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- Feb. 13.—Formby : Pearson Prize.  
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.  
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.  
Sutton Coldfield : Medal Competition.  
Dalhousie : Handicap Match (Fourth Round).  
West Herts : Monthly Medal.  
Cambridge University v. Royal Epping Forest, at Cambridge (18 a-side).  
Hayling : Monthly Plate.  
Tooting : Monthly Medal.  
Didsbury : Captain's Prize.
- Feb. 15.—Pau : Grand Tournament ; Town Golf Medal ; Anstruther Shield.
- Feb. 15 & 16.—Hayling : Winter Meeting.
- Feb. 16.—Whitley : Joicey Cup.  
Pau : (Handicap) Silver Cups.
- Feb. 17.—Royal Epping Forest : Spurling-Kentish Medal.  
Pau : (Handicap) Silver Cups (Second Round) ; Town Medal.
- Feb. 18.—Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Handicap (Final).  
Nottingham : West Herts v. The Club (12 a-side).  
Pau : (Scratch) £50 Silver Cup (First Round).
- Feb. 19.—Pau : (Scratch) £50 Silver Cup (Second Round).
- Feb. 20.—Royal Epping Forest : Foursome Competition.  
Lytham and St. Anne's : Bury Cup.  
County Down : Railway Cup ; Monthly Handicap.  
Disley : Winter Handicap Medal.  
Sutton Coldfield : Lloyd Prize.  
Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
- Feb. 22.—Pau : May Jubilee Medal (Handicap, Holes).

- Feb. 23.—Royal Blackheath : Bombay Medal and Captain's Cup.
- Feb. 24.—Crookham : Marlborough v. The Club (Return).
- Feb. 25.—Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
- Feb. 26.—Cambridge University v. Royal Blackheath, at Cambridge (8 a-side).
- Feb. 27.—Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Cup.  
Seaford : Monthly Medal.  
Cambridge University v. Great Yarmouth, at Cambridge (18 a-side).  
Warwickshire : Cup Competition.  
West Cornwall : Monthly Medal.  
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.  
Sidcup : Monthly Medal.  
Crookham : Monthly Medal.  
Berkhamsted : Winter Meeting.
- Feb. 29.—Pau : Duke of Hamilton's Medal and Pendant (Scratch, Members Only) ; MacNab Challenge Cup and Badge (Handicap limited to 18 strokes).

MARCH.

- Mar. 1.—Whitley : Joicey Cup.  
Carnarvonshire : Monthly Medal.  
East Sheen Ladies : Medal Competition.
- Mar. 2.—Cambridge University : St. Neots v. a Team of the Club, at Cambridge ; Old Cantabs v. The Club.
- Mar. 3.—Warwickshire : Oxford University v. The Club, at Oxford.
- Mar. 4.—Royal Cornwall : Monthly Medal.  
Cambridge University v. Royal Blackheath, at Blackheath.
- Mar. 5.—Brighton and Hove : Berens Medal.  
Redhill and Reigate : Turner's Medal.  
Royal Liverpool : Winter Optional Subscription Prizes.  
Lundin : Handicap Medal.  
Manchester : Monthly Medal.  
Birkdale : Monthly Medal.  
Lytham and St. Anne's : Captain's Cup.  
County Down : Wallace Cup ; Railway Cup ; Monthly Handicap.  
Sutton Coldfield : Muntz Prize.  
Edinburgh University : McEwan Medal and Club Prizes.  
Richmond : Monthly Medal.  
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.  
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.  
Bowdon : Monthly Medal.
- Mar. 8.—Oxford v. Cambridge ; at Wimbledon, 12.30.
- Mar. 9.—Pau : Havemeyer Prize (Open Handicap) ; Havemeyer Prize, Ladies (Open Handicap).
- Mar. 11.—Pau : Annual Meeting to Elect Officers.
- Mar. 12.—Manchester : Monthly Medal.  
Formby : Pearson Prize.  
Birkdale : Dorning's Cup.  
Didsbury : Captain's Prize.  
Dalhousie : Handicap Match (Fifth Round).  
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.  
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.  
Sutton Coldfield : Medal Competition.  
West Herts : Monthly Medal.  
Dalhousie : Handicap Match (Fifth Round).

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## TOOTING BEC GOLF CLUB.

## PROPOSED RECONSTRUCTION.

An important scheme of enlargement and reconstruction of this club will shortly be brought under the consideration of the members. Taking into account the insecure tenure of public commons around London as golfing grounds, the active hostility of a large section of the public living on and around the commons to golfers as a class, the indisposition of the local authorities to recognise Golf as a game which should share and share alike with other forms of popular sport on public recreation grounds, the fear that a new County Council may (as, indeed, is already rumoured will be the case) enact bye-laws against Golf and put the sport under its heel—these and other considerations have impelled the committee of the club to try an experiment which shall put the club on a sound and lasting basis, while guarding it against anything approaching to outside interference or curtailment of play.

Abutting on Tooting Common, and twenty minutes from Victoria Station, lies the picturesquely situated estate of Furzedown, belonging to Colonel Seeley. This property consists of about 100 acres of undulating pasture land, and it has attached to it a beautiful mansion house and several acres of pleasure gardens. For several years the property has been in the market as a building estate, but probably owing to its inaccessibility as a residential property it has not been sold. Through the centre of the property runs the little Graveney brook; it is bounded on one side by Mitcham Lane, on another by the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway, and by Tooting Common on a third side, while the already existing Tooting Junction Station would drop players practically on the proposed first teeing-ground. The committee of the club have been in negotiation with the representatives of the proprietor for several months past, with the object of securing a lease of a portion of this ground. The negotiations have proceeded so far that terms have been arranged, subject to the approval of the members in general meeting assembled, which shall enable the club to lease 80 acres of this ground for a private Golf course. Expert advice has been taken as to the suitability of the ground for such a purpose, and all agree (including Tom Dunn, the resident professional) that the ground is admirably adapted for the game. The soil is to a large extent porous, dry, and gravelly; it is undulating in several portions, dotted with furze at some of the holes, and the turf is short, crisp, and abounding in good lies. The stream running through the centre of the land affords a good hazard at many points, while there are two lakes which have to be crossed with the tee-shot at least three times. Dunn has mapped out an eighteen-hole course devoid of crossing, and the distance between the holes ranges from 200 yards to 500 yards, the whole round being three and a-quarter miles. A little trenching and draining will be necessary at first on the low-lying portion of the course; but this will conduce to the benefit of the ground as well as to the creation of good hazards of a sporting character. The situation is thoroughly rural and picturesque, and anyone who sees the ground for the first time might well imagine himself thirty miles from Charing Cross, instead of being practically within sound of the dinner-bell in Pall Mall.

The proprietor agrees to lease to the club for twenty-one years eighty acres of the land for the making of a Golf-course, at an annual rental of £450, the club paying all rates and taxes. The club may determine the lease at seven or fourteen years on giving six months' notice. The lease is to be taken in the name of six members of the club, and it is proposed by the committee that with the object of protecting the lessees as far as possible from responsibility, a deed of guarantee shall be executed, under which each present and future member would be responsible for a sum not exceeding £10. This guarantee, in the opinion of the committee, will be absolutely nominal. Colonel Seeley is willing to erect a suitable club-house at a cost of £1,500, the club to pay interest at 6 per cent. The club further propose to appoint a paid secretary at a salary of £150 per annum; and as the membership will be increased to 500 it is confidently expected by the committee that the annual subscriptions of £3 3s. and £10 10s. entrance-fee will be sufficient to meet all expenses, and leave a small surplus in hand.

The committee hope that as many members as can possibly attend the general meeting to consider this project will do so. A map of the proposed course can be seen at the club-house, and no doubt Tom Dunn, the professional, who has thoroughly examined the ground, will be glad to give golfers all information as to its playing capabilities.

EDINBURGH TEACHERS' CLUB.—The monthly competition for charm and prizes took place over the Braids on Saturday, when the following was the result:—1st, Mr. James Massie, 94, less 16=78; 2nd, Mr. J. Thomson, 95, less 8=87, and Mr. William Young, 111, less 24=87.

## TWO NEW PUTTERS.

Mr. H. G. Alexander, of Fordwich, Kent, has sent two putters of his own design and manufacture to be reported upon. One of the putters is the ordinary wooden putter with a smooth metal face. This expedient has been tried many times before; but somehow players have always reverted to the wooden-faced club sanctified by immemorial usage and experience. It is true that the ball leaves the face of the metal with a nice clear ring and musical click; but there is a tendency for the ball to roll too strongly and quickly, while it is much less under control than when the cleek is used. We think, therefore, that Mr. Alexander's metal-faced wooden putter is no real improvement on any of the existing clubs used for holing out the ball, and certainly much less serviceable for delicate play around the hole than the ordinary cleek.

The other putter is what may be described as a "convexo-plane cleek." The club has a convex, bulger-like surface towards the ball; the lie is quite upright, so that the player stands over his ball. The convex blade causes the ball to run strong and to "bite," so to speak, the inequalities of the putting-green. Undoubtedly the run obtained from the ball by this putter is true, and is not much liable to be deflected by uneven surface. It is the more valuable and serviceable of the two clubs sent by Mr. Alexander; but his idea has been to a large extent already embodied in the bulger-putter of Paxton, and the putting-cleek of Mr. A. M. Ross.

## A WHEEN TOOTING GOWFERS.

I'll sing ye a sang o' worthy chieks.  
The richt guid lads that fear nae ills;  
Their fame is ken't owre vales and hills,  
The heath, the moor, an' mountain rills.  
Ri tooral looral liddy falooral,  
Liddy falooral liddy falooral li do.

Ye'll a' ken noo wha's this, I ween,  
His cheery lauch mak's a' thing kin';  
He drove a ba' nigh on the green  
At the Signal hole—the farthest that's been.  
Ri tooral looral, &c.

Next tell me wha's this gowfer's name,  
Nane plays a steidier, pluckier game;  
Did seeventy-eicht in a shewer o' rain,  
Beatin' A. M. R., o' Burgess fame.  
Ri tooral looral, &c.

An' here's a name—noo guess wha can—  
He's a hunder clubs o' a different plan;  
When he gets the richt anes there's no a man  
Will lick him at Gowff, I'll sweer—naething strang  
Ri tooral looral, &c.

Noo think again, for this is true,  
O' the player wha did a hole in two;  
He lipt' it in ane, an' began tae look blue  
At the fine o' a bottle o' mountain dew.  
Ri tooral looral, &c.

An' here's a lad that's aften seen,  
His weel-set form on mony a green;  
He's doon tae scratch, he's cock o' the green,  
He's oot a' day like mustard keen.  
Ri tooral looral, &c.

The ane that ends this half-a-dizen,  
Thro' thick an' thin has bravely striven  
Tae settle disputes, an' oor graitudes given  
Tae A. J. R., wi' a gowfer's blessin'.  
Ri tooral looral, &c.

## A MORAL FACTOR.

AT one time St. Anthony kept a pig. This he did because he found that the trials of ordinary life were insufficient for him. He tried his virtue yet more highly by living in the uncongenial companionship of this rude animal—for it was not a learned pig. It is a significant fact that this happened a very long while ago, when St. Andrew was the patron saint of Golf.

On coming down to days which, in view of the antiquity of the Royal and Ancient game, are but as yesterday—the date of "*Les Contes du Roi Cambrinus*"—we there find the Golf of the period (under the name of "*Chole*," as played in French Flanders) flourishing beneath the protection no longer of St. Andrew, but of St. Anthony. And the great point is this—that had the change taken place earlier St. Anthony could have had no possible use for his pig. The pig, as we all know, is a difficult animal to drive—"especially when there 's many of him—very." This is a dictum which has become historical. But the difficulty is as nothing compared to the difficulty of driving, in the way it should go, a Golf ball. If St. Anthony had taken to Golf a little earlier he would not have wanted his pig. He would have found Golf a sufficient substitute for all other ways and means of exasperation, of mortification, and of crosses. If there be a use in adversity there must be a use in Golf, and a moment's consideration will compel us to elevate the so-called game to the horrid position of a "moral factor."

But there is no doubt that we may overestimate the value of adversity, though this is more often done in precept than in practice; and on the principle of one man's meat being poison to another the effects of adversity are different on different temperaments. And it is so in Golf. The "moral factor" is liable to abuse, and its results differ. There are persons who even go so far as to argue that its general effect is not moral—that the temper is injured, rather than improved, by the practice of Golf. They illustrate their pernicious theory by pointing to kindred games, such as billiards, and they assert that players are far more tetchy, more particular about "silence on the stroke," more furious if people in the gallery move or light a pipe, than they used to be before Golf, which so imperatively demands perfect concentration, became an element of daily life. They point, too, to the fact that the batsman pauses when anyone in the pavilion at Lord's moves within a radius of 30 feet behind the bowler's arm; and this they say was never done in the good old days before men caught the hyperæstheria of Golf. Also, they say that the golfer carries this hyperæstheria into all the details of his daily life, and that his wife, his cook and his dog all suffer from his missed putts.

Now, there is nothing in a philosophical dissertation such as this, which is more to be deprecated than dogmatism. All this may be true, but there is another view which it is possible to hold and to support by cogent argument, namely, that as the game of Golf is indisputably the most vexatious of all the ills that flesh is heir to, it makes such smaller annoyances as the talking, moving, match-striking spectator of a billiard match, the disturbance behind the bowler's arm, the exasperating wife, the unpunctual cook, or the dog who makes night hideous by baying the moon, sink into utter insignificance. The extraordinary thing about this argument is that there really is some truth in it. It is not altogether whimsical. Every golfer probably admits that Golf is not the most important avocation in life; yet when he is engaged on it it at once assumes that

position, and there is no pursuit which has such capabilities of raising the temper. This is a postulate; but it is one which is not likely to be denied. The very unimportance of the issues enhances the aggravation. You know that it is so very foolish to get angry over such a matter as putting a little lump of guttapercha, approximately globular, into a small hole in the ground. Surely this is a thing that cannot greatly affect the progress of humanity? And that you—a person of fair, average intelligence—can be incensed over such a matter is the most incensing thing of all. It is impossible that one should bother about it.

