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FEBRUARY.

- 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).
Durham: Walter Cup.
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.
Ilkley: Monthly Medal.
Feb. 29.—Pau: Duke of Hamilton's Medal and Pendant (Scratch, Members Only); MacNab Challenge Cup and Badge (Handicap limited to 18 strokes).

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MARCH.

- Mar. 1.—Whitley: Jockey Cup.
Carnarvonshire: Monthly Medal.
East Sheen Ladies: Medal Competition.
Royal Blackheath: Monthly Medal.
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.
Bowdon: Monthly Medal.
Mar. 8.—Oxford v. Cambridge; at Wimbledon, 12.30.
Mar. 9.—Pau: Havemeyer Prize (Open Handicap); Havemeyer Prize, Ladies (Open Handicap).
Durham: Osborn Cup.
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.
Warwickshire: Graham and Savile Cups; Foursome, Tournament (First Round).
Tooting: Monthly Medal.
Bradford St. Andrews: Rhodes Medal.
Mar. 16.—Royal Epping Forest: Spurling-Kentish Medal.
Pau: Gold Medal, Ladies (Scratch).
Mar. 18.—Pau: Silver Medal, Ladies (Scratch).
Mar. 19.—Manchester: Captain's Prizes.
Lytham and St. Anne's: Bury Cup.
Disley: Winter Handicap Medal.
Sutton Coldfield: Lloyd Prize.
Warwickshire: Military Gold Medal.
Crookham: Royal Ascot v. The Club.
County Down: Railway Cup; Monthly Handicap.
Brighton and Hove: De Worms Challenge Cup.
Mar. 23.—Durham: Walter Cup.
Mar. 26.—Seaford: Monthly Medal.
Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.

ROYAL WEST NORFOLK GOLF CLUB.

A well-attended meeting of the inhabitants of Brancaster was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst. They were called together to consider the question of the formation of a Golf club and links, which was inaugurated in the early part of the year by a few gentlemen who had discovered that the common which lies between the salt-marshes and the sea was exactly suited to the playing of this now popular game.

The proceedings began at 7.30, when the room (the boys' school, which had been kindly lent for the purpose) was well filled by all who had interests either in the common or the village.

Mr. Simms Reeve, the lord of the manor and the president of the club, was at once voted to the chair, and for over half-an-hour he managed to keep his audience interested and amused. Mr. Reeve's reputation as a speaker is of something more than provincial repute, and few of those who were fortunate enough to hear him on Wednesday will easily forget the ability and humour with which he handled his subject.

At first sight it might seem that the formation of a Golf club would not afford much scope for anything beyond a few commonplaces, but in the speaker's dexterous hands the subject became an essay on the game, enlivened by local reminiscences and topical allusions which fairly brought down the house at every turn. We regret that we have not the space at our command for a *verbatim* report, which, even if we could give it, would still fail to reproduce the character of the speech, with its subtle intonations, its quiet but always good-natured little sarcasms, and the genial *bonhomie* that carried everything before it.

The Chairman began with a short account of how the club had been formed. Personally he knew little or nothing of the game; indeed, he had seen it played for the first time that afternoon. To his idea it seemed that it was a kind of mixture of two games that he had seen and also played as a boy—hockey and marbles. A small hole was made in the ground, into which, with the assistance of a wooden stick, the player seemed desperately anxious to roll a small gutta-percha ball. Those who liked the game seemed to take a great deal of trouble to accomplish this act, and as they seemed to enjoy doing it, he supposed that it possessed a great fascination; and this idea was confirmed when he saw that people would come from a great distance to perform so simple an operation. (Laughter.) Well, he desired to tell them that when he was first approached on the subject of the formation of this club he was entirely averse from it. He had his own reasons (perhaps they were selfish ones) why he had not the least wish to encourage anything of the kind. But these gentlemen interested had pointed out to him that if success crowned their efforts, and a prosperous club was formed, the advantages to Brancaster and its inhabitants would be enormous. This caused him to look more closely into the matter, and he had come to the conclusion that this was an undeniable fact, and the moment he realised this he was prepared to support the movement, and to advise them to support it also. He appealed, as he knew he might with perfect confidence to the many years—over half-a-century—that he had known them, and he asked them whether he had ever advised them against their own interests? (Applause.) Matters having, then, reached this point, he thought everything would be more in order and above board if one or two gentlemen connected with the club came down and met the inhabitants of Brancaster, not only that their doing so would be a graceful act on the part of the club, but that there might be some one present who understood the game, and was ready to answer any inquiries that any of those present would like to put to them. We could not all in this world think alike, and it was quite likely that among them some who were not thoroughly informed might entertain ideas the answering of which would be the particular pleasure of those gentlemen who had come down from London on purpose to be present here to-night. "Gentlemen," continued the speaker, "you will be pleased to hear that this club has already received the support of the Prince of Wales, who, we all know, is always ready to help on anything that conduces to the pleasure or profit of his Norfolk neighbours and future subjects. (Applause.) I cannot allude to him as the patron of this club, without offering him, on your behalf, that condolence, and that sympathy in his late bereavement, which has been recorded wherever groups of his countrymen have met together on any business since the death of his eldest son. (Hear, hear.) Such a reference I am bound to say fits in well with the matter we have in hand, for His Royal Highness has endeared himself to the nation by the marked sympathy which he has always shown with the pleasures or the sorrows of the nation, and the proof that this has been appreciated is the torrent of sympathy which, from all classes and all parties, has flowed towards him in his hour of bitter sorrow. (Hear, hear, and applause.) The other officers and

vice-presidents connected with the club are all men of note, numbering among them Lord Leicester, Lord Orford, Sir William Folkes, Mr. Le Strange, and many others. And I am further informed that the captain of the club is one of the best, if not the champion amateur player, and the greatest authority on the game in the world. You see, therefore, gentlemen, that you are not asked to give your support to a hole-in-the-corner affair. It seems, in fact, that these gentlemen intend to have nothing about this club that is not first-rate. I had the pleasure of watching a ball struck by their professional this afternoon; I saw it leave the ground, watched it till it became a speck in the air, but whether it came down in this county or in Suffolk I really cannot say—from the satisfied manner of the players I suppose it fell on the common." (Laughter.)

The Chairman next proceeded to answer some of the small objections that he had heard were made as to the interference with the stock on the common which the game might cause, and the damage that might be done to the interests of the commoners. He said that a proposition had been made to him by one of the leading men among them that it was only right that the club should contribute something towards the improvement of the common, and had suggested £5 a-year as a suitable sum to be given and spent in any way that seemed good to a committee appointed by the commoners. He was happy to say that he was then in a position of being able to assure them that the committee of the club had regarded this proposal as most reasonable, and the matter was now settled. With regard to the disturbance of the stock (this was in reply to a commoner who expressed himself afraid that the game would disturb the stock) he had made inquiries, and found the game was played at a walk, and at a very slow walk at that, and that ladies played it, and that no one hurried, because "the men wanted the girls to keep up with them." The way this was said caused the objection to disappear in the roar of laughter which followed. In conclusion the Chairman said:—"Your own interests are so entirely in favour of the formation and encouragement of this club, that I need say no more, but if I had to add anything to what I have already said, it would be that I feel sure that there is no one among you who would be so selfish as to wish to prevent others from the enjoyment of an innocent and perfectly harmless amusement. Before sitting down I wish to introduce to your notice these gentlemen who have come down from London on purpose to be present at our meeting, and, who, understanding the game better than I do, will be very happy to answer any questions that you may like to ask, and will tell you anything that I have forgotten."

