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AUGUST.

- Aug. 27.—Felixstowe : Captain's Prize.
Sidecup : Monthly Medal.
West Lancashire : Monthly Medal.
Woodford : Captain's Prize.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Monthly Medal.
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.
Ilkley : Monthly Medal.
Seaford : Monthly Medal.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Crookham : Monthly Medal.
Warwickshire : Club Cup Competition.
Aldeburgh : Gold Medal.
- Aug. 27.—Cinque Ports, Deal : Monthly Medal.
Islay : Monthly Medal.
West Cornwall : Monthly Medal.
Scarborough : Gold Medal.
Southwold : Quarterly Medal Competition ; Challenge Medal.
- Aug. 29 & 30.—Hunstanton : Summer Meeting.

SEPTEMBER.

- Sept. 1.—Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Medal.
Sept. 2.—Royal Cornwall : Club Competition.
Minehead : Autumn Competitions.
- Sept. 3.—Brighton and Hove : Berens Gold Medal.
Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal.
Bowdon : Monthly Medal.
Warrender : Monthly Medal.
Richmond : Monthly Medal.
Redhill and Reigate : Turner Medal.

- Sept. 3.—London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Monifieth : Silver Medal.
Cathkin Braes : Monthly Medal.
Felixstowe : Monthly Challenge Cup.
Newbiggin : Club Prize.
- Sept. 5.—Folkestone : Autumn Meeting.
- Sept. 6.—Carnarvonshire : Monthly Medal.
Royal Blackheath : Monthly Medal.
- Sept. 6 to 10.—Irish Amateur Championship, at Portrush.
- Sept. 7.—Southdown and Brighton Ladies : Foursome Competition.
Durham : Walter Cup.
Blackheath Ladies' : Monthly Medal.
Southdown and Brighton Ladies' : Foursomes.
West Cornwall Ladies : Captain's Prize.
- Sept. 8.—Newbiggin : Club Gold Medal.
- Sept. 10.—Leasowe : Monthly Competition.
Bradford St. Andrews : Rhodes Medal.
Buxton and High Peak : The Strang Cup.
Royal Isle of Wight : Monthly Medal.
Formby : Cullen Scratch Medal.
Guildford : Monthly Medal.
Thistle, Edinburgh : Match, Treasurer v. Secretary.
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
Cathkin Braes : Members' Match.
Felixstowe : Captain's Prize.
Southport : Monthly Medal.
Cumbrae : Monthly Competition.
Warwickshire : Two Silver Cups.
Royal County, Portrush : Open Hole Competition.
West Herts : Monthly Medal.
Warwickshire : Foursome Cups Tournament.
Scarborough : Silver Medal.
- Sept. 12.—Cumbrae : Ladies' Competition.
- Sept. 13-16.—Minehead : Autumn Meeting.
- Sept. 14 to 17.—Blairgowrie : Ladies' Cup.
- Sept. 16 & 17.—Ashdown Forest : September Meeting.
- Sept. 17.—West Lancashire : Autumn Meeting.
Woodford : Quarterly Medal.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Monthly Medal.
Gullane : Captain's and other Prizes.
Buxton and High Peak : The September Cup.
Ealing : Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove : De Worms Challenge Cup.
Disley : Summer Silver Medal.
Thistle, Edinburgh : Monthly Trophy.
Wimbledon Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Cathkin Braes : Westwood Cup.
St. George's, Sandwich : Monthly Medal.
Felixstowe : Captain's Prize.
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THE GOLFING OUTLOOK.

"Then longen folk to gon on pilgrimages." In Chaucer's day the pilgrimage season was April; we are later, with us it is August. Then the cricketer buries his bat in well-oiled brown paper, and puts it into winter quarters, while he polishes his Golf clubs and studies Bradshaw. Then commence great searchings of heart about the best place to go, a question involved in a complexity of motive which is truly human. "St. Andrews so crowded, cannot go there." "Might try Westward Ho! but old A——'s there, and he's such a bore." "Think we'd better go to North Berwick. Old B——'s there and he always thinks he can beat me; that's half-a-crown a-day to the good, anyhow." The lady here puts in a plea for some place where there are "nice sands for the children." Given the presence of "old B——" at North Berwick, the golfer will quickly say that all maternal and feminine requirements are well met there.

If the pilgrim be a pious student of his GOLF, he will have noticed the rising of the new star, of the very greatest magnitude, visible at the very hub of the golfing universe—Mr. Edward Blackwell has returned to St. Andrews. Some years ago, when he was a boy, Mr. Edward Blackwell used to be golfing at St. Andrews, and one used to hear lurid tales about his driving; but one never believed them. Then he played two set matches, the first against Mr. Laidlay, and won with great ease. The second match was against Jack Simpson, who had just recently won the Championship, and was at the very top of his game. Mr. Blackwell beat Simpson as easily as he had beaten Mr. Laidlay, and in each case by the same plan—he outdrove them by fifty or sixty yards every time. It is an excellent plan. The day after his match with Jack Simpson he sailed for America.

But he has come back, and now, by the chronicles of Mr. Everard, he is driving further even than before, further than mortal man was ever known to drive before—driving on the Continental scale.

So this suggests one fitting object for a pilgrimage—to go to St. Andrews to see Mr. Blackwell drive. Then towards the end of September comes the King William IV.'s medal meeting, and the dancing and the dining, with Mr. Graham Murray, the Scottish ex-Solicitor-General, and member for Bute, as Captain of the club, in succession to Sir Ralph Anstruther. If we remember rightly, Mr. Alexander Stuart (commonly, "Andy") who lately contested, without success, a bit of Glasgow in the Unionist interest, holds this medal at present, as he has held it before. Having, fortunately for his Golf, failed to get into Parliament, perhaps he may hold it again, but it is a fearsome strong field—this that enters for the St. Andrews Autumn Medal—none stronger except the fields for the Championships.

Throughout these months of August and September, the quantity of Golf on St. Andrews links is much too great for comfort; and for safety a French duel ranks far higher. Mr. Blackwell's driving, however, may perhaps decimate the crowd.

But before the end of September we have the Open Championship in prospect—namely on the 22nd and 23rd of September—on a new green and under new conditions. There is 10s. of entry money (an innovation), there are two days' play (72 holes, as against the 36 of former competitions), the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers are going to give £20 added money (a very honourable Company!) and the play is to be over their new green at Muirfield. Now the majority of us know as much about Muirfield, as we do about Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Bill—no more—but for three days before the competition the course is to be open for the practice of competitors. (Shall we be allowed to hear about the Home Rule Bill for three whole days before it becomes what is called law?) The Honourable Company have, ever of old, golfed at Musselburgh, and there, every third year, the Championship has been played. We may congratulate them on the change of venue. It has even been whispered to us that a fair trial was not possible on the old Musselburgh green. "They're awfu' selfish folk at Musselbrae," we have heard said; "they'll no' let

an outside mon win." While we recognise the charity of the mildly opprobrious "selfish," let us trust the shameful suspicion was without cause. But while all in the dark about the merits of Muirfield, we yet may congratulate the Honourable Company on the change, for, really, nothing could be worse than Musselburgh. (Is it from a similar view of Coercion Acts that we hear eulogies of darkling Home Rule?) And yet this is a hard thing to say, and there is a pathetic side to it—companies, Honourable and otherwise, abandoning Musselburgh, in its rugged and bald old age, like rats (forgive us, all honourable companies!) a sinking ship. It used to be such a good course. So much good Golf has been played on it, and will be still, we make no doubt. Only there was too much Golf, so that the whins got worn away utterly to nothingness, the ground was hard and "skelpy," there was scarcely standing-room for the golfer on the first teeing ground, it was all a vexation to golfing flesh.

So there, again, is a nice new pilgrimage to see the Open Championship and the new links at Muirfield. Hugh Kirkaldy, the present champion, of course, will be there, who holds the wonderful record of 73 for the full St. Andrews course, and his brother, Andrew, who has holed St. Andrews in but one stroke more—74. Then there will be Mr. Blackwell, we hope, the mighty driver, and Mr. John Ball, present amateur champion, and the only amateur who, as yet, has won the Open Championship.

Does it appear to any that this was an arbitrary measure of the Honourable Company to change the place of contest and the conditions? None could have better right; for the Honourable Company subscribed long ago with, Prestwick and St. Andrews, to buy the champion cup, to replace the belt which poor young "Tommy Morris" won outright on his third successive victory. And now the Honourable Company has removed itself corporately to Muirfield. It seems but natural sequence, then, that the championship should follow it; the alteration in conditions is undoubtedly for the better. Seventy-two holes are a better test, of course, than thirty-six; but oh what a bore to have to play them, and scoring all the time! Picture to yourself, if hopeless grief befall you on the first day, the horror of having to accompany your partner, scoring for him—a corpse chained to a living man for two-and-seventy holes and six-and-thirty hours! But all these considerations only increase, by contrast the satisfaction of the spectator. Muirfield we get at, as best we can, from Drem, a junction which all who have been to North Berwick know far, far too well.

Golf does not lend itself kindly to prophecy, but probably it is substantial odds on the Championship being won by a professional. Only once has an amateur won it. Nevertheless it is true that each year the amateurs are getting nearer the professionals; each year there are more amateurs who can make a good match of it, on even terms, with the best professionals. And Muirfield, by its very novelty, should give all the field a fair chance. If St. Andrews were the arena one would say that Mr. Blackwell's driving should give him a pull over everybody; but if one may judge Muirfield from a knowledge of its neighbour green—Archerfield—long driving will not be of a great deal of use there. Still, it is always of a certain amount of use anywhere. Mr. Laidlay, too, appears to be in first-rate form, for he won the New Club medal at North Berwick the other day in a fine score. Besides, he is an Honourable Companion, so that he will be playing more or less on his home green. Probably, however, the amateur with best chance is Mr. John Ball, after all. He likes a soft green, too, and Muirfield is sure to be soft. One is a little sceptical of the putting-greens on so new a course, and if these are uncertain it adds value to accurate approaching, so that the man who plays his iron or mashie best is likely to be champion.

When we come to consider the professionals, it is very hard to say whose chance is best. The top of the tree is crowded. Certainly this adds interest. In Golf we have had no Grace, no Pettitt, no Roberts; there are at least forty men who are "in it" for the Championship. With the 10s. entry-money no one is likely to start who is out of it. Sayers is close by, at North Berwick, and Willie Park not far away, at Musselburgh. Also there is a first-rate English professional who is likely to compete with credit—Taylor by name—who keeps the green at Burnham, in Somersetshire, but learned his Golf at Westward

Ho! He lately beat Andrew Kirkaldy in a home-and-home match. But it is useless, if not invidious, to pick names out of such a host. This, at least, is sure, that those whose interest in Golf is fervid have a good month to look forward to.

In England as well, and all Great Britain over, September is perhaps the busiest golfing month. It is holiday time, and talk of "heels" and "toes" takes the place of talk of "bulls" and "bears." Then it becomes time to try how much advance our old foe M'Bunker has made, who was steadily golfing the whole summer through, while we were cricketing, or money-making, or engaged on some such rubbish.

Unhappily we cannot all be champions, but by a merciful dispensation it happens that those who are scarce across the *pons assinorum* very probably get more pleasure from their Golf than any champion. At all events, they have more room for improvement, and while there is life there is hope. But, further, the humble golfer is occasionally cheered by joyful surprises. Now and again he hits a ball clean, and the rare sensuous delight is ecstatic, whereas to the champion the unexpected can but take the form of misadventure. When he has done all things well he is but satisfied.

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In no department of the game has greater progress been made than in the perfection and excellence of the Golf ball. To the improvements which are constantly being made in the shape, nicking, and material of the ball we are more indebted for the good scoring, breaking of records, and the long flight of drives than to changes in the form and weight of clubs. Among the many club and ball makers who are devoting much attention to this department it is pleasing to add Mr. Ramsay Hunter, the popular professional of the St. George's Golf Club at Sandwich. At the beginning of the year he prepared for the market a ball to which he has given his own name by way of description. We have recently tried some of these balls, and in every respect they were admirable. They were made of black gutta, beautifully moulded and nicked, and painted without a flaw. They are very hard, and do not readily hack out of heavy lies with iron clubs; they run true and fast on the putting-green, while they leave the tee with that sweet musical click so dear to the ear of every golfer. Mr. J. Ball, Mr. Hilton, Douglas Rolland, the leading players of the St. George's club, are no mean authorities as to the qualities of a good ball; and all speak in the highest terms of Mr. Hunter's ball. Better testimony could not be desired, and we heartily wish that Mr. Hunter may reap the reward of his painstaking industry, and the excellent workmanship he has put into these balls.

CRAIL GOLF TOURNAMENT.

The second annual Golf Tournament came off very successfully last week. As on last occasion, the tournament was open to members of the Crail Golfing Society, the East Neuk o' Fife Golf Club, and to summer visitors in Crail, the handicapping and other arrangements being carried out by a committee representing both clubs and visitors. Mr. Mathewson acted as starter. There were forty-two entries, and only one failed to appear at the start on Wednesday. The weather was then magnificent, and a great many ladies and gentlemen witnessed the successive couples tee off. Two heats of eighteen holes each were concluded that day, leaving only sixteen players in. The third heat was played on Thursday in very wet weather; on Friday the next stage was more fortunate, and Saturday was all that could be desired, allowing a large crowd to follow the semi-finals and final, when a splendid exhibition of amateur Golf was given. Some very close play took place in the course of the tournament, keeping up the interest all through. Omitting details of the first three heats, the remainder stood as follows:—

Fourth Heat.—Mr. A. R. Scott (scratch) beat Mr. W. Beveridge (5); Mr. Tom Brown (plus 1) beat Mr. C. Watson (7); Mr. J. W. Duncan (plus 1) beat Mr. J. B. Milne (2); Mr. W. Roger (3) beat Mr. A. Bell (3).

