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AUGUST.

- Aug. 6.—Cathkin Braes : Monthly Medal.
Felixstowe : Captain's Prize.
Lea Hurst : Committee Cup.
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Warrender : Monthly Medal.
Richmond : Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove : Berens Gold Medal.
Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal.
Bowdon : Monthly Medal.
Newbiggin : Club Prize.
Aldeburgh : Monthly Medal.
Royal County, Portrush : Gentlemen's Foursome.
- Aug. 9.—Royal Blackheath : Monthly Medal.
- Aug. 10.—Durham : Walter Cup.
Newhaven : Monthly Medal.
- Aug. 11.—Newbiggin : Club Gold Medal.
- Aug. 13.—Thistle, Edinburgh : Half-Yearly Medal and Prizes.
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
St. George's, Sandwich : Monthly Medal.
Felixstowe : Captain's Prize.
Southport : Monthly Medal.
Cumbrae : Monthly Competition.
Bradford St. Andrew's : Rhodes Medal.
Luffness : Hope Challenge Medal.
Buxton and High Peak : The Strang Cup.
Guildford : Monthly Medal.
Royal Isle of Wight : Monthly Medal.
Sutton Coldfield : Monthly Medal.
Leasowe : Monthly Meeting.

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- Aug. 13.—Scarborough : Silver Medal.
Staines :—Monthly Medal.
Hayling Island : Club Monthly Challenge Cup (Entrance, 2s. 6d).
West Herts : Monthly Medal.
- Aug. 13-15.—Hayling Island : Summer Meeting.
- Aug. 15.—Cumbrae : Ladies' Competition.
- Aug. 16.—Southdown and Brighton Ladies : Medal Competition.
- Aug. 18.—Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Medal.
Rochester v. Barham Downs (at Higham).
- Aug. 20.—Gullane : GRAND TOURNAMENT (See advertisement).
Formby : Captain's Prize.
Ealing : Monthly Medal.
Disley : Summer Silver Medal.
Cumbrae : Members v. Visitors Match.
Felixstowe : Captain's Prize.
Thistle, Edinburgh : Monthly Trophy.
Blairgowrie : Chalmers Medal.
Wimbledon Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Braids : Braids Medal.
Royal Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Newbiggin : Club Gold Medal.
County Down : Club Monthly Prizes.
- Aug. 24.—Durham : Osborn Cup.
- Aug. 26.—Royal Cornwall : President's Medal.
- Aug. 26-27.—Royal West Norfolk : Prize Meeting ; Monthly Medal.
- Aug. 27.—Felixstowe : Captain's Prize.
Sidcup : 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 : Monthly Competition.
Aldeburgh : Gold Medal.
Cinque Ports, Deal : Monthly Medal.

SEPTEMBER.

- Sept. 1.—Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Medal.
- Sept. 2.—Royal Cornwall : Club Competition.
- 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.
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Monifieth : Silver Medal.
Cathkin Braes : Monthly Medal.
Felixstowe : Monthly Challenge Cup.
Newbiggin : Club Prize.

RANDALL'S, GUINEA GOLF BOOTS are now worn by all the leading players—And give the greatest satisfaction.—See advertisement page 351.

ST. DUTHUS LINKS, TAIN.

Due south across the Firth from Dornoch Links, and a mile or so to the east of Tain, stretches an extensive tract of ground, liberally besprinkled with whins, bents, and bunkers, and locally known as the "Morich More," at present the home green of the St. Duthus Golf Club, Tain. Affording ample space for a course of eighteen holes, it, as originally laid out by Tom Morris in 1890, extended to fifteen only, and even this course was subsequently found to be rather unwieldy, owing to the labour and expense of breaking in the ground, and keeping it in playable condition. Owing to the smallness, too, of the club membership, and the comparatively little play that at first took place over the course, it was thought that fewer holes would suffice, so the number was reduced to twelve. All the energies of the club, aided by a handsome grant from the Tain Town Council, were then directed, with remarkable success, to the making and improving of these twelve holes. A small club-house was erected, and a green-keeper appointed for the season. Under the enthusiastic personal superintendence of the captain, Mr. Macbean, the work of improving the putting-greens, widening the course, and rooting out and burning broom, whins, and bents, where they formed illegitimate hazards, has been proceeding rapidly this spring, so that even already the round is in excellent condition for play. The putting-greens are all natural, no turfing having been deemed necessary; but half the teeing grounds have been specially prepared, and laid with turf. Of course, as might be expected in the case of a comparatively new green, bad lies are frequent, and, the course being at times narrow, with severe hazards on either side, long and straight driving is one of the first essentials of good play on this green. The short game, too, is, at many of the holes, rather puzzling, as the turf is in many places so soft and mossy that approach shots are difficult to judge, and much play is yet required to consolidate the turf on and near these putting-greens. From these causes, and the frequency and severity of the hazards (all of which, however, lend interest and variety to the game), low scoring is at present difficult, and anything under 100 is reckoned fair scratch play for the medal round of eighteen holes, made up of the full round, plus the first two outgoing and last four incoming holes. The present record for the green was established by Mr. D. Walker, in October of last year, he having completed the eighteen holes in 89. A curious feature of the course, and one that shows its thoroughly sporting nature, is the fact that, of the twelve holes, only two can be seen from the tee as the player drives towards them, while in the case of six of the holes the flag remains invisible till the player comes well within iron reach of the disc.

Proceeding to the first hole, which is situated on the top of a lofty bunker-faced table-land about 300 yards from the tee a good straight drive carries the ball over all difficulties, and then a cleek or long iron shot ought, with luck, to land the ball on the summit of the plateau. A topped tee shot, however, is almost sure to be trapped in one of two parallel sandy roads that cross the line of play, while a heeled or toed drive is punished in thick broom to right or left. The second hole, the longest on the green, is about 350 yards from the tee, and, barring bad lies which are here numerous, there is no noteworthy difficulty to be encountered on the way to the hole, though a little conical hill right in the line of play affords opportunity for a sporting iron shot to the invisible hole beyond. The third hole is about 200 yards distant, and the course on the way to it being narrow, a badly driven tee shot is severely punished to the left or right in thick broom and whins. The turf round this hole is very mossy and the quarter game is consequently peculiar. To the fourth hole, 220 yards, a very straight drive is necessary, the course being bounded on the left by thick broom and on the right by a deep water ditch and whin-clad bank. The approach to the hole is guarded by a perpendicular bunker-face, right in the line of play, and situated about ten yards in front of the hole, forming a deadly trap for a "topped" or "sclaffed" quarter shot. The fifth, or last hole out, about 250 yards distant, is comparatively free from hazards if a low ridge 30 or 40 yards in front of the tee be successfully carried, though, even then, a heeled drive may land the ball in one of a number of cart-ruts more difficult to play out of than many a bunker. The sixth hole, a short one of about 160 yards, is placed at the base of a steep little embankment and is thus invisible from the tee, the line being indicated, as in other similar cases, by a guide flag. The seventh or "Desert" hole, about 300 yards in length, is reached along a narrow course cut through a wilderness of whins so, needless to say, straight driving is here a *sine qua non*. About midway the course is traversed by two parallel sandhills that form an ugly trap for a low-flying second shot, while the penalty for over-shooting the hole is a bad lie in broom. The eighth hole, about 260 yards, likewise compels straight driving if one would avoid the furze and bents on either side of the course. A badly hit tee shot is apt to run into a treacherous cart-road that crosses the course, while a faulty second shot may be caught by a wire fence and sandy ditch at right angles to the line of play, and about 30 yards in front of the hole. The ninth hole, about 250 yards, is, like the sixth, at the base of an embankment five or six feet high and another mound of the same height about 180 yards from the tee is apt to stop a long drive

and give occasion for a difficult second shot, viz., to clear both embankments without overshooting the hole too far and getting buried in the mass of bents beyond it. The tenth hole, about 250 yards from the tee lies in a curious position near the top of a small eminence. The putting-green is unfortunately small, and formed on a slight slope, the whole resembling an inclined hog's back; hence it is exceedingly difficult to lay a shot on the green from any great distance unless by the merest "fluke." The ground between tee and green is very undulating, and bad lies are the rule rather than the exception at present. The teeing-ground for the eleventh hole affords a fine sporting drive from the top of a small hillock, and a mass of broom and furze has to be crossed from the tee, unless the player elects to avoid this risk, and play for safety to the left of the direct line to the hole, which is over 300 yards distant. There is plenty of broom to catch a heeled ball on this journey, and ten yards beyond the putting-green there is a cunning little trap in the shape of a bunker, to catch such approach shots as are played up too strongly. The twelfth, or last hole, about 320 yards distant, fairly bristles with hazards. First, a small bunker, four or five feet high, and 100 yards distant, must be carried from the tee, as must also a deep cross cart-track ten yards further on. Then a deep bunker-faced embankment, sloping down to the burn on the left, and a mass of broom on the right, form a species of Scylla and Charybdis to the wild driver. The intervening ground is of an undulating nature, and resembles a series of huge grassy cups, out of which it is impossible to drive any great distance should one's ball unluckily find its way therein. Just beyond the hole, too, at a distance of a few yards, the ground slopes down to the side of a large burn so abruptly that, if once the ball rolls over, it is hopeless to expect to be able to play it out.

As the first two and last four holes have to be played a second time to complete the medal round of eighteen holes, it will be seen that the full round is thus close on three miles in length, in the course of which the player has presented to him almost every species of golfing difficulty that the most exacting golfer could desire to tackle.

To any player on the outlook for a quiet green "far from the madding crowd," where he will be free to enjoy the game at his leisure, untroubled by frequent yells of "Fore!" from behind, coupled with exasperating stoppages in front, as is unfortunately the case too often on the better known and more frequented greens, I can confidently recommend a week or two's sojourn in Tain, where hotel accommodation is ample and first-class, and the air bracing and invigorating. He may feel confident of a hearty welcome from the members of the St. Duthus Golf Club, and need not at any time find himself without a partner for a single or foursome over the course.

W. CROMB.

THE MILITARY CHEST EXPANDING BRACE.

The Military Brace Co., of 20, Bucklersbury, London, E.C., have brought out a new brace, which ought to find favour in the eyes of golfers and others fond of outdoor exercises and sports. Golfers like to have the shoulders and chest free from constraint, and to attain this end it is customary to discard the braces altogether. But unless knickerbockers are worn this freedom of the shoulders is attained at the expense of a heavy weight round the loins, with a drop at the foot of the trousers which necessitates folding and refolding in order to keep the garment out of the mire. This military brace is one of the best we have seen adapted for athletic exercises. It is automatic in its action, and yields freely with every movement of the body, imposing no restraint on the movements of the chest and shoulders. In addition to this the inventors claim for the brace that it "prevents round shoulders, cures stooping, and gives its wearers a military carriage." The price of the brace is moderate, ranging from 1s. 6d. to 10s. 6d.

LAMLASH.—The first competition of this club for prizes took place over the beautiful links around Blairmore on Saturday the 23rd. The day being exceedingly warm, a number of the members did not play; however, a good representation started away. The following was the result:—1st, Mr. William Robertson; 2nd, Mr. E. B. Hastings; 3rd, Mr. A. Kay and Mr. R. Black, equal.

PORTOBELLO CLUB.—The monthly competition was held on the 29th ult., at Musselburgh. There was a large turn-out of members, and after a very keen contest Mr. John Ferguson secured the first prize (presented by Mr. Alexr. Riach), with a handicap score of 80. Mr. George Smith, jun., came in for second prize with the score of 85.

BRUNTSFIELD ALLIED CLUB.—This club held a competition on Saturday at Leven for special prizes presented by members. The captain's prize was won by Mr. Duncan M'Arthur with a net score of 84; 2nd, Mr. James Riddell, 90; 3rd, Mr. James Swan, 91; 4th, Mr. Thomas Hogg, 92; 5th, Mr. James T. Sharpe and Mr. Alexander Stevens, 93; tie.

ON PRIZE-MEETINGS.

We have had a succession of prize-meetings on our links this season, and I have had a good deal of quiet enjoyment studying our various types of competitors.

Our scratch-player arrives late, chaffs the professional, and goes round in a composed and comfortable way, playing as if nothing were to be gained; and if he fails to secure the coveted position of winner he takes the circumstance philosophically, and consoles the friends who are disappointed for him. For himself he feels no disappointment. His laurels are won, and are practically unfading. Those who have once gained honours are always in a good position to gain more; self-confidence is the chief secret of success in all the contests of life, political or sporting. So our hero smiles calmly, when he does not win, on the man who does, thinking of that man's handicap which will be reduced. There is a fussy, self-asserting player, who, while he anxiously tries to impress others with an idea of his self-reliance, is in reality only hiding his excitement. He is a very different person from the genuinely self-reliant man. He does not mean to swagger, but in order to reassure himself, he hangs about the club-room, reminding himself and others how he has won several matches—generally when the best players were away. To him comes up an anxious competitor, who has never won anything, and who plies him with questions: How does he play under such and such conditions? What clubs does he most affect? and which balls are his favourite? All of these questions receive careful answers, oracularly delivered, with a semi-professional air, and as if such valuable advice were usually given at six-and-eight-pence a word. The anxious man treasures up the wisdom he has gathered, and endeavours to act upon it; in consequence of which his score is several points higher than usual, and his spirits many degrees lower.

Perhaps the greatest oddity of all is the man who, though he has played an excellent game and deserves to win, apologises over his success. He is kind-hearted, and his satisfaction at his victory is much modified by the fact that it is absolutely necessary to beat someone in order to win, and it is funny to hear him explain elaborately that he has won by luck rather than intention.