Mr. Holcombe Ingleby said that in another part of England he had long been connected with a similar club that played under similar circumstances. At the commencement there had naturally been a feeling that their game might interfere with and injure the common rights; but all that had disappeared altogether, and not only had no harm in any way resulted from the play, but it was thoroughly established as a fact that, on account of the walking and the pressing of the ground, the quality of the pasture had very greatly improved. He congratulated the inhabitants of Brancaster on having in their midst this land, which was positively designed by Providence for the playing of the game of Golf. He ventured to say, as one who had played on all the celebrated links of England, that there was not one that could surpass it, while few could equal it; and he would not venture on this opinion unsupported, but could claim that no first-class player of the game that had yet visited the course had come to any other conclusion.

Mr. Rolfe, in a few words, thanked those present for their attending there, and for their kind reception. It was difficult to add anything to the interesting speech they had had the pleasure of listening to from Mr. Reeve. He had left him nothing to say. He saw by their faces that in a few minutes he would have to thank them for a vote of sympathy with this great movement, and he felt inclined now almost to thank them by anticipation. "The Golf Stream," through its modern channels of railway communication, was setting towards Brancaster, and the blessings that it brought in its train would be readily appreciated by them when the stream, composed of those who came down with cash in their pockets, spent it in their midst, and returned to London and other parts of England to earn some more, return, and repeat the process. It was the object of the committee to elect as members to their club none but gentlemen in every sense of the word—that is, men of integrity and honour, and he felt sure that there would be no one come there as a member of their club who would not be individually anxious to do whatever was right for right's sake.

On a show of hands, the Chairman then declared that the resolution, "That every encouragement be given to the Royal West Norfolk Golf Club, and that this meeting view the formation of it with the utmost pleasure, and promise it its cordial support," was carried *nem. con.*

Mr. Rolfe expressed the great gratification it would be to him, as one of the hon. secretaries, to convey to the committee of the club the substance of the resolution, and, after again thanking the inhabitants of Brancaster for the hearty welcome that they had accorded the club, he moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Reeve for his kindness in presiding at their meeting. This was immediately carried, with three times three and one more for Mrs. Reeve, who was unfortunately unable to be present.

The proceedings then terminated.

THE "ANDERSON" GOLF-CLUB.

Messrs. R. Anderson and Sons, fishing-rod and Golf-club makers, 67, Princes Street, Edinburgh, have recently brought out a new Golf-club, which will undoubtedly rank with the bulger, the Carruthers', and Forrester cleeks, and the Park lofting-iron, as one of the soundest and most serviceable of permanent improvements in the game. The firm has long been known as one of the best makers of fishing-rods and gear, and a few years ago we believe that it gained a prize medal at one of the Exhibitions for the superior excellence and finish of its Golf-clubs.

The improvement in the club under notice consists, speaking briefly, in the application of the principle of the Carruthers' socket to wooden clubs. The neck of the wooden club is considerably shortened as compared with the older pattern of club; and the weight of wood, instead of being distributed up the shaft of the club by means of an elongated neck, is concentrated more in a line with that portion of the club which gives the impact to the ball. Hence in the "Anderson" club the neck towards the heel of the club is a trifle thicker, but not so thick as to destroy the symmetry of the club, or to render it either unsightly or badly balanced. This wooden neck is hollowed out right through to the sole, and the shaft, instead of being glued to the head by means of an outside splice, is fixed in the interior of the socket. The shaft, therefore, runs right through the neck, and appears, like the Carruthers' cleek, with the shaft protruding from the sole of the club. It is at once obvious that a much juster distribution of the weight of the head is obtained in the hands of the player, while the shaft by the security of its fixing in the socket renders the club at once better balanced and less liable to fracture from a badly-driven ball off the heel. But the curtailment of several inches of useless wood at the tapering neck of the club and its utilisation as part of the driving force of the club is not the only advantage of the "Anderson" club. The six inches of "whipping" on the splicing of the club is rendered unnecessary, and a small tie of an inch and a-half at the top of the joint is enough both for security and for preventing oil and wet from loosening the glue. Hence the risk of having loose play club-heads owing to the failure of the glue at the unprotected half-inch at the bottom of the present form of club is hereby entirely obviated. We think, however, that both Messrs. Anderson and Mr. Carruthers ought to rub a little pitch, creosote, or some other protective compound on the sole end of the shaft, so as to guard to the utmost extent against wet entering a chink and causing rot. We do not say that the safeguard is absolutely necessary, but it is merely a precautionary hint thrown out for consideration, and in order to disarm the hostility of critics who might be disposed to urge this lack of protection as a disadvantage to the use of both forms of clubs.

The advantages claimed for the "Anderson" club are three—strength, balance, driving power. Owing to the manner in which the head is fixed it is claimed by the patentees that the neck is unbreakable; by the abolition of the splicing above referred to, that the balance is improved; and by adopting the interior socket that a better spring is imparted to the lower end of the shaft in driving the ball. We have recently subjected two clubs—a straight-faced driver and a bulger—to a thorough test, and we frankly admit that the claims just enumerated are not pitched a bit too high. We did not, of course, attempt to break the neck of the club by driving balls off the heel; the clubs are too handsome and valuable for an experiment so rash, but one has only to look carefully at the bulldog neck to see that strength and durability are, so to speak, enshrined therein. We cheerfully bear testimony, however, to the balance of the club. In the present form of driver the spring in driving a ball is obtained on the twelve inches of the shaft just above the splicing; below that the club is, of course, as rigid as an oaken staff. The "Anderson" club reverses this order of things, and the inventors have undoubtedly been right in their conception as to the portion of the shaft which was most serviceable in lending carry and distance to the drive. In this club the spring is obtained quite close to the short neck, and not so near the player's hands as at present. The change in the locality of the spring gives the player greater control over the direction of the ball, and certainly a greater initial

velocity and carry. This was tested in a fairly strong head wind, and also with the wind blowing across the line of flight of the ball. The driving power was increased certainly to the extent of ten or a dozen yards carry.

This club has already forced its way into considerable popular favour among high-class professional and amateur players in Scotland, all of whom speak in the strongest terms of commendation of the new invention. We believe that Bernard Sayers, the well-known North Berwick professional, and several other prominent Scottish professionals, are playing regularly with the club; while leading golfers like Mr. Leslie Balfour, Colonel Anderson, and Sir George Clerk have recognised its advantages, and have adopted it. It is one of the best improvements we have seen, and we have no hesitation in highly recommending it to all golfers south as well as north of the Tweed. Finally, a word of praise is due to Messrs. Anderson not only for the excellence of the material forming the clubs we have examined, particularly their greenheart and hickory shafts, but for the artistic finish of the workmanship.

THE "COMFORT" RUG-CLOAK.