Semi-final.—Mr. Tom Brown beat Mr. A. R. Scott; Mr. J. W. Duncan beat Mr. W. Roger.

Final.—Mr. Tom Brown beat Mr. J. W. Duncan.

The third and fourth prizes were won by Messrs. A. R. Scott and W. Roger respectively.

TOURNAMENT AT ST. ANDREWS.

For some few years past St. Andrews, in the month of August, has somewhat fallen from its former estate; not indeed that there is any lack of play on the links; far from it, with some sixty matches in full career twice daily, to say nothing of third rounds; but the quality of the performers for the most part may be classed as on a par with that of "Kilgraston's laird" of famous memory. But this year an unusually large number of *players* have arrived, as a consequence whereof plenty of matches may be witnessed of a very different and far more interesting description than those with which one has lately become too painfully familiar. Advantage has been taken of their advent to inaugurate a sweepstakes, on the principle of the Chess Masters' Tournament, wherein every player meets every other, ties counting as a half. Thirteen subscribers paid ten shillings each, the loser of each match also contributing half-a-crown to the pool, and each player halving, was required to pay a shilling. Seventy-eight matches in all had to be played; the time limit was a week, within which all must be completed.

Play commenced on August 7th, the Monday following the Calcutta cup; the course was to the left, with the fifth hole at the end of the Elysian Fields, and the eleventh hole on the low green. In the morning four matches were played, and so close was the handicap that of these a couple resulted in divided honours, the two namely in which the brothers Blackwell were engaged. Mr. Edward Blackwell had as antagonist, Mr. A. R. Patterson, a medal winner at Prestwick, who on this occasion received one hole up. In view of Mr. Blackwell's notorious driving power, the West Country player, though himself one of the longest, was prepared to abase himself; nevertheless, in this department of the game he held his own remarkably well, in fact was quite disappointed at not being left further behind. This, however, appears to be his usual experience with the reputed swipers of the earth, for though, at Prestwick, objects in the surrounding neighbourhood, some half mile or so distant from the tee, are frequently pointed out to him as landmarks of Archie Simpson's drives, yet when he comes to play against that professional, the difference is but that of tweedledum and tweedledee. Whence it may be inferred that himself can lay on amain, as befitteth an old 'Varsity stroke. But this time Mr. Blackwell admittedly was rather off, and indeed missed three or four tee-shots badly. Nevertheless, after being square at the turn, this gentleman ultimately was dorny 2, but Mr. Patterson getting down in four at each of the last two holes, halved the match. Mr. Ernley Blackwell (scratch) halved with Mr. Wolfe Murray (3). In the afternoon the weather which so far had been none of the best, now became too utterly abandoned for description. There set in what is locally known as "a regular easterly hash"; yet, in view of the time limit, must the unfortunate wights press on "Business first; pleasure afterwards," says Mr. Macfie; "and no one can call *this* pleasure." Nor could it be so described, one would think. That element—what there was of it—was reserved for the be-macintoshed spectator, free to mock himself of the all too numerous mistakes of the players, thankful that himself might not then be called upon to do better. So did Mr. Hull lose his match with Mr. Macfie by 2; yet the latter seemed to be doing nothing of particular account, except, perhaps, holing all the putts he came to, as his manner is. But chances were numerous. A ninety-five sort of round by the winner; yet the cold, the wet, and the wind, prevented acceptance of opportunities. A particularly aggravating stymy made matters still harder for Mr. Hull, whose own ball was only just over six inches from the fourth hole, upon the very lip of which, with rather a bad putt, Mr. Macfie had laid his.

TUESDAY.—On Tuesday forenoon the scratch players again appeared to advantage. Mr. Macfie ran off with five out of the first six holes against Mr. Whyte, who was entirely out of his game; but on reaching the turn he recovered his play, and, by winning the next four holes, put an entirely different complexion on the match, and eventually found himself 1 up and 4 to play. But now his tee shot, a clean, well-struck ball, was neither sufficiently to the right nor to the left, in consequence of which he was jammed up against a high face, losing a stroke and the hole. After a half at the Dyke, he played a very bad third shot, of which Mr. Macfie took full advantage, winning that hole, the next, and the match by two. Mr. Ernley Blackwell also won easily against Mr. Erskine. Mr. Tulloch, giving two holes, played a remarkably fine round of 83 against Mr. Wolfe Murray, winning by 5 and 3 to play. In the afternoon five matches were decided, one of which, that between Mr. Tulloch and Mr. Ernley Blackwell, was halved. The former, receiving 1 hole, had, generally speaking, an uphill battle; he was 3 down with seven holes played; then 2 down and 5 to play; but, having wiped off these arrears by a good 4 at the seventeenth hole,

made himself dorny, but lost the last hole. Mr. Blackwell's round was 86. Mr. Edward Blackwell proved too strong for Mr. Scratton—four holes—although what luck there was going was in the latter's favour. Thus Mr. Blackwell's caddie on one occasion, standing at the hole for his master to putt at from five yards off, could not manage to slouch out of the way in time to avoid being struck by the ball, so what would have been a certain win turned out a lost hole—a difference of 2 on the match. The same gentleman also suffered from a stymy at the eleventh hole; but his long driving stood him in good stead coming in, and he won by 2. Score, 89—all 5's, and one 4 home.

WEDNESDAY.—Following up his fortunes at the end of the third day's play, Mr. Edward Blackwell had the best average of all the competitors. He was now pitted against Mr. Robert Whyte, of Jubilee Vase fame in 1887. After a halved hole, Mr. Blackwell caught two of his very longest shots, against the wind, and was not far from the second hole, which he secured in 4. Nothing of particular moment occurred until a sliced tee shot, on leaving the fifth hole, landed him in the whins, and as he missed every single shot afterwards, he required 9 to this hole, which, needless to say, he lost. This was unfortunate, for until then he had had three 4's and two 5's. Of the remaining three holes out, he won two and lost one, and was 1 up at the turn—out in 43, the 9 notwithstanding. Now came another very bad hole—a 7, owing to a topped second shot landing in a bunker. Hole about followed, and then the long driving came in. A 4 to the Hole o' Cross ought to have been followed by another at the next hole, considering where Mr. Blackwell was after two shots, namely, on the putting-green; yet he allowed his opponent to snatch a half in 6. With this unexpected lease of life, the latter showed up remarkably well at the two next holes, winning one in 4, and halving the next at that figure—square and 2 to play. But now again came a long hole, though only a drive and easy iron to Mr. Blackwell, who won in 4—dorny. Yet did the latter keep things going by sending his last tee shot in a direction which, at cricket, would be known as extra mid off; hitting the iron palings which bound the garden of the last house, right across the course, his ball came back into the road, whence he drove a very long cleek shot, halved the hole, and won the match—score 88. Mr. Whyte was round in exactly 90, and may be congratulated on having made an excellent fight with his formidable foe. In the afternoon Mr. Blackwell met Mr. Macfie—a match which, on paper, should have been most interesting, as being in the nature of a trial between a player of exceptional power, and one of machine-like steadiness and accuracy. Mr. Macfie, in virtue of his reputation, was called upon to concede 1 hole, but, as it proved, this was beyond his power, and he lost the match by 4 and 3 to play. He was not exactly at his best, while Mr. Blackwell played on the whole steadily, and won more by reason of his really good putting than by anything else. Had the round been played out he would probably have been 81 or 82. He started with a very wild shot, which a few years ago would have been in the sea; but though he only got forward 3 or 4 yards a long cleek shot won him the hole, for his antagonist was caught in the burn. A most tremendous tee shot against the wind left the long driver almost within reach of home, and might have, but did not, secure the hole, which was halved. At the fourth hole Mr. Macfie, though stone-dead, was stymied, and lost, but regained position at the next. After a half, Mr. Blackwell, with 4 3 4, won the last 3, and turned 5 ahead—out in 42; Mr. Macfie 46. The match was now practically over, and though in the next six holes this lead was reduced by 1, Mr. Macfie had to acknowledge his first loss.

THURSDAY.—The fourth morning was productive of some very good Golf amongst the scratch players. Mr. Edward Blackwell, meeting Mr. Hull, defeated him somewhat easily, although beginning badly with two 6's and a 7. In going to the end hole he carried the bunker in the middle of the course, a distance of about two hundred yards from the tee. After leaving the High Hole he came away with a fine game, and won by 4—44 and 40=84. This was also Mr. Neilson's total, who defeated Mr. Erskine by 5. Meanwhile Mr. Macfie and Mr. Patterson, square at the turn, had a most interesting match coming home; the latter, by missing a very short and easy putt at the fourth hole, left his antagonist 2 up and 4 to play; then came two halves and a win for the Prestwick player, owing to a poor approach by Mr. Macfie; but a half in 4 settled the match on the last green; the homeward scores were 40 and 41. Meanwhile Mr. Ernley Blackwell eclipsed everybody else by returning in 37, as follows:—5 3 4 4 5 4 4 4 4, with 45 out, equalled 82, giving Mr. Playfair more to do than he could quite manage. In the afternoon the six matches in every case produced close finishes, for four of them came to the last hole, and the other two to the last but one. Mr. Tulloch, who had driven well, was square and 2 to play with Mr. Macfie; then, although he drove his second into the burn, he holed in 5, whereas Mr. Macfie stymied himself and lost the hole; but as he holed out on the last green, where his opponent failed, he saved himself. Mr. Gerald Heriot fought Mr. Edward Blackwell with much determination, and had he taken one very easy chance which presented itself would have overthrown Goliath, who had not as yet suffered defeat. This chance occurred when Mr. Heriot was 1 up and 5 to

play. Mr. Blackwell's driving here became wild, and he tacked across the course like a ship beating to windward, his third shot, out of a whin, going nearly at right angles to the line he meant, and his fourth was topped into a bunker. Now was the opportunity, for Mr. Heriot had had two long and straight drives, and was not more than a hundred yards from the hole, if so much; but he played one bad shot after another, requiring 5 to hole from where he was, so Mr. Blackwell was allowed a half he little deserved. Elated at the upshot he now laid on aright, and caught one of his most monstrous drives, the ball carrying a long way on to the table, and being well over it, the hole became an easy 4, all square. Both fozzled very badly at the Dyke, which, however, went the way of its predecessor. A half in 5 followed, though Mr. Blackwell was close to the hole in 1 and an iron—lormy 1—but partly missing his next drive, he only reached the road, just short of which hazard Mr. Heriot lay, and as he holed out in 4 he won the hole and halved the match; Mr. Blackwell, 88; Mr. Heriot, 87; Mr. Ernley Blackwell, 86, lost to Mr. Hall, who had played a good game, by two.

FRIDAY.—The further this tournament progressed, the better the play appeared to become. Mr. Edward Blackwell, pitted against his brother, defeated him by 4 and 3 to play. Exhibiting, as usual, the most brilliant driving conceivable, in his journey to the second hole from the tee at the furthest possible limit, in two shots he was a few yards past the railway gate, just off the putting green to the left, and holed out in four. Going from the fifth to the sixth he was almost home in 2, and holed in 4, and again, in returning from the Hole o' Cross to the Ginger-beer, the same remarks apply; thus the three longest holes on the links he holed in 12. His total instead of 81, should have been 76, for at each of the last four holes he lost a stroke on the green, for in every instance, though easily up and close to the hole in 2, he, nevertheless, always required 3 putts; besides which, having laid his iron shot to the short hole out within four feet of the flag, he required three more putts there also. His brother, in spite of the crushing driving against him, played well, and was robbed of one possible win by a stymy. Mr. Edward Blackwell's score was:—

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

His brother was 88. Good, and apparently almost invincible as this play was, it was eclipsed in point of score by that of Mr. Macfie. Giving Mr. Kennedy Erskine 5 holes, the latter lost all his lead at the earliest possible opportunity, thus having to play thirteen holes on level terms, his determined fight, therefore, was a praiseworthy performance. He had the last three holes out and the first three home, in 21, but his opponent, in spite of an occasional loss, keeping up his faultless play, won an exciting match by 2 at the burn. His score, which ties his record, was:—

Out	4 5 4 3 5 5 4 3	5=38	} 78
In	4 3 5 5 5 4 5 5	4=40	

In the afternoon, against Mr. J. A. Neilson, his match was almost a counterpart of his morning's performance. Clearing off the odds against him in the first five holes, Mr. Macfie won the next two; then Mr. Neilson recovered himself, halved five holes, and won the sixth, but lost the next—2 down and 3 to play; a couple of halves followed, leaving Mr. Macfie the victor. This time his score was:—

Out	6 6 3 4 4 5 4 3	4=39	} 81
In	5 3 4 5 6 5 5 4	4=42	

Mr. Edward Blackwell, in his match with Mr. Playfair, was square and 5 to play, but won the next 2, and the match by 3. His score was: out, 42; in, 40=82. Thus, for the thirty-six holes Mr. Macfie had scored 159; Mr. Edward Blackwell, 163; a standard of play but rarely attained.