Yet it is impossible not to. At all games men get angry. There once was a man who grew so evil-tempered over games that he gave them all up and played nothing but patience, and even that enraged him so, when it did not come right, that often, when he left off, he was not on speaking terms with himself. And if this is possible at patience, how much more possible—how much more inevitable even—is it to grow angry at Golf? There are so many causes of vexation, so many things to be angry with; there is the way the ball falls, the kick it gets, the lie it gets. Then there is your caddie and your opponent, and his caddie, and, if it be a foursome, your partner, and twice as many possibilities of vexation from your opponent. Also there are the parties in front and the parties behind, and casual—very casual—spectators. Finally there is the worst offender of all—yourself. After all, the only righteous wrath is wrath with self, and the patience player may have been justified.

So the chances of vexation are infinite, and one or other is always to the fore. Also, in this game of Golf, there is plenty of time for them to take full effect, and sink deep and rankling into your soul. It is not the sudden death of cricket or tennis—a stroke, a profane cry of pain, and there is the end of it. It is a slow, lingering, torturesome death, in which the sad wounds are continually made to smart afresh by the crocodilian salt tears of your opponent, the insidious venom of your partner's sympathy, the incisive surgery of your caddie's comment. So when all this has been endured, can it be but that the golfer must go to his home purged of all his evil tempers, as if he had passed through a very fiery furnace? What is left that can anger him after such an ordeal as this? But here it is that the difference is seen in the effects of adversity. The noblest nature of all, which can despise and throw off from it even such poisoned arrows of offence as these must necessarily endure all minor scourges with lofty scorn. But these are heroes—perhaps mythical. Of mortal golfers there are two classes, whereof the one fails to keep its woes pent in its bosom, and must needs give them voice, which is a frequent subject of subsequent regret. This class exclaims, "Tut, tut, tut!" or words to that effect, after the bad stroke, however occasioned. But there is another class which does not vent itself in these dreadful exclamations. It keeps the escape valve of its wrath closely shut down, but it is simmering away with a fearful pressure underneath. On this latter class—the simmerers—the effect of the adversity is dubious. They may come back with nerves on the twitch, hypersensitive of the minor annoyances of life, and for them Golf may be indeed no "moral factor." But of the others—those who open the valve to steam forth in fiery "Tut, tut, tuts"—the effect is beyond all doubt. Their wrath flies freely to dissipate itself in the pure air of the links, and their heart is left light to meet their lesser trials. And this latter class is in a great majority, so that adversity and Golf may triumphantly vindicate their uses.

After all—and this is a point which is very likely to escape the golfer—adversity and Golf are not absolutely synony-



mous. There is, when all is said, a small margin even of pleasure in the game—it is in this that it differs from other “moral factors”—for occasionally it happens to almost everybody to win a match, or at least a hole. So that by none need it be altogether neglected, and it is abundantly evident that to the many it must be invaluable as a means of teaching them to keep their temper.

Whether this is worth the learning is quite a subsidiary question. “You, Sammy, as a bachelor,” said Mr. Weller, senior (or words to the same effect), “cannot be expected to know anything of the ways of women. When you have been married as long as I have, you may perhaps know more about them; but whether it is worth while to go through so much to learn so little, as the charity school-boy said when he had finished the alphabet, is a werry open question.”

And that is the dubious position in which the science of Golf stands towards the art of keeping the temper.

H. G. HUTCHINSON.

#### RULE SYMPOSIUM.

The following suggestions towards the improvement of the first St. Andrews rule have been received. Rule I. in the present code, reads: “The Game of Golf is played by two or more sides, each playing its own ball. A side may consist of one or more persons” :—

1. “Golf is played by two persons, each playing his own ball.” I think this quite enough, as I consider three-ball matches, foursomes, &c., variations, and that match play is the only legitimate game.—BOGEY.

2. “The Game of Golf is played in matches of *singles*, one against one; *threesomes*, three against each other, each playing his own ball; *foursomes*, two against two, each two playing one ball; or (as in medal play) by score.”—H. G. A.

3. “The Game of Golf is played by two or more persons forming sides, each playing its own ball.”—ATHENÆUM.

4. “The Game of Golf is played by two (a single), three (a threesome), or four persons (a foursome), forming sides, each side playing its own ball.”—WHITEHALL.

You invite suggestions for (a) the entire reconstruction, or (b) the amendment of the present form of the first rule of Golf. May I go beyond the lines you indicate, and suggest the entire omission of this rule? I would make the same suggestion with regard to Rule II., or at all events the first part of it, the first part of Rule V., and the first paragraph of Rule VIII. A “rule” is a maxim, canon, or precept, to be observed in any art or science.—(Dictionary). The above mentioned rules or part of rules do not appear to answer the above definition, but would appropriately appear in an introduction to the game, or in a treatise thereon.—J. K.

Before your readers can properly undertake the critical examination you suggest, you ought to give them the old and the new rules side by side. One rule may perhaps be explained by another, and it is unfair to pass judgment on a solitary rule without considering its bearing on others, and the bearing of others on it. Of course, golfers ought to be provided with the rules; but then they do not carry them in their pockets, and besides, many have never seen the new ones. Reading the first new rule as you give it, I am puzzled to know the meaning of the last sentence, “A side may consist of one or more persons.” Is the number unlimited? Can you have a match, e.g., consisting of 50 on each side, or what does it mean? The old rule says, “three or more sides.” I thought the game was confined to two, three, or four players. Rule XLII. (old rules), however, provides for a two-ball match passing a party (why “match” in one case and “party” in the other?) playing three or more balls. I do not find anything in “Badminton” about it, and never heard of more than three balls being played, except in a foursome by each partner providing one alternately. Suggested reading :—“The game of Golf is played by two, three, or four persons. Three play separately, and the match is called a *threesome*. Four play, two a-side, the match being termed a *foursome*.”—IGNORAMUS.

Since you invite golfers to send suggestions with regard to Rule I., I humbly submit that, as it is not of the slightest possible use, it should be expunged. Rule II. is equally valuable.—M. N.



Biarritz has never been so full at this season as it is this year, and this is all the more remarkable because the winter season on the Riviera has admittedly been a very indifferent one so far. The principal reason, no doubt, why Biarritz has been so favoured is that the virtue of its mild, but bracing climate is better and more widely appreciated each year. There has never been anything like an epidemic in the place; while, so far, the dreaded influenza has not made its appearance in Biarritz. Upon the other hand, several of those who have been laid low by it elsewhere have rapidly regained their strength upon going there, and, although the weather during the past month has been variable, there has been no cold to speak of, with, as a rule, fresh breezes from the Atlantic, which are calculated to invigorate all those who are in fairly good health.

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The great amusement at Biarritz, as at so many other places, is Golf, the links upon the plateau above the former Imperial Villa being considered very good, although not equal to those at Pau, which are the oldest out of Scotland, with the exception of those at Blackheath. The Biarritz Golf Club was established several years ago by Lord Shand, who is a fervent admirer of the great national game; and Lord Shand is wintering at Biarritz once more, while among other recent visitors, several of whom, however, are only making a short stay, may be mentioned Sir C. M. Palmer, M.P., the Hon. Lionel and Mrs. Tollemache, Mr. Channing, M.P., and family, Mr. Jesse Collings, M.P., and Miss Collings, Viscountess Avonmore, the Right Hon. W. F. and Mrs. Logan, General and the Hon. Mrs. Cecil Ives, General Nugent, and Colonel Everett. There is, as at Pau, a pack of hounds, which afford an opportunity of an agreeable gallop two or three times a week, the master being Mr. Arthur Labouchere, who has for the last two seasons shown as good sport as can be expected in this wild and rough country.

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Efforts are being made by the Chartered Company of South Africa to cultivate in that portion of their territory north of the Zambesi the gutta-percha tree. The demand for india-rubber is yearly increasing. The great spread of Golf, the development of the telegraph, the telephone, and the electric light are largely the cause of this increased demand, and unfortunately the supplies are not too abundant for the calls made upon them.

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A Golf club has been formed at Bonawe, Taynult, of which Dr. Macnaughton has been appointed interim secretary.

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Golf is now in full swing at Dinard, on the Normandy coast. Visitors who intend to go there this spring may be glad to know that arrangements have been made to run a bus three times a week to the links, and back from Dinard. The charge will be eight francs a month for subscribers, and one franc each time for non-subscribers. Independently of the interest attaching to the neighbourhood, the Golf to be obtained at Dinard is of a high class.



## A GOLFING ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Mr. W. Laidlaw Purves having made out a strong case in favour of a Golfing Union, to which no one has attempted to reply, the inference is that the opponents of a Union have no very strong reasons to urge against it.

Mr. Purves notices that after supporting the proposal for a Union, I withdrew that approval on the ground that the unity of English clubs would be too dearly bought by a breach between Scotch and English golfers, and he says that I cannot be ignorant of what he says is notorious, namely, that such a breach exists and has long existed.

In answer to this, I admit that I know of several variations from the St. Andrews rules, but these are not of such a nature as to divide Scotch and English golfers into two hostile camps. The Golfing Union, which would probably attract to itself the majority of English clubs, would have this effect, unless it also equally attracted the Scotch clubs, and this division is what many players hope will be avoided.

Nearly four years ago Mr. Horace G. Hutchinson wrote on this subject:—"If an Association were formed for framing laws for all clubs, it could scarcely be doubted that a possibility at least of jealousy, and even discord, in the golfing world, might lurk therein"; and he went on to suggest that uniformity might be obtained by certain leading English clubs agreeing to assimilate their rules to the St. Andrews code, subject to such bye-laws as local geography necessitated. Sir W. G. Simpson, referring to Mr. Hutchinson's letter, carried the idea further by suggesting that the Royal and Ancient Club should pass a rule that none of the general rules of its code should be altered without the consent of (say) three-fourths of the clubs adopting them, and also that they should be alterable by the said three-fourths.

If the majority of the members of the Royal and Ancient Club had supported the alterations proposed by the committee specially appointed to consider the question, instead of such proposals having been rejected in a very unceremonious way, the way would have been opened to carry out the suggestions of Mr. Hutchinson and Sir W. G. Simpson above referred to, and the somewhat similar suggestion at the end of Mr. Purves' letter, which, taken together, seem to amount to a proposal for the adoption of the St. Andrews rules (with progressive uniformity!) by a Golfing Union.

Would it not forward this idea if some of the members of the Royal and Ancient Club took steps to ascertain, by a poll of the club, whether the majority which defeated the proposed alterations really represented the feeling of the club, or whether it was merely a local majority?

If some such step were taken, and the majority of the club proved to be in favour of the proposed alterations, the Royal and Ancient would doubtless join the Union, and take its part in framing a more perfect code. If the Union started by adopting the St. Andrews rules, and took the votes of every club belonging to it on any proposed alteration, and adopted such alterations only when carried by a defined majority, and after considerable time allowed for discussion, the rules of Golf would command more respect than they seem to at present,

and we might all look forward to the joys of progressive uniformity, whatever that may mean, in the place of many of the variations which now hold the field.

I am, Sir, &amp;c.,

J. K.

Reigate, February 6th, 1892.

## RULE XXXIV.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—“M. D.” should, to use Dr. Routh's words, verify his references. I did not say “more satisfactory,” but “satisfactory,” as can be seen by referring to the text published by you on January 29th. The former phrase would have implied that I was not satisfied with Mr. Blyth's decision. But I am quite content to abide by that decision. Supposing, however, that the point arose in a match between “M. D.” and myself, would he also be content to abide by that decision? I trow not. It was in view of that possibility that I wrote “that it would be satisfactory to have the authoritative decision of the committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club recorded in your paper.” For I have no doubt that “M. D.,” and any others of his way of thinking, would bow to the decision of the club whence the rules emanated. I was prompted to write the passage referred to, not because the wording of the rule was “foggy,” but because I feared that the minds of my opponents might remain so.

I am, Sir, &amp;c.,

ERNEST LEHMANN.

## THE BULGER.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Whatever may be the golfer's opinion as to the merits of this many-storied club as a mere implement, it is certain that he cannot but feel the most justifiable anger and indignation when he learns the real origin of the name itself.

Most of us in the course of reading have, no doubt, dropped upon references to the infamous rapparee of last century, James Freney, who in his day made things as hot in the South-east of Ireland as Redmond O'Hanlon and others in the North; but the story of this improper person's connection with the Mr. Bulger, after whom our club is, without doubt, named, may not, perhaps, be so well known. Freney was long at the head of a numerous, powerful, and well-equipped band of swashbucklers; but by-and-bye these gallant fellows took to informing against each other, and were consequently hanged in succession, till the only flowers left to bloom were Mr. Freney himself and his man Bulger, whose Christian name, we regret to say, has seemingly been lost, if, indeed, he ever had one. (It may be—though we do not assert so—that this of itself is only another dark secret hid in the breast of the inventor.) The two were in their turn “set” (as the saying then was) in a cabin, and Bulger inconvenienced by a ball in his leg; but the intrepid Freney carried his friend off pick-a-back and both escaped. This was very noble on Freney's part, but as time sped the bold rapparee began to find the prospects of safety for himself growing day by day beautifully less, and, with a prudence that was in the circumstances much to be commended, concluded to purchase it by the sacrifice of his last friend. He, accordingly, had Mr. Bulger “set,” and in due course dispatched to rejoin the rest of the band. Freney himself on the other hand, as a testimony of the admiring approval of Government, received a Revenue appointment in the stirring town of New Ross, which he filled with much acceptance to himself and other admirers for many years. He subsequently wrote his autobiography, and this improving and instructive work became in due time the most popular school-book, far and away, in Ireland.

Circumstances then have, as we said, probably made Mr. Freney's name familiar to most readers; but we cannot but think that Mr. Lamb has not done right in thus rescuing that of his ill-starred friend from the oblivion of a century.

I am, Sir, &amp;c.,

W. D.

## DOGGICUM CARMEN.—II.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I beg to dedicate to you another "Doggicum Carmen." I have no doubt most of your readers are simply Ciceronian in their scholarship; but in case a few are not, I have ventured to append a few notes, harmless at all events, if mostly useless. D'ye mark, Sir, the force of "dismissâ" in verse 7? The split whisky is not sent away; Bacchus forbid; no, no: it is sent down the respective throats of Jones and Smee.