Messrs. Smalpage and Son, 41, Maddox Street, Bond Street, W., have shown us a new rug-cloak which can be converted to many purposes, but which is particularly suited for golfers, anglers, hunting men, and others who have to travel much by rail or sea. The garment is really a very ample cape, with a large pocket in the inside lining at the back for placing the feet. When the wearer does not wish to keep it on his shoulders he takes the cape off, puts his feet in the interior pockets, and by means of a band fixes the rug round his waist, keeping out all cold and draughts. For playing Golf in cold, damp weather the cloak is highly suitable. It is provided, like the mackintosh cloak of Messrs. Goudie, with shoulder-straps, enabling the player to free his arms and wield the club without restraint, while keeping the cloak in position. For driving or riding it is also very suitable, as by means of two slits, which can be buttoned up, the arms are enabled to come through the cloak without deranging its position. The same form of cloak-rug is made for ladies, having a hood attached to it. Certainly, the idea is an ingenious one; and for the purposes of ordinary wear, but particularly for travelling, no more serviceable garment could be desired.

FORFARSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Broughty Ferry Club was held on the 10th inst.—Mr. David Smyton, the captain, presiding. The reports of the secretary and treasurer showed that during the year there had been forty-four members, and that after defraying all expenses and contributing £5 towards the keeping of the course, there was a balance on the right side of the cash-book. The following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Mr. David Smyton, captain (re-elected); Mr. Allan Bell, vice-captain; Mr. James Belford, Camperdown Street, secretary and treasurer; and Messrs. David Bisset, Alexander Bowman, Hugh M'Culloch, Robert Cowan, T. E. Suttie, James Bowman, William Smith, and James Smart, councillors. Mr. Smyton was awarded a hearty vote of thanks for his services during the past year. It was agreed to play the opening competition on the 20th instant. Mr. Edward Rowan presented a neat watch pendant, having a representation of a golfer in the act of swinging his club for competition, the captain promised several clubs, and a member sent word to the meeting that he intended presenting a silver medal.

The tie between Mr. David Anderson, of Grange, and Mr. J. K. Prain for the Brand cup was played off on Wednesday afternoon. The tie was won by Mr. Anderson, but the scores were rather high owing to the nature of the weather. This is the third time in succession Mr. Anderson has won the cup, and he has shown excellent play in this competition, his scores being 80, 78, and 81 respectively.

The monthly sweepstakes competition of the Dalhousie Club was played at Carnoustie on Saturday. The weather being extremely fine and the course and greens in excellent playing trim, some capital scores were made. The following were the winners:—1st, Mr. J. K. Prain, 89, less 5=84; 2nd and 3rd tied for by Mr. William Ballingall, 88 (scratch), and Mr. James Duncan, 94, less 6=88. The following are some of the lowest scorers:—Mr. James Cunningham, 90; Mr. David Anderson, 90; Mr. G. A. Gilroy, 95; Mr. W. R. Sharp, 96; and Mr. W. H. Cox, 99.

HAMMERING AND DRIVING.

The terms of our heading are to be taken collectively, not distributively. No doubt, under such a heading as the above, we might legitimately discuss, and contrast, what (as a leal Scot) I may speak of as the typical English and Scottish styles; the wild "smash" of the athletic pot-hunter, and the pawky "nip" of the finished golfer. Of course, there are exceptions—the true test of every rule—but in this case they prove its truth, because they are found to form (*numerically*) only an insignificant fraction of the whole. The *genuine* golfer is the same all the world over. But work of this kind is for the poet and his word-painting, not for the measured prose of the philosopher. No! the hammering we intend to speak of is undergone by the Golf-ball in the workshop, not on the links.

Well-nigh half a century ago, in our early school days, we were moved to compassion by the behaviour of the "Deserted One," so touchingly set forth in the passage commencing, "Gnossis in ignotis amens errabat arenis," &c. Poor Ovid knew not of Golf, yet could any one describe better than in these simple words of his the course of the unhammered ball, wandering distractedly among unknown bunkers?

Still, the philosopher is bound, quite as much as is the poet, to be a moralist at proper seasons; and, while watching the devious and aimless path of the unhammered ball, he is irresistibly led to think of the profitless career of the man who has no guiding principle, nor even any settled purpose in life. And, very strangely, the moral analogy gives us the key to the solution of the physical problem.

It is impossible to make a Golf-ball truly spherical, and equally impossible to make it perfectly homogeneous. Hence its centre of gravity can never coincide with its centre of figure. Put a number of balls into strong brine (so as to make certain that they will all float, for some sink in pure water), and mark, with a small spot of black paint, the point of each which stands uppermost. Repeat the process on a pool of mercury, and you find, in general, *two* spots on each ball! If the balls were truly spherical, however heterogeneous were their material, the two spots would always coincide. Vary the experiment by making the balls oscillate in either of the two liquids. Some will rock much faster than the others (these are hopelessly bad), but *all will rock*, and when they cease rocking the proper black spot on each will always be uppermost. This could not happen, even if they were perfect spheres, were the centre of gravity exactly at the centre of figure. A perfect ball could not oscillate under such conditions, for it would be absolutely indifferent as to which point of it was uppermost.

All Golf-balls are, therefore—like other human productions—necessarily defective. But the simple flotation process we have just described will enable anyone in a moment to pick out, and reject, those which are hopelessly bad. As nobody (fools and madmen excluded) will neglect this precaution, after seeing the reason for it and the extreme simplicity and effectiveness of the process, we shall assume that the balls employed are not of the hopelessly bad class. For all that, they are (we repeat) necessarily defective. Now, suppose them to be *unhammered*, and to be projected in still air, without any rotation. This could not be done by driving (however good), for the defects of the ball will *necessarily* involve some kind of spin; and, even with perfect driving, this will depend upon the way in which the ball happens to have been placed upon the tee. We may, however, imagine that it could be done—say by the help of a catapult, a cross-bow, or a blunderbuss. But, even then, the ball will not have travelled a couple of yards before its defects of symmetry have led to its acquiring a perceptible spin from the resistance of the air, which, in consequence of the dissymmetry, will necessarily act more powerfully on one side of the ball than on another. The spin thus acquired will never be very rapid (unless the ball is of the "hopelessly bad" class, and these we suppose to have been carefully weeded out from

the stock of every true golfer), *but it will be capriciously variable*: sometimes about one axis, anon about another; sometimes in one direction round, sometimes in the opposite, every change making a difference in the influence of the air's resistance, and thus inducing further change! And, of course, each rotation produces its own peculiar change in the direction of the ball's flight!

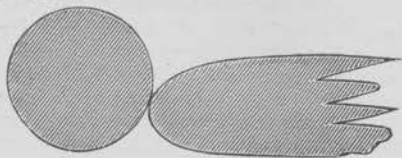
What wonder, then, that even in the skilful hands of Mr. Macfie, who kindly undertook to make some careful experiments for me with unhammered balls (in view of the present article), they should be reported on as having "dooked and dodged all over the place," or that Hugh Kirkaldy (the champion), who was induced to make a few drives with them, "laughed them to scorn"? And these trials were made on a specially calm day. In wind the results would have been even more grotesque, and, of course, still more disastrous.