Of the bumptious golfer, so well-known, the least said the better. We have all had to endure a long account of why he did not win (which he has scarcely ever done), and of how superior he is in most points to the winner. It is curious how often he deserves to have won, from his own account. Well, it is an unjust world, we all feel that. The piteous golfer is a distressing object. He invariably loses his head on a match day, and meets with every misfortune possible. It is sad work to mark for him, he appears to plead that a few strokes may be uncounted when he sticks in the sand, or as his ball rolls down a bank when it might just as well have stayed on the top. Take it all-round, a prize meeting is not the most enjoyable day at a Golf club. So few are contented, and, without absolute bitterness of spirit, so many players return home disgusted. No; for real enjoyment, give me a quiet, uncrowded day, and a tussle with an evenly matched opponent, one not so superior that I feel hopeless from the first, or so inferior that I scarcely care to win.

Prize meetings are a necessary evil, and the prizes themselves are good when won, but competition does not always show man at his best, nor does the result always prove in favour of the best man. If it were so, few of us would be winners. Perhaps that may be as well, the faint hope for all; and at any rate there is this consolation that the best man is by means of prize meetings kept humble, and free from a pride that might otherwise become intolerable.

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At Forest Row, on Saturday, the match between David Brown, of Malvern, and Hugh Kirkaldy was completed. Brown, who finished 5 up in the first stage of the contest at Malvern, gained the ultimate victory by 7 up and 6 to play. Both players played brilliantly. Brown's score for the thirty-six holes at Forest Row was 158 and Kirkaldy's 157. The monthly competition of the members ended in the success of Mr. S. C. Nix, 99, less 25=74. Mr. J. Sawyer, 88, won the Yewhurst club for the best gross score.

TO A GOLFER.

(On receiving from him a Copy of his VERSES on
"NORTH BERWICK.")

Golfer, I've read your poem through,
And herewith send reply to you;
Your kindly feelings, I may state,
We one and all reciprocate.

I know you love North Berwick well,
And on its beauties like to dwell;
Nor is it fulsome praise to boast
That it's the "Brighton" on this coast.

Its crags, its islets, and its green,
Where golfers of all grades are seen;
Its yellow sands and lovely walks,
Where lover to his loved one talks.

Such scenes what town can e'er surpass,
From "Fidra" to majestic "Bass"?
For, turn whichever way you will,
The scenery is pleasing still.

Its golfers, bowlers, curlers, too,
Can hold their own against a few;
Its townsmen always clever were,
From Provost down to scavenger.

Its native poets—save the mark!—
This is a slip; pray keep it dark—
Of course, I meant its maidens then,
Are fit as useful mates to men.

I wish I had thy talents, then,
Much more of this I'd quickly pen;
But poets, 'tis said, are born, not made,
Nor are they born in each decade.

I long to have thee on our green,
Where oft thy prowess I have seen,
And measure clubs, not swords, with thee,
And lead the game from every tee.

I know your motto's "Far and Sure";
But, what of that? I could endure
Defeat from such a genial soul,
So be it were not every hole.

Long may you handle club and ball,
And caddies listen to your call;
At every hole play one off two,
And beat all those opposed to you.

At every match may you be winner,
Should stakes be either balls or dinner;
And may your features long be known
To hearts as genial as your own.

May fortune ever shine on thee,
And may it be thy lot to see
Thy children's children rise, to be
A blessing to posterity!

Golfer, adieu! I love thee well—
More than my poesy can tell.
May joy and peace and love infinite
Smile on your house and all that's in it.

I. G. S.

North Berwick.

PRESTWICK.—The monthly competition for the July handicap gold medal was played on Saturday under favourable weather auspices. The cards showed the following results for the game of 18 holes:—Mr. John Harvey, 108, less 30=78; Mr. A. W. Evans, 102, less 22=80; Mr. D. Cowan, 107, less 24=83; Mr. J. S. Higginbotham, 110, less 24=86; Mr. J. E. Dykes, 102, less 15=87; Mr. H. Hutcheson, 106, less 18=88; Mr. T. Johnstone, 96, less 6=90.

Reviews.

HANDBOOK TO ELIE AND EAST OF FIFE. By Thomas Chapman. Illustrations by George Aikman, A.R.S.A., Edinburgh, Andrew Elliot; Leven, John Purves. Second edition. Enlarged.

This little book is full of much curious, out-of-the-way information about a district in Scotland which has in its time played a prominent part in the early days of Scottish domestic history. Fifeshire is not only the home of Golf, but to science, literature, the Church, agriculture, naval and military renown it has contributed, for its size, probably a larger proportion of celebrated men than any other district of Scotland. Every little hamlet and fishing town along that picturesque seaboard from Burntisland to St. Andrews recalls the name of some of Scotland's famous sons, who have carried the torch of civilisation into scattered and obscure corners of the earth. The author of this interesting little work is a familiar figure, not only in Edinburgh, but on Earlsferry links, and it is obvious, from a perusal of the book, that he has spared no labour to seek out, verify, and transcribe for the guidance of latter day travellers, all the traditions, incidents, and stories bearing upon the career of ancient families, old battlemented castles now standing in saddened, ivy-grown isolation, quaint old churches, whose spires break up the almost monotonous undulation of the landscape, and generally to indicate in a strain of enthusiasm and pride the progress and prosperity of modern achievement. We have accounts of Elie, Earlsferry, St. Monans, Pittenweem, Anstruther, the Isle of May and the Bass Rock, Largo, Leven, Craik, the whole being admirably illustrated by a fine series of drawings from the pencil of Mr. Aikman, and a capital map by Mr. Bartholomew. Mr. J. Bennie also contributes a very readable chapter on the geology of Elie and district. It is on the characteristics of Elie and Earlsferry that the author evidently lingers with the greatest fondness. Ever since the time, now many years ago, when Mr. Charles Cooper, the editor of the *Scotsman*, wrote the articles, entitled, "A Find in Fife," the prosperity of that picturesque little town has grown with marvellous rapidity; but it is safe to say that had it not been for the energetic steps which were taken to preserve the Earlsferry Golf course, that enhancement of prosperity would have been lost. This is what the author says on the subject of the threatened deprivation of the Golf course:—

Few places in Scotland have had more difficulty in maintaining their right to the privilege of golfing than has Earlsferry, and to the pluck and determination of its magistrates we owe a debt of thanks. The following letter sent by the writer to the *Scotsman* will give an idea of the history of the links and the peculiar conditions under which the right of golfing is held by the Burgh:—

"While writing about Golf on these beautiful links, may I ask a little space to mention the peculiar terms on which this game is there permitted, and from which Elie and Earlsferry enjoy so much of their prosperity. For a long period great difficulty was found in doing anything to improve the links. The charters of the Burgh of Earlsferry were destroyed by fire, as also were those of the Grange estate. A new charter was obtained by the Burgh in 1589, confirming all the old privileges. Amongst others is claimed the right of Golf to the inhabitants and visitors. A long litigation as to these rights took place between the Burgh and the Laird of Grange, which was settled in 1832. The Laird is proprietor of the links, which form part of the farm, and has the right of pasturage, the Burgh having the right of golfing over a course marked out by stones set up under direction of the Court of Session. Conflicting views soon arose as to these rights, the tenant refusing to put sheep or cattle on the links in order to keep down the grass, nor would he allow it to be cut or in any respect interfered with. This entirely prevented the use of the links for Golf in its ordinary meaning, and seemed likely to lead to further litigation. Fortunately better counsels prevailed. An arrangement was made between the Laird and the Burgh, the latter agreeing to rent the pasturage of the links, with right of sub-letting, liberty to make holes, cut the grass, &c., thus getting entire control of the links. Since then the Golf Clubs have joined with the Burgh in sharing the expenses. A greenkeeper has been appointed, clubhouses built, and more recently, a large park has been leased from Elie House estate; and a strip of ground nearly equal to the original links has been leased from the proprietor, Sir James Malcolm of Grange, by all which the Golf Course has been extended and formed into one of the finest in Fife. A Ladies' Golf Course of

nine holes has been laid out on the adjoining park. These have cost a large amount of time and trouble, and entail a heavy annual outlay.

At some greens where private ground has had to be rented—such as North Berwick and Leven and Kinghorn—a charge is made on players; none is made on the Earlsferry and Elie course, which should be borne in mind by the players who crowd the green in summer, and induce them to join one or other of the clubs, and so contribute towards meeting the expense of keeping up so beautiful a green.

The Links of Earlsferry are perhaps as beautifully situated and afford as fine views as any links we have ever seen. They have fourteen holes of fair length, affording every variety of play, and are deserving of fame, both for their intrinsic excellence and for the many sterling good golfers of which they have been the nursery. For, not to mention others, it is the home green of the brothers Simpson, a very prominent name in the annals of professional Golf of to-day, and of Douglas Rolland, who is perhaps the longest driver of the day."

In the August number of the *Century Magazine* there is an article entitled, "The Apotheosis of Golf," written by Mr. W. E. Norris, with illustrations by Mr. H. D. Nichols and Mr. W. H. Drake. The first thing that strikes a golfing reader of the article is the not too apparent appropriateness of the title to the subject-matter of the article. Wherein consists the "deification" of Golf? If, as the author believes, Golf is one of the finest games in existence, and has won its way all over the world by solid merits of its own, it clearly is an exaggeration to speak of the game as if its popularity were due, as might be inferred, to some passing fashionable craze, which had momentarily exalted the pastime into undeserved recognition. If the author had described his article, "The Popularity of Golf," or "The Spread of Golf," there would have been a quantitative fitness between his bread and his sack.

Obviously, the article has been written for consumption across the Atlantic. It describes, not too accurately or lucidly, for the benefit of the uninitiated American reader, what are the essential points of the game, how it is played, and the clubs with which we play it. We think it a somewhat noteworthy omission on the part of Mr. Norris that he should in the first illustration of his text fail to give among his set of clubs a picture of the bulger. This club is in everybody's hands now-a-days, many of its keenest advocates being those very professionals at St. Andrews and elsewhere, who, a few years ago, scouted the idea of being able to hit a ball with that "awful monstrosity" of a club. While on the subject of the rules, too, he might have taken the trouble to add a sentence explaining a little more clearly the penalty of lifting a ball out of a hazard. According to the author, one would think that in lifting a ball at St. Andrews, they play a different code of rules from players elsewhere. The "lost ball, lost hole" rule is only operative in match play, not in medal play. Again, is the catalogue of clubs, which the author advises a beginner to equip himself with, not unnecessarily large? He advises the beginner to provide himself with (1) driver, (2) long spoon, (3) short spoon, (4) brasse, (5) driving-iron, (6) lofting-iron, (7) mashie, (8) cleek, (9) niblick, (10) putter. Until the beginner has learnt to hit the ball with an approximate degree of certainty, it is useless for him to provide himself with more than three clubs—a brasse for the tee shot, a cleek, and a medium iron. It is clear that Mr. Norris has not been a student either of golfing literature generally, or of this journal in particular, when he confesses his ignorance as to why the golfer's club-bearer should be called "caddie." If he will turn to GOLF, Vol. II, pages 5 and 21, he will learn sufficient about the derivation of the name to fill up the hiatus in his mental equipment, and to hinder him from going so far astray in the future. When an ignorant critic of the *Spectator* objected to Golf on the ground that, in Scotland, at least, it brought as its attendant evil, the drunken, blear-eyed caddie, we protested against the slander as unjust and untrue of Golf. We reiterate that protest now when Mr. Norris says that the caddies in Scotland are usually "tipsy old men." Where has he found them? It would seem that Mr. Norris found such a one at Musselburgh. He appears to have been singularly unfortunate. We know Musselburgh a great deal better than Mr. Norris is ever likely to know it, and while admitting that there are one or two old worthies there who are described in the local colloquialism as "drouthy," it is a far stretch of literary licence to describe the whole race of Scottish caddies as being usually "tipsy old men." Nothing

of the sort; and Mr. Norris in attempting to be humorous has distorted the truth, misrepresented the facts, and lessened his authority as a writer wishful to instruct the public.

In speaking of approach play by professionals, the author says, "One assertion may be made without fear of contradiction—that they (the professionals) seldom or never approach with a cleek stroke or a putt, which methods are sometimes employed successfully by the amateur." Mr. Norris's experience of Scottish professional play seems to have been as unique as his experience of the Scottish caddie. Where the ground is suitable it is common enough to see professionals "run it up" with a cleek, and lie dead at the hole side. The writer lost many matches and (for a Scotchman) very many shillings while playing with George Paxton, the brother of Peter Paxton, now at Eastbourne. Paxton could be outdriven in the first two shots, but seventy yards from the hole he approached with the cleek and lay within holing distance, while his opponent lofted and rolled twenty feet beyond. At that delicate running stroke with the cleek Paxton was invincible, and he rarely blundered or misjudged.

The illustrations of the article have been pretty well done, though it is obvious from the constrained positions of the exponent of the strokes that he is not anything like a first-class player; neither are they positions which any learner would do well to copy. The illustrations of the drive ought to be exempted from this remark. The positions are true and orthodox enough, but then they are the positions of a professional. But the stance in "the approach" and in "putting" is all wrong. What does the author think of the illustration on page 608, where the player is represented in a bunkeraudaciously grounding his club behind the ball? Is that strict Golf, or a position which ought to be depicted for the benefit of intelligent Americans? Of the article generally it may be said that the author is too prone to seek opportunities, convenient and inconvenient, to impress his readers with the conviction that he is a good player. But if his play is no better than his literary style, with its sloppy "didn'ts" and "don'ts," the best thing to do is to preserve a discreet silence on the subject.