Accept, dear Sir, the assurances of my highest doggical consideration.

I am, Sir, &amp;c.,

SCREW TATOR.

## I.

Johnnyorum aliquorum  
Semper est in voto<sup>1</sup>  
Longo flumina (barely room in her)  
Persecare<sup>2</sup> boato;  
Alii dum dimidium  
Eûvrijudes<sup>3</sup> stantes  
Volleyum perjollyum<sup>4</sup>  
Optant cricketantes.

## II.

Sed quando in tunicâ sto  
Norfolko quæsitâ<sup>5</sup>  
With my cruscula<sup>6</sup> (brief but muscular)  
Knickribus vestita,  
Quando, læto passû,<sup>7</sup> peto  
Oh linkos, illorum  
Nusquam famæ could they stay me  
Inclytæ<sup>8</sup> ludorum.<sup>9</sup>

## III.

Gaudet mens dum billiardens  
Latus applicare;<sup>10</sup>  
Longos gratum esse ad gate-um  
Hoppicos secare;<sup>11</sup>  
Dulcis speedy meta<sup>12</sup> pede  
Subito<sup>13</sup> kickata;  
Dulcis rete<sup>14</sup> super læte  
Pila<sup>15</sup> volleyata.

## IV.

Potius<sup>16</sup> mi dent superi<sup>17</sup>  
Golficam perite<sup>18</sup>  
(Dulce dictû) pilam ictû<sup>19</sup>  
Swipiare mighty;  
Dum caddæus sphæram meus  
Per auras secantem<sup>20</sup>  
Ore laxo,<sup>21</sup> when I whack so,  
Spectat<sup>22</sup> sibilantem.<sup>23</sup>

## V.

Quid sub Lunâ<sup>24</sup> si Fortuna  
Mi negat renoum?  
Quid si fere<sup>25</sup> hostis<sup>26</sup> leary  
Captat<sup>27</sup> semi-crownum?  
Ridenti<sup>28</sup> non minus<sup>29</sup> mi  
Temprum sit servare,<sup>30</sup>  
Et J. Ballum posthoc<sup>31</sup> smallum  
Facere cantare.

## VI.

Quid si Fata per-afflata<sup>32</sup>  
Jones cuss-verbis notat?  
Quid si teeum et caddæum  
Tartaro devotat?  
Quid si Smee, Ecclesiæ  
Pater reverendus,<sup>33</sup>  
Snappit baculum<sup>34</sup> (Heu spectaculum!)  
With a DAMN tremendous?

<sup>1</sup>It is always the desire of some Johnnies.<sup>2</sup>To cut through.<sup>3</sup>Well padded.<sup>4</sup>"Per," i.e., thoroughly or utterly.<sup>5</sup>Sought, i.e., in a Norfolk jacket.<sup>6</sup>Little Shanks.<sup>7</sup>Joyful step.<sup>8</sup>Illustrious.<sup>9</sup>I.e., vowing and cricket.<sup>10</sup>To put on side.<sup>11</sup>To cut long hops.<sup>12</sup>A goal.<sup>13</sup>Swiftly.<sup>14</sup>The net.<sup>15</sup>The tennis ball.<sup>16</sup>Rather (i.e., rather than these).<sup>17</sup>Presiding gods.<sup>18</sup>Skilfully.<sup>19</sup>Stroke.<sup>20</sup>Cutting its way thro' the air.<sup>21</sup>With open mouth.<sup>22</sup>Stares at. <sup>23</sup>Hissing.<sup>24</sup>Beneath the moon.<sup>25</sup>Generally.<sup>26</sup>My opponent.<sup>27</sup>Wins the. <sup>28</sup>Grinning.<sup>29</sup>None the less.<sup>30</sup>To keep my temper.<sup>31</sup>Henceafter—some day, to make J. B. sing small.<sup>32</sup>Utterly blasted luck.<sup>33</sup>A reverend clergyman.<sup>34</sup>His club.

## VII.

Illos tamen post certamen<sup>35</sup>  
Acto cursû<sup>36</sup> stantes  
Lassos<sup>37</sup> jocular clubbo<sup>38</sup> pocula  
Placant<sup>39</sup> hobnobb antes;  
Tunc, dismissâ whisky-fissâ,<sup>40</sup>  
Tu Fortuna oh da  
Prandium<sup>41</sup> et brandyrum  
Haud unmixtum<sup>42</sup> sodâ.

## VIII.

Adest nox, et musæ vox  
Desinit<sup>43</sup> cantare;  
Vinum notâ de diotâ<sup>44</sup>  
Tu deprome,<sup>45</sup> Mary;  
Stir the focum with the pokum  
Et demus tonantes  
Cheera tria round the fire  
GOLFUM celebrantes.

<sup>35</sup>Contest.<sup>36</sup>At the end of the round<sup>37</sup>Toed. <sup>38</sup>Drinks.<sup>39</sup>Soothe.<sup>40</sup>When the split whisky has been disposed of.<sup>41</sup>Lunch.<sup>42</sup>Not unmix'd.<sup>43</sup>Ceases.<sup>44</sup>Cask, here binn.<sup>45</sup>Bring out.

## THE NEW RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR—I beg to suggest, as an improvement in the wording of the first St. Andrews rule, that—"I. Golf is played by two or more 'gentlemen;' if played by two or more 'persons,' solicitors shall be employed as caddies, whose ruling on all questions or disputes shall be final."

Bye-law:—"Any 'gentlemen' engaging in a match with a 'person' to be ineligible for election to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews."

Joking apart, has not the quibbling over the new rules gone far enough? Are not the rules good enough for all match and medal play? I venture to answer, "Yes" to my own questions. And if any doubt on any point should arise, surely the committee of a club can adjudicate without reference to any special code of rules. I take it for granted that the St. Andrews committee do not want to dictate rules to any other club. Their new rules can be adopted or ignored; and the game can be played fairly and squarely, if the spirit of the rules is observed, from the Land's End to John-o'-Groats and elsewhere.

I am, Sir, &amp;c.

H. C. C.

## THE PARACHUTE GOLF-BALL.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—My attention has lately been called to several sorts of captive Golf-balls and other arrangements for practising Golf when away from links. After several attempts I hit upon the enclosed simple contrivance, which seems to fulfil all purposes as regards practising Golf in such a limited area as, say, an ordinary back garden. The apparatus consists (as per enclosed example) of a small square of linen, in which a hole has been cut, and to each of the four corners of which a short string is attached; these four strings meeting together in a point, and being tied to a long string, to the end of which an ordinary Golf-ball is threaded by means of a hole bored through it by a gimlet. The ball is placed on the tee, and the parachute placed at the full length of the string in the direction in which it is proposed to drive the ball. Any sort of shot may then be taken: a straight full drive will cause it to travel about twenty yards at most, the distance being variable by making the linen square larger or smaller. The square opens out as the ball flies, somewhat like Baldwin's parachute, and checks its flight. As a teeing-ground, to avoid cutting up the garden, an ordinary cocoa-nut mat was used. Dimensions as follows:—Linen square, say, 5 inches X 5 inches; hole in centre, 1½ inches; short string, say, 9 inches long; line (ordinary stout fishing-line recommended), about 18 feet long.

I am, Sir, &amp;c.,

Εὐρήκα.

January 31st, 1892.



A PLEA FOR THE QUEEN'S ENGLISH.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The correspondence that has lately appeared in your valuable journal on the subject of the New St. Andrews Rules has been vastly entertaining.

There is hardly one rule that cannot have two meanings—and these diametrically opposite to one another—attributed to it. First of all, there is the literal meaning of the rule as it stands, and this is the meaning generally accepted by benighted golfers who allow themselves to be guided by what little knowledge they have retained of the rules of Syntax. The other is the meaning which, utterly irrespective of grammar, the St. Andrews committee intended to convey to their disciples.

I would respectfully suggest that the new rules be revised, and that a small boy in the Sixth Standard of the School Board school at St. Andrews be appointed to co-operate with the committee, so that the ordinary rules of English Grammar may be observed, and that we may have a set of rules that will be "generally understood of the people."

I am, Sir, &c.,

"LINDLEY MURRAY'S GHOST."

Liverpool, February 5th, 1892.

THE CARE OF GOLF CLUBS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I should be much obliged if you would answer the following questions in your next issue of Golf.

If a player has two drivers or spoons, in case of breakage, one of which is a new one, and the one he uses lasts for years before it breaks, does the spare one which has been lying idle all those years deteriorate in any way? And in the case of a player with two irons, though he keeps the spare club well oiled, the part fitting into the socket must get very dry.

Does this cause the club to break when he begins to use it after breaking his old one? What is the best way and time to oil clubs? Pardon me for taking up your time and space, but I think this may be interesting to many.

I am, Sir, &c.,

McGREASY.

Woodford, Essex, February 2nd.

[It seems to us to be a somewhat short-sighted and unnecessarily extravagant policy for a player to keep in his box, unused mayhap for years, any large number of spare new clubs. Certainly it is always desirable to have a few spare clubs, particularly iron ones, in case of sudden breakage and emergency. These, however, should not be new, but rather well tried and trustworthy servants, whose aid can be depended upon at any moment. Clubs will certainly deteriorate with long keeping and infrequent use. The best preservative of a club is to play with it frequently, and to oil it with the best linseed oil after use in damp or very hot and dry weather. Without such care the shafts are liable to become so brittle that often the first shot breaks the club. The best players, amateur and professional, stick as long as they can to one set of clubs, and do not chop and change about in the selection of new ones, unless for experimental purposes. Extreme care is taken of the shafts by frequent oiling, and thorough seasoning of the wood takes place through constant play.—Ed.]

QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Rule XXIV. says :—"If the ball strike himself or his partner, or either of their caddies or clubs, or is stopped by them . . . the player loses the hole."

A and B had played two rounds, A conceding eight strokes to B. Each had won one round, and they started on the same terms to play the conquering game, and for 5s. a-side.

B won the first two holes; at the third he had a stroke. In playing out of some whins his ball unmistakably "struck himself" full on the leg. A saw it, but, in order to be sure, asked B whether it had hit him. B said, "Yes," and A thereupon claimed the hole. B made no objection, and said nothing to show that he was in the least irritated. At the twelfth hole B drove into some whins a few yards in front of the tee. A fruit-

less search, in which A, B, and both their caddies joined, took place. B was just going back to play a second ball when A saw the ball hung up quite unplayable in the thickest part of the brambles, and, in pointing it out to B, either touched it or so moved the brambles as to cause B's ball to fall to the ground, B thereupon claimed the hole, A at once allowing that he had lost it by infringing Rule XXIII., though he had done so in B's interest only. B said that he claimed this hole because A had claimed the third!

A, who had claimed the third hole in the most entire ignorance of any unwritten rule of etiquette or custom to the contrary, was immensely surprised. He had very often paid the penalty, and had never heard from any one a shadow of a suggestion that it should not be paid. But he is most anxious to know whether in enforcing Rule XXIV. he was, under the circumstances, behaving at all shabbily or in an unsportsmanlike manner, and would be grateful to you or your correspondents if you would enlighten him.

I am, Sir, &c.,

A.

[Our correspondent need not be under any apprehension that he did not act in the best spirit of sportsmanship, or according to the correct etiquette of the game. In claiming the third hole, A only did what was right, and enforced what the rules of the game entitled him to claim. B ought to have yielded to the penalty with a good grace, and without harbouring in his mind any *arrière pensée* to give his opponent a Roland for an Oliver should he get the chance. It is ludicrous for B to argue thus :—"If you, A, had overlooked my palpable infringement of the rule at the third hole, if you had allowed me to play my foul shot, I would not have claimed the penalty to which the game entitles me by your moving my ball. It is true that I might possibly have lost the hole had you not so obligingly found my ball for me, but as in finding it you also moved it, and played strict Golf at the third hole, I must claim the penalty here." That is not the spirit in which the game ought to be conducted. Both players were right in claiming the penalty; but B ought simply to have claimed his penalty on the ground of an infringement of the rule, and not because his opponent had played the correct game earlier in the match. If A will kindly turn to page 405, Vol. I., "Questions on the Rules," he will find the moral of this dispute stated in answer to another correspondent, whose kindly forethought in analogous circumstances was rewarded in an equally surprising manner.—Ed.]

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—How is one under the new rules to interpret this common case of Rule XXVII.

A and B are players. A strikes B's ball away in error, discovers his mistake, and penalises himself one stroke.

Meanwhile B's ball has been struck into a bunker, or whins, or some unplayable spot.

Is B to play his ball from where A has struck it?

I submit that, as the rule is worded, there is no express provision for the case, nor is any remedy distinctly implied.

It is provided, no doubt, that B may play A's ball, but A's ball may be in a hopeless position.

I am, Sir, &c.,

NORTHAM BURROWS.

[It is true that there is no express provision in the rule for the case cited by our correspondent. But reading the rule as a whole, and applying it to the circumstances narrated, we should be inclined to say that equity called for the replacing of B's ball at the point from which it had been inadvertently struck by A. A case of this kind brings into prominence the wholly illogical character of many of the penalties imposed. Thus, if you accidentally move your opponent's ball, as in the case cited by A, you lose the hole; but if you strike your opponent's ball away, it may be in error, or because the ball lay well and you did not bother to see whether it was really yours, you lose only a stroke, though the old rule made the penalty loss of the hole. If equity and common sense, therefore, do not call for the replacing of B's ball, plus the penalty stroke, see what an opening is left for the tactics of careless or unscrupulous players. Such a player might simply walk up to the better lying ball of the two, and regardless of the consideration whether it was his property or not, strike it into a bunker or a bush. He would forfeit a stroke; but the match might be all square and one to play; and as the opponent was badly bunkered it might turn out a profitable piece of strategy to play the wrong ball in such circumstances, while the player's own ball lay undisturbed in position and fairly clear. We, therefore, say in answer to our correspondent that the ball should be replaced and the penalty stroke enforced.—Ed.]