The reader, who carefully reflects upon the contents of the preceding paragraphs, will see that it is the *capriciousness* of the motion, *i.e.*, the apparent absence of any motive or law, which makes the behaviour of the unhammered ball intolerable. And our moral analogy has prepared us to expect that the cure must be sought in giving the ball a *purpose*, as it were, or rule of action, which will enable it to persevere in its desired course, in spite of the numerous unfavourable surroundings which would otherwise bring it to speedy grief. This can be done *only* by giving it a considerable rotation from the very outset. [Notice, most particularly, that for many important reasons we would rather not do this; it is made necessary by the inevitable defects of Golf balls, and we must simply grin and bear it.] When once the ball has left the club, we have no longer any control over it; and with the club we can give it two things only (besides a hack, if we be unskilful), *viz.*, a certain velocity of translation, and a certain rotation or angular velocity. The former of these decides the direction and speed with which the ball starts, and, *if there were no resisting air*, would completely settle its whole carry. But the words in italics form the marrow of the difficulty. For we have seen that, in consequence of the imperfections of the ball and the resistance of the air, rotation of some kind is absolutely necessary for steady flight. Undoubtedly the best would be that of a rifle-bullet, *i.e.*, about an axis in the line of flight, no matter whether right-handed or left-handed. But this is precisely what, under the circumstances of propulsion, we cannot possibly give. Thus bad must be the best, *i.e.*, we must select the least bad of the many possible alternatives. Rotation about a vertical axis is very easily given;—much too easily, will be the verdict of all who habitually heel, toe, or slice. But the result is a skewing to right or left, always most undesirable, except when purposely introduced (by *very* skilful players) to counteract the effects of a cross wind. There remains only rotation about a horizontal axis, perpendicular to the line of flight. This produces "dooking" or "soaring," as the case may be. The first is altogether pernicious, and, therefore, inadmissible; so that, by the principle of exclusion, "soaring," which is produced by undercutting, is the only resource left us. And here a curious remark has to be made, regarding the rules of behaviour of man to man, as contrasted with those of the treatment of a Golf-ball by man. For, in the latter case, hitting below the belt is not only not unfair, but is (theoretically) the very best policy!

Thus, since rotation is necessary for steady flight, and since the only non-disastrous rotation which we can produce leads to "soaring," we must strive to apply the requisite undercutting in the most favourable manner. It is now obvious that, unless there be a "face" in front and at no great distance, we can altogether dispense with "spooning"; the "soaring" will supply the needful in this respect. In fact, the lower the inclination of the path at starting the better; a "skimmer," indeed, for preference. Hence the player, in driving, should stand "square" to his ball; certainly it should not be nearer to his left foot than to his right; for the club-head should be moving almost horizontally when it meets the ball.

But, that there may be under-cutting, the ball must be struck below the level of its centre. Hence one of two things (unless a high tee be used)—either the face of the club should be very narrow, as was the case with many of the best play-clubs half-a-century or so ago, or its vertical section must be convex, *i.e.*,

with a horizontal ridge projecting a little above the sole, as in the rough sketch subjoined, where the face is shown in the act of striking the ball.



A club with this form of face I propose to call a PANZA! (The English equivalent is not a euphonious expression, nor do we much improve matters by using even such a well-known word as γάστρον. The Latin equivalent will certainly not do.) The exact form of profile (as in the above sketch) must be found by trial for each individual golfer, as it must depend to a very great extent upon his style of driving. This, however, is an exceedingly simple and quite inexpensive matter, depending upon a few touches with a coarse rasp.

This is the true Bulger! It is devised in order to render possible the theoretically best drive—not to cure real or fancied imperfections on the part of the player. Any one is at liberty to make some trivial suggestion of change in the design, and then patent it (if he can) under the name, say, of a SANCHO! The chief objections to the ordinary Bulger have already been pointed out by us in rhyme, expressive, at least, if not wholly elegant, in the very *first* number of GOLF. But the true Bulger is specially for the skilled golfer—for the man who could without apprehension tee his ball on his watch-glass; not for the reckless slasher who wields his club (usually a ponderous brasse) as if it were the hammer of Thor. If such a man should top, however slightly, with the new weapon, it would resent the indignity—perhaps seriously avenge it on himself and the admiring bystanders by shivering to fragments in his desperate grasp!

On the other hand, "scaffing" with the new club is beneficial rather than otherwise, except in so far as it retards the motion of the club itself, for it ensures hitting the ball exactly at the proper level. No tee is required, and thus another great gain is secured. For the player who can dispense with a tee learns confidence in picking his ball clean from any lie, except where jerking is absolutely required. And horn, or bone, may be entirely dispensed with, as there is no edge which is liable to be frayed. Besides, the deleterious operations, usually called "agricultural," are in great measure interfered with! Could more be said in laudation of *any* novelty? (This, of course, is a puff! Advertisers may copy, or imitate, *free*.)

And now we see fully what is the use of hammering. It is mainly to give the club a firm grip of the surface of the ball when it strikes it obliquely; to enable it to give the ball considerable spin, although it strikes at a point not very much below the level of the centre. Were we to strike much below the level of the centre, the after behaviour of the ball would be wonderful, rather than admirable! That the undercutting alluded to is really effected (though, in the majority of cases, no doubt, unwittingly) by all the best drivers, even with the clubs at present in use, is *proved* by the following observed facts:—

(1) The time of flight (in a fine drive) is *much* longer than it would be if the ball had no soaring spin.

(2) The ball's path is almost invariably concave upwards for the first seventy or eighty yards at least.

And it might also be *inferred*, from the facts that good drivers generally use a tee, and stand rather behind the ball; both of these measures being in favour of getting at the ball *below the belt* with ordinary play clubs. I have obtained indirect corroborations, of the reasoning and conclusions now given, from many different considerations, such as the measured duration of impact on hammered and unhammered balls, subjected to exactly the same treatment, the amounts of distortion produced in them, and the rate at which the impinging body rebounds from them. But I cannot introduce these here, though, were I convinced that they were likely to interest more than a very limited number of the readers of GOLF, I might discourse on them at some length in its pages.

P. G. TAIT.



A BAD LYING BALL—THE PUTTING-LINE—THE TEE-SHOT.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—You are generous in describing me as "one of the leading golfers in Scotland," and "a player of first quality." Modesty compels me to disclaim the description, though sincerely meant. But assuming the distinction, are you not a trifle jaunty in setting aside my opinions? In your issue of 29th January, I gave you a well-intentioned lesson on the interpretation of laws. So little heed did you give, however, that in the same issue you repeated the error and ignored the remonstrance.

In last week's issue on the subject of a ball "stuck fast" in wet clay, you do me the honour of discussing my views, but affect surprise that I should hold such, and, unintentionally, no doubt, but most grossly misrepresent the question, with the result that my affirmative answer may be justly held up to well-merited derision.

You state the question put, thus:—"Whether under the rules a player was entitled not merely to loosen his ball in the mud, but to 'cock it up' outside the hole it had made, the clay having contracted by the removal of the ball." I am treated as giving an affirmative answer. You certainly refer to the page at which the original question is given, but nine-tenths of your readers will not trouble to verify it. They will simply take your account of it. Now this account does not bear even a remote resemblance to the question put by your correspondent, "Subscriber." The words, "cock it up outside the hole," completely change the character, and are not in the question on which you gave the ruling which I challenged. And you aggravate the offence by putting the words "cock it up" in quotation. This carelessness on the part of one sitting in the Golf Chair, dispensing golfing wisdom, is somewhat startling. Can you not, Sir, picture to yourself an octogenarian golfer with hoary locks streaming in the wind, gesticulating wildly in the midst of a company of junior brethren in Cophall Avenue, and shrieking in agonizing horror, "Oh, the Chair! the Chair!!!"

To golfers of experience the behaviour of wet clay after the withdrawal of a Golf-ball stuck fast is quite familiar. There is more or less lateral expansion, according to the consistency of the clay, and some vertical expansion, thus causing the hole to contract. I have never seen this contraction so great that one could not say of a ball replaced merely with its own weight that it was "replaced loosely in the hole which it had made," and so fulfil the conditions of the rule. It seldom, however, reaches the bottom. To press it home, as you contend for, would certainly make it "fast" again, and your spade would still be required.