SATURDAY.—This day's play saw a material alteration in the position of some of the competitors. Up till now it had appeared as though Mr. Edward Blackwell would have the first prize at his mercy; he was playing such a brilliant game, and had approached no nearer defeat than one halved match. He now had to meet Mr. Tulloch. Beginning quite as brilliantly as usual, he won the first hole in 3, and the second in 5—one up; after a half at the third, he made the first bad shot, which was the beginning of all his misfortunes. Being obviously hampered by the undue propinquity of the long bunker, only some 250 yards distant, he spared his tee shot with a brassy, and drew it badly; true he secured a half, but Mr. Tulloch had been very unluckily caught in "Sutherland," but after this the latter won five holes in succession, for two of which he had to thank very bad iron shots on the part of his opponent, who gratuitously bunkered himself on each occasion, and for a third he was indebted to an excellent iron shot of his own at the sixth hole, where he laid his fourth dead. Three up at the turn, Mr. Tulloch also won the next two holes, the second of them by reason of Mr. Blackwell having driven into the Eden. Five up and 7 to play, with three halves, Mr. Tulloch at last lowered the colours of the most dangerous man in the field; the winner's score being 86 against 89. As Mr. Macfie meanwhile had won his match, from having previously been

half a point behind Mr. Blackwell, he now took up his position thus much in front of that player, hence much depended on the afternoon's play. Mr. Blackwell had to meet Mr. Erskine, and Mr. Macfie had Mr. Gerald Heriot. A hasty person perhaps would have predicted, first, a victory for Mr. Blackwell; secondly, a very possible defeat for Mr. Macfie; but the way of the prophet, like that of the transgressor, is hard. For firstly, Mr. Augustus J. Kennedy Erskine, of Dun, came away with a really wonderful game, although, after his forenoon defeat by Mr. Hull, he would willingly have retired from the contest, being disgusted with himself, with the links, and all that golf thereon. This time he had 4's as thick as blackberries, nor had he a figure higher than 5 until he reached the fourth hole from home, at which point he won the match by 1 hole more than his odds, viz., 5 and 4 to play. Secondly, Mr. Macfie, who perhaps ought to have lost to Mr. Heriot, did actually win, for the latter, all square and 5 to play, missed three short and apparently easy putts in the next 4 holes, and lost by 2, instead of winning by 1; Mr. Macfie, who had started with 4 4 5 4, being 84 to the round, 41 and 43. By these two victories, Mr. Macfie's star differed from the others in glory, inasmuch as if he won but one of his two remaining matches he would carry off the first prize.

MONDAY.—With the new week the course was altered to the right-hand side; a gale of wind swept over the links from the west, though otherwise the day was warm and pleasant. Mr. Macfie, in his endeavour to concede one hole to Mr. Ernley Blackwell, suffered his second defeat at the hands of a member of that family. Mr. Blackwell played a very strong game. Beginning by holing in 2 from his cleek, he secured the first hole in 4; the second was halved, the third went to the same gentleman with a perfectly-played 4, and the fourth, where he holed a very long putt, was halved at the same figure. He suffered a temporary reverse at the High Hole, but immediately added two more to his credit—4 up at the turn; Mr. Blackwell 41 out, Mr. Macfie 43. The latter, by winning two out of the next three, the first by a beautifully-played and difficult putt, placed the issue somewhat in doubt; but his opponent was not to be denied, and owing partly to Mr. Macfie visiting bunkers while he kept safe, won the match by 4 and 3 to play. Score for completed holes:—Mr. Blackwell, 71; Mr. Macfie, 72. Meanwhile, Mr. Edward Blackwell having won his match, now had it in his power to win the tournament, but only in the event of his winning his remaining match, and Mr. Macfie losing his. On the other hand, a tie was possible in two cases:—(a) If Mr. Macfie halved and Mr. Blackwell lost; (b) if Mr. Macfie lost and Mr. Blackwell halved. In all other permutations the first-named was secure of victory. Mr. Blackwell, as it turned out, had an easy task in his match with Mr. Wolfe Murray; playing a strong, all-round game, he went out in 43 and returned in 40, winning by 4 and 3 to play. Mr. Macfie and Mr. Playfair, who did not start till four o'clock, had a give-and-take battle. The latter, however, was not in his usual good driving form; still it was owing rather to terribly faulty iron play in the last four holes that he was defeated by 2 and 1 to play. After being 1 up at the Hole o' Cross coming in, he lost this advantage by missing his tee shot, and anon visiting the "Bairdies"; a bad iron shot next hole was followed by a good recovery, and the hole was halved; but two terribly-bungled approaches, one at the Dyke, the other at the Road, left Mr. Macfie winner of his last match, and of the whole competition. Out of his twelve matches he thus scored nine and a-half wins; Mr. Edward Blackwell, with nine, took second money; and Mr. F. G. Tulloch, with eight, the barren honours of third. That this was a good performance on Mr. Macfie's part is self-evident, for carrying, as he did, the heaviest penalty in such a good field, nothing but the most consistently steady play would have availed.

The following is a brief return of the matches, with the points gained by the respective players:—

Mr. A. F. Macfie (plus 1) won 9½ matches; Mr. E. B. H. Blackwell (scratch) won 9 matches; Mr. Ernley Blackwell (scratch) won 7½ matches; Mr. A. R. Patterson (1) won 6½ matches; Mr. G. M. Heriot (1) won 7 matches; Mr. F. G. Tulloch (1) won 8 matches; Mr. N. Playfair (1) won 1 match; Mr. J. A. Neilson (2) won 5 matches; Rev. R. A. Hull (2) won 6½ matches; Mr. R. Whyte (2) won 6 matches; Mr. O. Wolfe Murray (3) won 1½ matches; Mr. A. J. K. Erskine (4) won 5½ matches; Mr. E. J. B. Scratton (4) won 5 matches.

ARDEER CLUB.—The usual monthly medal competition took place over these links on Saturday, the 13th, but play was greatly marred by the inclemency of the weather. A number of the competitors could not finish, through some of the putting-greens being flooded. The following were amongst net scores handed in:—Heys medal: Mr. John Colvill, 88; Mr. W. C. Cunningham, 86; Mr. James Laird, 91; Mr. And. C. Steven, 96. Mr. W. C. Cunningham having won the medal on a former occasion, it therefore went to the next best scorer, Mr. Colvill. Robertson medal: Mr. A. K. Murray, 98; Mr. D. Reid, 94; Mr. James Whyte, 97; Mr. J. A. D. M'Kean, 97; Mr. G. Kirkhope, 102.

THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.—A SPLIT.

GOLFERS will learn with a shock of surprise that a revolt has taken place in the ranks of Scottish players. Judging from present indications, the cleavage is not only well defined, but acute; and unless better counsels come to the combatants there is every prospect that a ridiculous fiasco is in store for the Open Championship. The cause of the dispute is, so far as it goes, simple and intelligible. It has nothing to do with the manner in which the competition shall be conducted, whether by holes or strokes, or a mixture of both. On this aspect of the competition we have recently published some valuable letters from Golfers who may justly claim to speak with authority, and whose recommendations, no doubt, will be considered in the proper quarter at the proper time. The dispute at present has reference to the place at which the competition shall be played. The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, one of the originators of the Championship Trophy, have given notice that the competition has been fixed to take place over their private green at Muirfield in the third week of September. No one can doubt that it is within their right to change the place of combat from Musselburgh to their own home green, seeing that they are dealing with a competition in the initiation of which they bore a large part. It is argued, moreover, that Musselburgh, a nine-hole course, is no longer, from a variety of causes, a first-class green qualified to test the capabilities of players who aspire to the position of Open Champion. It is contended also that, from its proximity to Edinburgh, the green has not only been badly cut up by all sorts and conditions of legitimate and illegitimate play, and by the horse races which are annually held there, but the crowd of spectators at a great gathering like this, a large proportion of whom are not too readily amenable to wholesome Golf discipline, renders it difficult, for a player, unless of abnormal mental balance, to carry on play with satisfaction to himself or to others. The Honourable Company, therefore, having been crowded out, so to speak, of Musselburgh, and having acquired a first-class eighteen-hole course in the neighbourhood of the greens of Gullane, Luffness, and North Berwick, have naturally sought to take the decision of the Championship with them, being satisfied in their own minds that the new green is much more likely to afford a truer test of merit than the old.

So much for the argument from the Honourable Company's point of view. On the other hand, Edinburgh and Musselburgh players—particularly the professional element—have long viewed with dissatisfaction the proposal to supersede and quench the historic golfing glories of Musselburgh. Underground rumblings of discontent, betokening a growing storm, have been heard from time to time. Occasionally the discontent has found expression in our Correspondence columns; but hitherto no inkling has been given that a movement was on foot to checkmate the promoters of the Open Championship competition. It has been argued on behalf of the Musselburgh players that, as the green in the past has been found equal to settle the claims and the playing calibre of a long list of leading professional and amateur players, so nothing has yet occurred to diminish its fitness in this respect. It has, besides, been the school and the training ground of players whose prowess will remain green in the memory of the world—of the Parks, father and son; of David and Mungo Park, of the Dunns, of Bob Ferguson, of Willie Campbell, and many others; while the Straths, the Morrisies, the Simpsons, Sayers, Dow and others have all

played matches here which are part of the unfading history of the game. Not only is this true of Musselburgh, but the ancient little town has, like St. Andrews, been famous for its club-makers. For over a generation the MacEwans have been there, the Dunns have been there, Willie Park has established a prosperous business there, and Gourlay, the celebrated ball-maker, plied his calling there in the days when the "feathery" was all the vogue. The town, too, especially in earlier days, lived largely on Golf. It has besides the additional advantage of being readily accessible to golfers from almost any part of Scotland, because, owing to the nearness of Edinburgh, the train service is bound to be more abundant than in a comparatively out-of-the-way place like Muirfield. For golfers who wish to see a big match like the Open Championship, this facility of access is a factor not to be lightly set aside. A "gallery" of a few thousand keen golfers means a by no means inconsiderable access of trade, in eating and drinking at least, to local tradesmen and shopkeepers. Again, it is shrewdly perceived by people in the locality, and to whom Golf and its attendant business may mean the loss or retention of bread and cheese, that if Musselburgh is allowed to die as a golfing resort, the transference of the championship to Muirfield means the eventual crippling of trade, the diminution of golfing visitors, and the shrinkage of revenue all round. Here, then, we may perceive some of the reasons which possibly have actuated players at Musselburgh and Edinburgh, backed up by the local residents and tradesmen, in organising resistance to the transference of the championship to Muirfield. Hence, we have the announcement that an open competition for amateur and professional golfers will be held at Musselburgh towards the end of September—that is to say, on dates which will correspond with the counter-attraction at Muirfield.

We have summarised the arguments on the one side and the other without, we trust, showing bias to either. Both sides have a great deal that is cogent to urge in favour of the view respectively taken. The Honourable Company are right in the view they take, and as they have had a great deal to do in establishing so important a contest, they are within their right in fixing the place where it should be played. On the other hand, it is impossible not to sympathise with the motives which actuate the Musselburgh people and players in organising opposition, for, from their point of view, it may mean a case of struggle for life. What golfers as a class, however, cannot help deploring is the division which has thus befallen, and the confusion and ridicule which will supervene. The Championship will not mean, as it has hitherto done, the supremacy of one outstanding player of merit, but in the present case a champion at Muirfield and another at Musselburgh. Who shall decide between the rival claimants? What is to prevent Prestwick, St. Andrews, Aberdeen, Hoylake, Sandwich, and Westward Ho! from having a championship in each district, the winner of which shall arrogate to himself the title of "champion"? The point we are anxious to enforce, however, is not so much to dwell upon the results of the confusion which we foresee likely to arise, as to point out that this dispute springs from want of an organisation among golfers in which the whole body of players can have confidence. In our advertisement columns will be found a notice of the competition for the Irish Amateur Championship, under the auspices of the Golfing Union of Ireland. This body is composed of the leading Golf clubs in Ireland, and one of its objects is to arrange the date, conditions, and prizes, together with the green where the championship shall be played. By a Union of this

kind, in which all the clubs have a voice in determining the choice of green, no such revolt as that which has taken place in Scotland can arise. Why then, in the name of common-sense, should Scottish and English golfers be so backward? If a similar Union existed on this side of St. George's Channel, not only would there be an intelligible rotation of greens fixed for the Amateur and Open Championships, but the value of prizes would be enhanced for professionals, and local jealousies would be laid to rest. It is a view we have often urged before; it is one we shall continue to press on the attention of golfers, being satisfied that no real progress can be made in the conduct of competitions, or in the reform and uniformity of the playing rules, until golfers make up their minds to introduce some settled form of cohesion among their ranks.

FORFARSHIRE.

The last but one of the Carnoustie Ladies' Golf Club's competitions for the present season was played on Monday evening, the 15th inst., the prizes being the Halley challenge medal and other trophies. Seventeen couples started, and despite somewhat boisterous weather, some good scores were chronicled. The medal and first prize (a lady's travelling bag) were won by Miss J. R. Freeland with 109 strokes, after playing off a tie with Mrs. Gibson, The Manse; while the consolation prize (a writing-case), played for on the usual terms, was taken by Mrs. William Caesar with the score of 118 strokes. The best scores were:—Miss J. R. Freeland, 109; Mrs. Gibson, 109; Miss Colquhoun, 112; Miss A. Freeland, 112; Miss M. B. Morton, 113; Miss E. Fullerton, 116; Miss H. Stewart, 116; Mrs. William Caesar, 118; Miss Anderson, 120; Miss Ramsay, 121; Miss Peters, 122; Miss Lawson, 122; Miss D. Nicoll, 122. The prizes were presented to the successful competitors by Mr. Patterson, Edinburgh.

