	91	scr.	91	Mr. P. S. Lee	118	20	98
Mr. R. A. Baillie	108	17	91	Mr. A. B. Hutchings	124	25	99

Several players made no returns, or were over 100 net. The weather was very windy.

ST. ANDREWS.

The past has been a very busy golfing week, though somewhat indifferent weather has been meted out to the followers of the game. On Wednesday the Royal and Ancient held their monthly handicap and optional prize competition. There was a good representative field. The optional prize fell to Mr E. Scratton at 111, less 8=103. The other scores were:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. Oswald	97	8	89	Mr. F. G. Tulloch	96	2	94
Mr. G. Nicol	98	9	89	Mr. F. G. Hamilton	106	9	97
Mr. A. Shewan	98	9	89	Mr. H. A. Bethune	103	6	97
Mr. W. F. E. Blackwell	100	7	93	Mr. A. C. Rintoul	117	18	99

On Friday evening the St. Andrews professionals and caddies played for a sum of £15 10s., subscribed by visitors. Several of the favourite couples were accompanied by a numerous body of spectators, and some Golf well worth seeing was witnessed. This was notably the case in the game of Alec Herd, certainly one of the most promising of the young St. Andrews professionals. He opened splendidly with an aggregate of fifteen strokes for the first four holes. Striking off from the Ginger-beer hole his foot unfortunately slipped, and driving into a whin he thereby lost a couple of strokes. At the high hole he was almost dead in two, and putting weakly took five to get home; withal Alec did the outward journey in 40. Homeward he did not have a single bad figure, and with 37 for the nine holes completed the round in 77. His details were:—

Out	...	...	3	5	3	4	7	5	5	4	4=40
In	...	...	4	3	4	4	5	4	4	5	4=37

This secured him an easy first, the prize being a five-pound note. The other prize-winners were:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. D. Ayton	83	scr.	83	Mr. J. Burns	89	scr.	89
Mr. A. Kirkaldy	83	scr.	83	Mr. J. Kirkaldy	94	4	90
Mr. Hugh Kirkaldy	85	scr.	85	Mr. J. Lee	97	6	91
Mr. R. B. Wilson	90	4	86	Mr. D. Culbert	97	6	91
Mr. D. Herd	91	4	87	Mr. J. Herd	100	9	91

There were twenty-six players in all.

On Saturday the members of the St. Andrews Ladies' Golf held their monthly medal competition. As is usually the case in the month of August, there was a very large field. The weather, unfortunately, in the latter part of the day was extremely wet. Two rounds, or 36 holes, were played, and the result was as follows:—First medal: Mrs. Everard, 101. Second medal: Mrs. Donald Hodge, 103. Medal confined to those who have never previously been in the medal list—Miss B. D. Chieve, 112. Miss Taft tied with Mrs. Everard for the star for the best round, the score being 48. Mrs. Everard withdrew in favour of Miss Taft. The handicap tournament, open to members of the Royal and Ancient for the Queen Victoria Jubilee Vase, began on Tuesday. The following is the list of players:—Mr. J. L. Stewart (9); Mr. D. I. Lamb (owes 1); Mr. G. Nicol (7); Mr. T. Tate (9); Mr. H. S. Colt (2); Mr. J. Robertson Reid (6); Mr. J. Oswald (6); Mr. C. G. Hamilton (7); Mr. H. A. Bethune (4); Captain J. R. Scott (16); Mr. L. Keyser (8); Mr. T. Jeffrey (7); Mr. A. L. Christie (5); Captain F. W. Marshall (4); Captain G. M. Boothby (5); Mr. R. A. Hull (4); Mr. R. Gilroy (4); Mr. I. Henry Anderson (7); Mr. J. L. Luke (5); Major P. Chalmers (6); Mr. A. Shewan (6); Mr. B. C. Wyld (6); Major W. B. Craigie (15); Mr. F. Simson (4); Mr. A. Briggs (4); Mr. E. D. Prothero (2); Mr. G. F. Muir (8); Colonel D. W. Mackinnon (scr.); Mr. G. H. Grant (7); Mr. A. Nimmo, jun. (5); Mr. J. H. Aitken (6); Lieut.-Colonel Alex. Boyd (14); Mr. W. R. Sharp (8); Mr. Arthur N. Stewart (scr.); Mr. H. S. C. Everard (owes 1); Mr. H. H. Longman (11); Mr. Edward Scratton (6); Mr. G. L. Chambers (8).