The rule at full length is as follows:—"A ball stuck fast in wet ground or sand may be taken out and replaced loosely in the hole which it has made." To place a ball *loosely* in a hole *less* than the ball must necessarily be done without pressure. To apply the smallest pressure implies a corresponding degree of fastening which is not contemplated in, but which is completely against the spirit and letter of the rule.

For the benefit of youthful golfers, I may say that soft clay is not a veritable Jack-in-a-box, which bobs up on the with-

drawal of a ball, and on whose Kilmarnock it can be cocked up. At least, if there is such clay, I would hazard the opinion that it must be within a certain well-known radius of the "Bow Bells."

Your ruling, which I contested, was that to improve the lie of the ball is "contrary both to the spirit and letter of the rule."

1. As to the spirit. You now admit that the object of the rule is to mitigate misfortune. If so, the improving of the position of the ball is surely calculated to mitigate misfortune. Is it not?

2. As to the letter. The words are simple, and have only one meaning. They require no construction; but assuming they do, what is the canon of interpretation? You have admitted that the rule is remedial. Remedial laws are a well-known category. They receive a *liberal* and generous interpretation. Laws in restraint of liberty, again, are *stricti juris*, that is, they receive a strict interpretation; while penal laws are *strictissimi juris*. They receive the strictest interpretation. You have completely subverted this order. You apply the strictest construction to the law that should be most liberally interpreted.

As to your comparison of the "fast" ball with the others you name, I cannot follow your argument. The "fast" ball is honoured by a special rule entirely for itself. The others you refer to come under the general rules. Why, in your opinion, have the legislators in their great wisdom made the difference?

In reply to "M. D." I did not justify the wording of the rule. All I meant to convey was that your interpretation was wrong. Mr. Henderson has made a neat emendation which I would much prefer to the text.

The grounding of the club before the ball, if prohibited, would still be continued by experienced golfers. They would very quickly throw overboard the prohibiting rule. When "M. D." has acquired more experience he will find that the object of resting the club *in front* is to adjust the face so that the putting-line will fall as a perpendicular upon it. This cannot so well be done behind, as the ball is a disturbing object to the eye.

As to "wagging." No golfer will justify this to the extent of forty times. The one-tenth will probably be about the normal number. The waggle promotes freedom of wrist and arms, and enables the player to judge the distance of the ball both laterally and vertically.

The ball "in play" is a new phrase in Golf, so far as I know. It is a cricket expression, but in Golf it conveys the intended idea most admirably. It is used in Rule XX., match-play, and in V. medal play. There is no definition of the term.

Rule IV. says, "Any movement of the club which is intended to strike the ball is a stroke." A made the movement, and so played a stroke. The ball is thus *de jure* though not *de facto* struck, and by Rule X. match-play must not be moved. In this condition the ball is neatly described as *in play*.

Rules V. and VIII. for medal play do not introduce any difficulty. They fall distinctly within the exception in Rule X. above referred to.

I am, Sir, &c.,

GREGOR MACGREGOR.

Edinburgh, February 8th, 1892.

THE ST. ANDREWS SOCIAL CLUB.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—As another well-wisher to this club allow me to repeat the suggestion of your correspondent, "Undecided," in page 333 of your issue of February 5th, 1892.

The report that all, or even half, of the names on the large general committee of that club are being, or are intended to be, admitted without payment of any subscription, is not calculated to attract. It should, therefore, be thoroughly explained, and, if not true, denied.

I am, Sir, &c.,

ANOTHER UNDECIDED.

February 13th, 1892.

"COLONEL BOGEY."

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In the article on "Colonel Bogey" in your last number it rather hints that the "Bogey" score should at times be fixed unknown to the competitors. Now this, I think, would be a great mistake, as if players did not know the score they were playing against they might go on hammering when they had possibly already lost the hole. The chief idea of the "Bogey" plan is to shorten the game. The score, therefore, ought always to be fixed, and put up in the club, so that competitors may know what they are playing against.

Alter the score according to weather and wind if you like; but, as that would have to be done on the morning of the competition, I think it would give more work to the committee than most of them seem to care about.

I should very much like to see it tried on some course where there are some thirty or forty couples playing, like Hoylake or Wimbledon; but, perhaps, when it comes to owing 9, as Johnny Ball does at Hoylake, it might be found rather too complicated. I should say the system would work best in a club where there are some fifteen or twenty couples starting with handicaps from 18 down to scratch.

I am, Sir, &c.,

BOGEY.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—With regard to the pedigree of "Colonel Bogey," he first came into existence at Coventry. This form of play was first suggested by Mr. Hugh Rotherham, of the Coventry Golf Club, twelve months ago, and the first competition was played on May 13th, 1891. You will find an account of this in GOLF of the following week. The method was so much liked that the club silver challenge cup was played for in the same way, and no doubt is an agreeable change from medal play. "Colonel Bogey" will become a favourite partner in competitions. I believe Dr. Browne, of Great Yarmouth, gave him the name.

I am, Sir, &c.,

HAROLD SMITH.

February 16th, 1892.

WHAT IS GOLF?

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Respecting the "charming controversy on the subject of a ball imbedded in mud," the question appears to me easy of solution, and with it many of the little odds and ends of queries and instances which you are good enough to put into print. In Scotch fashion I would reply with a question, "What is Golf?" I will take the liberty of answering my question briefly thus:—Golf is a game played by gentlemen for recreation on ground suited to the purpose. Will it suffice, or must I emphasise? Let me repeat and italicise:—*Golf is a game played by gentlemen for recreation on ground suited to the purpose.* Rules were framed accordingly, and while the idea of Golf was preserved they sufficed.

They were to suit a game, not a business. I would here say that I am far from animadverting on our "players," whose Golf is notably free from charming controversies.

To continue, let me without circumlocution add the phrase "played by gentlemen." Those that have ears to hear "let them hear."

Then I insist that the rules were framed with a view to the end "for recreation." Not for pot-hunting, betting, nor gain in aught save the honour of a win.

And now I come to the part of my Golf creed which I would apply to the subject of this letter. *On ground suited to the purpose.* It may be a hard saying, but I hold that if the game is played on fields, chalk downs, and clayey heaths, not to mention "mud and water" courses, the rules of Golf (as in-

tended) should not be strained to cover such vagaries, nor to decide such controversies as result therefrom.

The rule in question was never meant to apply to a clay country, but to the links of Scotland, where the ball might stick in wet sand, or at worst in soft, friable earth, and could be loosened without the hole closing in.

I repeat, the rules were never intended for other sort of ground, any more than they were to many other modern variations of the game.

I am speaking, of course, of the old "Royal and Ancient" Rules, not of the new set, which I have not read, but which I see by your correspondence column is meeting with as much "charming controversy" as was to be expected from such a patching of old garments with new pieces.

By all means let new rules be framed to meet new requirements, let local committees say what is to be done when a ball sticks into clay, or is lost in the mud on the putting-green, or what is to be the smallest monetary value, whether £50 or more, of the prize for which a club is to compete—and when a sufficient number of such rules have been promulgated as to render it fairly likely that everything is provided against that could happen to a golfer under any circumstances, even if he played on a glacier, let them be collated and issued as rules to the new game of Golf.