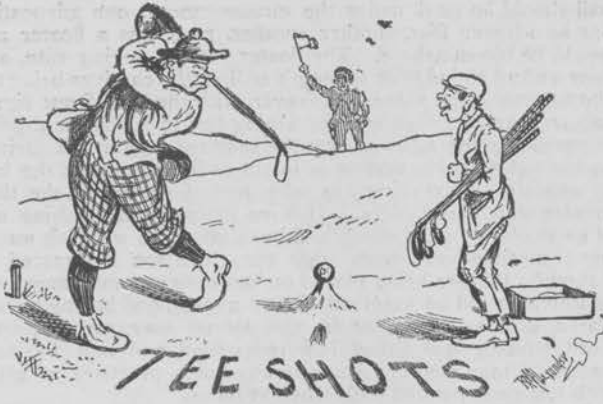
The following are the results of the second ties in the competition by the members of the Caledonian Club, Carnoustie, for the Leith medal:—Mr. Wm. Freeland (8) scratched to Mr. Wm. Harris (2); Mr. Jas. Anderson (12) beat Mr. P. D. Lauder (18), 5 up and 3; Mr. J. M. Nairn (13) beat Mr. J. S. Neave (17), 3 up and 2; Mr. Jas. Ross (14) beat Mr. D. D. Paton (13), 3 up and 1; Mr. J. P. Bruce (8) scratched to Mr. D. Shepherd (scratch); Mr. J. Lamb (3) beat Mr. Geo. Winter (13), 5 up and 4; Mr. D. M. Boath (3) beat Mr. J. R. Wilson (10), 1 up; Mr. J. P. M. Lowson (9) beat Mr. D. R. Stewart (6), 3 up and 2; Mr. S. Boyle (8) beat Mr. H. P. Muir (7), 3 up and 2; Mr. R. Sellar (9) scratched to Mr. J. J. H. Henry (15); Mr. A. Cant (1) beat Mr. A. R. Crawford (12), 4 up and 3; Mr. H. Whyte (13) beat Mr. W. Ferrier (4), 1 up; Mr. D. Winter (scratch) beat Mr. Phillips (18), 4 up and 3; Mr. Wm. Carswell (13) beat Mr. A. B. Harris (5), 1 up; Mr. D. Anderson (scratch) beat Mr. Alex. Moir (5), 7 up and 6; Mr. Geo. Simpson (6) beat Mr. D. Smith (5), 5 up and 3.

The fifteenth of the series of competitions for the members' average badge of the Arbroath Club was finished on Saturday, when Mr. Robert Guthrie was found to be the winner, having played the course at his number, the next best being that of Mr. A. M'Callum and Mr. William Edwards—each 2 above. This gives Mr. Guthrie two and a-half wins, and puts him in the first place of the series. Sweepstakes were also played for, and were won as follows:—1. Mr. Robert Guthrie, 2 Mr. A. M'Callum, and 3 Mr. Harry Keighan.

The third round in the competition for the Stewart-Petrie challenge cup of the Montrose Mechanics' Club was concluded on Saturday evening, the player having the best of five averages in five rounds to be the winner. Mr. James M'Intosh had the best average on Saturday—103 at his number. He had also the best average in the first competition.

EDINBURGH BRAIDS CLUB.—This club met at the Braid Hills on Saturday to play for the monthly medal. Mr. Peter Grant proved the winner with a score of 93, less 12=81.

EDINBURGH THISTLE CLUB.—This club met at the Braid Hills on Saturday to play for the handsome gold trophy which was presented to the club by the captain (Mr. James Smith). The trophy is made from a design of Mr. Struthers, Leith Street, Edinburgh, which takes the form of a gold medal and pendant attached, which was lately illustrated in the *Dispatch* in a small scale. A large turn-out of members started, thirty players competing, and after a keenly-contested game resulted in the trophy being won by Mr. G. Masterton, with a score of 86, less 11=75.



There appears to be some danger of the Open Championship suffering a serious collapse. It is announced that arrangements are being made for a tournament, open to amateur and professional golfers, to take place at Musselburgh towards the end of September. In the ordinary course of events, the Open Championship of 1892 should have taken place on this green; but the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, in the exercise of the discretionary powers which they possess in the matter, resolved some time ago that this important event of the golfing year should take place at Muirfield—the club's private green. This innovation did not meet with the approval of the people of Musselburgh, and, after the Honourable Company had been approached and had declined to alter the arrangement, the movement for the holding of the tournament in question took definite shape. The competition at Musselburgh will extend over two days, and it is proposed that the first prize shall be a gold medal, with the sum of £30 in money should the winner be a professional, and with accompanying silver plate to that value should he be an amateur.

The London County Council have given leave to play Golf on Tooting Common up to ten o'clock every week day morning. Temporary arrangements have been made for at once putting in order ten of the old greens (Nos. 6 to 13, 17 and 18), and it is proposed to summon, a little later on, a meeting of those interested in the matter, to consider the question of forming a small club at a nominal subscription, and asking the London County Council to undertake the maintenance, &c., of the greens.

Commander Digby writes:—Playing for the fourteenth hole at Brancaster the other day with Mr. S. A. Gurney, we both failed in our drives, and found our balls in the same tussock of grass, Mr. Gurney's being about a foot farther from the hole. In playing his ball mine was knocked out into a good lie. Afterwards, playing a foursome, we played across to the fourteenth hole from the teeing ground for the sixth hole, as our time was short. The drives were both considerably off the line. The second shot was played by both, and the balls were found absolutely touching each other, and it was impossible to say which was nearest the hole. Neither player had seen where his adversary's second shot had gone.

Golf tournaments are becoming quite the rage around North Berwick district as a means of supplementing the drawings in connection with Church bazaars. A successful Golf tournament with this object was recently promoted for the North Berwick Free Church, and this example has just been followed on a larger scale on behalf of Gullane Parish Church. Still a third tournament is now announced in connection with the sale of surplus articles from the bazaar in aid of the Free Church. Other events at North Berwick this week include the annual contest over the ladies' links between the members of the Ladies' Club and the gentlemen associates of the club and the ladies' autumn medal meeting, at which there is usually a large assemblage of spectators.

Hugh Purves, a North Berwick Golf caddie, of middle age was, on Sunday afternoon, found drowned in a disused pond in the vicinity of North Berwick, the body being discovered floating in the water. The last known of him was that he had been seen in the town on Saturday just before midnight. Hugh, who was an unmarried man, was well known to visiting golfers as the starter at the box some two or three years ago. Hugh had seen "better days," having experienced a fair share of the vicissitudes of fortune. Originally following the occupation of a butcher, he at one time had a good custom in North Berwick. Having given up business, and served in a butcher's shop, he was subsequently Golf caddie, starter at the tee, and again Golf caddie. Although unfortunately rather unsteady in his habits of late, Hugh will be lamented by his fellows and others, as he was of a courteous and obliging disposition.

The new east wing of the Marine Hotel, North Berwick, which along with the Royal Hotel is a favourite rendezvous for visiting golfers here—ladies and gentlemen—has been arranged to be formally opened to-day (Friday) by the Lord Mayor of London. A large party has been invited to luncheon by the Company's directors. The east wing forms an extensive addition to the hotel, comprising several private sitting-rooms, forty bed-rooms, etc.

The Lord Mayor of London, since his arrival at North Berwick, has been making himself extremely popular in the district, discharging willingly important golfing and other functions. Although he manifests a keen interest in the Royal Game, he has not so far been noticed playing over the course here. As he laughingly indicated at Gullane the other day, however, this has been atoned for in some measure by the fact that some of the members of his family have succumbed to the fascination of Golf.

In a driving competition over North Berwick links on Saturday, R. Kelly, a young professional of some promise, secured first place out of a half-dozen of competitors.

Mr. John Henderson, playing a single at North Berwick on Monday night, holed out in the fine score of 77, made up as follows:—

Out	...	5	5	5	4	3	3	4	4	5	4	42	} 77
In	...	5	5	3	3	5	4	6	4	35			

LARKS CLUB, MUSSELBURGH.—The third quarterly competition of the season for the Crandles Cup and club prizes took place over Musselburgh on Thursday, the 18th. Fourteen couples started, and on comparing cards it was found that the best scores in any previous competition had been excelled, Mr. George Drummond doing the round in the fine score of 72, made up as follows:—4 3 4 3 3 4 4 3 5=33, 4 4 4 4 5 4 5 5=39, total 72. The list of prize-winners are:—Mr. G. Drummond, 72, plus 4=76; Mr. T. K. Campbell, 85, less 9=76, tied. Tie for cup and first and second prizes:—Mr. J. Daly, scratch 79; Mr. D. Clark, 85, less 4=81, Mr. J. Brown, 99, less 18=81, tied; Mr. D. Black, 86, less 4=82, Mr. A. W. Jackson, 94, less 12=82, Mr. R. Patterson, 98, less 16=82, tied. Mr. A. McCulloch was the winner of the monthly medal with 90, less 8=82.

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GOLF YACHT ADVENTURE OFF SEAFORD.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—For years have I been interested in the noble, I may add, "Royal and Ancient Game," of Golf, but until within the last few days I knew not to what height of perfection and usefulness it could be carried. I have heard fishermen relate some of their achievements, but I must say that some of my golfing friends "annex the macaroon" in the way of marvels.

Now I must tell you that I happen to own a yacht and purposing to take a trip round the South Coast, and combine a little practice on different links on my way, I took my clubs with me, and an assortment of balls (every man I meet recommends a different make), so as to be able to take advantage of any invitations that I might have, and which I may say for the hospitality of the craft, if I can call golfers by this term, turned out to be many. On going through London to join at Gravesend, I was greeted by various friends. "What! off to Sandwich?" "No." "Seaford?" "No." "Eastbourne?" "No." "Bembridge?" "No." "Well, where?" "I don't know myself, but I am ready to stop anywhere, will you come? Room for two or three of you." "Right you are," and we immediately made a foursome.

Not being quite so energetic, or so true a follower of the ancient game as my friends, cooped up in a small vessel, hearing nothing from them but as to what bunkers they had managed to get into on certain days, and avoid on others, and how many strokes for certain holes, weapons used, the state of certain gentlemen's tempers, other gentlemen's language—the last a rather fruitful topic—I began to get a bit bored. But now comes the cause of this communication.

To Golf we owe our lives. Having got as far as Dover, where our adventures really began, and having got our "eye in" at pool at the Cinque Ports Yacht Club, we started for Newhaven, where some of the party hoped to establish a record. Not being able to make the harbour owing to foul tide and want of water, we brought up off Seaford, the night being lovely, in fact so much so that we rode to one anchor alone, and all turned in, being well out of the way of the Dieppe boats. Suddenly, in the middle of the night, we were all aroused. A S.S.W. gale had sprung up, and there we were, dragging like fury. Our kedge, a heavy one, was not long in being brought into requisition, but bending on the warp took a little time. We were unpleasantly near the breakers, when both our mud-hooks held. Now what was to be done, with a still ebbing tide and little water under our keel? We might, with our heavy lead keel, go to pieces at any minute. Rockets, blue lights, flares, etc., we had on board. "Let's attract attention." This we had no difficulty in doing, in fact the ever-vigilant coast-guard had seen us bring up, and already the rocket apparatus was on the spot. The wind, however, being dead against them, not one of their shots reached us, and we were despairing.

Now came the time for our champion, who appeared on deck with what he described as a captive ball and an assortment of drivers, brasseys, spoons, irons, and other instruments of torture (I mean to the temper), too numerous to mention, and immediately began an argument with the other two professors as to what

ball should be used under the circumstances, one advocating one as a better flier, another another, as it was a floater and would be blown ashore. The floater got the casting vote, and now we had to judge as to length of line, the captives being too short to reach the shore. However, with the aid of our signal halyards, and log-line, and the fishing line to which the captive is attached some fathoms over the required length was arrived at, the lighter going first so as to put as little strain on the ball as possible. Next thing was, what to do for a tee in the then present state of our decks. This we managed by making use of some old pie crust which had been saturated with salt water, but at no time had it been what our champion designated as "short"; this tee being placed on our gangway mat, answered as well as could be expected. Being a racer, and having no bulwarks, nothing particular in the lofting way was required. Lord Brassey was called into requisition, and real business began. I may mention that our champion practises at night with luminous-painted balls when at home.

Pulling himself together generally, a slow swing, &c., &c.; but the poor little vessel gave a lurch and he missed the globe entirely, and looking round "more in sorrow than in anger," exclaimed, "Gentlemen, please do not talk on the stroke." The bread tee being somewhat defective, off goes the ball and another argument ensues as to whether he has to play out of the lee scuppers or to re-tee and lose two strokes, or something of that sort—I may know some day. However, as is often the case, his second attempt came off, the ball going like a meteor, nearly decimating our forward caddie, a brawny coast-guard man. We soon had a warp and traveller on board, and all safely landed, drinks all round following. I may say, in the interest of golfing underwriters, that the yacht rode it out, so there will be no claim on them. Our champion lost his ball, so of course loses the hole, but we think the Newhaven and Seaford record is established. An old man there, says, "It's all vary weel, but it's no' Gouff." I think he is right.

I am, Sir, &c.,

J. J. G.

QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Would you kindly answer me the following? Playing in a foursome match my partner played his ball over the boundary of the course. I lifted the ball and dropped it in the course, when our opponents claimed the hole. They say that they are entitled to the hole according to Rule 29, General Rules, which reads:—"A ball must be played wherever it lies, or the hole be given up, except as otherwise provided for in the rules."

The local rule reads:—"When in playing, a ball goes off the course, it shall be lifted and dropped from behind the head within three yards of the boundary, at the same distance from the hole as it lay before being lifted, under a penalty of one stroke. Note.—A ball shall be considered off the course if it lies outside the boundary wall or hedges."

I cannot see where our opponents can claim the hole even in the reading of Rule 29. I could have played the ball well enough as it lay, but if I had played the ball I would have infringed the rule.

I am, Sir, &c.,

LOCAL.

[Clearly our correspondent and his partner were within their right in lifting and dropping inside the boundary. In fact, they had no option but to lift. The local rule is evidently intended to qualify the St. Andrews rule, and to provide for the case of a ball not on the course.—ED.]

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ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB.

A most interesting match was played on these links on Friday, arranged by Miss Pettit, in response to a challenge from the ladies of the Yarmouth Golf Club. Rain fell at intervals, but the weather was bravely faced by the lady-golfers, and the competition resulted in a win by 16 holes for the home club. Miss Pettit played a fine game, and succeeded in winning 11 holes from her opponent, Miss FitzRoy, captain of the Yarmouth lady-golfers. The scores were as follow:—

ALDEBURGH.		YARMOUTH.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss Pattit (captain) ...	11	Miss FitzRoy (captain) ...	0
Miss Tate ...	5	Miss Frere ...	0
Mrs. E. Chetwynd Stapylton ...	0	Miss Palmer ...	0
Mrs. E. V. Longstaffe ...	0	Mrs. Brown ...	0
	16		0

ASCOT LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Another tournament was played, in lovely weather, on August 17th, when prizes were presented by Mrs. R. Gosling and Miss Merewether, tea being kindly provided by Mrs. Pott. The following were the entries:—Mrs. Grant Luttie, Miss Pott, Miss B. Chetwynd, Miss M. Macintyre, Miss L. Mott, Mrs. H. Blackett, Miss Mott, Miss L. Chetwynd, Miss Barron, Miss V. Liddell, Miss A. Adlercron, Miss Morris, Miss E. Barron, Miss L. Bannatine, Mrs. H. C. Clarke, Miss R. Liddell, Miss Adlercron, Miss M. K. Pott, Miss C. Bruce, Miss T. C. Bayley, Miss E. K. Pott, and Miss R. Bannatine.