The following is the account of an adventure which a player lately had on the Dum-Dum course, Calcutta:—"After the sun had gone down a bit and we were just finishing, I twice in succession on going up to my ball found it lying right alongside a snake. The first one was a small beast about 12 or 14 inches long, and from the manner in which he tried to get out of the way when we came up, evidently a harmless animal. I very soon put an end to him with an iron. The second one, however, startled us all, for he was lying in the grass beside the ball, and being almost of the same colour as the ground round about no one saw him. I had settled down to play the stroke, when suddenly my 'bearer,' who was carrying my clubs, gave vent to a loud exclamation, and pointed excitedly at my feet; at the same time he yelled out, 'Look out!' and glancing down right at my very toes I saw this reptile, about two or three feet long, raising his head to look round and see what all this commotion meant. I didn't wait to finish the stroke you may be sure. I don't believe I ever made a bigger jump from a standing position in my life. We armed ourselves with clubs and irons and went for him. He tried to escape, but when once he found himself fairly cornered, he turned and wanted to show fight, but was cut in halves very speedily. This sort of thing adds an excitement to the royal and ancient game, unknown at home, and a good thing too."

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The Rochester Golf Club held an open competition on Saturday, which was very fairly attended. Thanks to the energetic efforts of Mr. C. Lake, the captain of the club, the Rochester players are in possession of a course which is replete with all kinds of hazards, though probably erring on the side of being short. There are at present fifteen holes, and it is not easy to see how by a rearrangement of the ground other three holes are to be obtained. Several of the holes can be driven in one, and many are not more than a drive and a short iron shot, though in that short distance there is usually a difficult enough hazard to be surmounted.

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The club is growing and prospering, as it deserves to do. When more funds are available, and if the assent of Mr. Lake (who has generously given the ground for the use of the club) can be obtained, it might be worthy the consideration of the committee of management whether it would not be better to make the round a nine-hole one, and to take expert advice, like that of Tom Dunn, as to throwing up cop-bunkers for the tee shot, as well as for the approach. Such a piece of work could only be faced at the cost of considerable expenditure; but unquestionably the golfing interest of the round would be materially enhanced. It struck a player who went over the course on Saturday that the most was not made of the natural advantages of the ground. Some of the hazards, too, are not quite fair Golf. The tees for the seventh and tenth holes are too close to the trees, necessitating not a fair-struck ball, but a high tee, and a forced scooping of the ball in the air in order to carry over the wood.

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The lies throughout the green are pretty good, though a trifle heavy. A heavy steam-roller has been over the ground on the line of the hole, and the improved lies are here undoubtedly apparent within a narrow margin. Constant play and the incessant tread of the foot will improve the green more completely than any other expedient. Much careful attention has been given to the preparation of the putting-greens, which were beautifully cropped and rolled, though their limits are a trifle circumscribed in one or two cases. The course is situated in one of the most picturesque districts of Kent; the club-house is exceedingly neat and well-appointed. There is also a ladies' club, and Crawford, the local professional, hailing from Musselburgh, does his best to aid visitors, and to keep his force of exuberant caddies in order.

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The London Common Council, in accordance with its honourable traditions concerning the acquirement of open spaces, voted £500 towards the purchase of the manorial rights of Mitcham Common as an open space for the use of the public. This extensive tract of common land was not affected by the Act passed some years ago for the preservation of Metropolitan commons. The Commons Act is perhaps strong enough to prevent its appropriation for building purposes, but it certainly cannot hinder the disfigurement of the common by gravel digging, which has been going on for a long time. It is to be hoped, however, that the Council will not interfere with the Golf-players on the common.



GOLFERS AND "LIFE-BOAT SATURDAY."

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have been reading my friend Mr. Macara's letter of 23rd July, and should be glad if you would grant me a short space in your columns to support his appeal. I hope that for many years to come the originator of "Life-boat Saturday" will be able to organise and conduct, as successfully in the future as he has in the past, his great effort. All of us must envy him the idea and creation of such a scheme, and all of us, I am sure, will be only too glad if we can assist him in any way to consolidate and assure the future of the "Life-boat Saturday."

Those who were associated with him last year must have been more than gratified with the result attained, and when we learn from the report of the Royal National Life-boat Institution that the additional subscriptions enabled the committee to increase the pay of the life-boatmen all round the coast, both for practice and service during the six winter months, we shall all feel stimulated to continue our efforts and subscriptions. There is probably not a man of the 17,000 who were afloat in the life-boats during the past year who did not read or hear of our efforts to assist them, and not a man who has not felt encouraged by our appreciation of their noble services.

We must, therefore, take care that our assistance must not be spasmodic, but must be increased. We must continue the good work, and not rest satisfied until Lancashire contributes at least £20,000 annually to the Life-boat cause, and the rest of the country in proportion.

It must not be imagined that, although we have now 303 boats stationed at different points around our coasts, we can rest satisfied with that number. Our seaboard is nearly 5,000 miles in extent, many parts of it exceedingly dangerous to shipping, and an income at present of £100,000 per annum should be attained to enable the committee to ensure the thorough efficiency of the service. This amount would enable them to provide systematically and liberally for the widows and orphans of those who lose their lives in the attempts to save others, and also for those who suffer permanent injury to health through the terrible exposure they are subjected to. It would also enable them to grant a retiring allowance to those who have served with distinction for a long term of years until old age incapacitates them.

I notice that Charles Fish, the coxswain of the Ramsgate life-boat, retired last year through ill-health, after having been out in the boats belonging to that station 353 times during the past twenty-six years, and in that period he helped to save 877 lives from different shipwrecks. The committee had already given him the gold and silver medals of the Institution, and in addition last year voted him a gold second service clasp, and a pecuniary grant, doing all they possibly could with the funds at their disposal.

In what is called "the good old times" peerages and pensions were given to men and women for peculiar services, which often included the slaying of their fellow-mortals; what should be given to the man who helps to save 877 men, women, and children from a watery grave?

Charles Fish's record is perhaps unequalled, but there are

hundreds of life-boat men with heavy claims upon us; let us take care to meet them.

I have seen a life-boat put out to sea in a whole gale against wind and tide, and I have seen it beaten back in spite of the strenuous and heroic efforts of its crew. As a landsman, I could not imagine what their next step would be, and thought these men had done their duty; but they borrowed horses, dragged their boat a mile along the beach, launched her again, and saved every man from the wreck! I saw women standing on the shore who were wives, or sweethearts, or mothers of the crew, and whilst, with beating hearts and haggard faces, they watched and waited for those who might never return, I could not detect a single attempt on their part to dissuade these gallant men from their duty.

Everyone who subscribes according to their means to this fund will know that they have done something for such a race, and such a cause. An increased income would also enable the committee to provide the very best boats that money can procure, and to replace those which have become obsolete, and it would assure the wives and children whose husbands and fathers face the perils of storm and tempest, that all that human skill can do has been freely offered to ensure their safety.

Mr. Macara has alluded to the invaluable help rendered by the Press last year, in giving such wide publicity to his appeal and that of the correspondent of the *Yorkshire Post*, which, in conjunction with numerous editorial comments, was the means of attracting public attention in a most extraordinary manner; and in my own case an appeal for help to the wives and daughters of Manchester and Salford was not unfruitful. I believe that if this movement is to be permanently and entirely successful, we ought to have the co-operation of a ladies' committee in every town to undertake their share in soliciting subscriptions, and I should be glad if those who wish to assist us would send their names to Mr. Macara, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, or to myself. I should like to enlarge upon the importance of this assistance, but feel that the short space I asked for is more than exhausted. I therefore close this letter with the full assurance that the ladies will help us to double the amount raised last year.

I am, Sir, &c.,

10, Charlotte Street,

Manchester, July 27th, 1892.

E. G. McCONNEL.

A GOLF DOGGIE'S PETITION.

To the Editor of GOLF.

[No dogs are to be admitted in the club or on the course. The professional is empowered to demand a fine of 5s. for members infringing this rule.—RULES OF THE — CLUB.]

SIR,—If you think my petition worth printing pray do so. What have we poor doggies done that we should be persecuted thus? I always lie down at the tee, am never in the way on the course, like some other ill-bred dogs who have become a by-word and a shame to their species; always stand behind the players, which is more than can be said for some so-called intelligent human dogs who receive payment and nourishment from my master and other golfers for carrying a few sticks; never bark at uproarious shouts of laughter at some poor wight trying to get out of a bunker; and I never move on the putting-green. Sir, it is a shame and a scandal; and we poor doggies, knowing your generous sympathies, appeal to you for aid. Here is the petition I have prepared on my own behalf to that austere body, the council of the club:—

To the Honourable the Members of the — Golf Club.

The petition of "Major" humbly sheweth:

That your petitioner is a dog of the highest breeding; that his forbears have often aided humans when in extremity among the Alpine snows; that like all quadrupeds and bipeds of culture he needs exercise; that he gets very little of it, his chief outings consisting of a run over your links on Monday, and a dull dander round the park on Saturday; that he has learned with dismay that your Honourable Council has invited you to sanction a rule prohibiting his species from accompanying their masters to your links; that he earnestly appeals to your honourable body not to sanction this rule.

He appeals with special confidence to those humans whom dogs have

made glad. He appeals by the memory of Ulysses' faithful friend; he appeals by the memory of Sir Isaac's "Diamond," and Sir Walter's "Maida," and Llewellyn's "Gelert," and "Old Dog Tray." He ventures further respectfully to remind your honourable body that there is telepathy in the canine sphere, and it might therefore be well to secure a kindly advocate with Cerberus, or there may be no golfing for you in the regions beyond the Styx. (My master enters a protest against this Pagan allusion.) Your petitioner is perfectly prepared to produce a certificate from the crustiest golfers on the links that he is a dog of sober and sedate demeanour, who never even howls when his master fozzles. Your petitioner has no wish to intrude himself on occasions when his room is more desirable than his company. He would willingly submit to exclusion on Saturdays and match days; but he pleads that on the forenoon of other days at least he, and all other dogs of certified good character, should be allowed, for the sake of their health and their temper, a scamper on your links.

And your petitioner will ever pray.

I am, Sir, &c.,
MAJOR.

LINKS IN NORTH WALES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In answer to "C. L. O'M.'s" letter in GOLF, inquiring about Golf links in North Wales, I may say that there is a capital nine-hole course at Conway, fifteen minutes walk from the station, or within twenty-five minutes reach of Llandudno. There is a comfortable club-house, where lunch or any light refreshment may be had.

I am, Sir, &c.,
VISITOR.

CLOTHING FOR GOLFERS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I use a scarf which might suit your correspondent, Mr. Ambrose. It is of white, washable stuff; goes twice round the neck, fastening in front to the collar-stud, and makes up with a pin. It is thoroughly warm and comfortable, and looks neat. I wear it in the place of a collar. The scarves may be had from Mr. Downard, of the Western Road, Brighton.

I am, Sir, etc.,
J. F. C.

DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN LINKS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Two experienced golfers from Westward Ho! lately visited the Isle of Man, but neither of them were able to discover these links. That they exist we know, for a voice has been wafted down the Irish and up the Bristol Channel and has reached Westward Ho! It is true that the links are only nine holes, but the distance is 3,135 yards, and the length of the holes would delight the long drivers of the present day. The course seems to be admirably laid out, by taking advantage of a stream which passes almost midway from end to end, thus forming a hazard at every hole. The first hole is 426 yards with the stream to cross, the second, 334 yards; third, 312 yards; fourth, parallel to the stream 312 yards; fifth crosses the stream over a wall and over the River Glass, and is 320 yards; the sixth again crosses the River Glass, and the hole is situated close to a bridge and across the stream 275 yards. The seventh crosses the stream, passes post corner and is near the River Glass. The eighth hole does not cross the stream till near the hole, and is 375 yards; and the ninth hole is 500 yards crossing the stream from the tee. The calculated "Bogey" score is 6 5 4 4 5 5 6 5 5=45, and no doubt it will take a very good player to do it in that.

It appears that the ground will be taken in hand by the owner exclusively for Golf. At present there are hardly enough cattle upon the links to keep the grass short enough, but when

that is remedied, the links will be excellent. They have obtained the services of a first-rate professional, as pretty an exponent of the art as can be found and an excellent club-maker. Golfers who may find themselves in the Isle of Man may be very glad to make the acquaintance of the Douglas links. Perhaps the secretary will kindly make known to th fraternity, through your journal, how they are to be found.

I am, Sir, &c.,

Westward Ho!

GOLFER.

GOLF IN NATAL.

The opening game of the season of the Pietermaritzburg Golf Club—the monthly competition for club gold medal—took place on the Public Park course in the city, on Saturday afternoon, the 2nd July. The club membership at the opening of the current season does not compare favourably with the state of the roll at a similar time in former years. There were only twenty-two members enrolled on the day of the opening competition. The Colonial Secretary, the Hon. F. S. Haden, has succeeded Col. Curtis, late commandant of troops in Natal and Zululand, as captain of the club, and His Excellency the Governor of the Colony, Sir Charles Mitchell, continues an enthusiastic player of the game and supporter of the club. One circumstance operating towards the limitation of the membership this year is the fact of the 11th Hussars regiment, stationed at present in the Colony, being under orders to proceed shortly to India; and consequently the officers of that regiment, who would otherwise have joined the club, have held aloof entirely. With the general community the game has not attracted anything like popular interest. Golf, at the time of its inauguration some years ago, was a novelty to a considerable section of them; old and young colonists alike bestowed a measure of attention upon the game then, but this interest was exceedingly short-lived. One great drawback to the game in Natal, and probably anywhere else in South Africa, is the want of any ground for play approaching the faintest semblance to a suitable "green." It is only in winter, the dry season in Natal, that it is possible to play here, and even then it is necessary to burn off the rank grass in order to make a clearance for play. The clearance so effected, however, is but a sorry affair, and comes nearer to the state of a harvest field after a crop has been reaped than anything else I can think of. There is no "travel" possible for the balls, and not only do they lie "dead" when they touch the ground, but they usually find resting-places from which it is very difficult to dislodge them with any accuracy of stroke. The putting-greens are cleared of every vestige of growth, and a ball landing there with the force needed to carry it even a short distance cannot but shoot across on to the "stubble" beyond, and the difficulties of fine work become as exasperating as ever. The Pietermaritzburg course is certainly an untoward medium for the cultivation of golfing enthusiasm. The winning score given below is an exceptionally good one, but it was achieved, be it said, by a good and well-experienced golfer from the ancestral home of the game—to wit, St. Andrews. The returns of the competition were as under:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. Laing ...	48	scr.	48	Mr. Mudie ...	68	9	59
Mr. Hamilton ...	69	18	51	Mr. Strapp...	75	15	60
Mr. Forder ...	67	15	52	Mr. Ross ...	66	6	60
Dr. Moberly ...	61	8	53	Capt. Maul...	76	13	63
Mr. Bulkeley ...	60	5	55	Capt. Taylor ...	68	scr.	68
Capt. Thornton ...	67	12	55				

GIRVAN.—The monthly handicap competition for the silver medal was played on Saturday last. The weather being fine, there was a good turn-out of members. The medal was won by Mr. James Galloway. The following are the scores:—Mr. James Galloway, 50, 41, less 12=79; Mr. G. Dougal, 47, 43, less 8=82; Mr. A. Brown, 41, 44, scratch, 85.