But I would beg that meantime, at all events, the old rules may be left intact, according to which those who will may play as of yore, settling their controversies on the green once for all, and without further question, like golfers. And in the days to come, after the last amateur-professional champion has as the result of fourteen hours a day practice, and by the aid of the latest bevelled-faced mashing-bulger (jewelled in every screw), and other similar machines, gone the thirty-six holes in perhaps six or eight strokes more than Allan Robertson or young Tommy used to take; in short, when Golf has had its day of fashion like croquet and tennis, and is once more left to those who love it for itself, let them receive back the game as they knew it of old, and not a parody on it, conducted under rules and restrictions of the nature of those which are required to govern a betting-ring or gambling-house. I enclose my card.

I am, Sir, &c.,

REGULUS.

London, February 6th, 1892.

ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH GOLF.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—When I wrote you in December, I had no intention of entering on an extended correspondence; but, before quitting the field, I should like just to put myself right, both with yourself and some of your correspondents.

I neither base my views on sentimental or argumentative grounds. I simply am of opinion that, if a game is played, it should be played according to the rules of the source from which it is got, just as I maintain that every new game should be played according to the rules of the inventor. If not, why should not every cricket club, every billiard club, every chess club, every lawn tennis club, be a law unto itself.

Mr. Foster in his letter, appearing in your issue of 29th ulto., says I censure all who dare to have opinions of their own. I do nothing of the kind. I have never questioned the matter of opinions. We have all our opinions. All I have questioned is as to where the rules should emanate from.

Further, Mr. Foster's statement regarding the committee of 1890 is in no way out of accord with what I stated. In the end, decisions must be come to by the majority. Neither an Association nor anything else will be of any service if the minority will not consider themselves bound by the majority. Further, Mr. Foster says: "Were the rules just issued by the Royal and Ancient Club the result of this grand committee's labours I venture to think that they would be universally adopted." What think you of that! Just so! if issued by this wondrous Association, then the rules would be adopted without a murmur; but they have been issued by the St. Andrews Club, and that

is all the difference. I think this observation of Mr. Foster's needs no comment.

The effect produced on me by your various correspondents' letters is that they are not endeavouring to understand the rules at all, but for their own ends are searching out and making every difficulty they can. Admitting most willingly that the rules are not perfect, and moreover, in my opinion, never will be, I think, after reading them over very carefully, that on the whole they are eminently satisfactory, and quite understandable by any golfer who has properly learnt the rudiments of the game, and who will read them honestly wishing to understand them. Differences of opinion as to penalties there always have been and always will be, and I presume that neither you nor your correspondents will suggest that an Association will do away with these differences.

Bring this wretched prize-hunting within reasonable limits and extend match play is, to my mind, of far more importance for the real advancement and enjoyment of the game. Just look at your weekly list of engagements—nothing but prizes, never a mention of a match. Especially look at your issue of Friday last, and see the glaring advertisement inviting golfers over to Pau, not for the charm of the game, but for the sake of a 50-guinea cup.

I have done.

I know that you are not in accord with my views, and therefore thank you all the more for your kindness in inserting my letters; but, after all, no harm comes to any cause from honestly outspoken opinions.

I am, Sir, &c.,

H. R. C.

Manchester, February 8th, 1892.

A notice of the first competition ever held on the links at Hyères, South France, appears among the competitions. It may interest many readers who wish to play the game in a southern climate. Mr. John Foggo, the scratch player, is well known at Elie and Innerleven.

NEWINGTON CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The monthly competition for the medal took place on the 11th inst. over the Braids course. Rev. John Kirk was the winner, with the net score of 89.

EDINBURGH LICENSED VICTUALLERS' CLUB.—On Thursday, the 11th inst., the members of this club held an extra handicap competition over the North Berwick links, in lovely weather. The following competitors started:—Messrs. Fisher (captain) and Miller, M'Niven and Gibson, Carrick and Menelaws, Sinclair and T. Kay, Morgan and Macdonald, J. Kay and A. Macdonald, MacLennan and Campbell, Grossert and Hannen, Doughty and A. Clark, Ross and Morrison, Duff and Dow, Stenhouse and Doig, M'Laren and M'Kay, Wooley and Ramsay, Howe and Caskie, Veitch and A. Stewart, and Omand and D. Stewart. Seven handicap prizes were offered for competition, and a return of cards showed the result to be as follows:—Messrs. W. Gibson, 102, less 12=90; J. Hannen, 99, less 8=91; J. Ramsay, 92 (scratch); J. B. Doughty, 100, less 4=96; J. Stenhouse, 99, less 2=97; T. Kay, 96, plus 2=98; J. Caskie, 107, less 9=98; and J. Miller, 116, less 18=98. The last three tied for sixth and seventh prizes. The arrangements were satisfactorily overtaken by the secretary, Mr. W. H. M'Niven.

GALASHIELS.—The monthly medal was played for on the 11th inst., in perfect golfing weather. There was a strong turn-out of players, and the course was in good order. Scoring was very indifferent; Mr. Henry Riddle was the winner, with a net score of 88. The following are a few of the scores:—Mr. Henry Riddle, 103, less 15=88; Mr. A. T. Dalgleish, 99, less 10=89; Mr. A. D. Robson, 93, less 3=90; Mr. D. G. Stalker, 100, less 10=90; Mr. W. H. Gray, 86, plus 6=92; Mr. Alexander Brodie, 102, less 10=92; Dr. Somerville, 104, less 12=92.

ELECTRIC GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal competition of the above club was held on the Braids on Friday, and resulted in a tie between Messrs. J. Johnston and H. M. Knight with scratch scores of 86.

SKELMORLIE CLUB.—The monthly competition for the captain's medal was played over their links on Saturday, the 6th inst. The weather was fine, and the turn-out was larger than usual. When the cards were compared it was found that Mr. M'Inroy had won the medal with a score of 113, this being the second month running that that same gentleman has won it. There were a good many ladies and gentlemen present to witness the play.

Eminent Golfers.

XXIV.—THE BROTHERS BLACKWELL.

As the Gray family at racquets, as the Studds, Lytteltons, and Graces at cricket—so have the Brothers Blackwell earned for themselves exceedingly well-merited distinction at Golf. Their fine free style is alluded to in the Badminton book; their boyhood spent upon St. Andrews links accounts for it, and though two of these brilliant players are now resident abroad, the honour of the family is in safe keeping in the hands of the youngest of the four, Mr. Ernley R. H. Blackwell, of whom we are now more immediately concerned to treat. For it will not be denied that to make an amateur record over such a green as St. Andrews is no small achievement; yet this is what the Benjamin of the family has now done, wherefore it is seemly that we others should appreciate the performance, and bend the knee in acknowledgment thereof.



ERNLEY R. H. BLACKWELL.