The survivors in the third round were Mrs. H. Blackett, Miss V. Liddell, and Miss C. Bruce, of whom Miss Bruce drew a bye. Mrs. Blackett, having defeated Miss V. Liddell, played the final round with Miss Bruce and won Mrs. Gosling's prize, a handsome tortoise-shell paper-knife with a silver handle, Miss Bruce receiving a very neat little candlestick for the writing-table, also in tortoise-shell and silver, given by Miss Merewether.

AMATEUR TOURNAMENT AT GULLANE.

A very successful amateur tournament took place at Gullane on Saturday, in connection with the bazaar being held at the same time in aid of the funds of the church erected in the village some four years ago. As its Golf course is one of the principal attractions of the picturesque village, a tournament naturally suggested itself to those in charge of the arrangements as a means of aiding the object in view, and, on the intended gathering being announced, the entries came in in numbers which the committee had in their most sanguine moments scarcely hoped for. As there were no lack of entrants, so there was no dearth of prize donors, and the committee were able to put forward an attractive prize-list. The list was made up of two classes—merit and handicap—the former class being headed by a beautiful silver cup, the gift of Mr. W. K. Smith, of the Golf Hotel, and the latter by an elegant silver inkstand, presented by Mr. James Bisset, the proprietor of the large new hotel in the village, which is rapidly nearing completion. There were in all 145 entrants, and the players were drawn, not only from the local and county clubs, but from Edinburgh and elsewhere, a feature, indeed, of the tournament being the representative character of the field. Fine weather favoured the meeting.

The following were the prize winners in the scratch competition:—

Mr. A. M. Ross, Burgess (silver cup) —

Out ...	4	4	4	4	4	7	3	5	= 39	} 78
In ...	5	3	4	4	3	5	4	6	= 39	

Mr. J. Brotherston, Dirlerton Castle—

Out ...	4	4	4	5	5	4	6	5	4	= 41	} 78
In ...	5	4	4	3	4	4	5	4	4	= 37	

Mr. J. Litster, Dirlerton Castle 79
 Mr. D. M. Jackson, Bass Rock 81
 Mr. F. Mathie, Warrender 88

The following were the winners of the handicap prizes:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. A. W. Robertson (silver inkstand) ...	83	18	65
Mr. A. J. G. Barclay, Teachers ...	86	18	68
Mr. R. B. Fergusson, Burntisland ...	87	18	69
Mr. F. Mathie, Warrender ...	81	10	71
Mr. J. F. Ridley, Crookham ...	81	10	71
Mr. E. A. Rhead, Stockbridge ...	82	10	72
Mr. G. R. M. Harvey, Cambridge ...	88	16	72
Mr. T. Eccles, Luffness ...	92	20	72
Mr. R. J. Younger, Tantallon ...	84	12	72
Rev. G. S. Mackay ...	95	22	73
Mr. T. Yule, Archerfield ...	82	9	73
Mr. H. H. Harley, Tantallon ...	83	9	74
Mr. J. Brotherston, Dirlerton Castle	78	4	74
General Elliot, Westward Ho! ...	99	25	74
Mr. J. Litster, Dirlerton Castle ...	79	4	75
Mr. J. Gillespie, Gullane ...	87	12	75
Mr. W. Reidley, Westward Ho! ...	88	13	75
Mr. H. Craigie, Tantallon ...	87	12	75
Mr. C. J. Currie, Tantallon ...	94	18	76
Mr. J. T. Tulloch, jun., Dirlerton Castle	86	12	76
Mr. Craig Law, Archerfield... ..	86	10	76
Mr. P. M'Ewan, jun.... ..	83	6	77
Mr. A. Stevens, Bruntsfield Allied ...	90	13	77
Mr. Robert Miller, West Linton ...	102	25	77
Mr. J. R. Whitecross, Tantallon ...	89	11	78
Mr. G. Napier, New Club ...	86	8	78
Mr. A. Davidson Smith, East Lothian ...	100	22	78
Mr. F. T. Gray, Royal Musselburgh	86	8	78
Mr. A. M. Ross, Burgess ...	78	scr.	78
Mr. J. G. Ford, Tantallon ...	89	10	79
Mr. D. M. Jackson, Bass Rock ...	81	2	79
Mr. J. Forrest, Bass Rock ...	80	1	79
Mr. W. Jenkins, Luffness ...	91	12	79
Mr. A. B. Drynan, Gullane ...	95	16	79
Mr. A. Murray, Gullane ...	85	6	79
Rev. J. Kirk, Newington ...	93	14	79
Mr. James Smith, Luffness ...	98	18	80
Mr. T. Binnie, Gullane, ...	90	10	80
Mr. D. King, Ye Monks ...	88	8	80
Rev. William Proudfoot, Haddington	88	8	80
Mr. J. A. S. Miller, Luffness ...	96	16	80
Mr. James Henderson, Bass Rock ...	83	3	80
Mr. C. Smith, Dirlerton Castle ...	91	11	80
Mr. H. M. Bell, Great Yarmouth ...	94	14	80
Mr. A. Wallace, Tantallon ...	87	7	80
Mr. G. Gordon Robertson, Tantallon	84	3	81
Mr. D. Black, Musselburgh "Larks" ...	89	8	81
Mr. A. W. Jackson, Musselburgh "Larks"	97	16	81
Rev. W. White Smith ...	99	18	81
Mr. H. M. Woodhead, Braids ...	99	18	81
Mr. J. Livingston, jun., Edinburgh St. Andrews ...	91	10	81
Mr. J. M. Williamson, Burgess ...	82	1	81
Mr. G. Elmslie, Dirlerton Castle ...	93	12	81
Mr. R. Alexander, West Linton ...	106	25	81
Mr. J. Braid, Edinburgh Thistle ...	82	1	81
Mr. J. A. Begbie, East Lothian ...	88	7	81
Mr. A. Hutchison, Bass Rock ...	92	10	82
Mr. J. Nelson, Edinburgh Thistle ...	86	4	82
Mr. John King, Teachers ...	85	3	82
Mr. James Mackinlay, New Club ...	94	12	82
Mr. A. Litster, Dirlerton Castle ...	88	6	82
Mr. D. Kay, Thorntree ...	92	10	82
Mr. A. Lawson, Commercial Bank... ..	82	scr.	82
Mr. E. D. C. Strobe, Cambridge ...	91	9	82
Mr. G. W. Millar, Stockbridge ...	85	3	82
Mr. W. Palmer, Archerfield ...	112	30	82

At the close of the play, Mrs. J. A. Robertson presented the prizes to the successful competitors, in the marquee in which the bazaar was held.

A tournament for ladies took place at Gullane on the 19th inst., in connection with the bazaar at present being held in aid of the funds of the church erected in the village four years ago. The weather was beautiful, and the green in excellent condition. Twenty-seven ladies entered, and a round of twelve holes was played, the competitors going from the top of the hill (the fourth hole) to the short hole, and thence home. The play was highly creditable, a number of the ladies showing wonderful proficiency in the game. The winner in the scratch competition, where the first prize was a handsome gold brooch, was

Miss L. J. Lugton, who did the twelve holes in 64. In the handicap competition the prize-winners were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Miss L. D. Tulloch	75	24	51	Miss Mary Smith	85	23	62
Miss Ethel M'Culloch	69	10	59	Miss M'Intosh	86	23	63
Miss Orphoot	73	13	60	Miss Mylne	78	13	65
Miss Aitken	70	10	60	Miss Bessie Robson	88	23	65
Miss Edith M'Culloch	71	10	61	Miss Violet Sprott	81	14	67
				Miss Florence Anderson	67	scr.	67

* Winner of gold bangle.

The best of the other scores were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss Sprott	80	12	68	Miss Shearer	74	2	72
Miss Blanche Anderson	68	scr.	68	Miss Elmslie	98	25	73
Miss J. Stevenson	81	13	68	Miss Mary Sheriff	96	22	74
Miss Nina Sprott	85	16	69	Miss L. G. Aitken	94	20	74
Miss Bloxson	86	15	71	Miss Duncan	88	14	74

ABERDEEN.

The members of the Bon-Accord club here competed on Saturday over the usual links course for the captain's prize. When the cards handed in were compared it was found that the first three were as follows:—Mr. William Leslie, 91, less 12=79, first; Mr. Robert Reid, 88, less 8=80, second; and Mr. Alexander Smart, 88, less 6=82, third. The following were next in order:—Messrs. William Smart, 86; James W. Murray, 87; Henry Glass, 90; John Twigg, 94; A. Jaffray, 95; Charles Ward, 96; and John Main, 99.

The members of the Victoria club also held their usual monthly competition for the handicap prizes, on Wednesday and Saturday of last week, over the usual links course. There was not a large turn-out of competitors, and, on comparing the cards handed in, it was found that Mr. J. B. Banks, with 89, less 2=87, had won the prize in the first class, while that in the second class fell to Mr. R. MacLennan, with 105, scratch. Among the remaining cards, the following had the lowest figures:—Messrs. A. M'Connachie and L. Anderson, 83, plus 6=89; Mr. J. Stewart, 98; and Mr. A. Cooper, 99.

VICTORIA (ABERDEEN) v. MERCANTILE (MONTROSE).

Played over the Montrose links on Saturday. Both clubs played strong teams, and the strangers were agreeably surprised to find themselves only 16 holes in arrears, as they had looked for a more decisive beating from so formidable a combination as the Mercantile. The weather was delightful, and all the conditions favourable for good play, and some good scores were returned. At the conclusion of the match, the Aberdeen men were entertained to dinner in the Mercantile club-room. Full scores:—

VICTORIA.		MERCANTILE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. A. M. M. Dunn	0	Mr. G. M. Smith	1
Mr. W. Still	0	Mr. J. Milne	2
Mr. A. M'Connachie	0	Mr. T. Sherret	3
Mr. G. Flett	0	Mr. G. M'Intosh	3
Mr. L. Anderson	4	Mr. R. Cobb	0
Mr. J. Innes	0	Mr. J. Hampton	5
Mr. A. Cooper	1	Mr. E. M'Donald	0
Mr. J. Russell	0	Mr. A. Oliphant	3
Mr. A. Mitchell	0	Mr. George Croal	3
Mr. R. Balmain	0	Mr. J. Winton	0
Mr. J. B. Banks	0	Mr. J. Wishart	3
Mr. A. R. Williams	0	Mr. A. Paterson	2
Mr. R. Anderson (2)	2	Mr. W. Gordon	0
Mr. W. H. Reid	5	Mr. A. M'Leod	0
Mr. George Mortimer	0	Mr. T. Millar	3
	12		28

Individual scores:—For Aberdeen: Mr. W. Still, 85; Mr. L. Anderson, 86; Messrs. G. Flett and A. M. M. Dunn, 87; Messrs. J. Innes and A. M'Connachie, 88; Messrs. J. Russell, A. Mitchell, and R. Balmain, 90; Mr. W. Reid, 91; Messrs. A. Cooper and R. Anderson (2), 92. Montrose: Mr. G. M'Intosh, 80; Messrs. J. Milne, T. Sherret, and J. Hampton, 85; Messrs. G. M. Smith and A. Oliphant, 86; Mr. J. Winton, 90; Mr. E. M'Donald, 91; and Mr. R. Cobb, 92.

ARDEN GOLF CLUB.

The August competition for the club cup was played off on Saturday, August 6th, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. F. W. Lindner	110	30	80	Mr. H. H. Wright	123	21	102
Mr. A. E. Wilson-Browne	99	10	89	Mr. J. E. Tonks	131	27	104
Mr. H. Margetts	114	20	94	Mr. M. C. Lord	123	18	105
Mr. H. H. Greenway	113	18	95	Mr. F. Graham	124	18	106
Rev. G. W. Barnard	102	5	97	Mr. J. A. Marigold	135	23	112
Mr. C. T. Wade	122	25	97	Mr. W. W. Lord	133	20	113

BARHAM DOWNS GOLF CLUB.

A very successful meeting of this club was held on the 11th and 12th August, at which ladies competed for two prizes, first and second, presented by Captain Tattersall, while there was a half-crown sweep for gentlemen. The former competition was a match handicap, for which there were twenty-three entries, the latter two eighteen-hole medal rounds (handicap). Miss E. Ramsay won the ladies' first prize, after a very close game with Mrs. Banbury, who took the second prize. Captain W. H. Eccles and Mr. E. Ramsay tied for the gentlemen's sweep, each returning a net score of 176. The weather was perfect, and the greens showed a decided improvement since the spring.

Result of the play for the ladies' prizes.—The following drew byes:—Mrs. Ramus, Miss H. Laurie, Mrs. Stanley Stubbs, Miss B. Borrow, Mrs. Banbury, Miss M. Waterfield, Miss P. Jeffery, Mrs. Wynne Eyton, Miss D. Jeffery, and Mrs. Routledge. Miss N. Ramsay beat Miss Jeffery; Miss Alice Eccles beat Miss A. Waterfield; Miss Hamilton beat Miss Eccles; Miss Augusta Eccles walked over; Mrs. Hallows beat Miss Edwards; Miss E. Ramsay beat Miss Waterfield.