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ABERDEEN.

Golfers here were again favoured with glorious weather on Saturday, and some capital scores were returned in the various competitions. The members of the Victoria Club competed over the links course for Mr. James Pirie's prize on Wednesday and Saturday. Twelve couples in all started, and on comparing the cards handed in the first two names given below were found to have tied for the first and second places, while the next three have a tie to play off for the third place. The following were the lowest scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. Anderson (2)	87 5 82	Mr. J. B. Banks	93 4 89
Mr. D. Jessiman	91 9 82	Mr. J. Hazlewood	97 8 89
Mr. W. H. Reid	90 4 86	Mr. W. Bowman	99 8 91
Mr. J. Law	95 9 86	Mr. A. Mitchell	95 2 93
Mr. J. S. Jackson	102 16 86	Mr. A. M. M. Dunn	94 scr. 94
Mr. L. Anderson	87 scr. 87	Mr. Alex. Cooper	97 scr. 97

Playing on Friday evening over the usual links course with Messrs. A. M. M. Dunn and A. Cooper, Mr. R. Anderson (2), of the Victoria Club, holed the seventeenth, or High Hole, in one stroke.

The members of the Bon-Accord Club competed on Saturday over the usual links course for the monthly scratch and handicap medals. When the cards handed in were compared, it was found that Mr. William Smart had gained the scratch medal, with a score of 80, while Mr. John Twigg carried off the handicap with a score of 84, less 7=77. The following were next in order:—Messrs. James W. Murray, 83; James Ogilvie, 84; Henry Glass, 89; George Dunn, 92; James Florence, 94; A. Jaffray, 97; A. Noble, 98; George Thomson, 98; John Main, 98; Charles Smith, 99; James Cameron, 99.

ASCOT LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The first of six monthly competitions for club prizes on the putting course, was played on Thursday, July 28th, in perfect weather. The scratch prize, a gold chain bracelet, was won by Mrs. H. Blackett, and the handicap prize, a silver box, was eventually taken by Miss E. Merewether, after a double tie with Miss L. Chetwynd.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss E. Merewether	93 16 77	Miss B. Chetwynd	101 13 88
Miss L. Chetwynd	97 20 77	Hon. E. Milman	92 3 89
Miss R. Liddell	90 8 82	Miss V. Hanbury	107 18 89
Mrs. H. Blackett	88 5 83	Miss M. Macintyre	105 15 90
Miss V. Liddell	92 8 84	Miss Porter	99 6 93
Miss E. Barron	90 5 85	Mrs. F. F. Mackenzie	114 20 94
Miss L. Bannatine	101 16 85	Baroness Berkeley	106 10 96
Miss L. Mott	101 13 88		

Over 100, Mrs. Gosling.

BOXMOOR GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition of the above club took place on Saturday, July 30th, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. F. A. Jones	99 15 84	Mr. P. S. Ward	102 8 94
Mr. F. Bassett	110 20 90	Mr. T. Christopher	121 23 98
Mr. H. S. Piffard	110 20 90	Mr. S. E. Jones	123 25 98
Mr. H. E. Ambler	113 20 93	Mr. E. Humbert	113 15 98
Mr. W. Butler	124 30 94		

BUXTON AND HIGH PEAK GOLF CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

This meeting, which was inaugurated for the first time this year, proved a great success, and will, it is to be hoped, be now an annual gathering. It extended over four days, prizes for single competitions being generously provided by various gentlemen for each morning, and for a foursome tournament, which took place each afternoon, and was concluded the last day of the meeting. The grand prize of the club,

viz., the Duke of Devonshire's vase, value twenty-five guineas, which his grace kindly presents to the club every five years, and which will be played for outright next year, brought out forty competitors. This vase is played for under handicap, and was won by Mr. R. L. Jones with a score of 99, less 16=83. Accompanying this vase is a five-guinea cup, presented by the club for the lowest gross score, and this was magnificently won by Mr. Charles Hutchings, who, playing round with Mr. W. E. Fairlie, established a record for the nine holes in 39 strokes. Mr. W. E. Fairlie previously held the record with 41 and 43=84 for the double round, and which has now been beaten by Mr. Hutchings' 43 and 39=82, which was made as follows:—

First round	4 6 5 6 4 5 5 4	4=43
Second round	4 6 4 5 3 5 4 3	5=39

The putting-greens, for which the links are justifiably celebrated, were in truly perfect order, and reflect great credit on William Lowe, the professional and green-keeper.

Thursday, 28th July.—The Bennett cup, presented by Mr. C. E. Bennett, was won by Mr. E. Micholls, the hon. sec. The following are the scores:—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. Edward Micholls	98 12 86	Mr. C. F. Wardley	111 15 96		
Mr. W. Toynbee	98 10 88	Dr. Palmer	116 20 96		
Mr. T. Swainson	109 18 91	Mr. R. W. Cory	120 24 96		
Mr. G. C. Greenwell	100 8 92	Mr. J. H. Knowles	129 30 99		
Mr. A. Scholfield	98 4 94	Mr. H. Macleay	124 24 100		
Mr. C. Coventry	112 18 94	Mr. H. F. Herford	113 12 101		
Mr. A. Macbean	118 24 94	Mr. A. G. Sparrow	145 36 109		
Mr. W. A. Milner	114 20 94	Mr. R. S. Mowbray,			
Mr. H. E. Acklom	100 4 96	M.P.	140 24 116		

Ten competitors made no returns.

Friday, July 29th. The Buxton Advertiser cup, presented by Mr. C. F. Wardley. Messrs. Toynbee and Moxon tied for this cup with a net score of 85. The ties were decided the following day, when Mr. E. A. Moxon proved the winner. The following are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. E. A. Moxon	98 13 85	Mr. W. H. Milner	110 20 90
Mr. W. T. Toynbee	95 10 85	Mr. H. E. Acklom	95 4 91
Mr. C. Coventry	104 18 86	Colonel Fernley	111 18 93
Mr. T. Swainson	104 18 86	Mr. E. Micholls	105 10 95
Mr. C. W. Cory	112 24 88	Mr. E. Tylecote	107 9 98
Mr. G. C. Greenwell	97 8 89	Mr. A. G. Gray	113 13 100
Mr. A. Scholfield	94 4 90	Mr. H. Freston	117 14 103

Nine players made no returns.

Saturday, July 30th. The Duke of Devonshire's vase, also club prize of five guineas for best gross score. Mr. R. L. Jones won the vase, and Mr. Charles Hutchings the club prize with a record score of 82. The following are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. L. Jones	99 16 83	Mr. E. Micholls	101 10 91
Mr. C. Coventry	102 18 84	Mr. T. Swainson	110 18 92
Mr. G. C. Greenwell	93 8 85	Mr. H. D. Tonge	102 10 92
Mr. Chas. Hutchings	82 +4 86	Mr. L. D. Stewart	103 10 93
Mr. G. J. Hutton	96 10 86	Mr. R. W. Cory	118 24 94
Dr. Palmer	106 20 86	Mr. J. Wilson	118 24 94
Mr. A. G. Gray	100 13 87	Mr. W. A. Milner	117 20 97
Mr. G. A. Moxon	99 11 88	Mr. H. Freston	112 14 98
Mr. W. E. Fairlie	86 +4 90	Mr. A. Macbean	124 24 100
Mr. W. Bell	95 4 91	Mr. W. L. Shipton	118 15 103
Mr. W. T. Toynbee	99 8 91	Mr. A. Twigg	124 16 108

Seventeen competitors made no returns.

Foursome tournament for two cups presented by Mr. F. Edmondson and Mr. G. C. Greenwell:—

First Heat.—Messrs. Palmer and Scholfield beat Messrs. Sparrow and Freston by 3 up and 2 to play; Messrs. Acklom and Swainson beat Messrs. Bryden and Kay by 5 up and 4 to play; Messrs. Blaine and Goode beat Messrs. Coventry and Crook by 7 up and 6 to play.

Second Heat.—Messrs. Micholls and Moxon beat Messrs. Greenwell and Gray by 7 up and 6 to play; Messrs. Edmondson and Knowles beat Messrs. Tylecote and Cameron by 5 up and 4 to play; Messrs. Strang and Munn beat Messrs. Palmer and Scholfield by 2 up and 1 to play; Messrs. Blaine and Goode beat Messrs. Acklom and Swainson by 2 up and 1 to play.

Third Heat.—Messrs. Micholls and Moxon beat Messrs. Edmondson and Gray by 2 up and 1 to play; Messrs. Blaine and Goode beat Messrs. Strang and Munn by 4 up and 3 to play.

Final Heat.—Messrs. E. Micholls and J. A. Moxon beat Messrs. Blaine and Goode by 3 up and 1 to play, and thus won the two cups presented by Messrs. Greenwell and Edmondson.

Monday, August 1st.—The visitors' cup, value five guineas, presented by the proprietors of "The St. Anne's," "The George,"

"The Old Hall," and "The Crescent" Hotels. There were thirty-one entries, but the weather was so unpropitious that twenty-one competitors destroyed their scoring-cards. Mr. R. C. Hutton, with the excellent score, considering the weather, of 89, less 4=85, and Mr. G. C. Greenwell, with a most creditable score of 92, less 7=85, tied for the cup, and will play off the tie on or before the 12th inst.

This competition closed the four days' meeting, and the scores show, we are glad to say, that "Derbyshire form," as regards Golf, is much improving. The following are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. R. C. Hutton...	89	4	85	Mr. W. T. Toynebee	103	8	95
Mr. G. C. Greenwell	92	7	85	Mr. T. Swainson	115	18	97
Mr. B. Goode	98	10	88	Mr. C. F. Wardley	113	15	98
Dr. Palmer...	112	20	92	Mr. R. Ramsay	114	16	98
Mr. W. Bell	97	4	93	Mr. J. A. Wilson	124	24	100

Twenty-one competitors made no returns.

CHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The second annual competition for the Yerburgh challenge cup was held at the links on 1st August. There was a strong wind blowing, which accounts for much of the high scoring. Mr. Horace Mayhew came in winner with a fine steady gross score of 92. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. H. Mayhew	92	9	83	Mr. E. Gardner	128	30	98
†Mr. J. M. Frost	119	35	84	Capt. Young	119	20	99
Mr. E. H. Porter	106	17	89	Mr. Stretton	125	23	102
Mr. J. Rowley	103	10	93	Mr. A. Barker	127	25	102
Mr. D. Dobie	111	18	93	Mr. E. Hayes	105	2	103
Mr. R. Wilkinson	111	18	93	Mr. H. Gladstone,			
Mr. W. Hayes	111	16	95	M.P.	127	20	107
Mr. G. H. Rogerson	136	40	96	Capt. Mould	149	37	112
Mr. H. D. Jolliffe	110	13	97	Mr. Salomonson	144	31	113

* Winner of cup and memento and first sweepstake.

† Winner of second sweepstake.

No return made by the Hon. C. H. Vivian and Mr. H. Prince.

CINQUE PORTS GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday last, when over twenty players competed. It was very wet and stormy in the morning, but the weather improved as the day advanced. Those playing in the afternoon had a decided advantage. The winner proved to be Mr. Richard Moxon. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. R. Moxon	115	18	97	Mr. E. T. Ward	121	18	103
Mr. B. C. Manly	118	20	98	Rev. G. Hyde-Smith	127	18	109
Mr. E. F. Noel	128	27	101				

CLEVELAND GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the Cochrane cup, played on the 23rd ult., resulted in a tie between Mr. C. M. Smith, 107, less 18=89, and Mr. C. D. Mackenzie, 94, less 5=89. This tie was played off on Wednesday 27th, and resulted in a win for Mr. Smith, who improved his score by two, making 87 net, while Mr. Mackenzie ran up a total of 96 net.

The competition for the right to play in the competition for the ladies' trophy took place on Friday and Saturday, when the scores were as follows:—

	Out.	In.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. Lambert	47	62	109	18	91
Mr. J. Roddam	49	54	103	11	92
Mr. H. Roberts	48	46	94	scr.	94
Mr. E. R. Withey	47	48	95	scr.	95
Mr. C. D. Mackenzie	50	52	102	5	97
Mr. T. H. Wynn	58	51	109	9	100
Mr. W. T. Mackay	59	61	120	18	102
Mr. Ascott	66	64	130	22	108

The Coatham links are now becoming well known to visitors from a distance, and golfers are glad to find such fine links so easy of access to both Redcar and Saltburn. The new club-house is in course of erection, and when finished will make the Coatham links equal to many of the best links in the kingdom, while the subscription to the club is the most moderate of any of the first-class grounds.