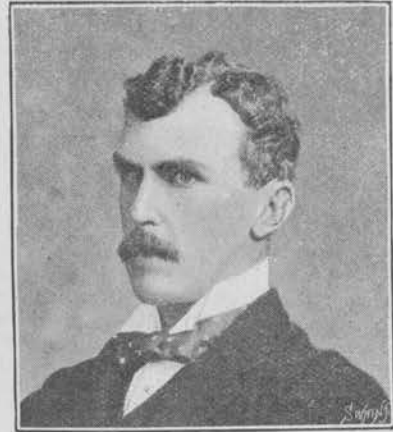
In these pages particulars were given of Mr. F. G. Tait's 77, which up till September 17th, 1891, was the best authenticated score ever credited to an amateur. On the date in question, however, Mr. Ernley Blackwell succeeded in holing out in 76. He was playing with Mr. A. N. Stewart, gold medallist of the Royal and Ancient in 1890; the course was the same as that played over by Mr. Tait, viz., the left course, which, while easier than the right or medal course in the last nine holes, is certainly more difficult in the outward journey. The particulars of Mr. Blackwell's score are as follows:—

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| Out ... | ... | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 4=37 | } 76 |
| Home... | ... | 4 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4=39 | |

Up to this time Mr. Blackwell's previous record had been 82, twice repeated, so that he knocked off no less than 6 strokes on this occasion. Though he is better known at St. Andrews than anywhere else, he has also played at Wimbledon, Sandwich, and Prestwick, and has given a satisfactory account of himself over each of these greens. No medals have as yet fallen to his share, but as he is only twenty-three years old, and can boast but a year's membership of the club, he has had but little opportunity of distinguishing himself in this line. In match play, however, more especially in the latter part of this last season, he has been very successful, which may perhaps be accounted for by the additional confidence engendered by such a performance as that here noted. In all probability there will be a good time coming for him in the more trying ordeal of medal play.

He was, to use Mr. Andrew Lang's simile, teetted on a Golf club; at the earliest possible age he began to play, and having been educated at Mr. Browning's school at St. Andrews, had all the advantages derivable from incessant practice. He and two brothers were at Glenalmond together, where they made their mark in cricket and football. On quitting Glenalmond, Mr. Ernley Blackwell read for the Civil Service, but subsequently entered the Inner Temple, whence he makes periodical visits to his home green, when he finds himself able for a time to leave "Byes upon Bills," and similar solid soul-satisfying fare.

Mr. Walter F. Blackwell, the second brother, when at Glenalmond was a splendid thrower of the cricket ball, having been good for 112 yards or so. While practising one day for this event, a rather peculiar incident occurred. His friend, who was returning the ball to him, hit a grouse, knocking out a cloud of feathers, and nearly bringing it to the ground; not quite, however, for it managed to rise again, and was soon lost to sight.



WALTER F. BLACKWELL.

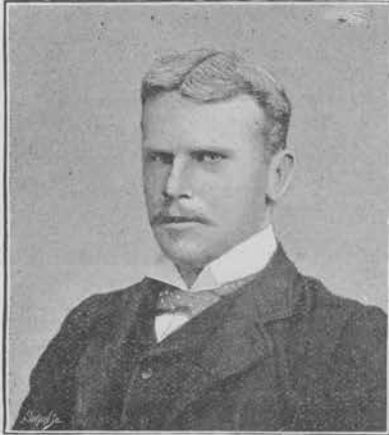
The eldest and third brothers, now abroad, are remarkably fine players. Endowed with splendid *physique*, some 6 feet 2 inches or so in height, their driving is proverbial, and but few can compete with them in this respect. Mr. J. H. Blackwell, the eldest brother, won the Bombay medal at St. Andrews, in 1881, with 89, Mr. Elliot S. Balfour having carried off the Silver Cross on that occasion with 88. Like many fine drivers, Mr. J. H. Blackwell used frequently to be lax in the short game; had this been on a par with the rest of his play, he would have been well-nigh invincible. He is truly a charming partner, not one prone to distract the attention, as the manner of some is, by scintillating wit and rapier repartee, but rather commanding respect and friendship by reason of his solid worth. He is withal a most popular and universal favourite, of whom none have ever been heard to breathe a syllable of aught but what is good.



J. H. BLACKWELL.

The third brother, Mr. Edward R. H. Blackwell is of even finer *physique* than the eldest. His driving, when he was last

at home, was truly astonishing. He had all the very long carry of Mr. J. H. Blackwell, and, in addition, a great deal more run on his balls. He has not been in this country since 1886, but, the day before he sailed for America, a match was arranged between him and Jack Simpson, who in 1884, by magnificent play at Prestwick, had won the open championship in 160 in a gale of wind. To watch Jack Simpson drive in those days was, as it were, a revelation. It would seem impossible that human muscles could make a ball travel further than he; yet Mr. Edward Blackwell always outdrove him, and eventually won the match—not by much, it is true—just by one hole in the thirty-six; a close finish, and a splendid match to watch. The ex-champion was the first to congratulate him on his victory, and to admit that the result was due to his extraordinary driving. Mr. Laidlay also had an experience of this gentleman, having played him two matches, both of which Mr. Blackwell won. Here, also, the result was in great measure due to his



EDWARD R. H. BLACKWELL.

wonderful power of getting over the country. A drive and an iron shot would apparently take him further than two of Mr. Laidlay's best shots, much to the disgust of Willie Campbell, who used to carry for the latter in those days. It was an entirely new experience to the professional to see his master overdriven to such an alarming extent. Mr. Blackwell used to play with "Eclipse" balls—at least he was in the habit of doing so at that particular time—for a slight error in driving when the gutta was used was, with his hard hitting, productive of rather serious consequences. He alone, so far as can be learnt, has performed the feat of driving the long hole at St. Andrews both ways in two, his second, both backwards and forwards, being very considerably past the hole. This was not done in a match, but in practice. He was out with a few clubs, and drove his second shot on to the Hole o'Cross green, where his father happened to be standing. At the latter's suggestion they turned back, and two swipes took him considerably past the hole he had just left. The distance from hole to hole is given on the plan as 516 yards. As he was well past the hole, this gives an average of 260 yards, or thereabouts, for each of his shots. As a boy, he picked up the most perfect swing that the writer has ever seen, perhaps excepting Jack Simpson. This, of course, is merely a matter of individual opinion. Still, Mr. Blackwell's swing was so full, free, and powerful, and his stature so commanding, that the ball was bound to go, and he certainly did manage to land tee shots where none had ever been seen before.

It will be interesting to see, when he returns to this country, whether he still retains this great power, for, if so, no man living is more likely to be champion golfer. The second brother, Mr. W. F. Blackwell, is also a very fine driver, but has not, so far, reached quite such an eminent position as the other three. Still, this quartette of golfers, sons of Anak, might challenge any four brothers without much fear of the consequences.

H. S. C. EVERARD.

INTER-CLUB MATCHES.

A DESIRE has frequently been expressed by correspondents that something should be done to encourage match play, and to frown upon incessant medal play with its accompaniment of long handicaps, dubious observance of the rules by beginners, and a plethora of electroplate. Last week we showed one form in which variety could be lent to the predominance of medal play in the adoption of the Bogey system; but a still more valuable variant alike in its educative, social, and playing capabilities is the large extension of inter-club matches.