Second Ties.—Mrs. Ramus beat Miss H. Laurie; Miss B. Borrow beat Mrs. Stanley Stubbs; Mrs. Banbury beat Miss M. Waterfield; Miss P. Jeffery walked over; Mrs. Routledge beat Miss D. Jeffery; Miss N. Ramsay beat Miss A. Waterfield; Miss Augusta Eccles beat Miss Hamilton; Miss E. Ramsay beat Mrs. Hallows.

Third Ties.—Mrs. Ramus beat Miss B. Borrow; Mrs. Banbury beat Miss P. Jeffery; Miss N. Ramsay beat Mrs. Routledge; Miss E. Ramsay beat Miss Augusta Eccles.

Fourth Ties.—Mrs. Banbury beat Mrs. Ramus; Miss E. Ramsay beat Miss N. Ramsay.

Final.—Miss E. Ramsay beat Mrs. Banbury.

CALCUTTA GOLF CLUB.

An extra Golf competition took place on the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th July for a fine silver cup, presented by a member of the club, to be played for by those who have never gained a first prize or medal on the Calcutta links. Forty-one entered, and three tied for first place. On playing off, the following was the result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. D. Pym	107	4	103	Mr. L. Truninger	125	10	115
Mr. E. Pearce	116	12	104				

The best scores recorded in the competition were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. D. Pym	108	4	104	Mr. N. Mitchell-Innes	107	scr.	107
Mr. L. Truninger	114	10	104	Mr. R. J. P. Thomas	122	14	108
Mr. E. Pearce	116	12	104	Mr. R. E. S. Thomas	121	10	111
Mr. J. E. Cubitt	122	16	106				

CHESTER GOLF CLUB.

On 20th August, the monthly medal was competed for, with the following result.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Capt. Drummond	103	30	73	Mr. J. E. Pearson	97	10	87
Mr. E. C. Kendall	111	32	79	Mr. H. Dobie	108	20	88
Mr. E. H. Porter	99	17	82	Mr. W. Hayes	107	16	91
Mr. J. Rowley	96	10	86	Mr. L. Hancock	127	30	97
Mr. C. B. Toller	113	27	86	Mr. W. F. Chadwick	107	9	98
Mr. John Ball, jun.	81	+6	87	Mr. H. Gladstone,			
Mr. Horace Mayhew	91	4	87	M.P.	127	20	107

* Winner of monthly medal.

DUNBAR GOLF CLUB.

The annual Golf tournament for the Dunbar Merchants' cup, Aitchison medal, and other prizes, took place over Dunbar Golf course on Saturday. Twenty-four couples started, and on the completion of the round it was found that Mr. Arthur Dick, of Dunbar, was winner of the Merchants' cup, with a score of 96, less 14=82. At the close of the competitions the prizes were presented by Provost Brand. The following is the prize-list:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. Dick	96	14	82	Mr. R. M. Rogers	95	4	91
Mr. R. White	101	16	85	Mr. Wm. Halkerston	100	8	92
Mr. A. Borthwick	101	15	86	Mr. Robert Edgar	113	20	93
Mr. Wm. Dick	98	11	87	Mr. Wm. Clark	105	12	93
Mr. James Moffat	87	scr.	87	Mr. A. Horne	99	6	93
Mr. J. L. Officer	93	6	87	Mr. John Gibb	113	20	93
Mr. Wm. Morris	96	8	88	Mr. Forbes Wallace	97	4	93
Mr. Walter Burt	87	+2	89	Mr. Wm. Duncau	94	scr.	94
Mr. A. Sisson	94	4	90	Mr. Charles F. Scott	101	6	95
Mr. Wm. Ford	91	scr.	91	Mr. R. Cunningham	97	2	95

DISLEY GOLF CLUB.

The fourth summer handicap was contested on Saturday, in lovely weather, and as the links were in perfect order, all the conditions were most favourable for low scoring; and several of the competitors returned gross scores far below their usual form, but Mr. R. W. Hutton, who has lately been playing a very good game, eclipsed all previous competition records by halving the eighteen holes in 80, tying with the record made by Mr. W. Bell last May. His score was made up as follows:—

First Round ...	6	3	5	4	7	5	5	3	3=41	} 80
Second Round ...	5	5	5	4	4	5	4	3	4=39	

For the sake of comparison we also give Mr. Bell's score:—

First Round ...	5	6	5	5	3	3	3	4	4=38	} 80
Second Round ...	5	4	5	5	5	5	6	3	4=42	

Mr. R. W. Hutton secured a win for the medal, and took the first sweepstakes, the second and third falling to Messrs. Garrett and A. Hutton. The following were the best returns:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. W. Hutton...	80 7 73	Mr. G. J. Hutton ...	96 11 85
Mr. H. C. Garrett...	92 18 74	Mr. T. G. Yates ...	102 16 86
Mr. J. A. Hutton ...	93 16 77	Mr. H. D. Tonge ...	103 15 88
Mr. T. D. Cummins	95 14 81	Mr. G. N. Cameron	104 16 88
Mr. W. Bell ...	87 5 82	Mr. Eustace Hutton	108 20 88
Mr. E. G. Hutton...	102 20 82	Mr. G. C. Greenwell	99 10 89
Mr. P. Campbell ...	106 24 82	Mr. R. C. Hutton...	106 14 92
Rev. G. O'Brien ...	113 30 83	Mr. T. C. Midwood	113 20 93

In a private match during the week Mr. G. J. Hutton succeeded in holing the fourth hole in 1.

EALING GOLF CLUB.

The August monthly medal was played for on Saturday, the 20th August, in glorious weather. The course was in splendid condition, and the greens were lively and true. Only a few members competed, and the following were the returns sent in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. F. Carver ...	87 10 77	Dr. Prescott Roberts	116 26 90
Mr. G. B. Balfour...	99 17 82	Major-Gen. Limond	123 27 96
Major Bowhill ...	107 22 85	Mr. E. G. Hamilton	124 25 99
Mr. C. M. Bayfield..	111 24 87	Mr. H. Maule ...	130 24 106
Mr. J. Pritchard ...	113 24 89	Others made no returns.	

Ladies' medal:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mrs. E. G. Hamilton ...	101 scr. 101

FORRES v. MORAY.

The Forres and Moray Golf Clubs met on the Forres course at Kinross on the 17th, the match ending in favour of Forres by a majority of 11 holes. The details are:—

FORRES.		MORAY.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. J. Sutherland ...	0	Mr. J. M'Isaac ...	0
Mr. A. MacHardy ...	6	Mr. E. Spencer ...	0
Dr. Foulie ...	0	Mr. J. Hay ...	1
Mr. J. S. Watson ...	11	Mr. F. Davie ...	0
Mr. C. W. Calder ...	0	Mr. R. Winchester ...	2
Dr. Milligan ...	2	Mr. F. H. Gibb ...	0
Mr. J. Stewart ...	0	Mr. D. Cameron ...	2
Mr. H. A. Watson ...	0	Mr. A. Macdonald ...	0
Dr. Milne ...	0	Mr. W. Macdonald ...	4
Mr. A. Fraser ...	4	Mr. G. Ross ...	0
Mr. D. K. Stewart ...	0	Captain Swan ...	4
Mr. W. Archibald ...	1	Mr. J. Adams ...	0
	24		13

GREENOCK.

The first competition for the Greenock Golf Club's monthly medal was played on Saturday. The weather was fine, and the ground and putting-greens in fine condition. There took part in the competition twenty-five couples, the following being the best scores made:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. John Paton ...	119 30 89	Mr. James Murray...	105 4 101
†Mr. J. L. Adams...	110 18 92	Mr. Andrew Car-	
Mr. James Millar ...	99 scr. 99	michael ...	132 30 102
Mr. William Hardie	117 18 99	Mr. R. D. Carmichael	121 18 103
Mr. James Duff ...	119 20 99	Mr. John Adams,	
Mr. F. M'Donald...	104 4 100	jun. ...	133 30 103
Mr. F. M'Donald,		Mr. J. C. Aitken ...	123 20 103
jun. ...	109 8 101		

* Medal.

† Second prize.

KINGHORN.

On Saturday afternoon the Kinghorn Golf Club played a competition over Kinghorn Links, the prizes being a gold appendage presented to the club by Mr. James Taylor, brewer, Edinburgh, and a second prize given by the club. The course was in grand order, but some of the putting-greens, especially those on the slope, were very keen and trying to players. The heat was also excessive. Result:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. W. P. Drummond, Edinburgh ...	84	8	76
Mr. T. S. Watt, Burntisland ...	79	scr.	79
Mr. C. H. Turnbull, Edinburgh ...	92	12	80
Dr. Smith, Kirkcaldy ...	94	12	82
Mr. Henry Marden, Kirkcaldy ...	94	12	82
Mr. G. B. Turnbull, Edinburgh ...	92	9	83
Mr. George R. Hepburn, Kinghorn ...	85	2	83

The two scratch players, Mr. George Oswald (Kinghorn) and Mr. T. S. Watt, (Burntisland), who tied last week for the handsome prize presented by Mr. Wightman, Edinburgh, played off their tie on Saturday, when Mr. Watt beat Mr. Oswald, doing the round in 40.

LITTLEHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.

Mr. E. C. R. Goff's medal, 16th August:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. Horn ...	102 13 89	Mr. T. W. Waller...	121 25 96
Mr. H. Hildebrand	107 18 89	Mr. J. E. Lloyd ...	151 25 126
Mr. D. Munro ...	111 20 91		

Mr. A. J. Constable's cup, 17th August:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. Horn ...	91 13 78	Mr. T. W. Waller...	113 25 88
Mr. A. J. Constable	98 15 83		

LITTLESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly medal took place on August 13th, in unfavourable weather, with the following results:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. T. Welldon...	115 24 91	Mr. L. Fawell ...	126 18 108
Mr. N. Lubbock ...	101 6 95	Mr. G. Spurling ...	125 12 113

Several others made no return.

NEWBIGGIN GOLF CLUB.

Treasurer's Prize.—Final competition played on Saturday, the 13th. Result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Jas. Tennant ...	86 scr. 86	Mr. T. Hutton ...	107 9 98
Mr. M. P. Ismay ...	97 9 88		

NEW FOREST GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, August 12th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Lieut. Heathcote,		Lieut. de Crespigny,	
R.N. ...	108 18 90	R.N. ...	104 4 100
Col. Cameron, V.C.,		Mr. J. Goldfinch ...	142 40 102
C.B. ...	132 40 92	Mr. J. Jeffreys ...	131 24 107
Mr. A. Lubbock ...	97 2 95	Mr. P. Lushington...	128 18 110
Col. Pott ...	114 18 96	Mr. J. Bryan ...	124 12 112
Mr. R. Hargreaves..	109 10 99	Mr. W. Norris ...	144 30 114
Capt. Aitchison, R.N.	117 18 99	Major Heathcote ...	146 28 118
Capt. Maitland ...	123 24 99		

Mr. P. Crossley made no return.

In the afternoon a foursome competition on the "Bogey" principle was played for prizes given by the captain of the club, which resulted in favour of Colonel Pott and Lieutenant de Crespigny, R.N.

PRESTWICK.

A match of thirty-six holes was played over Prestwick links on Thursday, the 18th inst., by Mr. H. D. Paleisor with Willie Fernie against Mr. H. Moncrieff and Archie Simpson. The weather was of the most unfavourable character, rain falling during the whole progress of the match, and at the last hole played it came down in torrents. In the round played in the forenoon Mr. Paleisor and Fernie had all the best of it, and came in with the substantial lead of 5 holes and a score of 81. In the afternoon their opponents did not succeed in reaching the odds against them, and the match ended at the fifteenth hole in favour of Paleisor and Fernie by 5 holes up and 3 to play.

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS.—A competition for prizes given by Mr. J. H. Roger was held on Saturday over the new course. The players were divided into three classes, the first consisting of scratch men, and those with handicaps up to 8, the second from 9 to 16, and the third from 17 and upwards, prizes being awarded in each class. The

following are the results of the game of eighteen holes:—In the first class Mr. James Gibson was winner with a fine scratch score of 80. In the second class the first prize fell to Mr. R. Pyper, at 91, with 12, Mr. T. Hamilton taking 94, with 12 of odds. In the third class the first prize was won by Mr. H. E. Jones at 93, the second by Mr. H. Griffin at 98, and the third by Mr. J. Bowden at 109, all with 18 of odds. The following ties were played in the competition for Mr. Marshall Wane's prize:—Mr. H. G. Peattie (½), beat Mr. D. Ferguson (½), by 4 holes; Mr. James Andrew (scratch), beat Mr. W. Beaton (½), by 1 hole; Mr. W. Hunter (3), ½, beat Mr. W. Weir, jun. (½), by 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. C. I. Hight (½), beat Mr. A. Crawford (½), by 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. James Gibson (scratch), beat Mr. J. Wallace (½), by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. A. Boon (scratch), beat Mr. W. J. Templeton (½), by 4 up and 3 to play. The scores in the competition also decided the winner of the Wilson medal. Mr. James Gibson being the lowest scorer, has gained the first honour for the season.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

The annual children's competition for the medal (scratch) and prizes under handicap, raised by subscription, took place at Hoylake last Friday, the 19th inst. The weather was all that could be desired. The feature of the day's play was the excellent performance of Jack Graham, who won the medal easily with a brilliant return of 87, made up as follows:—

Out	5	6	5	5	6	4	4	4	5=44	87
Home	6	4	4	4	3	6	6	5	5=43	

Appended are the results of the various classes. Master H. Stubbs won the tie in the first class, and Miss Onah Blake was successful in the tie, second class, for girls.

BOYS.