The challenge by the brothers Kirkaldy to play a home-and-home match for £50 a-side has been accepted by Ben Sayers and Grant, North Berwick. The dates which have been fixed are, St. Andrews, Wednesday, September 9th, and North Berwick, Wednesday, September 16th. The match is certain to be a good one, and it comes very opportunely for the visitors in both places who desire to see an exposition of first-class Golf.

It would, perhaps be noticed from the above list of winners in the professional competition that Jack Burns, an ex-champion, who was for some years keeper of the green at Warwick, has meantime returned to St. Andrews. He is not yet in first-class form, but he means to do battle for the championship, which comes off at the end of the month.

TOURNAMENT AT CRAIL, FIFE.

A Golf tournament by holes under handicap, over Sauchope links, Crail, was begun on Wednesday, the 19th ult., and finished on Saturday, 22nd ult. The tournament was open to members of both the clubs in Crail, and to summer visitors to this favourite little Fifehire seaside resort. Of forty entries, only two were absent, so that nineteen couples were ready to do battle, a large muster for a small green of ten holes. But under the direction of Mr. Wm. Reid of the Crail Golfing Society, Mr. Alex. R. Scott of the East Neuk o' Fife Golf Club, and Mr. A. D. Lawrie, visitor, all the couples were started without the confusion which might have been expected, seeing this is the first combined tournament held at Crail. Each heat covered twenty holes or two rounds, and some close and exciting tussles were witnessed by the ladies and gentlemen who thronged the links on the several days of the competition. The first prize, a gold charm, was won by Mr. Tom Brown, (Crail) after a keen final, with Mr. John G. Gay (Crail), who was awarded a smaller charm. Other minor prizes in golfing material were given, in order to extend the interest. The following is the result.

First Heat.—Mr. D. Mathewson (5), 2 up and 1 to play, beat Mr. A. Campbell (7); Mr. Robert Patterson (5), after a tie, 3 up and 2 to play, beat Mr. W. W. McCrie (6); Mr. John W. Hill (5), 6 up and 4 to play, beat Mr. John Scott (2); Mr. James Milne (9), 6 up and 4 to play, beat Mr. Tom Muir (8); Mr. W. H. Dickinson (8), 9 up, beat Mr. Hugh Sinclair (6); Mr. Tom Brown (1), 6 up and 5 to play, beat Mr. J. Lyon (7); Mr. D. McLean (5), 5 up and 3 to play, beat Mr. G. S. Layard (8); Mr. Jas. L. Sanderson (6), w.o., Mr. J. Duncan (5) absent; Twelve couples drew byes.

Second heat.—Mr. D. Mathewson, 4 up and 3 to play, beat Mr. R. Patterson; Mr. John W. Hill 2 up and 1 to play beat Mr. James Milne; Mr. Hill Gay (2), 5 up and 4 to play, beat Mr. James T. Hill (2); Mr. Andrew Morris (2), after a tie, beat Mr. A. Campbell (7); Mr. John G. Gay (3), 8 up and 6 to play, beat Mr. John Nesbitt (5); Mr. Alex. R. Scott (6), 7 up and 4 to play, beat Mr. Harry Patterson (7); Mr. A. D. Lawrie (8), 6 up and 4 to play, beat Mr. John T. Patterson (3); Mr. James Anderson, w.o., Mr. H. Lillie, jun., absent; Mr. Geo. W. S. Morris (2), 5 up and 4 to play, beat Mr. W. Reid (6); Mr. A. Linn (10), 7 up and 5 to play, beat Mr. D. G. Hill (4); Mr. James Todd (4), by 3 up, beat Mr. T. Muir, sen. (8); Mr. James S. Morris (5), after a tie, beat Mr. John B. Milne (4); Mr. Duncan Sinclair (5), 6 up and 5 to play, beat Mr. Wm. Neill (4); Mr. Wm. Roger (3), by 2 up, beat Mr. T. T. Patterson (5); Mr. Tom Brown, 5 up and 4 to play, beat Mr. W. H. Dickinson; Mr. D. McLean, 8 up and 5 to play, beat Mr. James S. Anderson.

Third Heat.—Mr. D. Mathewson, tie, 4 up, beat Mr. John W. Hill; Mr. Andrew Morris, tie and 1 up, beat Mr. Hill Gay; Mr. John G. Gay, 2 up and 1 to play, beat Mr. A. R. Scott; Mr. A. D. Lawrie, tied twice, 2 up, beat Mr. Jas. Anderson; Mr. Geo. W. S. Morris, 5 up, and 4 to play, beat Mr. A. Linn; Mr. James S. Morris, 2 up, beat Mr. James Todd; Mr. Duncan Sinclair, 3 up and 2 to play, beat Mr. W. Roger; Mr. Tom Brown, 5 up and 4 to play, beat Mr. D. McLean.