DORNOCH.

During the past week of excellent golfing weather the ranks of golfers were considerably increased, and now the green, for the first time this season, has assumed a gay and lively appearance. The course is at its very best, and the putting-greens are in splendid trim. Under these circumstances, then, it is scarcely to be wondered at that some fine scores have been recorded. The weekly handicaps and fortnightly aggregate prizes were all competed for, and in the two former Mr. J. Campbell with 84 (scratch), and Mr. M. Macdonald with 85, plus 1=86, each put in wins; while in the latter a very young and promising player, Mr. H. Munro, stood first with a capital 84, less 2=82. Creditable as these performances were, however, they were eclipsed, first by Mr. W. Cameron, who, in a private match, holed the round in 81,

while, the same afternoon, M. J. Sutherland, in playing a hole match with Mr. A. Lobban, H.M. Inspector of Schools, finished up with 76, thus repeating the record of the green made by himself in April last. The details are:—

Out	...	3	5	2	5	5	6	6	3	5=40	} 76
In	...	4	5	4	4	5	4	4	2	4=36	

In the first record 3 was the lowest and 6 the highest figures. Towards the end of the week a large number of private matches were played. Messrs. J. Donald (Prestwick), and J. Sutherland beat Messrs. Younger (Prestwick), and A. Angus at the last hole, but suffered a similar defeat next round. Messrs. M. Macdonald and Donell beat Dr. Alexander (Glasgow) and Mr. Younger by 3 up and 2 to play; and 5 up and 3 to play. At the end of five games Mr. R. T. Hamilton-Bruce and Colonel Grant were level.

Mr. Grant's prize was completed for on Saturday, when Dr. M'Lachlan with 97, less 12=85, won. The next score returned was by Mr. G. R. Kennedy, Edinburgh, 88, less 2=86. The following visitors took part in the competition:—Mr. R. T. Ritchie, Wimbledon; Mr. J. F. Chance, Wimbledon; Mr. R. J. Hamilton-Bruce, Colonel Grant, and Mr. H. A. A. Kennedy.

FORFARSHIRE.

The annual competition of the Montrose Royal Albert Club for the Keithock medal took place over Montrose links on Thursday, 28th ult. Owing to the inspection of the military camp there was only a small number of competitors, who started in the following order:—Mr. R. Pearson, of Johnston, and Lieutenant Gairdner, R.N.; Rev. T. A. Cameron, Farnell, and Mr. A. Smith, Benholm Castle; Dr. Soutar and Mr. Deans-Dundas, of Rosemount; Mr. W. Smith, Benholm. At the close it was found that Dr. Soutar, with the score of 81, had won the medal, while Mr. A. Smith was the next best scorer with 86. At a business meeting of the club the following new members were admitted:—Mr. G. W. Don, Forfar; Rev. J. A. Clark, Brechin; and Provost Mitchell, Montrose.

The monthly competition for the medals and bracelet belonging to the Montrose Ladies' Club took place on the ladies' links. Fourteen couples started as follows:—Mrs. R. J. Muir and Miss G. More Gordon, Charleton; Miss W. Smith, Benholm Castle, and Miss Walker, Edinburgh; Miss P. Burness and Miss Burness, Montrose; Miss Lyall, Hillside, and Miss N. Lyall; Mrs. Stone, Montrose, and Miss Adamson, Gayfield; Miss Watson and Miss Collier, Montrose; Miss A. Watson, Montrose, and Miss Smith, Benholm Castle; Miss Lyell, Gardyne, and Miss Lowson, Arbroath; Miss A. Belcher, Fasque Parsonage, and Miss L. Belcher; Miss L. Burness and Miss D. Walker, Miss D. Dundas and Miss J. Woodward, Miss Woodward and Miss Rossie Millar, Rossie Castle; Miss Paton and Mrs. Millar, Miss Gordon and Miss A. Lee. On the cards been handed in, it was found that the gold medal had been won by Miss Watson with a score of 118 (for the two rounds), and the silver medal by Miss J. Woodward with 119. The gold bracelet for the best single round went to Miss Paton with 57. The next best scorers were:—Miss Watson, 121; Mrs. Stone, 122; and Miss M. Smith, 124.

The members of the Carnoustie Ladies' Club competed the other evening for the Halley monthly challenge medal and two prizes given by Miss Dickson and two members of the Dalnoustie Club. There was a large turn-out of spectators. Miss K. Colquhoun, with the excellent score of 109 strokes for two rounds of the course, won the medal and first prize. Miss K. Fletcher, with 119 strokes, securing the consolation prize given, the lady making the lowest score, not having won a prize previously. The following were the best scores:—Miss Colquhoun, 109; Miss J. R. Freeland, 110; Miss E. Stewart, 111; Mrs. Gibson, 113; Miss L. Freeland, 113; Miss Morton, 114; Miss M. B. Morton, 114; Miss Ramsay, 114; Miss H. Stewart, 115; Miss Lawson, 116; Miss Anderson, 116; Miss B. K. Hunter, 110; Miss Burnett, 118; Miss K. Fletcher, 119; Miss Carrie, 121; and Miss Fullerton, 121.

The twelfth of the series of competitions for the members' badge of the Arbroath Club was finished on Saturday. In consequence of the holidays, few of the members turned out. Mr. A. Garvie was the winner, being 1 below his number, and the next best scores were those of Messrs. W. Edwards and Robert Guthrie, each 11 above.

The Dundee Advertiser Club had a monthly competition on Saturday at Montfith in splendid weather. There was a good turn-out of players, and the scores were of an improved character from recent matches. The greens and course were in capital order. Mr. James Melville was lowest with 88, followed by Mr. Alexander Bowman 90, Mr. William Duguid 92, Mr. John Inglis 93, Mr. Robert Donn 94, Mr. John Macrae 95, Mr. Thomas Knox 95, Mr. James Clark 97, Mr. Thomas Coutts 97, and Mr. William F. Black 98. Sweepstakes were won as follows:—First Class—Scratch, Mr. James Melville; first and second average (tie) Mr. Alexander Bowman and Mr. William Duguid, third Mr. Thomas Knox. Second Class—Scratch and first average Mr. Thomas Coutts, second Mr. James Buik, third Mr. Andrew Caird. The prize in the third-class was tied for by Mr. Finlay Currie and David R. Anderson.

GOLF IN THE ISLE OF MAN.

On Thursday afternoon, the 28th ult., the second Golf handicap, open to the Island, was played on the Castletown links. A large number of golfers were present, and took part in the game, from Ramsey and Douglas. The links were in splendid condition, and the day being beautifully fine, every one was in good form and spirits. After lunch, which was provided by the local club, a start was made at 1.30 p.m. Willie Park, jun., the ex-champion, played round the links in grand style, doing the round of eighteen holes in 88 strokes. The following is the result of the game:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. Kneen, Douglas	115	14	101
Mr. Cruickshank, Ramsey	116	14	102
Mr. Crellin, Ramsey	137	28	109
Mr. Corlett, Ramsey	110	scr.	110
Mr. Roose, Ramsey	139	28	111
Mr. Clucas, Ramsey	137	23	114
Capt. Cayley, Castletown	153	38	115
Mr. Stephenson, Castletown	148	28	120
Mr. H. S. Gell, Castletown	181	58	123
Mr. Kissack, Castletown	177	48	129
Mr. Kenworthy, Castletown	179	48	131
Mr. Dodd, Castletown... ..	213	68	145
Mr. J. S. Gell, Castletown	202	48	154
Mr. Wicksey, Castletown	232	68	164

The following did not complete the round:—Mr. Quine, Douglas (22); Mr. Baron, Douglas (14); Mr. Blakeney, Castletown (58); Mr. Flemming, Douglas (30).

Willie Park also played several times on the Ramsey links, and was much pleased with the course and with the enthusiastic manner in which Golf is taken up there. Mr. Drinkwater has engaged a professional for the Douglas links, so the Ramsey men, who have hitherto held the honours, will have to look out if they intend to keep them.

HUNSTANTON GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, played on Monday, August 1st. The following were the scores below 100:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
*Mr. H. Ingleby	92	7	85	Mr. P. Barker	100	9	91
Rev. H. D. Barrett..	105	17	88	Mr. J. C. Morgan-			
Mr. J. Palk... ..	112	22	90	Brown	102	10	92

* Winner of medal.

LIMPSFIELD CHART GOLF CLUB.

Junior competition (ladies). July 29th, 1892:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Miss Katherine Leveson-Gower... ..	58	9	49	Miss Winifred Boyson	62	9	53
Miss Margaret Thomson... ..	60	9	51	Miss Constance Watney			
				ney	66	13	53

LUFFNESS.

On Saturday the annual competition took place at Luffness for the handsome challenge cup presented to the Luffness Club more than twenty years ago by the late Lord Wemyss. All East Lothian clubs are entitled to send four representatives to Luffness on the County cup day, to try their strength against each other. As many as eleven clubs sent teams. Five "byes" were drawn to begin with, and the clubs lucky enough to escape the first round were Dirleton Castle, Archerfield, Thorntree (Prestonpans), East Lothian, and New Club (North Berwick). The full round of eighteen holes was played in each stage, and it was made a condition that the "byes," though not joining the competition till the second round, should play over the course. The reason for this condition was, of course, so far as possible, to put all the players on the same footing in respect of the amount of play required of them. A start was made early in the forenoon, but so much had to be overtaken that it was eight o'clock in the evening before the final was completed, and the presentation of the cup took place. The play was by foursomes and by holes. The following were the results of the first round:—

HADDINGTON.		DUNBAR.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Rev. W. Proudfoot and Mr. W. Merrilees	0	Mr. W. T. Armour and Mr. J. Mackinlay	2
Mr. F. Kinloch and Mr. A. Bridges	0	Mr. Irvine Williamson and Mr. J. D. M. M'Laren	2

Majority for Dunbar, 4 holes.

LUFFNESS.		TANTALLON.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. Wharton Todd and Mr. H. B. Bryden	1	Mr. A. M. Ross and Mr. J. M'Culloch	0
Mr. George M'Gregor and Mr. B. Hall Blyth	0	Mr. Stuart Anderson and Mr. W. G. Blossom	2

Majority for Tantallon, 1 hole.

GULLANE.

GULLANE.		BASS ROCK.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. F. V. Hagart and Mr. G. Gordon Brotherton... ..	0	Mr. John Forrest and Mr. J. Mitchell	1
Mr. Hugh Lugton and Mr. T. Lugton, jun... ..	0	Mr. J. Henderson and Mr. D. M. Jackson	0

Majority for Bass Rock, 1 hole.

Second Round:—

DIRLETON CASTLE (BYE).		ARCHERFIELD (BYE).	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. Brotherton and Mr. J. Litster	6	Mr. A. Murray and Mr. T. Binnie	0
Mr. A. Litster and Mr. J. King	0	Mr. J. Law, jun., and Mr. James Bissett	0

Majority for Dirleton Castle, 6 holes.

THORNTREE (BYE).

THORNTREE (BYE).		EAST LOTHIAN (BYE).	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. R. Ormiston and Mr. W. Belford	0	Mr. J. A. Begbie and Mr. Garden G. Smith	8
Mr. John Johnstone and Mr. R. Fraser	0	Mr. St. Clair Cunningham and Mr. D. S. Meikleham	5

Majority for East Lothian, 13 holes.

NEW CLUB (BYE).

NEW CLUB (BYE).		DUNBAR.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. E. Laidlay and Mr. D. A. Stevenson	10	Mr. W. T. Armour and Mr. James M'Kinlay	0
Dr. R. Blaikie and Mr. C. A. Stevenson	5	Mr. Irvine Williamson and Mr. J. D. M. M'Laren	0

Majority for New Club, 15 holes.

BASS LOCK.

BASS LOCK.		TANTALLON.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. D. M. Jackson and Mr. J. Henderson	2	Mr. A. M. Ross and Mr. J. M'Culloch	0
Mr. J. Forrest and Mr. J. Mitchell	3	Mr. Stuart L. Anderson and Mr. W. G. Blossom... ..	0

Majority for Bass Rock, 5 holes.

Third Round:—

DIRLETON CASTLE.		EAST LOTHIAN.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. Brotherton and Mr. J. Litster	6	Mr. Garden G. Smith and Mr. J. A. Begbie... ..	0
Mr. A. Litster and Mr. J. King	2	Mr. St. Clair Cunningham and Mr. D. S. Meikleham... ..	0

Majority for Dirleton Castle, 8 holes.

NEW CLUB.

NEW CLUB.		BASS ROCK.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. E. Laidlay and Mr. D. A. Stevenson	0	Mr. J. Forrest and Mr. J. Mitchell	2
Dr. R. Blaikie and Mr. C. A. Stevenson	0	Mr. D. M. Jackson and Mr. J. Henderson	4

Majority for Bass Rock, 6 holes.

Final Round:—

BASS ROCK.		DIRLETON CASTLE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. D. M. Jackson and Mr. J. Henderson	9	Mr. J. Brotherton and Mr. J. Litster	0
Mr. J. Forrest and Mr. J. Mitchell	1	Mr. J. King and Mr. A. Litster	0

Majority for Bass Rock, 10 holes.

At the conclusion of the play Mr. B. Hall Blyth, captain of the Luffness Club, presented the cup and accompanying prize to Mr. Hogg, the captain of the Bass Rock Club.

The monthly competition for the Wemyss medal took place on Saturday, with the following result:—Mr. T. Armour (2) 77; Mr. J. Patterson (10), 78; Mr. T. Black (10), 81; Mr. J. Douglas (3), 83; Mr. W. G. Blossom, 84.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

BANK HOLIDAY MEETING.