First Class.—Age over 12 and under 16; eighteen holes; eleven competitors:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Jack Graham ...	87 scr. 87	V. Blake ...	111 9 102
†Eric Crowther ...	95 7 88	C. Robinson ...	134 30 104
‡J. Hutchings ...	109 20 89	C. Nicholson ...	122 17 105
§H. Stubbs ...	111 17 94	H. Dodd ...	140 30 110
§W. Blake'... ..	114 20 94	W. Gardner ...	150 30 120
F. W. Robinson ...	130 30 100		

* Medal and first prize. † Second prize. ‡ Third prize. § Tied for fourth prize.

Second Class.—Age 9 and under 12; twelve holes; five competitors:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*W. Spencer ...	94 22 72	§Graham Darbyshire	114 11 103
†H. Robinson ...	119 30 89	Trevor Lewis ...	167 30 137
‡Alan Graham ...	94 scr. 94		

* First prize. † Second prize. ‡ Third prize. § Fourth prize.

Third Class.—Age, under 9; five holes; four competitors.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
* Theo. Crowther ...	45 5 40	†Talbot Travis ...	54 5 49
†Austin Bird ...	47 scr. 47	David Brown ...	96 30 66

* First Prize. † Second Prize. ‡ Third Prize.

GIRLS.

First Class.—Aged 12 and under 16; twelve holes; eight competitors.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
* Miss Hettie Cook	101 25 76	Miss Harriet Dodd	99 7 92
† Miss M. Simpson	90 7 83	Miss Elsie Glover...	126 30 96
‡ Miss M. Graham	86 scr. 86	Miss D. Simpson...	132 28 104
§ Miss S. Hamilton	96 5 91	Miss Norah Cook...	134 30 104

* First Prize. † Second Prize. ‡ Third Prize. § Fourth Prize.

Second Class.—Age, under 12; five holes; four competitors.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
* Miss Norah Blake	57 10 47	† Miss Onah Blake	61 10 51
† Miss Stella Bird...	48 scr. 48	‡ Miss Marian Banks	73 22 51

* First Prize. † Second Prize. ‡ Tied for Third Prize.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Youths.—Age, over 16, under 18; eighteen holes; two competitors.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
* W. C. Glover ...	103 10 93	† H. Crowther ...	104 scr. 104

* First Prize. † Second Prize.

Young Ladies.—Age, over 16 and under 20; twelve holes, three competitors.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
* Miss Mary Simpson	102 12 90	Miss Helen Dodd ...	103 scr. 103
† Miss W. Crowther	96 scr. 96		

* First Prize. † Second Prize.

RANELAGH GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. Jackson ...	95	12	83	Mr. C. A. S. Leg-	
Mr. M. Friend ...	87	2	85	gatt	92 2 90
Mr. W. E. Beak ...	100	12	88	Mr. E. Lehman ...	94 2 92
Mr. H. F. Highton	105	16	89	Mr. A. E. Bateman	118 21 97
Mr. S. C. Leonard	113	24	89		

Several competitors were over 100 net, or sent in no returns.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

Major Little's prize, Saturday, August 20th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. A. E. Walker	90	2	88	Mr. T. R. Robin ...	89 +4 93
*Capt. Elliot, P.W.V.	98	9	89	Capt. Fairlie ...	98 5 93
Mr. T. W. Barker...	95	5	90	Mr. J. R. Brown ...	99 6 93
Mr. A. Critchley Sal-				Captain Withington,	
monson	103	12	91	P.W.V.	106 13 93
Mr. W. H. Monckton	109	17	92		

* Divided sweepstakes.

Several players made no return.

ST. ANDREWS.

On Saturday evening, the 13th inst., a professional match came off between Hugh Kirkaldy and J. O. F. Morris, the latter, who has been laid aside from play for some time, being allowed a half. The match was for a stake of £10, and was one round. Playing the first half of the round Kirkaldy had most of it his own way, and ultimately turned 3 holes ahead. The first two holes inward were halved. At the third green Kirkaldy got down with a remarkably played 3; Morris, who took 4, having his odd here, however, secured a half. The fourth hole was also divided, and Kirkaldy stood 3 up with 5 to play. Morris, however, by steady play, won the next three holes, and at the Corner of the Dyke all was square with 2 to play. At the second last green both were within holing distance in 3, but Morris failed to get his putt down, and Kirkaldy, who did the needful, got dormy 1. Playing the home hole both were within putting distance in two, but here Morris was rather unlucky, a stone lying between his ball and the hole; his ball not being within twenty yards of the hole and the stone not within a club length of the ball he was, according to the rules, not allowed to lift it. In playing his stroke, Morris struck the stone with his ball, only getting half-way to the hole, and he failed to hole, and Kirkaldy holing a good putt, won the match by 1 hole. A goodly number of spectators witnessed the play.

The annual tournament among the members of the Ladies' Golf Club for the Jubilee plate, presented by the late Capt. D. S. Stewart, was played on Monday, 15th, over the ladies' links. Fifty competitors entered, and the play took place by rounds, and six rounds had to be played before the winner was reached. The weather was fine, but very windy. The following was the result of the play:—

First Round.—Mrs. Boothby a walk over—Miss E. Capron retired; Mrs. Henderson beat Miss Walsh by 5 and 3 to play; Mrs. Combe beat Miss Henderson by 6 and 5 to play; Miss G. Bruce Johnstone beat Miss Boyd by 2; Miss Johnstone beat Miss Birrel by 5 and 4 to play; Miss A. Sherman Miller beat Mrs. W. Claude Johnston by 6 and 5 to play; Mrs. Scratton beat Miss V. Abbot by 2; Miss H. E. Wordsworth beat Miss K. Prain by 5 and 4 to play; Miss A. Sherman Miller beat Miss Walthew by 4 and 3 to play; Mrs. Wolfe Murray beat Miss Wallace by 4 and 3 to play; Miss Bethune beat Miss Murray Honey after a tie; Mrs. Macfie beat Miss L. Prain by 3 and 2 to play; Miss Macpherson beat Miss Stewart by 3 and 2 to play; Mrs. Everard beat Miss Davies by 8 and 7 to play; Miss L. Bethune beat Miss Nicholson by 2; Miss C. Curtis beat Mrs. F. Mackenzie by 1; Miss Bruce Johnstone beat Miss Glen by 4 and 3 to play; Miss Falconer beat Miss M. Bethune by 2. Seven couples obtained byes.

Second Round.—Mrs. Boothby beat Mrs. Henderson by 4 and 3 to play; Miss G. Bruce Johnstone beat Mrs. Combe by 5 and 4 to play; Miss A. Sherman Miller beat Miss Johnstone by 2; Miss Wordsworth beat Mrs. Scratton by 5 and 4 to play; Mrs. Wolfe Murray beat Miss L. Sherman Miller by 4 and 3 to play; Miss Bethune beat Mrs. Macfie by 6 and 5 to play; Mrs. Everard beat Miss Macpherson by 3 and 2 to play; Miss L. Bethune beat Miss Curtis by 1; Miss Bruce Johnstone beat Miss Falconer by 4 and 3 to play; Miss Moir beat Miss J. M'Neil by 3 and 2 to play; Miss Scott beat Miss M. Bruce Johnstone by 2 and 1 to play; Miss C. Hodge beat Miss J. M. Bethune by 1; Miss M'Neil beat Miss C. Scott by 4 and 3 to play; Mrs. James Boyd walked over, Miss F. Hodge retired; Miss A. Hodge beat Miss S. Johnstone by 1; Miss K. Bruce Johnstone beat Miss E. E. Moir by 5 and 4 to play.

Third Round.—Miss G. Bruce Johnstone beat Mrs. Boothby by 3 and 2 to play; Miss Wordsworth beat Miss A. Sherman Miller by 3

and 2 to play; Miss Bethune beat Mrs. Wolfe Murray by 4 and 3 to play; Miss L. Bethune beat Mrs. Everard by 5 and 4 to play; Miss Bruce Johnstone beat Miss Moir by 3 and 1 to play; Miss Scott beat Miss C. Hodge by 4 and 3 to play; Mrs. James Boyd beat Miss M'Neil by 2 and 1 to play; Miss K. Bruce Johnstone beat Miss A. Hodge by 9 and 8 to play.

Fourth Round.—Miss G. Bruce Johnstone beat Miss Wordsworth by 3 and 2 to play; Miss Bethune beat Miss L. Bethune by 4 and 3 to play; Miss Scott beat Miss Bruce Johnstone after a tie; Miss K. Bruce Johnstone beat Mrs. J. Boyd after a tie.

Fifth Round.—Miss Bethune beat Miss G. Bruce Johnstone by 2; Miss K. Bruce Johnstone beat Miss Scott by 4 and 3 to play.

Sixth Round.—Miss K. Bruce Johnstone beat Miss Bethune by 3 and 2 to play.

Miss K. Bruce Johnstone was therefore declared the holder of the Jubilee plate for the year.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the club cup took place over the links at Seaton, on Saturday last, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. E. R. Lindley...	97	17	80	Mr. C. B. Williamson	95	9	86
Capt. A. S. Jenour	111	25	86	Mr. G. Newby	90	3	87

Messrs. A. R. Paton, A. Robinson, and C. J. Bunting made no returns.

SINGAPORE GOLF CLUB.

The result of the competition for the handicap club cup, played on Saturday, 23rd July, two rounds each, is as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. R. W. Crighton	90	6	84	Mr. E. J. Robertson	109	9	100
Lieut. Haig	93	8	85	Mr. J. M. Allinson	109	8	101
Mr. J. F. Gowans...	102	15	87	Capt. Rideout	120	18	102
Mr. W. G. Greig	89	scr.	89	Mr. J. Sword	127	25	102
Lieut. Higginbotham	91	2	89	Mr. E. O. Smith	119	15	104
Mr. J. B. Robertson	91	scr.	91	Major McCullum	125	18	107
Mr. R. Dunman	102	10	92	Mr. J. G. Boyd	122	14	108
Mr. T. C. Mugliston	109	16	93	Mr. J. Graham	124	16	108
Mr. P. A. Gillespie	94	scr.	94	Mr. A. J. Macdonald	127	18	109
Mr. C. Logan	108	12	96	Mr. C. D. Harvey	127	18	109
Surg. Capt. Dick	102	5	97	Mr. W. H. Shelford	131	18	113
Mr. D. E. Fulton	105	8	97	Mr. A. Gentle	144	25	119
Mr. J. L. Jenkins	110	12	98	Mr. A. Reid	149	25	124
Mr. E. Broad	118	20	98	Mr. R. F. Boileau	129	2	127

There was a large attendance of members and visitors during the afternoon, and some really good play was seen.

SOUTHDOWN AND BRIGHTON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The first competition for the new silver monthly medal took place among the Southdown and Brighton ladies on the 16th and 17th insts. The medal is very handsome the initials of the club being enamelled in red, white, and blue, the club colours.

The list of competitors was not so large as usual, as many of the members are away at this season, but some good play was seen. Miss M. Crunden secured the medal with a well-played round of 86 gross—77 net. Major Campbell, Colonel Street, and Mr. Bridge may be congratulated on their readjustment of the handicaps, the result being satisfactory all round.

EARLSFERRY GOLF CLUB.—At the annual general meeting of this club Mr. J. E. Pitcairn, Edinburgh, was elected captain. The club medal (scratch), Robertson cross (handicap), and a prize presented by the retiring captain, Mr. Martin Prain, were played for. Eighteen couples started. Mr. Walter Stewart won the medal with a score of 85. The same gentleman tied with Mr. George Lowe for the handicap prizes. The scores were:—Mr. Stewart, 85, less 2=83; Mr. Lowe, 89, less 6=83. On playing off the tie, Mr. Stewart won the captain's prize, and Mr. Lowe the cross.

ELECTRIC GOLF CLUB.—A special competition for prizes presented by various members and friends of the club was held over the Braids on the 19th inst., in brilliant weather. The course was in excellent condition, the heavy rain of Thursday having had a beneficial effect on the putting-greens. The following are the prize-winners and net scores:—Messrs. W. Wood, T. Kinnear, W. Lawrie, tie, 87; Messrs. J. Lawrie and T. Smith, tie, 88; Messrs. A. White and J. C. M'Cracken, tie, 89; Messrs. R. Tainsh, J. Small, D. M. Moore, tie, 90; Messrs. A. J. Wilson and J. M'Cormick, tie, 91.

WARRENDER CLUB.—The members of this club held their August competition over the Braids on Thursday, the 18th. The following were the prize-winners:—1, Mr. R. Millar, 82, less 6=76; 2, Mr. R. Glass, 83, plus 2=85; 3, Mr. James Coekburn, 101, less 10=91; 4 and 5, tie, Mr. A. Sinclair, 102, less 10=92, and Mr. J. S. C. Shaw, 104, less 12=92.

TROON.