## NEVER SAY DIE.

GOLFER (*who is four down and five to play, to Caddie*).—"Here, take my club; I'll give up the match!"

CADDIE.—"Ah! dinna gie it up; the ither man micht dee!"

## "COLONEL BOGEY."

THIS is a personage whom many golfers have recently had the pleasure of playing. He is a gentleman of uncertain pedigree, and no one knows exactly by what steps he graded into his self-styled military rank. As far, however, as one can trace his lineage, it would seem that the parentage of this estimable antagonist is due to the ingenious and versatile golfers of the United Services on the banks of the Solent. They have shown us what a worthy old gentleman he is; how quiet and orderly is his behaviour, and what a marvellously good and steady player he is in all sorts of weather and in all conditions of the green. He, at least, is never guilty of the capital offence of speaking on the stroke, of playing the wrong but always the best-lying ball, of grounding his club in a bunker, or of treading down irregularities on the line of putt. No; he plays strict Golf, steady Golf, and the best Golf, and it needs a particularly good member of any club to beat him. So charming an antagonist has he been found by a large number of clubs, that we notice in some of the new lists of fixtures issued for the forthcoming season provision is made for a tournament in which Colonel Bogey shall attempt to hold the field against all comers. He is a sort of golfing Asmodeus, who has been discovered corked up in a bottle; and now that the Colonel has been liberated we hope that his influence on play generally will be benign and improving.

A great deal has been written by various correspondents, particularly by "H. R. C.," on the superiority of match play over medal play. It is argued that match play is the real

game, and that medal play is nothing but bastard Golf. We are not inclined to endorse the distinction to the extent claimed. Each department of play has its excellencies and its beauties. Medal play is really match play with the whole of the competing field as your antagonist, the aggregate of strokes being substituted for the individual holes. It causes you to play your very highest and your steadiest, because the result cannot be known perhaps for half-a-day, and bad play at one hole may wreck the whole of your scoring career. Thus, medal play conduces to steadiness, care, accuracy, coolness; you are watchful to get home in safety, and you never risk too much at any one hole. Match play, on the other hand, is undeniably more keen in its excitement and pleasurable effects while the contest lasts. You have your opponent at your elbow, and your play is regulated largely by his. If he is a daring, slashing driver, who fears no hazard, you let him work off some of his surplus energy while counting the strokes he takes to get out of the bunker he has vainly essayed to carry. You play for safety, and pit a cautious, ingenious head against muscle and courage in helping you to win the hole. Now, the advantage of introducing "Colonel Bogey" as a variant in competition systems is that by playing against the score of this imaginary person, a fusion of match and medal play really takes place. Let "Colonel Bogey's" score be fixed, say, at 80 for a round of eighteen holes. The number that he, as a scratch player, would take to each hole is put down on a card, and the competitors (limited to 18 handicap) receiving from him their handicaps in the proportions of three-eighths, two-thirds, or three-fourths, play against the "Bogey" score at



each hole. Thus, one bad hole never destroys the chance of a competitor; and where the "Bogey" score is fixed unknown to the competitors, and placed in an envelope until the match is finished, a delightful element of uncertainty is imparted to the competition. In such a case as this, each player has to score his best at every hole until the round is complete, not knowing whether he may be up or down at any particular hole. Experience, however, would seem to show that the scratch score of "Colonel Bogey" should not be a rigidly fixed quantity, irrespective of the condition of the green and the state of the weather. In fine weather, with the course in the pink of condition, a scratch player may be able to get round in 76 to 80; but after a period of heavy rainfall, or during a thaw after severe frost, it may take the same admirable player ten or twelve strokes more to finish the round. The more practicable arrangement, therefore, for those who fix the "Bogey" score, will be for them to consider points like these on the morning of the competition—the nature of the soil over which the Golf course extends, whether clay or sand; the actual condition of the weather, whether wet, dry, or windy, and to what extent recent weather has affected the ground. The "Bogey" score, therefore, ought to be tightened or relaxed, according as it is thought in the judgment of those inaugurating the competition the play will be affected by the circumstances just enumerated. For those players who dislike medal competitions, or "the hunting of the pot," playing against the score of "Colonel Bogey" will be found to be an agreeable and refreshing method of varying their favourite amusement.

The Royal West Norfolk Golf Club, whose fine green at Brancaster was noticed in these columns two weeks ago, is making progress. A committee meeting was held on the 27th of January, when the first fifty members were elected. Inquiries are received every day from golfers residing in all parts of the kingdom, and many more names are awaiting election. The patron of the club is the Prince of Wales; the president, Mr. Simms Reeve; the vice-presidents, the Earl of Leicester, the Earl of Orford, Lord Henry Bentinck, M.P., Sir William Ffolkes, Sir Dighton Probyn, Mr. Hamon Le Strange, Captain Neville Rolfe, and Mr. C. Seymour. The captain is Mr. Horace Hutchinson; the hon. secretaries, Mr. W. H. Simms Reeve and Mr. C. W. Neville Rolfe; and the hon. treasurer, Mr. S. G. Archbould. Many golfers speak highly of Brancaster course as a rival in point of excellence to Sandwich.

The tournament at Pau next week promises to be a grand success. The entries for the prizes, advertised in last week's issue, are pretty numerous, and some good sport ought to be forthcoming. It will be seen from our Fixtures column that the tournament lasts the entire week, and that, with the exception of the Town of Pau gold medal, which is reserved for members, all the other prizes are open to members of all recognised Golf clubs. It is announced that among those who have entered for the tournament is the Grand Duke Alexis of Russia, who has been instrumental in getting a Golf course laid out at Cannes. Among the English colony staying at Pau is Sir Charles Tennant of the Glen, who is a fairly good golfer.

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ABERDEEN.

The members of the Aberdeen Club competed on Saturday over their private course at Balgownie links for the monthly scratch medal and Davidson cup (handicap). The day was magnificent for Golf, and there was a very large turn-out of competitors. When the cards handed in were compared, it was found that Mr. W. F. Orr, with the scratch score of 81, had won the scratch medal; while Mr. C. S. Gordon, with the score of 94, less 14=80, had won the Davidson cup for the month. The following are a few of the lowest scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. C. S. Gordon ...	94	14	80	Dr. James Moir ...	94	6	88
Mr. F. C. Diack ..	89	8	81	Mr. D. Littlejohn ...	91	3	88
Mr. W. F. Orr ...	81	+2	83	Mr. J. Williams ...	91	3	88
Mr. J. B. Craigie ...	93	10	83	Mr. C. C. Macdonald	89	scr.	89
Mr. B. S. M'Lellan	89	4	85	Capt. H. V. Brooke	89	scr.	89
Mr. J. M. Duncan	102	16	86	Mr. H. F. Campbell	93	12	91
Mr. A. H. B. Craigie	99	12	87	Mr. F. M'Crae ...	95	scr.	95

On the same date the members of the Bon Accord Club competed over the nine-hole course on the Aberdeen links and Broad Hill, by playing two rounds for the captain's prize. When the cards handed in were compared, it was found that Mr. Andrew Jaffray, with the score of 93, less 10=83, had gained first place; Mr. Fred Watt gained second place with 94, less 10=84; while Messrs. James Fraser and James Moir have a tie to play off for third place. Their scores were 96, less 11=85, and 97, less 12=85 respectively. The following were next in order:—Messrs. William Smart, 91; James Ogilvie, 96; Andrew Ducat, 96; James W. Murray, 97; James Florence, 98; and John Twigg, 99.

ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly silver medal of this club took place on Saturday, the 6th inst., when Mr. Hugh Garrett was the winner of the medal with the excellent net score of 83. Score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. Hugh Garrett...	113	30	83	Mr. A. F. Stewart...	112	15	97
Mr. C. E. Salmon...	109	12	97				

Messrs. G. H. Garrett and F. D. Bright made no returns.

BARNES LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly medal took place on Barnes Common on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., when Miss G. Pearson returned the winning card. The following are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss G. Pearson ...	115	30	85	Mrs. Dickins ...	128	36	92
Miss Barclay Brown..	115	25	90	Miss Gow ...	119	22	97

Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Dallas, Mrs. K. B. Brown, and Miss Macrae returned scores over 100.

BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was, on Saturday last, won for a third time by Mr. Geo. Crowther. The net scores of 100 or less were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. G. Crowther ...	93	9	84	Mr. W. E. Buckley.	109	16	93
Mr. J. Betham ...	109	17	92	Mr. T. Pemberton...	116	20	96
Mr. J. C. Barrett, jun.	112	20	92	Mr. A. Woodiwiss..	119	20	99
Mr. T. O. Clinning.	120	28	92	Mr. W. W. P. Shatwell	113	13	100

BOURNEMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on the 6th inst., in wretched weather, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. W. Fisher ...	119	22	97	Mr. A. Pontifex ...	112	12	100
Mr. H. F. Harvey...	112	14	98	Mr. D. W. R. Burrows	114	12	102

No returns by other players.

BOWDON GOLF CLUB.

"The first fine day for weeks" proved so tempting that more than a score of members turned up on Saturday last, the 6th inst., to play for the first monthly medal of the year.

Many had not touched a club since December, owing to the unceasingly wretched weather, so that the scores were not so bad as they very well might have been.

The greens are getting into good condition, as a result of the thick coatings of sand put on them in November, and, in spite of the wet, are as hard as a rock.

During the same period the course has been improved by the erection of several sand-bunkers with high sloping face, after the pattern of those at Littlestone, Eastbourne, &c., and needless to say their capabilities have been thoroughly tested by most of us!

The scores are as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. S. W. Gillett ...	96	10 86	Mr. E. F. Alford ...	136	18 118
Mr. E. J. Soares ...	124	30 94	Mr. Bulkeley-Allen ...	149	30 119
Dr. Denniston ...	111	14 97	Mr. H. Staffurth ...	139	19 120
Mr. A. G. Hogg ...	114	14 100	Mr. Frank Falkner ...	145	22 123
Mr. Sidney Smelt ...	130	30 100	Mr. R. Sykes ...	155	30 125
Mr. J. Pattison ...	125	19 106	Mr. F. V. Williams ...	146	20 126
Mr. H. F. Ransome ...	121	14 107	Mr. W. H. Winstanley ...	158	30 128
Mr. W. S. Mainprice ...	133	16 117	Mr. C. Hopkinson ...	167	24 143

No returns from Messrs. Donald MacIver, J. B. Duncan, Rev. Wilson Cowie, and others.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the Berens gold medal took place on Saturday, February 6th, and resulted in a tie between Messrs. W. Carr, W. O. Baily, A. N. Scott and T. S. Donaldson Selby, at 88 net, which has still to be played off. In addition to the medal, Mr. Berens also kindly gave two dozen Golfballs for competition, one dozen for the best net score out, and one dozen for the best net score in. Mr. T. S. D. Selby won the first with 48, less 9=39, and Mr. W. O. Baily the second with 43, less 3½=39½. Score:

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. Carr ...	95	7 88	Mr. P. A. Willett ...	110	15 95
Mr. W. O. Baily ...	95	7 88	Mr. R. Case ...	113	18 95
Mr. A. N. Scott ...	104	16 88	Mr. H. T. Ross ...	110	14 96
Mr. T. S. D. Selby ...	106	18 88	Mr. F. G. Sherlock ...	114	18 96
Mr. F. E. Badham ...	109	18 91	Captain Richards ...	118	22 96
Mr. F. Fielding ...	108	16 92	Colonel Hough ...	126	30 96
Rev. O. Vincent ...	110	18 92	Mr. T. F. Chance ...	113	16 97
Mr. C. G. Heathcote ...	105	12 93	Mr. R. B. Reid ...	113	16 97

Thirteen players made no return.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the Linskill cup (scratch) and Pirie medal (handicap) were competed for on Tuesday, February 2nd, over the University links, at Coldham Common. The day was fine and cold, but a perfect gale was blowing across the links, which rendered scoring extremely difficult. One round of eighteen holes was played. Both cup and medal fell to Mr. J. L. Low (Clare College), a well-known Carnoustie player, who holed the round in the magnificent score of 79, as follows:—Out, 4 5 3 6 4 4 5 5 5=41; in, 4 5 5 4 5 3 4 3 5=38. Total, 79.

The following is the list of players and their scores. Linskill cup (scratch) and Pirie medal handicap:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. John L. Low ...	79	scr. 79	Rev. T. T. Peyton ...	104	15 89
Mr. W. Hartree ...	92	10 82	Mr. D. D. Robertson ...	90	scr. 90
Mr. J. B. Whitelaw ...	94	9 85	Mr. F. E. Swainson ...	102	12 90
Mr. P. W. Everett ...	94	9 85	Mr. A. E. Philipps ...	115	25 90
Mr. G. H. Joshua ...	94	9 85	Mr. G. L. Bates ...	116	26 90
Mr. J. H. Percival ...	111	26 85	Mr. A. M. Chance ...	91	scr. 91
Mr. H. Parker ...	95	9 86	Mr. C. E. Hambro ...	96	5 91
Mr. R. A. Nicholson ...	87	scr. 87	Mr. H. Glazier ...	100	8 92
Mr. G. L. Chiene ...	105	18 87	Mr. E. D. C. Strodes ...	99	7 92
Mr. H. B. Harris ...	103	16 87	Mr. I. Heron Maxwell ...	105	10 95
Mr. C. E. Marriott ...	105	17 88	Mr. C. L. Barrow ...	105	10 95
Mr. E. Eddowes ...	113	25 88	Mr. W. Watson ...	113	14 99
Mr. E. C. P. Boyd ...	89	scr. 89			

No returns from Messrs. J. E. Pease, A. M. Joshua, C. Pigg, C. C. Bethune, A. H. Marshall, L. W. King, G. L. K. Finlay, J. Garlick, C. J. Dunlop, and A. A. Adamson.

PARKSIDE GOLF CLUB held their monthly medal competition (limited to nine holes) over the Braids on Saturday, Mr. C. Croll being the winner with a score of 51, less 1=50.