Fourth Heat.—Mr. D. Mathewson, 4 up and 3 to play, beat Mr. Andrew Morris; Mr. John G. Gay, 4 up and 3 to play, beat Mr. A. D. Lawrie; Mr. James S. Morris, 1 up, beat Mr. Geo. W. S. Morris; Mr. Tom Brown, tie, 4 up, beat Mr. Duncan Sinclair.

Fifth Heat (Semi-final).—Mr. John G. Gay, 5 up and 4 to play, beat Mr. D. Mathewson; Mr. Tom Brown, 2 up and 1 to play, beat Mr. Jas. S. Morris.

Final.—Mr. Tom Brown 1 up, beat Mr. John G. Gay.

TROON GOLF CLUB.

The August competition for the Sandhills gold medal (handicap) fell to be played on Saturday, and the weather was very favourable for the competition. The links as a whole, and the greens in particular, were in very good condition, the recent rains and genial weather having enabled them to get quite the better of the effects of the previous drought. The links were crowded all day, and, of the large contingent present, twenty-five couples went round for the medal. The lowest scorer for the medal, which becomes the property of the player

having the smallest aggregate of strokes for four out of twelve possible competitions spread over twelve months, was found to be Mr. Jas. Wilson, jun., who was 98, less 18=80. The following are all the cards handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. James Wilson, jun.	98	18	80	Mr. James Meek	96	6	90
Mr. W. G. Cooper	97	12	85	Mr. J. M. Jameson	104	14	90
Mr. James Irvine	98	12	86	Mr. C. A. H. B. Culpeper	114	24	90
Mr. J. Adam Anderson	102	14	88	Mr. A. T. Craig	103	10	93
Mr. John Clark, jun.	96	8	88	Mr. Andrew McMur-ray	98	scr.	98
Mr. E. D. Prothero	89	scr.	89	Dr. Highet	103	2	101
Mr. John Merry	93	4	89	Mr. W. D. Strachan	115	14	101
Mr. T. R. Stuart	107	18	89				

The Captain's Prize.—The semi-finals for the captain's prize were played last week, the result being:—Mr. T. B. A. McMichael (3) beat Mr. Andrew Yates (4) by one hole; Mr. E. D. Prothero (scr.) beat Mr. John Sturrock, jun., by 4 up and 3 to play.

The tie between the first mentioned couple turned out to be a very close one. It was still undecided at the seventeenth hole, where the players were all square, and it was only at the Home hole that Mr. McMichael holed out in 4 to his opponent's 5. The tie between Messrs. Prothero and Sturrock was one-sided, the younger man being off his game, and parting with his substantial handicap before returning for home. The final now falls to be played between Mr. E. D. Prothero (scr.), and Mr. T. B. A. McMichael, and the tie is likely to be played next week.

COMRIE.—The Golf course which was opened here in spring has been a great attraction to visitors, and on Thursday, the 27th ult., a grand tournament was held. There was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen, the company including Mr. and Mrs. Steel, Earnbank; Mr. Johnston and friends, Comrie House; Mrs. Lees, Edinburgh; Dr. Morrison and the Misses Morrison, Glasgow; Mrs. Ritchie, Dunfermline; Misses Clark, Glasgow; Mrs. Brough and friends, Wellpark; Mrs. Peter Brough and Miss C. Crerar, Comrie; Mr. and Misses Morrison, Crieff, &c. Miss Clark, Glasgow, drew the ballot, and Mr. Gibson, schoolmaster, was clerk. Nine couples started. There was some splendid driving to be seen, but the yet bumpy greens made putting very uncertain. The long hole, which has to be crossed twice, the ground of which is very rough, a good lie being a mere fluke, ruined some otherwise good scratch scores. The end of the day proved that the men who could use their iron had the pull. The prizes, which consisted entirely of clubs and balls, were presented to the winners by Miss Morrison, Glasgow. The following is the prize-list:—1st, Mr. D. Fergusson, Glasgow (scratch), 91; 2nd, Rev. D. L. Ritchie, Dunfermline (scratch), 95; 3rd, Mr. G. Fergusson, Portobello, 115, less 14=101; 4th, Mr. M'David, Comrie, 122, less 20=102; 5th, Professor Lees, Edinburgh, 101, plus 2=103; 6th, Mr. P. Brough, Comrie, 134, less 30=104; 7th, Mr. M'Isaac, Edinburgh, 124, less 20=104; 8th, Mr. P. M'Intyre, Comrie, 114, less 10=104; 9th, Mr. Robertson, Comrie, 116, less 10=106; 10th, Mr. Campbell, Comrie, 109, less 3=106.