On Saturday afternoon the annual competition among ladies' and gentlemen's foursomes took place at Troon. The weather was fine, but a strong wind blowing up the course proved a little troublesome. Thirty couples started. Sixteen holes of the course were played. Dr. Hight, the secretary, made the presentations, and intimated that Mrs. Norrice and Mrs. James Hutcheson had won the first prize with a score of 104, less 19=85. For the second prize three couples had tied with 89—Miss K. Bishop and Mr. Joseph Reid, 93, less 4; Mrs. Fleming and Mr. G. M'Kirdy, 94, less 5; and Miss Jeanie Bishop and Mr. W. C. Mitchell, 95, less 6. The fifth prize was won by Miss Jeanie Dickie and Mr. D. Reid with 102, less 10=92; and the sixth by Miss Miss M'Michael and Mr. Charles Aird, and Miss Dundas and Mr. Drummond, who tied with 93. Score:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mrs. Norrice and Mr. James Hutcheson	104	19	85
Miss K. Bishop and Mr. Joseph Reid	93	4	89
Mrs. Fleming and Mr. G. M'Kirdy	94	5	89
Miss Jeanie Bishop and Mr. W. C. Mitchell	95	6	89
Miss Jeanie Dickie and Mr. D. Reid	102	10	92
Miss M'Michael and Mr. Charles Aird	100	7	93
Miss Dundas and Mr. George Drummond	102	9	93
Miss M. A. Hutcheson and Mr. H. E. Clifford	108	14	94
Mrs. Wm. C. Mitchell and Mr. W. J. Hartley	109	15	94
Miss Clark and Mr. H. Herbertson	102	7	95
Miss Dickie and Mr. F. Y. Henderson	107	12	95
Miss B. Walker and Mr. J. B. Wilson	110	15	95
Miss Herbertson and Mr. John Merry	101	5	96
Miss Mabel Paton and Mr. A. H. Holm	101	5	96
Miss Walker and Mr. H. W. M'Kirdy	101	5	96
Miss J. J. Paton and Mr. P. Robertson	102	6	96
Miss Walker and Mr. J. M. Bishop	105	9	96
Miss Aggie Ross and Mr. R. Hutcheson	106	9	97
Miss Gilmour and Mr. D. Dundas	106	8	98
Miss Clazy and Mr. M. Robertson	107	9	98
Miss Brown and Mr. M. Bell	109	11	98
Miss Baine and Mr. John Clark, jun.	108	8	100
Miss Ivy Clark and Mr. Jas. Herbertson, jun.	110	10	100
Miss Connell and Mr. James Brown	112	11	101
Miss Mabel Dickie and Mr. J. T. King	110	6	104
Miss A. Ross and Dr. Clark	111	4	107
Miss Mary Bishop and Mr. T. H. Walker	115	6	109
Miss Clifford and Mr. John Shaw	129	18	111

WAKEFIELD GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for August resulted in a win for Mr. R. Rowand. The weather and the course were all that could be desired, and contributed largely to the improved returns.

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. R. Rowand	124	36	88	Mr. F. Lee	136	33	103
Mr. A. J. C. Stanfield	104	14	90	Mr. W. Creswick	128	24	104
Mr. J. A. Bean	128	36	92	Mr. R. Thompson	140	36	104
Mr. W. Fennell	123	39	93	Mr. B. A. Heathcote	135	30	105
Mr. D. Mackie	129	36	93	Mr. W. A. Statter	149	36	113
Mr. J. Murray	118	19	99	Mr. W. Townend	150	36	114
Mr. A. H. Roberts	132	30	102	Mr. J. L. Lee	151	36	115

Six others made no returns or were over 115.

WIMBLEDON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Monthly Medals. August 20th. Scores:—

FIRST CLASS.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*MisBerthaThomson	91	17	74	Miss Phillips	95	14	81
Miss Nellie Muir	96	17	79	Mrs. Archer	108	21	87
Miss Edith Scott	103	24	79	Miss Lena Thomson	92	4	88

* First medal and brooch.

No returns from Miss Hassard Short, Miss Lee, Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Pollock and Mrs. Foster.

SECOND CLASS.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Miss Economo	97	33	64	Miss Reeves	114	32	82
Miss Frere	106	34	72	Miss Glennie	118	31	87
Miss L. Clapham	110	36	74	Miss L. Eveleigh	122	34	88
Mrs. Trollope	111	32	79	Miss L. Field	122	34	88
Miss M. Buxton	117	36	81				

* Second medal.

No returns, or over 100 net: Miss Turner, Miss Carver, Mrs. Browne, Miss Delcomyn, Miss Hatfield, Miss Meates, Miss Twentyman, Miss M. Clapham, and Miss M. Hart.

BANFF.—The county medal was competed for on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at Cullen. Buckie, Cullen, and Banff clubs all sent representatives. Mr. J. O. Kemp gained the medal for Banff with a score of 93; Mr. W. Mackenzie, Banff, 94; Mr. Anderson, Buckie, 94. There were thirty-two competitors.

ABERFOYLE CLUB.—The annual competition for the challenge medal presented by Mr. A. H. Lee, Blairhoyle, took place on Saturday, the 13th inst., resulting in a tie between Mr. John M'Laren and Mr. J. W. Gaff, with a score of 85 each. On going another round of nine holes they were again equal at 40. The tie was played off on Monday afternoon, when Mr. Gaff carried off the medal with a score of 36 for the round of nine holes.

EDINBURGH CORPORATION GOLF CLUB.—The monthly handicap competition of this club took place at Luffness on Wednesday, the 17th inst., the Luffness Golf Club having kindly granted the use of their green. The prizes were won by the following members:—1st, Mr. G. Somerville; 2nd, Mr. Bailie Macpherson; 3rd, Councillor Kinloch Anderson; 4th, Councillor Lang Todd.

"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.—The monthly medal of this club was played for on the Braids on the 17th inst., and was won by Mr. G. Aitken, with the score of 95, less 16=79, Mr. J. Hornsby being second with the net score of 81.

DORNOCH.—The fortnightly aggregate and weekly prizes were competed for here on Saturday, the 13th, in pleasant golfing weather. In the first-mentioned the best cards were returned by the Rev. H. A. Kennedy, 88, less 2=86; Mr. T. C. Hedderwick (London), 105, less 18=87; Mr. Macdonald, 89, plus 1=90; and Colonel Grant (Sandwich), 108, less 18=90. The scoring in the other competition was considerably better, when Mr. Macdonald put in a win with a capital 81, plus 1=82, while the next best players took the following order:—Mr. J. Campbell, 84, scratch; Mr. J. Robson (Edinburgh), 100, less 15=85; Mr. George Bridgeford, 93, less 6=87; Dr. M'Lachlan, 97, less 9=88; Mr. T. C. Hedderwick (London), 107, less 18=89; Mr. J. Sutherland, 89, plus 3=92; Colonel Grant (Sandwich), 110, less 18=92; Mr. J. J. Muir (Edinburgh), 111, less 18=93; Rev. H. A. Kennedy, 95, less 2=94; Mr. G. R. Kennedy, 101, less 2=99; Mr. G. Munro (North Berwick), 118, less 18=100.

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE.—This club held their monthly competition over Musselburgh links on Saturday, when, in addition to the monthly handicap medal, the scratch medal and prizes were played for, with the following result:—1st, Mr. A. R. Murray (winning both scratch and handicap medals); 2nd, Mr. D. G. R. Murray; 3rd, Mr. D. Y. Mills and Mr. J. F. Hall, a tie.

LUNDIN CLUB, LARGO.—The half-yearly and handicap medals, besides other prizes, were competed for on Saturday. The weather was all that could be desired, and the greens were in splendid condition. Appended is the result:—Mr. W. Henderson, 85; Mr. F. Nicol, 87; Mr. J. Bremner, 90; Mr. R. Philp, 91. Handicap prizes:—Mr. W. Henderson, 85 plus 1=86; Mr. F. Nicol, 89, less 1=88; Mr. R. Philp, 91, less 2=89; Mr. W. R. Henry, 99, less 10=89; Mr. J. Bryce, 101, less 10=91; Mr. Doughty, 109, less 18=91; Mr. A. J. Henry, 101, less 10=91; Mr. J. Hutchison, 195, less 14=91. The above were all prize-winners.

CUMBRAE CLUB.—A competition for a gold medal presented by Messrs. W. and T. Macfarlane, confined to visitors for the month of August, was held over the course of this club on Saturday afternoon. A strong breeze was blowing, which rather interfered with the scoring. The winner of the medal was Mr. G. S. Rankin with a score of 97, the next in rotation being Mr. J. Brown, 98; Dr. Fraser, 98; Dr. R. Muir, 99; Mr. J. Miller, 100; Mr. J. Paterson, 103; Mr. H. Fulton, 106; Mr. J. Frater, 108; Mr. J. M'Niven, 115; Mr. J. Herriot, 118; Mr. J. Cowley, 127.

ELGIN v. GRANTOWN.—On Saturday a team of twenty-one Elgin gollers paid a visit to Grantown, and played a similar team from Grantown on the Golf course there, in excellent weather. The Grantown team won the match by 92 holes.

EDINBURGH WHARFEDALE GOLF CLUB.—This club met at the Braid Hills on Saturday afternoon, to play the final tie for the M'Ewan cup, and was won by Mr. James Gibb with the score of 108, less 18=90.

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September 7th, 8th, and 9th. — IRISH AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP by holes (eighteen). Open to all *bonâ fide* Amateurs, members of recognised Golf Clubs. First Prize, Championship Challenge Trophy (£50) and Gold Medal (£5); Second Prize, Silver Medal; Third Prize, Bronze Medal; Fourth Prize, Bronze Medal. Entrance Fee, 10s.

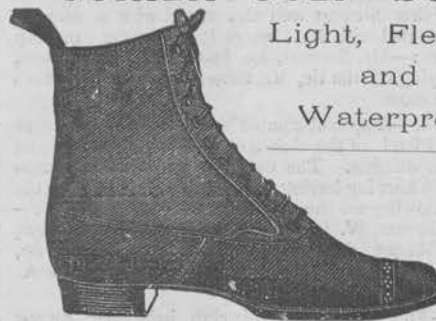
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Entrance Fees payable on or before Saturday, September 3rd, to G. COMBE, 3, High Street, Belfast, from whom any information regarding train or boat service may be obtained.

A TOURNAMENT, open to Amateur and Professional Golfers, is to be held at Musselburgh towards the end of September. The Champion Golfer will receive a Gold Medal and £30, or plate of that value; other prizes of less amount. Details in future advertisements.

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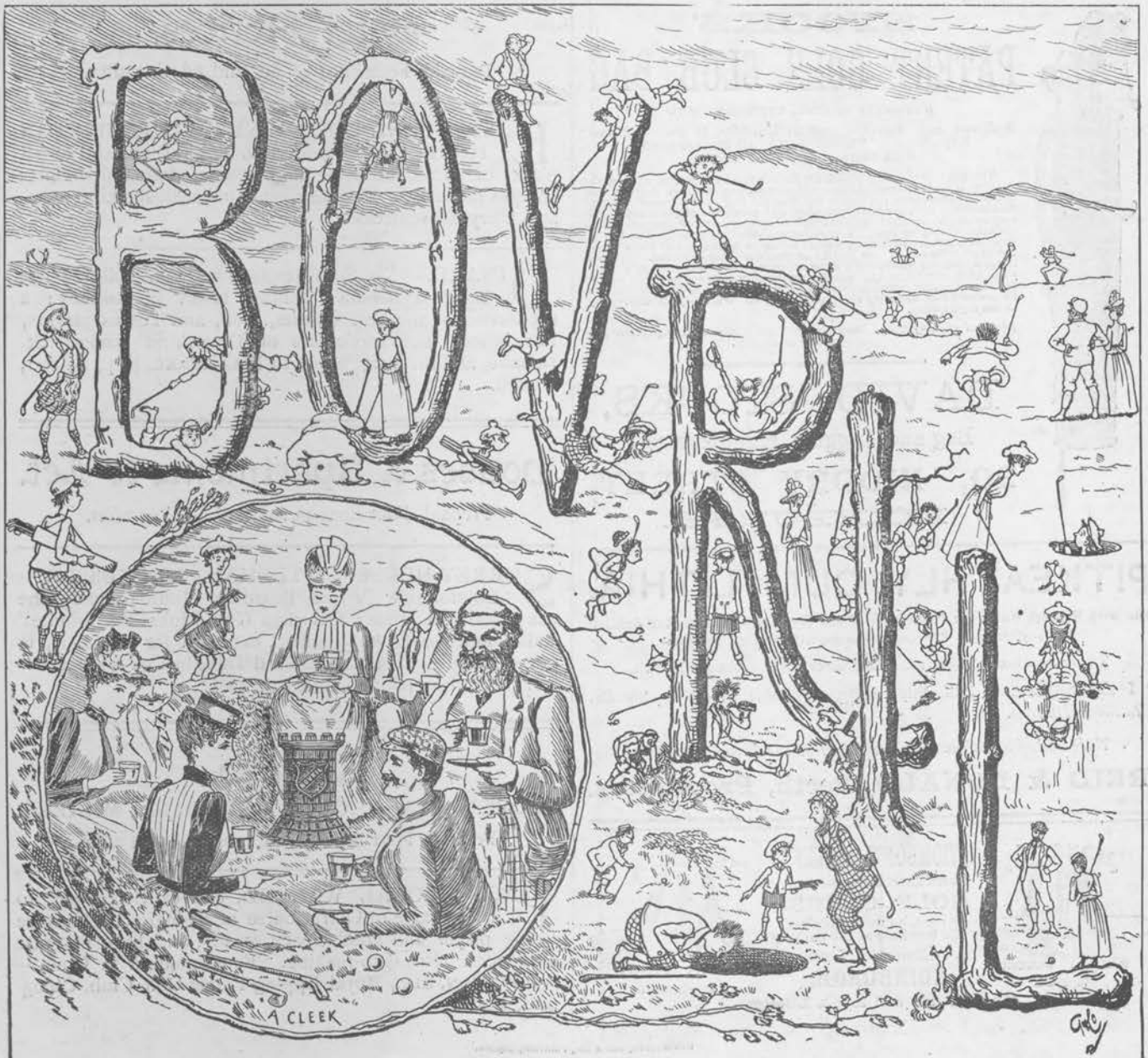
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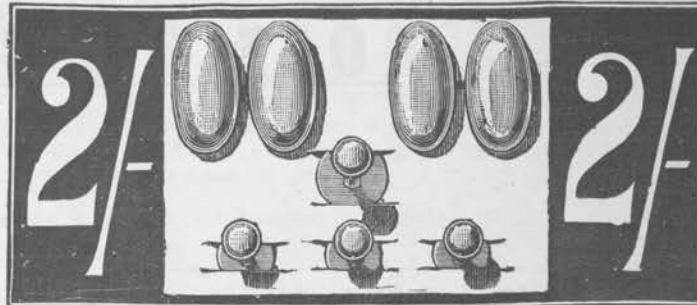
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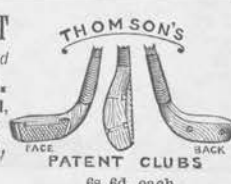


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