CLEVELAND GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the Club cup was concluded on Saturday over the Coatham links, in fine weather, the result being a tie between Mr. S. Cradock and Mr. J. Scott, who will have to play off. Score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. S. Cradock ...	112	18 94	Mr. W. Lambert ...	121	18 103
Mr. J. Scott ...	104	10 94	Mr. J. W. Kyle ...	122	18 104
Mr. C. D. Mackenzie ...	108	7 101	Mr. C. E. Scott ...	111	5 106
Mr. W. Robinson ...	123	21 102	Mr. J. Roddam ...	121	14 107
Mr. G. Kay ...	120	18 102	Mr. W. T. Mackay ...	133	18 115

COTSWOLD GOLF CLUB.

The third competition for the monthly medal took place on February 4th, at Stow-on-the-Wold, with the following results:—

LADIES.					
Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mrs. Gott ...	157	55 102	Miss Wiggins ...	117	scr. 117
Mrs. Grizewood ...	118	15 103	Miss E. Francis ...	184	55 129

  

GENTLEMEN.					
Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Lord Encombe ...	125	scr. 125	Mr. G. W. Goodeve, junr. ...	143	not h'cpd
Mr. H. E. Rose ...	136	8 128	Mr. Allan Gott ...	206	60 146
Earl of Eldon ...	130	scr. 130			
Mr. G. W. Goodeve ...	147	16 131			

COUNTY DOWN CLUB.

The fifth competition for the "Wallace" cup took place on Saturday last. Favoured with summer-like weather, and with Newcastle looking at its best, the links presented a lively picture, dotted here and there with groups of red-coated golfers. The greens were in excellent order, reflecting great credit on the greenkeeper, who has only been recently appointed. The new greens played well, and, with a little frost to take away the remnants of old grass, will be hard to beat. Nearly all have been enlarged, and the first, when completed, will compare favourably with any in the kingdom. The teeing-grounds are being renovated, and some very sporting hazards are being introduced. The attendance on the first bright Saturday for a long time past gave evidence of the continuing popularity of the game, thirty-five partaking of the luncheon so excellently served by the "golfers' friend," Mrs. Joseph Laurence. The evenings have now drawn out so well that two members, who started after the arrival of the 1.35 train from Belfast, were enabled to complete the round, and the light being sufficient was evidenced by one of them, Mr. Robert Hughes, having done the eighteen holes in only two more than the winner. This should be good news for those who cannot get away from town by the earlier trains. The list was headed by Mr. J. N. R. Pim, who, with the limit handicap of eighteen, was returned at 91 net. The following are the scores under 100:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. N. R. Pim ...	109	18 91	Mr. B. Magill ...	107	12 95
Mr. R. "Hughes" ...	109	16 93	Mr. S. Wilson, sen. ...	114	18 96
Mr. H. Herdman ...	107	14 93	Mr. H. J. Johnston ...	103	6 97
Mr. S. Wilson, jun. ...	110	17 93	Mr. J. "James" ...	115	18 97
Mr. G. Combe ...	100	6 94			

CROOKHAM GOLF CLUB.

The first annual general meeting was held at the Queen's Hotel, Newbury, on Wednesday, February 3rd. The chair was taken by Mr. W. G. Mount, M.P. (President). The club, which only started last May, was shown to be in a satisfactory condition, and the accounts showed a small balance in hand. The members now number 79, about two-thirds of whom have played on the course during the past season. Owing to the youth of the club, only one match could be arranged for, which was played against Marlborough, at Marlborough, on November 21st. This match was very close and exciting, leaving Marlborough winners by three holes up.

At the opening prize meeting on Whit Monday no handicapping was possible, and all played from scratch, with the result that Mr. A. B. Cooke won the members' cup with a score of 98. This cup, formerly the property of the original Crookham Golf Club, which broke up some ten years ago, had been left in the hands of Mr. C. Stephens, of Woodley Hill, Reading, who very kindly handed it over to the new club.

The second prize meeting was held on Monday and Tuesday, October 12th and 13th, when the members' cup was won by Mr. B. Rendall with a gross score of 120, less 24=96, while the open cup was won by Mr. B. P. Spurway with a gross score of 115, less 20=95.

The monthly medal, for which Messrs. F. P. Browne, A. H. Evans, J. H. Hanland, E. J. Maguire, and Rev. J. S. Ramsay, and Mr. E. P. Spurway were eligible, was won on Saturday, January 30th, by Mr. A. H. Evans with a gross score of 105, less 18=87.

The return match with Marlborough has been fixed for February

24th, and a match has been arranged with the Royal Ascot Golf Club for March 19th, and other matches are in course of arrangement.

The greens are in excellent condition, and, with a view to keeping them as perfect as possible, it was agreed that, in addition to the 10s. subscription, each playing member should pay 10s. for green-money. For this comparatively small sum of £1 per annum, members will have a ground to play on which is pronounced by players of experience to be as fine an inland course as any in England.

The President kindly consented to hold office for the ensuing year, and the following officers were elected, viz.:—Captain, Mr. A. H. Evans; sub-captain, Mr. B. Rendall; hon. secretary and treasurer, Rev. H. H. Skrine, Greenham Vicarage, Newbury. The latter will be pleased to answer any inquiries, or give any information respecting the club.

DINARD GOLF CLUB.

The following are the scores in some of the competitions played in January. The weather on the whole was very favourable. The links are improving daily. The new club-house is being built, and will be ready for occupation in the spring.

January 2nd :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. W. Grey ... 97 3 94	Capt. Bill ... 135 30 105
Mr. E. Grey ... 97 3 94	Col. Okeden ... 148 38 110
Mr. Ramsbotham ... 110 15 95	Mr. W. Pomeroy ... 149 35 114
Mr. M. Edye ... 129 28 101	Cte. J. Rochaid ... 156 40 116
Major Domville ... 126 23 103	Col. Dansey ... 149 30 119
Col. Mackenzie ... 105 scr. 105	Mr. R. Oldham ... 158 32 126

January 23rd :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Major Domville ... 115 23 92	Rev. M. Elton ... 136 30 106
Capt. Bill ... 124 30 94	Mr. E. Grey ... 117 3 114
Col. Stack ... 126 32 94	Mr. M. Edye ... 145 28 117
Mr. W. Grey ... 103 3 100	Mr. R. Oldham ... 151 32 119
Col. Mackenzie ... 101 scr. 101	Mr. W. Pomeroy ... 176 35 141

January 30th :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Colonel Stack ... 129 32 97	Captain Bill ... 139 30 109
Mr. Ramsbotham ... 113 15 98	Rev. M. Elton ... 140 30 110
Colonel Mackenzie... 107 scr. 107	Colonel Dansey ... 141 30 111
Mr. R. Oldham ... 139 32 107	Mr. W. Pomeroy ... 146 35 111
Mr. M. Edye ... 136 28 108	Mr. E. Grey ... 115 3 112
Major Domville ... 131 23 108	

Tuesday, 2nd inst.—The following competition was played on the ladies' links, which were opened early in January.

The ladies' links consists of nine holes. The distance about one mile.

There are a good many hazards, the best score for the nine holes that has been made was Mrs. M. Stewart's 46.

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Miss G. Edye ... 120 29 91	Miss Forbes ... 124 18 106
Miss Pomeroy ... 131 35 96	Mrs. R. Oldham ... 142 33 109
Miss Stack... ... 130 32 98	Miss M. Gordon ... 148 33 115
Mrs. M. Stewart ... 101 scr. 101	

Comtesse M. Hatzfeldt, Mrs. Elton, Mrs. Grey, Miss Edye and Miss Millar also played.

EAST SHEEN LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition was played off on the 2nd inst., under rather adverse circumstances. The high wind of the morning prevented low scoring, and play was quite stopped in the afternoon owing to a heavy snowstorm. Score :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Miss Sinclair ... 123 40 83	Miss L. Carey ... 120 24 96
Miss F. Weston ... 106 21 85	Miss J. M. Vidal ... 144 40 104
Miss C. M. Leyces-ter Penrhyn ... 109 20 89	Mrs. Marson ... 143 34 109
Miss Aymler ... 118 26 92	Miss M. Wigan ... 136 25 111

No returns from two players.

FOLKESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal and the Morris cross were played for on Wednesday, February 3rd. Scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. Eccles ... 102 10 92	Mr. Morris ... 117 18 99
Mr. Jeffery ... 109 14 95	Mr. Ward ... 120 16 104
Major Harding ... 98 2 96	Mr. Richards ... 132 27 105
Mr. Noel... ... 125 27 98	Captain Calverley ... 126 20 106
Captain V. Eccles ... 111 12 99	Captain Conwy ... 136 30 106

\* Winner of Morris cross.

Others were over 110 net.

FORFARSHIRE

The spring meeting of the Panmure Club was held in the club-house, Monifieth, on Saturday. Mr. P. D. Mitchell presided, Mr. James S. Ogilvie, the captain, being absent. After some formal business had been transacted, the following new members were admitted :—Messrs. C. E. Todd, V. C. Luis, V. Baird, John Croudace, and Rev. Robert Steven. Thereafter the competition for the cup presented by the late Mr. William Brand, Mylnefield, took place. The players were favoured with the very best of weather, and the course was in good order, barring one or two putting-greens. The following members started :—Messrs. William Mann and Alexander Johnston; Messrs. John L. Luke and Robert Gilroy; Messrs. John Jones and J. C. Scott; Messrs. P. D. Mitchell and J. K. Prain; Messrs. William Low and J. M. Smieton; Messrs. William Gibson and Daniel M'Intyre; Messrs. A. R. C. Patterson and James Prain; Messrs. H. B. Gilroy and W. R. Sharp; Messrs. A. P. Mathewson and Rev. R. Steven; Messrs. David L. Low and David Anderson; Messrs. Thomas Lillie and Dr. Gowans; Messrs. R. B. Sharp and James Cunningham, jun.; Messrs. H. W. Halley and V. Luis. The cup has been in the possession of the club since 1877, the donor being captain at that time. Amongst the best scores at which it has been won are those at which it was taken by Mr. David Anderson, who last year gained it with the exceptionally fine record of 78 strokes, while on a previous occasion he won it with 80. When the cards had all been returned on Saturday, it was found that a large number of very creditable scores had been made, no fewer than thirteen of them being under 90, and that Messrs. David Anderson and J. Kennedy Prain had tied for the trophy, with the fine record of 81 each. Mr. Prain, like Mr. Anderson, has twice previously held the cup. Subjoined is a list of other scores :—Mr. A. R. C. Patterson, 83; Mr. James Cunningham, jun., 84; Mr. W. R. Sharp, 85; Mr. David L. Low, 86; Mr. Robert Gilroy, 86; Mr. J. L. Luke, 88; Mr. P. D. Mitchell, 88; Mr. H. B. Gilroy, 88; Mr. John Jones, 89; Mr. William Gibson, 89; Rev. R. Steven, 89; Mr. R. B. Sharp, 90; Mr. Alexander Johnston, 91; Mr. A. P. Mathewson, 94; Mr. Daniel M'Intyre, 95; Mr. James Prain, 95; Dr. Gowans, 99. The tie for the cup was not played off.

On Saturday a foursome was played by Bob Munro, Carnoustie, and Alexander Simpson, Monifieth, against George Wright and William Young, which ended in the match being square. The play on both sides was very good, as will be seen from the detailed scores :—

Munro and Simpson :—

Out ... ..	5 3 4 5 4 5 5 6 4=41	} 80
In ... ..	6 3 4 6 5 3 4 3 5=39	

Wright and Young :—

Out ... ..	5 3 5 4 5 7 4 5 4=42	} 83
In ... ..	7 5 3 6 4 3 4 5 4=41	

The driving of Munro was splendid, while Simpson appears to be getting back to the fine form he showed before his recent visit to Australia.

HONG-KONG GOLF CLUB.

Though nearly 1,000 miles from St. Andrews, Golf flourishes at Hong-Kong, over a course laid out some years ago in the Happy Valley. The links are scarcely ideal, as the soil is not of a nature that lends itself to the game, but the putting-greens, though small, are fairly good. There are also sufficient hazards in the shape of banks and ditches, and a burn to make the game interesting. The quarterly competition for the McEwen challenge cup, under handicap, took place on December 31st and January 1st and 2nd. The results are given below :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Capt. Butcher ... 103 24 79	Major Bennet, R.E. ... 100 9 91
Lieut. Robinson, ... ..	Mr. H. P. Tooker ... 123 30 93
R.E. ... .. 110 30 80	Major Barker, R.E. ... 115 20 95
Mr. E. L. Hunter ... 106 24 82	Mr. W. Judd ... 131 36 95
Capt. Irvine, 91st ... 101 18 83	Dr. Craig, R.N. ... 117 20 97
Lieut. Grant, 91st ... 103 18 85	Mr. R. Robertson ... 118 20 98
Capt. Dumbleton, ... ..	Capt. Napier, R.A. ... 134 36 98
R.E. ... .. 86 scr. 86	Mr. A. P. Stokes ... 126 24 102
Mr. N. G. Mitchell ... ..	Mr. A. K. Travers ... 127 24 103
Innes ... .. 96 9 87	Lieut. Lloyd, R.E. ... 115 12 103
Lieut. Quain, R.A. ... 117 30 87	Lieut. Watherston, ... ..
Mr. H. L. Dalrymple 106 18 88	R.E. ... .. 121 18 103
Capt. Goodrich, R.N. 120 30 90	Lieut. Wrey, R.N. ... 151 36 115
Mr. T. E. Davies ... 120 30 90	

Seven members made no returns.

LEITH CLUB.—The competition for the monthly medals was played over Leith links on Saturday. The following are the scores :—Scratch, Mr. J. Keddie, 66; handicap, Mr. J. Mauchline, 72, less 6 =66.



LANARK GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday the Lanark Golf Club held its spring quarterly competition for the gold ball (handicap) and other prizes. Two rounds were played for the gold ball under the medal regulations, and the cards showed that Mr. John Smith, jun., was the winner with a net score of 127 for the twenty-eight holes. In the afternoon the other prizes were gained in match-play by Messrs. Paterson, John Vassie, jun., Vassie, Horn and D. M. Cassels.