The play on Saturday last was above the average, when the fourth of the six competitions for the Dawson cup was played on the links at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea by the members of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club. The day was fine but oppressive, and the greens were in good order. The best gross scores of the day were:—Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton, 86; Mr. R. H. Prestwich, Manchester, 91; Mr. F. C. Morgan, Manchester, 97; Mr. F. H. Smith, Bolton, 98; Mr. J. E. Pearson, Liverpool, 99. The best net scores were:—Mr. R. H. Prestwich, 91, less 8=83; Mr. F. H. Smith, 98, less 14=84; Mr. R. B. Hardman,

St. Anne's, 102, less 17=85; Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton, 86, scratch, 86; Mr. T. H. Miller, Singleton Park, 103, less 15=88; Mr. A. Entwistle, Great Lever, 104, less 16=88; Mr. R. Lythgoe, St. Anne's, 103, 14=89. The first optional sweepstakes was won by Mr. R. H. Prestwich, the second by Mr. F. H. Smith, and the third by Mr. G. F. Smith. The four winners of the competitions for this prize that have now been played are:—On May 7th, Mr. W. Newbigging, St. Anne's, 93, less 8=85; on June 4th, Mr. S. Fisher, South Shore, 97, less 15=82; on July 2nd, Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft, St. Anne's, 89, less 10=79; and on July 30th, Mr. R. H. Prestwich, Manchester, 91, less 8=83. The following are the scores on Saturday last under 100 net:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. R. H. Prestwich, Manchester...	91	8	83
Mr. F. H. Smith, Bolton ...	98	14	84
Mr. R. B. Hardman, St. Anne's ...	102	17	85
Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton ...	86	scr.	86
Mr. T. H. Miller, Singleton Park ...	103	15	88
Mr. A. Entwistle, Great Lever, Bolton ...	104	16	88
Mr. R. Lythgoe, St. Anne's ...	103	14	89
Mr. J. E. Pearson, Liverpool ...	99	7	92
Mr. J. Talbot Fair, Lytham ...	104	12	92
Mr. J. H. Hulston, Bolton ...	106	14	92
Mr. J. Muirhead, Blackpool ...	108	16	92
Mr. F. C. Morgan, Manchester ...	97	4	93
Mr. J. A. Tweedale, Wilmslow ...	105	12	93
Mr. J. Bradbury, South Shore ...	108	15	93
Major Ormsby, South Shore ...	113	16	97

A large number of players did not send in any returns. This prize will be played off by the winners of the six competitions on the first day of the autumn meeting, Saturday, the 15th October.

MELBOURNE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition of the above club took place on Saturday, 4th June, when a very large number of members assembled on the Caulfield links. The result of the match was a tie between Mr. D. M. Maxwell, with a score of 90 from scratch, and Mr. T. S. Huggins, with 99, less 9. On playing it off on Saturday, 18th, Mr. Huggins proved the victor and won the medal. The following are the scores of the cards handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. D. M. Maxwell	90	scr.	90	Dr. Parkinson	117	20	97
Mr. T. S. Huggins...	99	9	90	Mr. T. G. Keats	110	11	99
Mr. T. J. Finlay	100	9	91	Mr. J. Graham	113	14	99
Mr. D. Finlayson	102	10	92	Mr. A. Halley	121	20	101
Mr. F. A. Campbell	110	16	94	Mr. C. Worthington	117	16	101
Mr. L. K. S. Mac-				Captain Reynolds	107	6	101
kinnon	97	3	94	Mr. Tho. Brentnall	122	16	106
Mr. W. Nimmo	118	24	94	Mr. Jas. Turnbull	106	scr.	106
Professor Masson	95	scr.	95	Mr. H. F. C. Keats	131	24	107
Mr. James Dyer	119	24	95	Dr. Salmon	126	16	110
Mr. Hugh Conley	115	20	95	Mr. G. W. Bruce	128	16	112
Mr. Thos. Duncan	101	5	96	Mr. H. B. Callaway	128	13	115
Mr. J. M. Bruce	104	7	97	— M'Intyre	149	24	125
Dr. Payne	106	9	97				

The Melbourne Golf Club, for the first time in its existence, invited ladies to play on its links on Wednesday afternoon, June 15th. It is only about twelve months since the club was established, and up to now it has been for men only; but although it is growing largely it is felt that the game could be made much more generally interesting if ladies could be elected members and allowed to play on special days set apart for them. At the next annual meeting this view of the matter is to be put before the members, and it is anticipated that there will not be any opposition to the new rule. In the British Isles, wherever men's links have been established there is generally to be found a ladies' links as well. It is anticipated that Golf will become quite as popular out here as it has at home, for there is certainly more in it than in tennis, it is not so laborious, it affords good walking exercise, and is quickly learnt. The Melbourne links are situated on park-like lands between the Dandenong, Wattletree, and Burke roads, just about five minutes' walk from Caulfield station. As far as situation is concerned, even the keenest British golfers have admitted that it could not be surpassed for picturesqueness. There is spread before the eyes a panorama, backed up by the blue Dandenongs, which, from its variety, as well as for its beauty, is almost unique. The playing ground is springy and well drained, dotted with yellow gorse bushes, ferns, and here and there a little tree growth, all of which assist to make the game exceedingly interesting and exciting. At the conclusion of the afternoon the players and visitors were entertained by the president and Mrs. Bruce in the dining-room of the club-house at a cheery tea, which made an agreeable *finale* to an invigorating afternoon. Amongst the lady-golfers many expert players are already to be found, who up to now have only had private grounds for play and practice. Chief amongst those who took part in the game on Wednesday were Mrs. J. Traill, Mrs. C. Ryan, Miss Sumner, Mrs. Keats,

Mr. R. Baillie, the Misses Wilkie, Miss Cumming, Miss Murray, the Misses Fitzgerald, and Miss Murray Smith. The men players included Mr. J. M. Bruce, Mr. Duncan, Major Hannay, Mr. Nimmo, Dr. Parkinson, and Mr. R. Baillie. Sir James and Lady MacBain came down to look on, and so did Mrs. Malleson and Miss Chapman, Miss M'Kellar, Miss Bruce, Mrs. G. Bruce, Mr. Patterson, and others.

MORAY GOLF CLUB.

The foundation stone of the new Golf-house for the Moray Golf Club was laid on Wednesday, the 27th ult., by Mrs. Dunbar Brander, Pitgaveny. Since the club's formation three years ago it has made rapid progress. At present the club use one of the rooms at the baths, but this was found to be inadequate to the growing needs of the club. Consequently a movement was set on foot to get a club-house erected, and Messrs. A. and W. Reid, architects, Elgin, were asked to prepare plans for a suitable house. A number of the members of the club took debentures, and on Captain Dunbar Brander, the Superior of Lossiemouth, being approached as to a site, he at once informed the golfers that they could select their own ground, the feu being granted at a low rate. It may be mentioned that Captain Brander and Mr. Gatherer, Elgin, his factor, have all along taken the keenest interest in the formation of the club. From its inauguration Captain Brander has given the Golf course on the Stotfield links at a nominal figure, and now that it has been put in good order it is looked upon as one of the best in the North. The building, which is so far built, is contracted for at £359, but, as certain furnishings and other things have yet to be procured, the cost will, roundly speaking, be about £400. There was a large assemblage of spectators, including most of the members of the club, and also a number of Elgin people, it being the shopkeepers' half-holiday. Mrs. Dunbar Brander was accompanied to the platform raised for the occasion by Captain Dunbar Brander, Master James and Master Archibald Dunbar Brander, Sir William and Lady Gordon Cumming, Gordonstown; also the following office-bearers of the club:—Mr. Rodger, captain; Mr. MacBey, vice-captain; Mr. Gordon, secretary; Mr. M'Isaac, treasurer; and Messrs. Davie, Christie, Greenstreet, Adams, Macdonald, &c., members of council.

After the ceremony of laying the foundation stone, the club played a match over the course with teams chosen by the captain and vice-captain. The vice-captain's team proved victorious by two holes. The scores were:—

CAPTAIN'S TEAM.

VICE-CAPTAIN'S TEAM.

	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. Rodger (captain)	0	Mr. MacBey (vice-captain)	2
Rev. A. Lawson	0	Mr. J. M'Isaac	3
Mr. J. S. Urquhart	0	Mr. W. Christie	1
Mr. F. Davie	3	Mr. A. M'Donald	0
Mr. T. W. Greenstreet	3	Mr. D. Matheson	0
Captain Swan	1	Mr. John Adams	0
Mr. W. Spence	0	Mr. J. C. Ruxton	1
Mr. J. Gordon	0	Mr. J. Macdonald	0
Mr. J. Allan	0	Dr. Taylor	8
Mr. C. J. Johnston	0	Mr. D. Mustard	0
Mr. A. Russell	10	Mr. J. S. Yeadon	0
Mr. T. Mackenzie	0	Mr. A. Peterkin	4
	17		19

NORTH BERWICK.

On Saturday the 23rd, over the course at Archerfield, Bernard Sayers, partnering Mr. E. Balfour, of Balbirnie, engaged Davie Grant and George Sayers in a foursome of three rounds. The play on each side was very good. Mr. Balfour and B. Sayers were successful in each round by 4 up and 3 to play, the winners holing out in 73, 74, and 78 respectively.

The summer competition of the Eldon House School Club was held over the ladies' links at North Berwick, the awards comprising a pretty gold brooch, presented by Mr. R. W. Waddy, of Abbey School, and two clubs, by Mr. Hutchinson, Clubhouse. The conditions were scratch, and two rounds were played. The first prize was carried off by Miss Florence Hardie at 86, the second by Miss Ethel Hardie at 94, and the third by Miss Dora Hurst at 97.

The members of the North Berwick Ladies' Club were favoured with fine weather on the occasion of their annual July gathering. There was a good turn-out of competitors, some forty ladies driving off in the afternoon. The prizes were numerous and handsome, and, for both scratch and handicap awards, the competition was very keen. They consisted of a solid silver card-case, richly chased, offered under scratch conditions, and the following under handicap:—(1) A gold bangle; (2) gold brooch, in golfing design; (3) silver clasp for belt; (4) a pretty fan, presented by Mr. Inches; and (5) a silver buckle. Last July the scratch award was carried off by Miss Maude Shearer, at 64 for the two rounds—35 and 29—the latter figure being only a stroke in excess of the record for one round of the green. Miss Blanch Ander-

son proved to be the winner of the scratch award, with the splendid figure of 61 for the two rounds, her second round of 28 equalling the record of the green. Mrs. Esson carried off the first handicap prize. The second, third, and fourth fell respectively to Misses Mina Sprott, Orphoot, and Ada Gillies Smith; and the fifth to Miss Blyth, after a tie with Miss Ethel M'Colloch. At the close, Mrs. Campbell Inchgarry presented the prizes.

ROYAL CROMER GOLF CLUB.

A summer prize meeting in connection with this club was held on the 14th and 15th July, in the place of the Whitsun prize meeting, which was abandoned in consequence of the lamented death of the late captain of the club, Mr. B. Bond-Cabbell. There was a fairly good attendance, but it was evident that in the death of its popular captain the club has sustained a heavy loss. The members had great cause, however, for congratulation in being able to use for the first time the spacious smoking and reading-room which has just been added to the club-house, and which has been provided with every comfort in the way of easy-chairs, writing-tables, &c. The prize on the first day was a case of carvers with silver mounts, and was presented by Dr. Dent for the best score under handicap. For this the Rev. R. Barrow and Dr. Belding tied. The tie was played off on the following day, when the prize fell to the Rev. R. Barrow. For the best aggregate of the two days, under handicap, Mr. R. W. Ketton offered an inkstand and pair of candlesticks, which were won by Mr. Harold Wilson. Mr. E. S. Trouncer secured the prize (a case of silver teaspoons) offered by Mr. P. E. Hansell, for the best match play against "Bogey" score, and competed for on Friday, the winner being only two holes down to "Bogey." The long handicap prize, a gong, presented by Dr. McClure and Mr. P. M. Lucas, for the best score of the two days, open to those having a handicap of more than 18, was won by Mr. G. F. Insole. The following are the scores of Thursday, those exceeding 100 being omitted:—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
Rev. R. Barrow ...	103 18 85	Mr. H. Forbes Eden ...	110 18 92
Dr. Belding ...	100 15 85	Mr. O. S. Curtis ...	102 8 94
Mr. A. E. Ripley ...	94 8 86	Mr. P. M. Lucas ...	94 scr. 94
Mr. Harold Wilson ...	99 11 88	Mr. J. W. Deuchar ...	98 4 94
Mr. E. S. Trouncer ...	103 14 89	Mr. A. Savin ...	105 10 95
Mr. E. M. Hansell ...	96 6 90	Major-Gen. Dixon ...	112 16 96
Mr. R. W. Ketton ...	103 13 90	Mr. Ambrose Burton ...	116 18 98
Mr. H. C. Dent ...	101 11 90	Mr. G. F. Insole ...	117 19 98
Mr. A. E. Jarvis ...	97 6 91		

Friday's scores were as follows:—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. C. Wilson ...	91 11 80	Mr. J. J. W. Deuchar ...	96 4 92
Major-Gen. Dixon ...	98 16 82	Mr. C. H. Ensell ...	110 18 92
Mr. A. E. Jarvis ...	90 6 84	Mr. G. F. Insole ...	111 19 92
Mr. E. S. Trouncer ...	98 14 84	Mr. G. L. Charlesworth ...	110 16 94
Mr. E. M. Hansell ...	92 6 86	Dr. Belding ...	109 15 94
Mr. R. W. Ketton ...	99 13 86	Mr. J. Badkin ...	114 17 97
Mr. O. S. Curtis ...	95 8 87	Mr. A. Savin ...	107 10 97
Mr. P. M. Lucas ...	88 scr. 88	Mr. D. Davison ...	117 19 98
Rev. R. Barrow ...	107 18 89		
Mr. H. C. Dent ...	102 11 91		

ROYAL NORTH DEVON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal, with memento, a gold horseshoe set with pearls, a win for Major Pigott's cup, and first prize in the sweep were secured by Mr. "Dick," the second sweep going to Mr. J. J. Harding. A stiff northerly breeze cooled the atmosphere.