BURNTISLAND.—The first of a series of competitions for a handsome silver medal, the gift of Miss Kirke, of Greenmount, as a memento of the opening of the new green, took place on the High Bents on Saturday, and drew out a considerable field. The play for the medal is monthly, to continue for twelve months, when the three lowest scores play off for possession, the winner to hold it for one year. The green was in excellent condition though a trifle heavy from the recent rains, and the weather all that could be desired. The leading players seemed entirely out of the run with the exception of Mr. R. Dover, who finished his three rounds with a score of 78, plus 2=80. But this was set aside by Mr. W. Elder, who turned up with 81, less 7=74, and was therefore winner in this the first competition for what has been described as the "anniversary medal."

LEVEN LADIES' GOLF CLUB.—The second competition of this club was held on Saturday afternoon. A heavy shower fell just before the hour fixed for starting, and the course was consequently rather heavy. On comparing cards it was found that the following were the prize-winners:—Miss Neaves, 80, less 18=62; Miss Carstairs, 79, less 12=67; Mrs. Shepherd and Miss Brown, 80, less 12=68; Miss Mary Wilkie, 72, less 2=70; and Miss Powell, 94, less 24=70; Miss C. Wilkie, 78, less 7=71; Miss B. Wallace, 88, less 16=72; Miss Marjory Wilkie, (scratch) 72; Miss Lena Thomson, (scratch) 73; Miss B. Grant, 85, less 12=73; Miss Dewar, 87, less 14=73. At the close of the competition, the prizes were presented by Mr. F. T. Wallace, Royal Bank.

BANK OF SCOTLAND GOLF CLUB.—This club held its sixth monthly competition at the Braids on Thursday, the 27th ult. Winner, Mr. A. Meikle.

BOYS' COMPETITION AT DUNBAR.—A competition, open to the sons of visitors and residents at Dunbar, was held over Dunbar Links on Saturday, when a number of valuable prizes were competed for. The green was in splendid condition, and the starting of the boys by Mr. J. Graham Mickel was witnessed by a large number of people. There were two classes, for boys under 15 years and under 18 years. There was also a caddies' competition for clothing, &c., pre-ented by the Duchess-Dowager of Roxburgh and Messrs. W. and J. Gray, Oxwellmains. The prizes at the close were presented by Mrs. Gray, Oxwellmains. Results:—Boys' competition (First Class).—1, R. J. Dick, 105; 2, W. F. Veitch, 109; 3, Stewart Dick, 109; 4, T. G. Dryburgh, 115; 5, E. G. Murray, 124. Boys' Competition (Second Class).—1, A. Brodie, 118; 2, Steven Mickel, 122; 3, J. W. Lawson, 122; 4, F. G. Gray, 126; 5, G. Ramsay, 128; 6, C. Lawson, 133; 7, J. Heron, 124; 8, J. R. Murray, 139; 9, G. Lawson, 143; 10, D. L. Bruce, 144. Caddies' Competition (First Class).—1, R. Marr; 2, P. Robertson; 3, C. Robertson; 4, R. Robertson; 5, W. Lough. Caddies' Competition (Second Class).—1, A. Davidson; 2, R. Gullane; 3, R. M'Kenzie; 4, Joseph Smith; 5, Alex. Smith.

SCOTSCRAIG CLUB.—The monthly competition for the medal (handicap) took place on Saturday—two rounds of the course. There was a fair turn-out of competitors, and excepting a shower, the weather was favourable. On an examination of cards it was found that the medal had been won by Mr. G. Millar with the score of 94, less 16=78. A few of the next best were:—Mr. A. S. Thomson (scratch), 80; Mr. W. Hogg, 89, less 2=87; Mr. W. Dickson, 98, less 8=90; Mr. W. Davidson, 101, less 10=91; Mr. J. Jarvis, 110, less 18=92; Mr. W. Methven, 103, less 10=93; Mr. W. Smith, 102, less 8=94; Mr. W. Death, 112, less 16=96; Mr. J. Greig, 115, less 16=99. A general meeting of the members was held in the club-house in the afternoon, when two new members were admitted, and a proposal to form a course for a ladies' club was remitted to the council with powers, and with regard to the competition at Prestwick in October for the *Evening Times* Trophy, it was left to any of the members desirous of going to make arrangements with the secretary.

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