LIMPSFIELD CHART GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on February 2nd and 3rd, with the following results:—

February 2nd:—

LADIES.			
Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Watney ...	85 7 78	Miss Thompson ...	96 6 90
Miss Rooke ...	97 12 85	Miss Board... ..	112 22 90
Miss A. Stewart ...	98 12 86	Miss E. Board ...	98 6 92
Miss K. Watney ...	104 15 89	Mrs. Landale ...	106 11 95
Mrs. Baily ...	107 17 90	Miss A. Boyson ...	117 22 95

February 3rd:—

GENTLEMEN.			
Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. B. R. S. Pemberton	93 12 81	Mr. F. Leveson Gower	109 18 91
Rev. C. G. Acworth	115 25 90	Mr. Norman Watney	119 25 94

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

THE CAPTAIN'S CUP.

The fifth competition for the captain's cup took place on Saturday last on the links of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club, at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea. There was a great improvement in the ground since the previous competition, and the weather overhead was all that could be desired. Fifty-seven members went out. Mr. Jordan Bradbury, South Shore, was successful in making the best net score, so putting in a win for the cup, and he will now play in the final competition for this cup at the spring meeting; the other winners of competitions so far being Mr. J. M. Rea, St. Anne's; Mr. C. W. Fisher, Blackpool; and Mr. L. Pilkington, Pendleton, and Mr. T. Baxter, St. Anne's. The best gross scores on Saturday were Mr. S. A. Hermon, St. Anne's, 93; Mr. F. C. Morgan, Manchester, 94; Mr. W. Fletcher, Manchester, 100; and the best net scores were Mr. J. Bradbury, 104, less 18=86; Mr. S. A. Hermon, 93, less 6=87; Mr. F. C. Morgan, 94, less 4=90; Mr. John E. King, Manchester, 110, less 20=90; Mr. E. Redfern, St. Anne's 110, less 20=90; Mr. E. Harrison, St. Anne's, 109, less 18=91. The first optional sweepstakes was won by Mr. J. Bradbury, the second by Mr. S. A. Hermon, and the third was divided by Mr. F. C. Morgan, Mr. John E. King and Mr. E. Redfern. Mr. J. Bradbury also took the silver memento as the winner of the competition. The returns on Saturday were as follow:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. Bradbury, South Shore...	104	18	86
Mr. S. A. Hermon, St. Anne's ...	93	6	87
Mr. F. C. Morgan, Manchester ...	94	4	90
Mr. John E. King, Manchester ...	110	20	90
Mr. E. Redfern, St. Anne's ...	110	20	90
Mr. E. Harrison, St. Anne's ...	109	18	91
Mr. S. Gask, Lytham ...	108	15	93
Mr. J. Talbot Fair, Lytham ...	106	12	94
Mr. W. Cross, St. Anne's ...	110	16	94
Rev. J. G. Denison, Church ...	101	6	95
Mr. F. Topp, Little Hulton, Bolton...	110	15	95
Rev. C. Billington, Lytham ...	105	9	96
Mr. James E. King, St. Anne's ...	109	13	96
Mr. W. H. Harrison, Lytham ...	109	13	96
Mr. H. M. Ormsby, South Shore ...	114	18	96
Mr. R. Dewhurst, Lytham ...	121	25	96
Mr. S. F. Butcher, Bury ...	107	10	97
Mr. R. Lythgoe, St. Anne's ...	111	14	97
Mr. C. G. D. Hoare, St. Anne's ...	104	6	98
Mr. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's ...	106	7	99
Mr. Fred. H. Smith, Manchester ...	107	8	99
Mr. G. Harper, Ashton, Preston ...	112	13	99
Mr. W. Fletcher, Manchester... ..	100	scr.	100
Mr. J. H. Hulton, Bolton ...	117	15	102
Mr. Jas. Buckley, Norbreck ...	117	13	104
Mr. T. H. Miller, Singleton Park ...	121	17	104
Mr. E. M. Whipp, St. Anne's... ..	123	17	106
Mr. T. Baxter, St. Anne's ...	126	17	109
Mr. R. Bickerstaffe, South Shore ...	131	22	109
Mr. T. W. Shaw, Sharples, Bolton ...	139	25	114

The following also played, but did not return their cards:—Mr. W. P. Fullagar, Lytham; Mr. A. H. Doleman, South Shore; Mr. J. A.

F. Eltoft, St. Anne's; Mr. J. Muirhead, Blackpool; Mr. E. Holt' Prestwick; Mr. A. Darbyshire, Manchester; Mr. W. H. Crossland, Manchester; Mr. W. H. Hampson, South Shore; Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton; Mr. W. Eckerley, Tyldesley; Mr. T. Fair, Lytham; Mr. N. Cockshutt, Preston; Mr. T. C. Midwood, Salford; Dr. Eason, Lytham; Rev. W. G. Terry, St. Anne's; Mr. W. Newbigging, St. Anne's; Mr. R. B. Hardman, St. Anne's; Mr. R. Hampson, Blackpool; Mr. F. Bradshaw, Blackpool; Dr. C. de M. Palmer, Buxton; Mr. H. Bowman, Manchester; Mr. J. D. Milne, Manchester; Mr. S. Fisher, South Shore; Mr. F. T. Wright, Tyldesley; Mr. F. W. Catterall, St. Anne's. The spring meeting of the club is fixed to take place on Saturday, April 16th, and Easter Monday, April 18th. Mr W. E. Fairlie, Chelford, Crewe, is the captain elect for the coming year.

MACCLESFIELD GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly handicap match was played on Saturday last, ten members entering. The first place was won by Dr. Rees with a net score of 90, the second being tied for by Mr. G. C. Greenwell and Mr. M. Hall with 95. The following are the principal scores:—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Dr. Rees ...	110 20 90	Dr. Sheldon ...	108 8 100
Mr. G. C. Greenwell	100 5 95	Dr. Duffus ...	101 scr. 101
Mr. M. H. Hall ...	115 20 95	Mr. J. W. Burgess... ..	111 10 101
Mr. A. G. Gray ...	108 12 96	Rev. G. O'Brien ...	128 15 113

MANCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The fifth monthly competition of this club took place on Saturday last in fine weather. The greens were in excellent order, and a large number of members took part in the competition. The winner for the month was Mr. G. Macdonald with a score of 91, less 4=87. The following are the best scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. Macdonald... ..	91 4 87	Mr. W. Bell ...	97 4 93
Mr. F. Jones ...	103 15 88	Mr. H. Holmes ...	118 25 93
Mr. D. R. Calvert ...	109 20 89	Capt. C. W. B. Farrant	114 20 94
Mr. F. G. Glennie... ..	119 30 89	Mr. J. R. Newby ...	119 25 94
Mr. A. C. Knight ...	90 scr. 90	Mr. R. Maclure ...	117 20 97
Capt. J. C. Hobbs... ..	110 18 92	Prof. T. C. Core ...	118 20 98

On the previous Saturday a side match took place, with the following result:—

MR. JONES'S SIDE.		MR. DARBYSHIRE'S SIDE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. L. D. Stewart ...	8	Mr. Darbyshire ...	0
Mr. F. Jones ...	2	Capt. Farrant ...	0
Lieut. Pedley ...	0	Mr. J. Macalister (gave a half)	0
Mr. A. Midgley ...	0	Mr. E. H. Hamp ...	6
Mr. W. H. Norris ...	0	Mr. R. Maclure ...	2
Rev. Mr. Brayshaw ...	2	Mr. R. L. Taylor ...	0
Mr. J. W. Schofield ...	1	Prof. Core ...	0
	13		8

The result was therefore a win for the secretary's side by thirteen holes to eight for the treasurer's.

MINCHINHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal meeting of this club took place on Saturday last. There was a fair attendance of members, and, considering the rain and fog that covered the links, the returns were good. The medal was secured by Mr. R. Lewis Grist for a net score of 85, and the junior prize by Mr. L. D. Winterbotham for a net score of 94.

The ladies' medal was taken by Miss Woollright, and the junior prize by Mrs. Cameron. The new prize (kindly given by the Misses Ridding for the lowest gross score) was won by Mrs. W. Davies for a gross score of 109. Below are the principal scores:—

GENTLEMEN.			
Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. R. Lewis Grist	100 15 85	Mr. F. A. Chambers	118 23 95
Rev. E. H. Hawkins	100 7 93	Mr. A. W. Waller	115 18 97
†Mr. L. D. Winterbotham ...	119 25 94		
	* Medal.	† Junior prize.	
LADIES.			
Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mrs. Cameron ...	118 21 97	†Mrs. W. Davies ...	109 6 103
†Miss Woollright ...	120 20 100		
	* Junior prize.	† Medal.	† Gross prize.

"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.—On Saturday sixteen members played over the Braids for the Caxton medal. Few good scores were handed in. Mr. R. Melrose was the winner with 90, less 3=87. Mr. D. Coutts' scratch score of 89 came next.

MINEHEAD LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Friday, 5th inst., the members of the above played for a club kindly presented by Mrs. H. Owen Brown. Each player started from scratch, this being a stipulation made by the donor of the prize, for the benefit of the best players in the club, they having been unfortunate in any previous prize competitions. The weather being unfavourable, play was not so good as it otherwise might have been. Miss F. Clark was the victorious member, with a score of 70. A round of nine holes constituted the game. Subjoined are the scores :—

	Holes.		Holes.
Miss F. Clark ...	70	Miss Dickinson ...	81
Miss A. Ollerhead ...	72	Miss A. Dickinson ...	85
Miss Michell ...	75	Miss Ollerhead ...	90

Misses Clark and Grant made no return.

NORTH BERWICK.

Considering that the height of the "season" is yet somewhat distant, the links at North Berwick were, during the past week, quite lively in appearance. Only one competition of any importance took place, but a good number of visiting and resident players drove off during the week in friendly contest. Sayers—whose services, by the way, have been in demand of late in the shape of instrumental music and dancing at local entertainments—is yet in first-rate form. On Saturday Ben engaged with Douglas and John White in a three-ball match. Allowing his younger opponents a third each, Sayers beat White by 1 at the last hole; but lost to Douglas also by 1 at the home disc. Ben finished in 73. He was out in an excellently-compiled 38, but his home game suffered somewhat in comparison, and he required 35 for the eight holes in. Davie Grant will be absent from the course for a few weeks, having gone South to superintend the forming of a new green of eighteen holes at Silloth, which, like North Berwick, will have ten holes out and eight home. Mr. John Forrest, the well-known local crack, had a single with Mr. Walter Forbes. Of three rounds the latter won the first and third, Mr. Forrest gaining the second rather easily. On the previous week, Mr. Forbes also encountered Sayers. Receiving half-one, the amateur beat his opponent by 3 and 2 to play in the first round, losing, however, by a similar number in the second. Over the long course several ladies have engaged in play during the week, and on Friday last Miss Lawson and Sayers opposed Mr. J. Lawson in a threesome, the lady and the professional winning both games after a keen tussle.

The Bass Rock Club is in a flourishing condition at present, and on Saturday the muster of competitors for the handicap trophy was quite the largest witnessed for over a year. Mr. John Forrest was again to the front on Saturday, tying with Mr. J. D. Rattray for the badge at 80 actual and 84, less 4, respectively. Mr. Rattray, the present holder of the allowance trophy, is one of the most brilliant of the younger members of the club, and the deciding of his tie with the scratch medallist will be regarded with no small interest. Other of the lowest returns on Saturday were:—Messrs. J. Henderson, 82 net; George Tait, 87; G. S. Milne, 88; Alexander Hutchison, 88; A. Hogg, 89; and J. Stevenson, 89.

OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE.

The annual Inter-University Golf match ought to prove of more than usual interest this year, as from what I can learn the two teams will be pretty equally matched, and a close fight may be expected. Oxford still stands one match to the good. Result of former matches :—

1878, Oxford won by 24 holes; 1879, Cambridge won by 10 holes; 1880, Oxford won by 8 holes; 1881, no match; 1882, Cambridge won by 1 hole; 1883, Oxford won by 2 holes; 1884, Oxford won by 2 holes; 1885, Oxford won by 38 holes; 1886, Oxford won by 37 holes; 1887, Cambridge won by 12 holes; 1888, Cambridge won by 8 holes; 1889, Oxford won by 9 holes; 1890, Cambridge won by 1 hole; 1891, Cambridge won by 11 holes.

PAU LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Mrs. Malcolm Patton's prize, a purse of 100 fr., was played for on the 25th ult., with the following result :—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Hon. Mrs. Bingham...	79	9	70	Miss C. Halkett ...	90	9	81
Mrs. Jones ...	80	9	71	Miss de Longueuil...	90	9	81
Lady Nugent ...	82	9	73	Miss Swan ...	91	9	82
Miss Bethune ...	72	+1	73	Mrs. Maud ...	93	9	84
Miss Y. Newall ...	83	9	74	Mrs. Harrison ...	93	9	84
Miss Newall ...	75	+1	76	Miss Hatch... ..	94	9	85
Hon. Ev. St. Aubyn.	85	9	76	Mrs. Taylor ...	96	9	87
Miss Levett ...	80	2	78	Hon. M. St. Aubyn..	100	9	91
Miss Gourlay ...	88	9	79	Miss W. Hay ...	101	9	92
Mrs. A. Troyte ...	88	9	79	Miss Hay ...	104	9	95
Miss Henry ...	83	4	79	Miss M. Hatch ...	107	9	98
Miss Ross ...	88	9	79	Miss Cunninghame..	114	9	105
Hol. El. St. Aubyn..	89	9	80				

Also played:—Lady Agnes Townshend, Miss M. Newall, Mrs. Scarisbrick, Mrs. Walker, and Mrs. R. Boreell.

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.

The tournament, under handicap, which has lately been in progress amongst the members of this club, was brought to a close on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., when the hon. secretary, Mr. Leonard Horner (8), succeeded in beating Mr. G. F. Sanders (10) in the final round. Curiously both the scratch players drew byes.