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. "Dick," M.S. ...	94 9 85	Rev. J. Scott-Ramsay, M. ...	104 9 95
Mr. J. J. Harding, M.S. ...	94 6 88	Colonel Winterscale, M.S. ...	105 10 95
Major Ross, M.S. ...	99 9 90	Rev. E. C. Pigott, M.S. ...	109 14 95
Col. Stanley Scott, M.S. ...	106 15 91	Rev. J. Bramston, M.S. ...	115 19 96
Captain Hughes, S. ...	101 10 91	Dr. J. W. Cooke, S. ...	116 20 96
Mr. St. C. Stobart, M.S. ...	98 6 92	Mr. W. Houldsworth, S. ...	122 18 104
Mr. W. J. Hughes, S. ...	101 9 92		
Mr. R. Molesworth, S. ...	99 6 93		

No. returns: Mr. C. S. Carnegie, M.S., Mr. C. Didham, M.S., Earl of Eldon, M.S., Viscount Encombe, M.S., Mr. P. Winterscale, M.S., Rev. G. Willes, S. In addition to the above, thirty-three other members and visitors played singles and foursomes.

ROYAL WEST NORFOLK GOLF CLUB.

There were twenty-two players in the monthly competition, held on Saturday, over the Brancaster Links. Results:—Mr. H. T. Wright, 98, less 12=86, first; Mr. W. H. M. Grimshaw, 96, less 8=88, and

Mr. Holcombe Ingleby, 99, less 11=88, tied for second place; and Mr. G. B. Colt, 103, less 10=93, and Mr. C. W. Neville Rolfe, 105, less 12=93, tied for fourth place.

ROYAL EASTBOURNE GOLF CLUB.

July competition for the monthly medal, on Saturday, the 30th ult. Scores:—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. A. Mayhew ...	88 8 80	Mr. C. Lethbridge ...	111 17 94
*Mr. A. Smith ...	106 26 80	Mr. J. H. Haviland ...	114 20 94
Mr. H. F. Matheson ...	98 16 82	Capt. F. R. Harrison ...	110 14 96
Col. J. F. Pierson ...	108 22 86	Mr. J. F. Hughes ...	126 28 98
Mr. H. W. Poyntz ...	104 16 88	Mr. E. Devonshire ...	115 17 98
Rev. F. W. Eaton ...	118 25 93	Mr. T. L. Budd ...	123 21 102
Mr. G. H. Lawrance ...	112 18 94		

* Tie for monthly medal; divide sweepstakes.

Ten members made no returns.

ROYAL WIMBLEDON GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap challenge medal (limited to eighteen strokes), 30th July, 1892:—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. E. Webb ...	103 18 85	Mr. W. Bazalgette ...	92 3 89
*Mr. W. J. Cundell ...	96 11 85	Mr. A. N. Cumming ...	95 6 89
Mr. H. C. Archer ...	102 16 86	Mr. F. W. Hollams ...	103 14 89
Mr. A. H. Molesworth ...	84 +3 87	Mr. N. R. Foster ...	88 +2 90
Col. Fairie ...	94 7 87	Mr. W. R. Portal ...	110 20 90
Mr. C. E. Routh ...	99 12 87	Mr. A. Pollock ...	97 5 92
Mr. F. Creswell ...	102 15 87	Mr. B. Howell ...	96 2 94
Mr. A. Adams ...	96 8 88	Mr. E. Field ...	100 6 94
Mr. H. Becher ...	100 12 88	Mr. H. W. Horne ...	103 8 95
Mr. H. W. Bradford ...	103 15 88	Mr. E. Oliver ...	112 16 96
		Mr. F. H. Stewart ...	117 5 112

* Tied.

No returns from Messrs. F. Pownall, J. E. Peat, A. E. Peat, C. J. Stewart, R. Browne, F. Clarke, A. Fell, P. Robertson, J. Anderson, R. T. Smith, T. Smith, J. S. Muir, S. G. Carlyll and Sir W. Style.

ST. ANDREWS.

A match, which, in view of the professional match between Andrew Kirkaldy and Jack Simpson, created considerable interest, and was followed by a large crowd, was played on Tuesday night, the 26th ult., Andrew Kirkaldy playing against the best ball of Mr. E. Blackwell and Tom Morris. The couple won by 3 up and 2 to play. Their best score was 76.

On Wednesday a match, which created not a little interest, was played over the green between Andrew Kirkaldy and Alfred Tingey (a young Englishman engaged as a clubmaker at Forgan's) against Jack Simpson and David Duncan, Elie. The match was one round, and was for a sum of money subscribed by members of the Royal and Ancient Club, and a few visitors. The play at the outset was very close, and at the end hole there was only one hole of difference between the players, Kirkaldy and Tingey being 1 up. Homeward the play still continued level, but at the fourth hole from home Kirkaldy and his partner added another to their credit, and eventually became winners at the burn by 2 and 1 to play. The match was witnessed by a large crowd of spectators.

A. KIRKALDY v. J. SIMPSON.

The concluding rounds of the professional single between Andrew Kirkaldy, St. Andrews, and Jack Simpson, Elie, for a stake of £15, was played on Thursday, the 28th ult., over the St. Andrews links. The result of the first day's encounter was in Kirkaldy's favour by 3 holes. The match has assumed more importance in golfing circles than it might otherwise have done, from the fact that it is almost the only professional match played as yet this season on any of the East Coast greens. The players are likewise well known. Andrew Kirkaldy has of late come prominently to the front as a professional player, and although Simpson has been somewhat in the background since he carried off the Champion Belt some eight years ago at Prestwick, he comes of a well-known professional Golf family, and inherits the family reputation as a good all-round player. The encounter was therefore looked forward to with interest, although it seemed to be universally recognised that on his own green Kirkaldy should have an almost invincible advantage. With Mr. R. A. Hull, Mr. W. T. Linskill, and old Tom Morris acting as umpires, the match was resumed at 11 o'clock, with a large crowd of spectators in attendance. The morning was a trifle misty, but the sun soon broke through and dispelled the mist, and the day was warm and oppressive, but fortunately the heat was tempered by a refreshing sea-breeze. The course was in good trim, but the greens were very keen, and tried the skill of the respective players. Both led off with two good

tee shots, and both got over the burn with their seconds. Simpson was far past the hole, and had to play the odd, and was too strong. Kirkaldy followed by being short, but afterwards laid himself dead. Simpson failed in putting, and Kirkaldy got down in 4, and won the first honour of the day. Both drove well for the Corner of the Dyke, but both had rather bad lies, Kirkaldy getting up to the green to the west, and Simpson to the right of the course. The latter lay best after the third shot, but Kirkaldy, with a long putt, got down in 4 and drew applause, and now stood 2 up on the day and 5 on the match. The third hole was well played, and halved in 4. Playing to the Old Gingerbeer Hole Simpson heel'd his tee, and carried among the whins to the left side of the course. He drove out a short distance with his iron, but was playing 2 more on the green, and Kirkaldy easily won, and stood 6 up. Proceeding to the Hole o' Cross, Simpson was caught with his third shot in the small bunker on the face of the brae towards the putting-green, and had to drive back, and lost a shot, playing the 2 more. Kirkaldy had the hole well in hand, and secured another win, and stood 7 to the good. Simpson was again in misfortune playing to the Heather, was again among whins, and was playing the 2 more, and Kirkaldy won the hole in 5 to his opponent's 6, and now led by the large majority of 8. It was now thought the game was to be a very one-sided one, but fortune to a certain extent changed at the next hole. Both had reached the High Hole with two raking shots. Simpson laid his third dead, but Kirkaldy, who tried to hole his putt over-reached himself and ran past, and was punished by his opponent winning the hole, the first win for him on the day's proceedings. Grand play was witnessed for the Short Hole. Both men carried the green with their tee shots. Simpson, with a long putt, got down in two amidst applause; and Kirkaldy, not to be denied, followed suit, the hole being thus halved in 2, amid loud cheers. The End Hole was well played, and halved in 4—the players turning, Kirkaldy leading by 7, having gained 4 holes out of the 9 played. Homeward, however, the game was of a more level description. The first hole in was halved. Going to the High Hole Simpson was bunkered from the tee, but recovered himself well. After some indifferent putting the hole was also divided in 4. The Heather Hole was likewise halved with 5 strokes. Proceeding to the Hole o' Cross, Simpson drove well and safe from the tee, but his opponent got bunkered, and although he got fairly well out with his mashie, he carried his third far away to the right of the table-land. Simpson was up in 3; Kirkaldy, whose fourth shot reached the green only to roll back, requiring 5. Simpson secured the hole in 5 to Kirkaldy's 6, and reduced the odds against him to 6. Kirkaldy was in "Hell" playing to the next green, but he had the best of the putting, and the hole was halved. On the green at the sixth hole Kirkaldy again showed up best in the short game, and carried the hole, and stood 7 to the good. The Dyke Hole was well played, and halved in 5. Proceeding to the Bura Hole Simpson bunkered his approach in the small bunker in front of the putting-green, but Kirkaldy showed his knowledge of the green by keeping safe away to the right. Simpson, however, got beautifully out, while Kirkaldy was too strong, and the hole was halved in 6. Playing the Home Hole Kirkaldy drew his second shot away near Tom Morris's shop, and although he got well on the putting-green, Simpson, whose third was about dead, secured the hole in 4 to his opponent's 5, and the first round ended with Kirkaldy three holes up, or six on the whole match. The detailed scores were:—

KIRKALDY.													
Out	4	4	4	5	6	5	5	2	4=39	} 84
In	...	...	...	4	4	5	6	6	4	5	6	5=45
SIMPSON.													
Out	5	5	4	6	7	6	4	2	4=43	} 87
In	...	...	...	4	4	5	5	6	5	5	6	4=44

After fully an hour's interval, play was resumed at half-past two with an augmented crowd. Both men again crossed the burn in 2, but the putting of both was somewhat faulty, and a 5 was registered for each. The Dyke and third holes were both halved in 4; playing to the old Ginger Beer Hole Kirkaldy partly fooled his third shot, and carried into the bunker at the left of the putting-green. He only carried out half-way to the hole. Simpson, with a long putt, laid himself dead at the hole side. Kirkaldy could not hole his putt, and Simpson won with 4 to 5 strokes. Proceeding to Hole o' Cross, Kirkaldy topped his second shot, and Simpson, when the green was reached, was lying best, and putting better than the St. Andrews man, carried off another hole, and reduced the odds against him to 4. Both men were bunkered in their game to the Heather. Kirkaldy only got out a short way, while Simpson got out well, and thus had the advantage when the green was reached, and another hole was picked off Kirkaldy's lead. Playing to the High Hole, Kirkaldy was again bunkered, and afterwards made a mess of his play, while Simpson was well up with his second shot. Kirkaldy in disgust threw the hole up, and Simpson was now only 2 behind. Short Hole was more efficiently played, and halved in 4. Simpson was rather to the left in his game to the end hole, and Kirkaldy lay best on the green. He almost carried

the hole in 3, but was easily down in 4, 1 less than Simpson, who took 5. The game at the turn thus stood—Kirkaldy 3 up with 9 to play. Homeward bound the first hole was well played. Both were on the green in 2, and so close that the distance had to be measured. The hole was halved in 4. Both were safe from the tee to the High Hole. Simpson, however, was almost caught, the ball being just above the bunker, and he had a ball stand, and after some indifferent putting Kirkaldy won, and stood 5 up with 7 to play. The third hole was beautifully played and halved in 4, and the fourth hole divided in 5, Kirkaldy being 4 up with only 5 to play. Both approached the fifth green with 3 good shots, Simpson was, however, short, while Kirkaldy lay well on the green. Simpson laid himself dead, but Kirkaldy made his victory secure by holing out with a long putt, and became winner of the match by 5 and 4 to play amidst loud applause. The bye was also played, and resulted in a half. The scores, approximating the seventh hole going out, which was not played out, were:—

KIRKALDY.													
Out	...	...	...	5	4	4	5	6	7	4	4=45	} 84
In	...	...	...	4	3	4	5	4	5	4	5=39	
SIMPSON.													
Out	5	4	4	4	5	5	4	4	5=40	} 81
In	...	...	...	4	4	4	5	5	4	5	5	5=41

The play on the whole, may be considered good, and, as at Elie, Simpson drove well, frequently having the advantage; but he was not to be depended upon in his short game. He lost himself frequently by getting into difficulties, which may be attributed to his not knowing the course so intimately as his opponent. Kirkaldy in the opening round was very deadly in his putting, but somewhat fell off in the afternoon, recovering himself towards the close of the game.