First Round.—Messrs. A. Schacht, A. R. C. Annison, and F. S. Ireland drew byes; Mr. E. S. McEuen beat Mr. G. R. Burnett by 1 hole; Mr. G. F. Sanders, w.o. (Mr. D. D. Fenning scratched); Mr. W. Bates Avery beat Mr. E. T. Clifford by 9 up and 7 to play; Mr. F. C. Milford beat Mr. F. P. Browne by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. C. W. Link beat Mr. W. Amsden by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. F. G. Monkland beat Mr. E. V. Longstaff; Mr. G. H. Emmet beat Mr. H. D. Tucker by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. J. C. Tucker w.o. (Mr. A. H. Eve scratched); Mr. T. Percy Shepherd beat Mr. E. L. Balcombe by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. T. H. D. Berridge beat Mr. C. Hall by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. W. R. Kersey w.o. (Mr. E. Amsden scratched); Mr. Leonard Horner beat Mr. A. J. Eames by 4 up and 2 to play; and Mr. F. Link w.o. (Mr. S. C. Hooley scratched).

Second Round.—Mr. Schacht w.o. (Mr. Annison scratched); Mr. Ireland beat Mr. McEuen by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. Sanders beat Mr. Avery by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. Milford beat Mr. C. W. Link by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. Emmet beat Mr. Monkland by 2 up 1 to play; Mr. J. C. Tucker beat Mr. Shepherd by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. T. Berridge beat Mr. Kersey by 4 up and 2 to play; and Mr. Horner beat Mr. F. Link by 8 up and 7 to play.

Third Round.—Mr. Ireland beat Mr. Schacht by 1 hole; Mr. Sanders beat Mr. Milford by 1 hole; Mr. Emmet beat Mr. J. C. Tucker by 6 up and 5 to play; and Mr. Horner beat Mr. T. Berridge by 4 up and 3 to play.

Fourth Round (semi-final).—Mr. Sanders beat Mr. Ireland by 2 holes; and Mr. Horner beat Mr. Emmet by 2 up and 1 to play.

Final.—Mr. Horner beat Mr. Sanders by 4 up and 3 to play.

A good number of members took part in the competition for the club medal on the 6th inst., and the best returns are given below. Mr. E. S. McEuen handed in a very meritorious card, showing 47 out and 42 home, or 89 in all, which not only won him the medal, but was the best scratch score of the day. Score :—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. E. S. McEuen	89	14	75	Mr. G. H. Emmet	106	16	90
Mr. A. H. Eve ...	101	16	85	Mr. A. Schacht ...	91	scr.	91
Mr. L. Horner ...	94	7	87	Mr. G. Spurling ...	103	12	91
Mr. G. A. Meredith	104	16	88	Mr. E. Pinkerton ..	104	13	91
Mr. J. C. Tucker ...	106	18	88				

The date for receiving entries for the foursome tournament (entrance-fee 5s. each pair) has been extended to February 20th, the day after the annual dinner at the Hôtel Métropole.

The captain has kindly offered a set of Golf clubs to be played for under certain conditions on the next medal day, March 5th.

ROYAL EPPING FOREST v. GUILDFORD.

The Royal Epping Forest Club sent a team to try conclusions with Guildford on Saturday, February 6th. Unfortunately, one of the visiting team failed to put in an appearance, thus reducing the teams to eleven on each side. The visitors were unfortunate in losing the services of two or three of their team from accidents at football, &c., and, therefore, did not appear in their full strength, but in spite of this they fought hard, and most of the matches were well contested. The weather was favourable throughout, and the course was in excellent order, but the greens would have been better for less rolling, as they were very keen, and puzzled the visitor; a good deal. A pleasant match ended in favour of the home team by 32 holes. After luncheon the two teams played some friendly foursomes.

ROYAL EPPING FOREST.			GUILDFORD.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Mr. J. G. Gibson ...	0	Mr. S. Mure Fergusson ...	3		
Mr. W. M. Rhodes ...	0	Mr. J. A. Ross ...	1		
Mr. W. Noakes ...	0	Mr. B. Howell ...	2		
Mr. S. R. Bastard ...	0	Mr. C. E. Nesham ...	2		
Mr. J. W. Greig (Capt.)	0	Mr. J. Kenrick (Capt.)	2		
Mr. C. E. Greig ...	0	Mr. A. A. Cammell ...	6		
Mr. W. R. Stikeman ...	0	Mr. A. Denman ...	4		
Mr. K. E. Fisher ...	0	Mr. H. H. Playford ...	5		
Mr. G. F. Sanders ...	0	Mr. G. W. Ricketts ...	3		
Mr. J. Walker ...	0	Mr. D. L. Poole ...	4		
Mr. J. G. Glover ...	0	Mr. W. M. Corrie ...	0		
	0				32

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. The club has recently been unfortunate in the weather on its medal days, but last Tuesday week was worse in the way of weather than anything experienced for a long time. A gale from the south-west swept over the heath all day, with heavy rain and sleet in the afternoon. How bad the day was for scoring may be gathered from the fact that Mr. W. O. S. Pell carried off the medal with the worst score it has yet been won in, and that thirteen out of the twenty-two players who started retired from the contest, many of them at the finish of the first seven holes. Scores returned :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. O. S. Pell...	130	2 128	Mr. J. S. Sawyer ...	147	10 137
Mr. A. T. Drysdale	145	13 132	Mr. J. G. Gibson ...	140	2 138
Mr. W. E. Hughes	139	6 133	Rev. J. H. Ellis ...	151	12 139
Mr. John Osmond...	150	16 134	Mr. G. H. Freaun ...	168	21 147
Mr. Robert Whyte...	141	4 137			

Messrs. J. W. G. Andras, A. H. Baker, C. M. Baker, W. H. M. Christie, H. Gillon, W. R. M. Glasier, F. S. Ireland, W. G. Kentish, W. Morris, M. H. Richardson, T. Skinner, H. H. Turner and E. A. Walker made no return.

In the final heat of the foursome tournament, 1891-92, for the cups presented by Messrs. E. F. S. Tylecote and C. M. Baker, Messrs. F. S. Ireland and G. O. Jacob receiving two strokes, defeated Messrs. Robert Whyte and J. Osmond by one hole. With handicap odds the winners are evidently a strong combination, as they won the last foursome to ornament of the club, 1890-91.

BLACKHEATH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Wednesday, February 3rd, and won by Mrs. Mackern, the new captain, with the magnificent score of 73. Anyone with the most elementary knowledge of the game knows that to play eighteen holes in one over an average of four a-piece must play first-rate Golf; and anyone who saw the links at Blackheath on Wednesday would recognise that there was no facility offered by the condition of the ground. The previous best was 80—repeated three times by the same player. Several excellent scores from other players are completely eclipsed by this phenomenal performance. Scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mrs. Mackern ...	73	scr. 73	Miss Farnall ...	93	7 86
Mrs. Meredith ...	90	15 75	Mrs. Beaumont ...	106	18 88
Miss M. Richardson.	83	3 80	Miss Smyth ...	96	7 89
Miss M. Smyth ...	87	7 80	Miss Richardson ...	114	22 92
Miss A. Richardson..	89	6 83	Miss Sillar ...	100	6 94
Miss G. Moore ...	93	10 83	Miss Sheringham ...	114	20 94
Miss A. Moore ...	91	6 85			

ROYAL CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Capt. Wilbraham ...	114	25 89	Mr. H. J. Graham...	130	25 105
Mr. Young-Jamieson	109	12 97	Mr. Melvill Sandys..	115	6 109
Mr. Matthews ...	116	18 98	Major Fenton ...	133	24 109
Mr. Charles Hext ...	103	2 101	Col. Parkyn ...	141	30 111
Mr. B. F. Edyvean..	101	+3 104			

The fourth monthly competition of the winter series was played on Friday, February 5th.

ROYAL CROMER GOLF CLUB.

A silver medal for competition has been given by the club, any member winning it twice during the year to retain it. The winner on Thursday, the 28th ult., was Mr. P. M. Lucas (scratch), his score being 90. There were rather few entries.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

Colonel McKenzie's prize, January 30th. Scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. R. R. Renton ...	96	12 84	Colonel P. Robin ...	113	18 95
*Mr. J. R. Brown ...	98	9 89	Mr. G. Hornby ...	96	scr. 96
Mr. R. B. Lattimer..	97	7 90	Mr. T. C. Robin ...	102	4 98
Colonel Mayne ...	98	8 90	Mr. W. H. Monckton	115	17 98
Dr. Comerford ...	102	11 91	Mr. H. S. B. Harvey	120	18 102
General Renton ...	102	11 91	Mr. C. E. Lewis ...	112	10 102
Captain Sumner ...	99	7 92	Colonel McDougall .	120	14 106
*Major Richardson..	111	18 93	Dr. McMillan ...	128	18 110
Mr. G. Christie ...	111	18 93			

\* Divided the sweepstakes.

Six players made no return.

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Wednesday, January 27th, the first of two competitions for an umbrella, presented by Mrs. Jones (Brookhurst), took place. The following was the result :—Miss Mitchell, 109, less 24=85; Miss G. Stanger-Leathes, 95, less 9=86.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

The third competition for the winter optional subscribers' prizes under handicap took place at Hoylake last Saturday, in fine but dull weather. Thirty-four couples competed, and it was found that Mr. H. W. Forster had secured a win in for the first winter optional subscribers' prize with his score of 94, less 10=84; Mr. H. E. B. Harrison securing a win in for the second optional subscribers' prize with his score of 101, less 15=86. Mr. Forster won the first sweepstakes, and Messrs. H. C. R. Sievwright and H. E. B. Harrison divided the second and third. The result of the play was as follows :—

First-class optional subscribers' prize (up to 14 in the handicap) :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. H. W. Forster..	94	10 84	Mr. A. H. Higgins...	99	4 95
Mr. H. C. R. Siev-			Mr. Edwd. Whineray	99	4 95
wright ...	91	5 86	Mr. J. E. Pearson ...	106	9 97
Mr. R. Goold ...	94	7 87	Mr. T. R. Bulley ...	109	12 97
Mr. F. P. Crowther..	87	+1 88	Mr. J. J. Yates ...	109	12 97
Mr. Chas. Holt ...	101	11 90	Mr. A. Turpin ...	98	scr. 98
Mr. Jas. Fairclough.	96	5 91	Mr. R. J. Kerr ...	101	3 98
Mr. C. E. Dick ...	92	scr. 92	Mr. C. Darbyshire...	105	7 98
Mr. P. J. Pringle ...	98	6 92	Mr. John Ball, junr.	90	+9 99
Mr. "James" ...	93	scr. 93	Mr. Geo. Bickham...	114	14 100
Mr. J. H. Knight ...	103	9 94	Mr. John Bushby ...	118	13 105
Mr. J. J. Crosfield..	105	11 94	Mr. A. Williamson...	118	6 112

Fifteen competitors made no return.

Second class optional subscribers' prize (15 to 30 in the handicap) :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. H.E.B. Harrison	101	15 86	Mr. Reginald Haigh	111	16 95
Mr. E. Evans, jun.	104	16 88	Mr. John Stewart...	119	23 96
Mr. E. H. Higgins...	105	17 88	Mr. H. S. Bower ...	115	18 97
Mr. W. C. Aspinall	112	24 88	Mr. P. Brown ...	123	26 97
Mr. Herbert Keef...	108	18 90	Mr. Theo. Turpin...	123	25 98
Mr. F. W. Carson ...	109	19 90	Mr. A. C. Jones ...	117	18 99
Mr. J. K. Housden..	108	16 92	Mr. B. H. Hilton...	121	22 99
Mr. G. F. Milligan	109	17 92	Mr. R. L. Dalglish	119	18 101
Mr. R. H. Blain ...	113	20 93	Hon. C. H. Vivian	124	
Mr. A. Dod ...	110	16 94	Mr. R. H. Tilney ...	134	
Mr. W.W. Sandbrook	118	24 94	Mr. W.S. Henderson	137	

Eight competitors made no return.

The annual general meeting was held at the Law Association Rooms, Liverpool, on February 1st. The financial position of the club was found to be most satisfactory. Mr. S. Gibson Sinclair was unanimously elected captain for the year. Mr. H. J. Simpson and Mr. Thos. Owen Potter were re-elected hon. treasurer and hon. secretary, Messrs. Jos. Hornby, G. R. Cox, H. S. Bower, and G. N. Francis being elected on the council to fill up the vacancies caused by four members retiring by rotation.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

The tie for the Wilson shield, between Messrs. O. K. Trechmann, P. B. Kent, and Seymour Walker, was played off last week, and, singular to say, resulted in a tie between the first two of these competitors with the net score of 94 each, Mr. Walker being one behind with a total of 95 net, which shows that the handicap committee are well posted up in the individual play of the members. This second tie, it was agreed between the players, should be decided on the score which was to be returned for the Gray trophy, and, as will be seen, Mr. O. K. Trechmann played in remarkably fine style, succeeding in running up to the third place of honour. Unfortunately Mr. Kent could not make it convenient to attend, and as it was agreed beforehand that in case of the absence of either player the absentee would lose by default—although Mr. Trechmann kindly offered to allow Mr. Kent to play on a date to be named—it was considered that this would create an improper precedent, and the committee decided to award Mr. Trechmann the prize, and congratulated the winner on his success.

The second winter competition for the Gray trophy elicited some excellent play, and so well had the signs of handicapping been understood by the committee, the result proved to be another tie between Mr. A. B. Crosby and Mr. Higson Simpson. Scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. A. B. Crosby ...	90	10 80	Mr. L. K. Fawcitt .	107	15 92
Mr. H. Simpson ...	96	16 80	Mr. A. R. Paton ...	117	25 92
Mr. O. K. Trechmann	82	11 81	Mr. W. S. Merry-		
Mr. C. J. Bunting...	96	13 83	weather ...	110	16 94
Mr. S. Walker ...	91	7 84	Rev. F. Savory ...	119	25 94
Mr. E. W. Walker .	103	18 85	Mr. G. Newby ...	101	4 97
Mr. C. O. Trechmann	112	25 87	Capt. P. de S. Burney	117	20 97
Mr. R. Elliott ...	107	17 90			

Messrs. C. Cooper, H. B. Olsen, J. Sinclair, A. Robinson, Rev. W.