The monthly medal competition of the Ladies' Golf Club was held on Saturday, in excellent weather. The following were the players:—Miss A. Moir and Miss E. E. Moir; Mr. Henderson and Miss F. Boyd; Mr. W. Oliphant and Mr. D. Duff; Miss Moir and Miss Bruce Johnstone; Mr. James Boyd and Mr. F. W. Boyd; Miss L. C. Bethune and Miss J. M. Bethune; Mr. Boyd and Mr. H. L. Boyd; Miss Boyd and Mr. H. Henderson; Mr. Wolfe Murray and Mr. R. C. Boothby; Miss R. Prain and Miss L. Prain; Miss Henderson and Miss C. Hodge; Miss L. Sherman Miller and Miss A. Sherman Miller; Mrs. Hay and Mrs. Muirhead; Mr. Boothby and Mr. F. Burn. Mr. D. Hodge won the first medal, with the score of 98. He also won the star for the best round, 45. Miss Bruce Johnstone was second, with 101. The medal open to those who have never previously been medal-holders was gained by Miss L. Sherman Miller.

SCARBOROUGH GOLF CLUB.

The ladies' medal was played for on Saturday, July 23rd, and won by Miss Green with a net score of 76. The following were the scores returned:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Miss Green...	...	86 10 76	Miss H. Alderson...	...	102 9 93
Mrs. Godfrey	...	101 18 83	Smith	...	108 14 94
Mrs. Wood-Taylor	92	6 86	Mrs. C. Green	...	108 14 94
Mrs. Gawne	...	110 18 92			

SEAFORD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, July 30th. This event came off in perfect golfing weather. The greens played extremely well, and the course was in good order. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. Duncan Furner	87	13 74	Mr. G.C. Tyler Smith	105	18 87
Judge Coventry	...	92 17 75	Mr. O.E. Winslow	...	99 10 89
Mr. H. Senior	...	93 13 80	Mr. S. O. Jackson	...	103 13 90
Mr. J. E. Shaw	...	89 8 81	Mr. Wilfred M. Cun-	...	...
Mr. H. Tanner	...	91 10 81	dell	...	103 12 91
Mr. P. S. Lee	...	100 18 82	Mr. Walter Crook	...	109 18 91
Mr. F.G. Bampfyde	95	12 83	Mr. C. A. S. Leggatt	96	3 93
Mr. W. Eastwood	...	100 15 85	Mr. J. Fletcher Fan-	...	...
Mr. Norman Fowlie	102	16 86	comb	...	106 12 94

Several gentlemen made no return.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

The tie for the club cup between Messrs. W. Purves and C. B. Williamson has been played off, and resulted in a win for the latter by 5 strokes. Mr. Purves did not play up to his usual excellent form.

The annual competition for the Thompson medal took place on Saturday. The greens were in fairly good order, and the weather being everything that could be desired, the play was thoroughly enjoyable. Mr. C. J. Bunting again came to the front with a very good score, especially the second round, which, considering the up-hill game which the winner knew he had to play, may be considered a very

genuine performance. Messrs. F. W. Purvis and G. Newby divided the honours of the day on merit, the former's second round of 91 being very steady play, the strong driving being quite a feature in his game. Scores:—

	1st Rnd.	2nd Rnd.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. C. J. Bunting	99	94	193	20	173
Mr. F. W. Purvis	97	91	188	14	174
Mr. C. Cooper	94	100	194	14	180
Mr. G. Newby	96	92	188	6	182
Mr. P. A. Rape	101	106	207	16	191
Mr. O. K. Trechmann	99	111	210	18	192

Messrs. J. F. Pease, A. R. Paton, J. Hardy, jun., W. Ropner, L. K. Fawcitt, A. F. Trechmann, and C. B. Williamson made no returns.

On Saturday next the Gray trophy will be played for, over two rounds of the course.

TROON.

The members of Troon Ladies' Golf Club played for the Easton cup on the 29th ult. The weather was fine but very warm, and there was a large turn-out of the members. The principal results were:—Miss Macmichael, 64, less 15=49; Miss Gilmour, 72, less 23=49; Miss Mary Bishop, 64, less 8=56; Miss Dundal, 72, less 13=59; Miss Clark, 70, less 9=61; Miss Ivy Clark, 65, less 4=61; Miss Bayne, 72, less 10=62; Miss Bell, 79, less 17=62; Miss Farquhar, 85, less 22=63; Miss Herbertson, 71, less 7=64; Miss Jean Bishop, 66, scratch; Miss Ross, 66, scratch. On playing off the tie with Miss Macmichael, Miss Gilmour won the cup.

The usual monthly competition for the Sand Hills gold medal took place on Saturday, when a large field left the tee to do battle for the honour. Mr. E. D. Prothero took first place with the grand score of 78, made up as follows:—

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

This is the amateur record, held first by Mr. D. D. Robertson, 2nd, Mr. John Merry, 83, less 4=79; 3rd, Mr. Andrew Johnston, 89, less 8=81. The weather and other conditions were all that could be desired.

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The new course was formerly opened on Wednesday of last week, with a competition for a silver mounted claret jug, presented by the club. A large muster of members assembled to do honour to the occasion. A field of twenty-seven competitors must indeed be considered a most creditable turnout, when many members are away from home, and others engaged in the counter attractions of cricket, tennis, and polo. The president of the club drove off the first ball punctually at eleven, and had also the satisfaction of being returned the winner of the competition with an admirable score of 88, less 5=83. Colonel Boothby appears quite to have regained his old form, his driving being clean and sure, and his accuracy remarkable in negotiating the new hazards. Second honours were achieved by the Hon. and Rev. W. R. Verney, who played very steadily for his net score of 84. General Dandridge, who is never far behind in these competitions, ran up close with 85. The day was most suitable for golf, and the putting-greens were in first-class condition. The new course was much praised by the members present, the variety of the bunkers and the total absence of any crossing being unanimously voted a vast improvement. The following was the full score:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
*Colonel Boothby	88	5	83	Mr. F. C. Hunter	
†Hon. & Rev. W. R. Verney	106	22	84	Blair	101 7 94
General Dandridge	107	22	85	Mr. T. Latham	102 8 94
Mr. W. E. Chance	102	16	86	Major Armstrong	124 30 94
Mr. C. G. Graham	95	7	88	Mr. M. J. Paterson	109 11 98
Mr. W. Maclaren	103	11	92	Colonel French	132 30 102
Mr. A. L. Chance	112	20	92	Mr. R. W. Lindsay	123 19 104

* Winner of Club Prize. † Sweepstake.

No returns from Mr. W. Bouch (scr.), Mr. H. E. du C. Norris (10), Mr. W. L. Bicknell (18), Mr. H. T. Hickman (20), Major Caulfield Stoker (20), Mr. J. F. Alston (22), Mr. J. Gibb (25), Mr. C. E. G. Hatherell (27), Mr. G. A. Butlin (30), Mr. A. E. Batchelor (30), Mr. J. E. Corbett (30), Mr. E. Burn Callander (30), Mr. W. I. Shaw (30).

The July competition for the club cup was held on Saturday, and again attracted a good sprinkling of competitors. The day was very hot, with little or no wind, and a broiling sun, the new greens beginning to feel the want of rain; but several good scores were made. The result was a tie between the Hon. R. H. Lyttelton and Mr. Gibb,

with net scores of 81, Mr. Hill being third with 83. The two winners therefore divided the sweepstake, and will have to play off the tie for first place. Scores:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Hon. R. H. Lyttelton	91	10	81	Mr. J. E. Corbett	123 30 93
Mr. J. Gibb	108	27	81	Mr. A. F. H. Dyson	121 27 94
Mr. M. S. Hill	110	27	83	Mr. R. W. Lindsay	117 21 96
Mr. H. T. Hickman	108	22	86	Mr. A. L. Chance	117 20 97
Mr. W. Bouch	90	2	88	Mr. H. F. Thursby	124 22 102
Hon. and Rev. W. R. Verney	113	22	91	Several players made no return.	

As there were no competitors last month for the Foursome cups, Messrs. Bainbridge and Wright have had a walk over, and have therefore secured a second win.

WEST LANCASHIRE CLUB.

The fourth monthly competition took place on the Hall Road links at Blundellsands on Saturday. The day was fine, but rather warm for good scoring. Forty couples competed, and on the returns being made up, it was found that Dr. Rowlands, with the score of 95, less 16=79, had put in a win for the medal, and also secured the first sweepstake. The second sweepstake was taken by Mr. T. A. Kirkwood with 86, less 6=80; and the third by Mr. A. Chisholme, with 88, less 6=82. The following were the best scores returned:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Dr. Rowlands	95	16	79	Mr. C. W. Hobbs	111 22 89
Mr. T. A. Kirkwood	86	6	80	Mr. Wm. Potter	91 1 90
Mr. A. Chisholm	88	6	82	Mr. A. Stoddart	101 11 90
Mr. A. G. Rankine	89	7	82	Mr. George Newsam	98 5 93
Mr. T. R. Henderson	92	10	82	Mr. J. J. Yates	106 12 94
Mr. O. Blundell	98	13	85	Mr. T. Sheldermine, jun.	114 20 94
Mr. T. H. Luzmore	90	3	87	Mr. James Fairclough	99 4 95
Dr. Hewer	91	4	87	Mr. M. Rollo	105 10 95
Mr. J. W. Fowler	88	scr.	88	Mr. J. Butler Edis	113 18 95
Mr. F. E. M. Dixon	91	3	88	Mr. G. A. Thomson	115 18 97
Mr. H. Durandu, jun.	99	11	88	Mr. Harold Taylor	119 18 101
Mr. H. H. Hilton	82	+7	89	Mr. James Rose	126 18 108
Mr. R. Goold	93	4	89		

EDINBURGH CORPORATION GOLF CLUB.—The monthly handicap competition took place at Muirfield on Wednesday, the 27th ult., the committee of management of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers having kindly placed their course at the disposal of the club for the day. There was a fair turn-out of members, and the weather being favourable, the attractions of the new course afforded much enjoyment to the players. An electro cruet, presented by Mr. I. S. Gibb; a dozen Golf balls, given by Councillor Hay; and other prizes were competed for, and gained by the following members:—1st, Baillie Macpherson; 2nd, Mr. G. Somerville; 3rd, Mr. A. Campbell; 4th, Councillor Mackenzie; 5th, Mr. Hew Morrison. A sweepstake competition also took place in the afternoon. The members of the club were hospitably entertained to luncheon and tea by the Honourable Company in their handsome club-house, on the tables of which were exhibited for the occasion, among other interesting trophies, the three silver Golf clubs presented within the last 150 years by the City of Edinburgh to the Honourable Company.

LUNDIN LADIES' GOLF LINKS.—A competition took place here on Wednesday, the 27th ult. Seven couples entered, Miss M. Hamilton winning the first prize, a gold bracelet, by 91, less 7=84; Miss M. S. Rule, second, 90, less 13=87; Miss C. Hamilton, 114, less 189=6; Miss Crune, 105, less 5=100; Miss J. Steven, 115, less 15=100. Afterwards a gentleman's scratch competition took place. Six couples entered. Mr. J. R. Thomson and Mr. J. Wood tied with the net score of 76. Mr. Thomson won the tie. Mr. A. Crune came in third with 77, and Mr. R. Thomson fourth with 80. In the afternoon a children's competition (one round) took place. Three couples entered. Miss Mylne was first, with 54, less 5=49; Miss N. Ronaldson, second, 52 (scratch); Miss Meta Kerr, 64, less 10=54; Miss G. Macindoe, 63, less 7=56. Seven couples entered. Edward Nicolaus took first with the boys with 48, less 10=38. George Hutchison and Marcus Thomson tied with the net score of 41. G. Hutchison won.

EDINBURGH CITY CHAMBERS CLUB.—This club held their monthly competition for the Skinner Medal over the Braids on Friday evening. Results:—1st, Mr. James Russell; 2nd, Mr. A. Grierson; 3rd, Mr. Donald Cameron.

NEWINGTON GOLF CLUB, EDINBURGH.—A competition for the monthly medal took place at Musselburgh on Thursday, the 28th ult., in lieu of an August meeting. Mr. T. L. Walker was the winner, with a score of 91, plus 2=93. This is the fifth time this year that Mr. Walker has won the medal.

SKELMORLIE CLUB.—A friendly match between the Wemyss Bay members and the Skelmorlie members of the above club took place on Saturday afternoon, the 23rd, over their links at Skelmorlie. The weather was very fine, but the play was bad, owing to the grass at some places being very long. Five started on a game of eighteen holes, and at the close of the competition it was found that the honour had fallen to the Skelmorlie members, being 8 holes up on the match.

CRAWFORD GOLF CLUB.—This club held its July meeting at Crawford on Saturday, when the following prizes were played for in lovely weather. First Scratch Prize (a Golf club case, presented by Dr. Smith) won by Will. Shanks, with a splendid 78, the record for the green. Second Scratch Prize (a putting iron, presented by Dr. Day) won by H.S. N. Callender with 95. Handicap Prizes (presented by the president, Mr. Thomas Usher):—1, Handicap limited to twelve and under, won (after a tie with Mr. Callender) by the Rev. Mr. M'Kune; 2, Handicap, over twelve, won by Mr. D. Newlands with 100, less 25=75. Second Handicap Prize (a mashie, presented by Dr. Day) for the second best handicap score—won by W. M. Shanks with 78, scratch. Monthly Handicap Medal (presented by the Rev. Mr. Dick), won by Mr. Newlands with score as above.

STOCKBRIDGE CLUB.—This club competed for its monthly handicap medal over the Braids on Friday evening. There was a good turnout of members, and Mr. W. G. Munro proved the winner with a score of 89, less 7=82.

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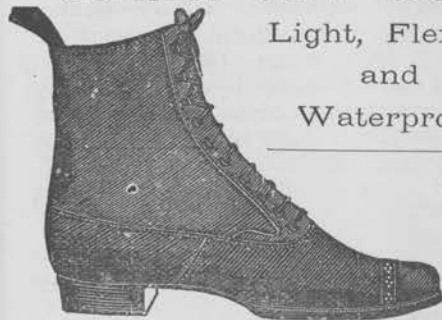
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