Wickwar, A. B. Wilson, F. W. Purvis, W. Ropner, S. Strover, and J. R. Fryer made no return.

The arrangements for the new competition to be decided by those who win the greatest number of holes, on the principle adopted at St. Andrews in the competition for the Calcutta cup, were completed at a committee meeting on Saturday, when the names of those members who have intimated their intention to compete were drawn for partners, which resulted as follows:—The number following each member's name indicates the handicap allowance of holes received: Messrs. W. Ropner (9) and A. B. Wilson (9); Messrs. J. R. Fryer (9) and H. Horsley (9); Mr. W. Purvis (3) and Rev. F. Savory (9); Messrs. G. Newby (2) and Seymour Walker (3); Rev. W. Wickwar (9) and Mr. I. F. Wilson (9); Messrs. A. R. Paton (9) and W. S. Woodiwis (9); Messrs. W. F. Whitwell (8) and A. L. Robinson (5); Messrs. P. B. Kent (6) and F. W. Purvis (3); Captain Barney (9) and Rev. F. L. Cope (8); Messrs. A. F. Trechmann (8) and A. B. Crosby (5); Messrs. P. Wood (7) and H. Simpson (8); Messrs. G. E. Casebourne (9) and O. K. Trechmann (5); Messrs. J. F. Whitwell (5) and C. J. Bunting (6); Messrs. J. Tennant (3) and E. W. Walker (9); Messrs. R. E. Leach (7) and A. Douglas (9); Messrs. C. Cooper (3) and P. A. Raps (4); Messrs. A. Massingham (9) and C. O. Trechmann (9). The committee also decided that the first round of this competition has to be played on or before the 20th inst., so that members will have time to arrange between themselves the date most convenient for play; but the competition will be given against any absentee on any day that has been mutually arranged.

SIDCUP GOLF CLUB.

The first monthly medal competition took place on Saturday, 30th January. The weather was fine, though a high wind somewhat interfered with long driving. The putting-greens, though still capable of considerable improvement, were in much better order than they have yet been. The previous record of the links was beaten by Messrs. H. F. Lindley, who was declared winner with a score of 98, less 26=72; and Mr. A. T. Stewart, who came second with 100, less 24=76. The following are the principal scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. H. F. Lindley... 98 26 72	Mr. M. Hewitt... 134 34 100
Mr. A. T. Stewart 100 24 76	Mr. C. B. V. Davy 115 10 105
Mr. F. Shapley ... 123 35 88	Mr. J. C. Ho'sfield 124 18 106
Dr. Burrell... ... 134 35 99	Mr. W. J. Harries 142 35 107

SOUTHWOLD GOLF CLUB.

A handicap was played on the 27th of January, two rounds of the links—eighteen holes—being played. The following returns were made:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. J. B. Gooding . 109 scr. 109	Mr. T. Sergeant ... 149 27 122
Mr. S. W. Woollett. 118 9 109	Mr. L. Powell ... 149 25 124
Mr. C. Powell ... 115 5 110	Mr. A. R. Grubbe . 134 3 131
Mr. D. R. Gooding. 131 16 115	

ST. ANDREWS.

The monthly handicap of the Royal and Ancient Club was played for on the 3rd inst., with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. A. Lindsay ... 99 16 83	Mr. H. Fellows...
Mr. J. Oswald ... 94 6 88	Gordon ... 110 16 94
Mr. F. G. Tait ... 89 +1 90	Mr. J. Cunningham,
Mr. A. F. Macfie ... 89 +1 90	jun. ... 95 scr. 95

There was a strong wind from the north-west.

TENBY GOLF CLUB.

The fortnightly handicaps took place on Monday and Wednesday, Feb. 1st and 3rd, with the following results:—

LADIES (nine holes).	
Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Miss Edith Vachell 79 8 71	Miss Clifton ... 81 scr. 81
GENTLEMEN (eighteen holes).	
Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Col. M. Lloyd ... 112 17 95	Mr. G. H. Logan ... 122 18 104
Mr. H. J. Allen ... 122 25 97	Mr. B. C. Durrant... 141 36 105
Col. Fitzgerald ... 133 32 101	Col. Voyle ... ... 132 17 115
Mr. G. M. T. Smyth 102 scr. 102	Mr. A. T. Lewis ... 142 8 134

HAWICK.—The monthly medal was competed for over the Hawick course on Saturday afternoon in fine weather, when there was a very large muster of players. Details:—Mr. J. S. Turner, 97, less 14=83; Mr. J. W. Glenny, 109, less 24=85; Mr. John Rule, 113, less 27=86; Mr. James Barrie, 88, plus 1=89; Mr. John Hodgson, 105, less 12=93; Mr. Peter Cruickshank, 96, less 2=94; Mr. Walter Hume, 100, less 4=96; Mr. Wm. Robson, 111, less 14=97.

TYNESIDE CLUB.

The eighth and last preliminary contest for the winter cup took place in fair golfing weather on 4th inst. on Ryton Willows. Eight and a-half couples competed. The result was a tie at 82 net between Mr. J. S. Brown (20) and Mr. T. L. Temperley (28), the latter being declared the winner, as Mr. Brown, being a previous individual winner, was ineligible. Mr. W. Fraser (28), was second at 84 net, and Mr. C. A. Ridley (scratch) third at 89. There are now eight individual winners, who will be re-handicapped to play off the final. Their names and scores are:—Mr. James Tennant, 6'84; Mr. J. B. Radcliffe (scratch), 85; Mr. George Welch, 18'82; Mr. H. H. Blair, 12'85; Mr. J. S. Brown, 28'81; Mr. W. Hiddlestone, 20'99; Mr. T. W. Sharye, 35'92; and Mr. T. L. Temperley, 28'82.

UNITED SERVICE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday, 6th February. There was an absence of wind, but an abundance of rain, which made playing anything but a pleasant amusement. The winner was found in Captain Quinton, R.A., a most promising player, and who should do well in the future, considering that he has only taken to the game within the last few months. Captain Vidal, R.E., commenced well, doing the first nine holes in 43; but in his second round, owing to his partiality for the moat (into which he never seemed tired of driving), he came, to dreadful grief. The feature of the day's play, however, was the remarkably fine round of Lieutenant Pyne, who amassed the splendid gross score of 131. For pluck and perseverance in playing against fearful odds, this player is without a rival. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Capt. Quinton, R.A. 94 10 84	Mr. W. M. Thompson,
Mr. F. N. Templer,	R.E. ... ... 114 15 99
R.M.A. ... ... 94 6 88	Lieut. Bethune, R.N. 110 10 100
Capt. Vidal, R.E. ... 98 6 92	Comdr. Payne, R.N. 124 22 102
Mr. D. Morrison, R.A. 111 15 96	Mr. W. M. Pyne, R.E. 131 18 113

A Bogie match was played at the same time, with the following results:—

Mr. F. N. Templer, R.M.A. 1 up	Lieut. Bethune, R.N. ... 5 down
Capt. Vidal, R.E. ... even	Mr. D. Morrison, R.A. ... 6 down
Capt. Quinton, R.A. ... 1 down	Mr. W. M. Thompson,
Capt. Payne, R.N. ... 5 down	R.E. ... ... 7 down

WEST CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap match, January 30th.—In spite of the influenza which has been prevalent amongst the members of this club, and of a wretchedly damp, misty day, out of eight who had entered four played through the match, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. H. Mansel ... 114 12 102	Mr. W. F. Harvey 147 18 129
Mr. A. F. Bealey ... 119 12 107	Mr. T. Mudge ... 146 16 130

WHITBY GOLF CLUB.

The first match of this club was played at the Goathland links on January 27th, when a medal was offered for competition. At the commencement of the match the ground was in fairly good condition, but the rain, that towards the end of the day settled into a steady down-pour, served to heighten the scores. After an exciting contest Mr. J. Moore proved the winner by one stroke, with a score of 130; then followed Mr. R. B. L. Johnston, 131; Mr. T. W. Simpson, 160; Mr. Marwood, 166; Mr. R. Linton, 166; Mr. A. C. Simpson, 189; Rev. Mr. Hare, 231; and Mr. R. W. White, 257.

WHITLEY GOLF CLUB.

The eighth competition for the Joicey cup took place on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., over the breezy links at Whitley. A slight fall of snow in the morning left members residing at a distance in doubt as to whether golfing would be possible, and, in addition, the prevalence of a strong westerly wind created a worse outlook. There was consequently only a small field, and three players, including the hon. secretary (Mr. J. B. Radcliffe), were despatched. The strong wind, amounting almost to a gale, swept across the course, and rendered accurate play almost impossible, as the least heel on the ball caused it to take a devious course. The same difficulty was also experienced at the holes, and this accounted for the high scores. The result of the competition was a tie between Mr. J. G. Sharpe and Mr. B. Bramwell, which was somewhat remarkable, having regard to the adverse weather conditions. Mr. Radcliffe, being a previous winner of the cup, was not eligible. His score from scratch was 105. Details:—Mr. J. B. Radcliffe, 55, 50, scratch, 105; Mr. J. G. Sharpe, 61, 63, 124, less 14=110; Mr. B. Bramwell, 61, 66, 127, less 17=110.

**GLASGOW GOLF CLUB.**—The monthly medal competition took place in the Alexandra Park on Saturday, in unsettled weather. The greens became very heavy in the afternoon. There was a large turn-out of competitors, 121 taking part. The best score (74) was made by Mr. D. Bone, who, however, was not eligible, as he won it the previous month. Scores:—Club Medal—Mr. James Baird, 82, less 5=77, and Mr. John Anderson, 81, less 4=77, tie; Mr. R. Philp, 81, less 2=79; Mr. John Storrar, 81, less 2=79; Mr. J. R. Motion, 79 (scratch); Mr. J. V. Scott, 82, less 3=79. Wilson Medal—Mr. J. Brown, 85, less 7=78; Rev. D. Watson, 87, less 8=79; Mr. J. B. Duff, 86, less 7=79. Scott Medal—Mr. J. B. Atkinson, 91, less 15=76; Mr. Archibald Millar, 92, less 15=77; Mr. David Stark, 95, less 18=77; Mr. J. Colvil, 94, less 15=79.

**CRAIGMILLAR GOLF CLUB.**—The first competition for this season was held at Musselburgh on Saturday. The handicap medal (presented by the captain) was won by Mr. R. J. Thomson with a score of 110, less 10=100. Other prizes fell to Mr. R. A. Bruce, 109, less 5=104; Messrs. Edward Bruce, sen., and Edward Bruce, jun., tied for the third prize with 105. The medal is played for monthly.

**SEAFIELD CLUB.**—A competition for club prizes was played over Leith links on Friday and Saturday. The members played in three sections according to handicap, and the winners were:—In the first section—James Calder, 73, less 7=66; Thomas Anderson, 73, less 5=68; John Cochrane, 79, less 8=71; T. P. Cochrane, 78, less 7=71 (tie). Second section—George Sinclair, 73, less 9=64; Matthew Golder, 76, less 11=65; James Fairgrieve, 77, less 11=66. Third section—David Leitch, 74, less 15=59; James Adamson, 86, less 21=65; H. Koerber, 88, less 18=70.

**EAST OF FIFE CLUB.**—The monthly competition for the silver medal of this club was played on the Grangemuir course on Saturday afternoon. There was a fair turn-out. Owing to the frost having given way to a heavy thaw during the day, the green was in a very sloppy condition, and rather unpleasant for play. Mr. William Brown, jun., Pittenweem, became the winner with a scratch score of 77.

**BFARSDEN CLUB.**—The monthly competition for Captain Smith's handicap gold medal took place on this course on Saturday. There was a good turn-out of players. The ground was very soft and unfavourable for good scoring. The following were the principal scores:—M. J. A. M'Farlane, 105, less 6=97 (winner of medal); Mr. J. Hutton, 100, scratch; Mr. D. M'Leod, 126, less 24=102; Mr. J. C. Walker, 126, less 18=108; Mr. W. L. Bain, 128, less 20=108.

**LUNDIN CLUB (LARGO).**—On Saturday the handicap and scratch medals were played for, with the following result:—Mr. J. W. Marshall, Mr. D. Stewart, and Mr. R. H. Bell tied with 96 for the scratch medal, and the ties will be played off on Saturday next. Mr. Marshall had 4 odds, add, his opponents having less, he was declared the winner of the handicap medal. There was a strong rime on the grass, which amply accounted for the high scores.

**KANFURLY CASTLE CLUB.**—The monthly medal of this club was played on Saturday in very bad weather, and the ground was very soft. When the cards were handed in it was found that Mr. A. Macpherson and Mr. R. Park Lyle had tied for the medal with scores of 91, the former having 22 off and the latter 12. The second round for Mr. John Sangster's prize was played. Mr. R. Brownlee, jun., beat Mr. W. Brown by 1; Mr. W. Aitken beat Mr. J. H. Riddell by 5 and 3; Mr. J. R. Scott beat Mr. John Sangster by 5 and 4; Mr. J. B. Stewart a bye from Mr. John Buchanan; Mr. R. B. Mitchell beat Mr. J. M. Porteous by 2; Mr. W. M'Cleer, jun., beat Mr. R. Stevenson by 4 and 3; Mr. T. Frame a bye from Mr. James Potts; Mr. A. H. Lindsay a bye from Mr. J. M. Campbell; Mr. W. Adam beat Mr. R. P. Lyle by 1; Mr. John L. Wilson a bye from Mr. James Fleming; Mr. A. B. M'Kechnie beat Mr. A. Symington by 4 and 3; Dr. Sandeman beat Mr. G. W. Wilson by 1.

**PRESTWICK.**—In the competition for the January handicap gold medal, Mr. Douglas Reid was the winner with a score of 87, after deducting 24 of odds. The following tied at 90 for second honours:—Mr. J. S. Higginbotham, 114, less 24=90; Mr. R. P. Fairlie, 87, plus 3=90; Mr. G. W. Richardson, 120, less 30=90; Mr. E. R. Fleming, 110, less 20=90. St. Nicholas.—The ties resulting in the competition for the club and handicap medals were decided in favour of Mr. James Gibson for the former, and Mr. James Andrew for the latter.

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