No one can deny that the secret of the wondrous power of cricket, football, rowing, cycling, and other kindred sports, is to be found in the opportunities which each branch of sport affords for wholesome rivalry with kindred bands of trained players outside the immediate circle of each club's neighbourhood. The physical and moral good derived from such contests are of incalculable benefit to those who participate, while the influence imparted by a wider acquaintance with one's fellows under many diverse aspects of human feeling and emotion tends to widen sympathies, increase tolerance, and enlarge one's little store of knowledge. Golf, however, has mysteriously lingered far behind most other sports in utilising the undoubted advantages of inter-club matches as a means of promoting pleasant friendly intercourse among players. Out of the many hundred Golf clubs in the country, with their thousands of players, there are perhaps a dozen or fifteen inter-club matches in the course of the year. Medal competitions and handicap tournaments always bulk to excess in most fixture cards, and but little individual effort is made to extend the area of a system of play, which no one can object to on the score of being tedious or lacking in excitement and interest. It is pleasing to note, however, that there is a perceptible increase in the number of such matches among the fixtures this year. The young and energetic players of Cambridge and Oxford Universities stand out prominently in this respect. Mr. Linskill rightly believes in "the moral factor" of match play, and his team of good players have already journeyed to Guildford, and are fixed to play the Royal Epping Forest, Blackheath, and Yarmouth clubs.

We should like to see the example of the Universities followed by Golf clubs elsewhere. It is not necessary for secretaries to draw up a fixture card like that of a cricket club, but three or four matches in the course of the year with clubs in the neighbouring area would do much to foster the true spirit of the game, and prevent it from a tendency to absorb some rather sordid elements which had better be discarded. There is no reason why the many Golf clubs within the metropolitan area, in Lancashire and Cheshire, and other counties, should not have at least two club matches in the year. The membership of most clubs is large enough to admit of eight, ten or a dozen good players a-side being chosen. If the objection is raised that the influx of visitors would interfere with the convenience of club members using the ground, it would always be possible to fix on a day and an hour when the competition was not likely to clash with a competition, or with the presence and playing comfort of the general body of the members.

The advantages of such competitions are obvious. Members of one club who play much against each other know to a nicety the individual idiosyncrasies of an opponent—how he will play a certain hole, dodge a bunker, or need a little careful supervision as to the grounding of the club at certain well-defined spots on the course. In addition to the familiar stereotyped mannerisms of your fellow

HERIOT GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition for the club charm took place at the Braids on Saturday. Mr. A. Murra Marr proved the winner with the net score of 81.

member as opponent in a match, you have the equally stereotyped topography of the round engraven in your memory by reason of frequent and monotonous marching and counter-marching. No one doubts that the charm of match play lies as much in the companionship and personality of your opponent as in the game itself; but there come moments when even a change from good to indifferent is sought for, and when a change of partners and greens would be a welcome variation of uniform and dispiriting sameness. It is just at this point where Golf club executives could do much to give effect to the appeal of "H. R. C." in promoting "the advancement and enjoyment of the game." A frequent interchange of club matches over ground not completely familiar to the entire body of players, against opponents whose style of play and tempers are not absolutely capable of being catalogued like the qualities of butter and cheese, would do much to rid Golf of the opprobrium of being a pot-hunter's game. Besides this, each club would train a team of its best golfers, like the men who stood in Thermopylæ, cool of head, steady of nerve, and prompt to improve upon the weakness and errors of opponents. Finally, much good would be done to all classes of players by showing that the best rewards of the sport were to be obtained, not by counting the number of silver salvers won with a handicap ranging from 20 to 40, but by so practising as to acquire a free and graceful style, a good knowledge of the rules, ability to hold one's own against a powerful antagonist, and the privilege of being selected to do battle for the honour of one's club.

The editor of *The Smoker* asks us to state that he will be glad if secretaries of smoking concerts, either recently held or to come, will communicate with him. It appears that the editor has something which he can put in the way of these enjoyable gatherings.

RANFURLY CASTLE CLUB.—The tie for the monthly gold medal between Mr. R. Park Lyle and Mr. A. Macpherson, Greenock, was played off on Tuesday, 9th inst., in fine weather. After a good game the medal was won by R. Park Lyle. The excellent weather of Saturday induced a large number of the members of this club to turn out on the links. In consequence a number of interesting contests were played, principally among those still left in for the contest for Mr. Sangster's prize. The putting-greens are now in a good state, which is due in a great measure to the dry weather of the past week. The tie which occurred last Saturday in the contest for the monthly gold medal has now been played off between Mr. A. M'Pherson and Mr. R. Park Lyle, both of Greenock. After a well-contested match Mr. Lyle came off victor over his opponent. A number of prizes have been offered by various gentlemen interested in the club for competition amongst its members, and as soon as the contest for Mr. Sangster's prizes is concluded they will come on.

PRESTWICK.—Mr. Prothero, in receipt of 2 strokes from Mr. Erskine and Archie Simpson, played two matches on Tuesday, winning each by 4 up and 3 to play. In the first round of eighteen holes his score was 85, and in the second 80.

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Arrangements have now been made for the second Parliamentary Golf match, which will take place, like last year, over the course at Tooting. The draw will be made on the 26th inst. by the committee, consisting of Sir Herbert Maxwell, the Marquess of Granby, Mr. Seton-Karr, Mr. Broadhurst, and Mr. J. P. Croal. The entrance-fee will be 10s. Since last year the ranks of the golfing legislators have been strongly reinforced by the election of Mr. John Penn for Lewisham, and he, in all probability will be made scratch. It only needs the return of Mr. Alexander Stuart to the House of Commons to make the team a thoroughly strong one.

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The Pau Golf Club are holding an amateur tournament this week, the prizes including a £50 silver cup, at scratch, open to competitors from all parts of the world, and several handicaps for cups of less value. The competitors include several of the best players from England and Scotland, such as Mr. C. Hutchings, Mr. R. B. Sharpe, Mr. J. R. Hutchison, Mr. St. Quintin, Mr. A. E. Peat, and Mr. Goldfinch; while the Pau Club itself will be represented by several players, such as Colonel Bethune, Mr. Morris Post, and Mr. W. Lawrance. The Biarritz Club will also be represented at the tournament by Sir William Style and Colonel Broadwood; and the tournament, to which the annual Golf club ball will form a pleasant epilogue, is to last the whole week, being followed by play for the St. Andrews cross, the Hamilton gold medal, and several other trophies belonging to this club, which is one of the oldest in existence, having been founded about 1856.

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On Monday afternoon Mr. R. Clark, Edinburgh, and Archie Simpson played a match against Mr. W. Bloxson and Mr. J. Menzies, Edinburgh, at Prestwick. The latter were in receipt of four holes of a start. The professional and his partner soon wiped out the four holes, but the match afterwards proved close, and it ended at the last hole all square.

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GOLF AT THE CAPE.—In the Cape Town district there are Golf clubs at Rondebosch and Wynberg. At Kimberley there is a club already numbering one hundred members. At Port Elizabeth there is a club with over one hundred members and a ladies' course. Here they have the advantage of a player like T. Dewar, well known at St. Andrews in young Tom Morris's time. There are also links at Witenhage and Grahamstown. In Natal Golf greens exist at Durban and Pietermaritzburg.

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The Musselburgh club-house of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers is now in the market, at an upset price of £1,700. Although the club competitions will be played at Muirfield and the headquarters established there, accommodation of a limited sort is likely to be made at Musselburgh in the form of rented rooms. A certain section of the club have been averse from transferring all its interests to Muirfield, and this course, if adopted, will likely meet the wishes of all concerned.



ASCOT LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The first of six monthly competitions for prizes presented by Mrs Bowring and Mrs. Porter took place on Thursday, February 11th, and attracted a goodly number of competitors. The weather was all that could be desired, and the course in good order. Both prizes were secured by Mrs. Henley C. Clarke, whose handicap will consequently be considerably reduced in future contests. Score:—

| Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | | |
|----------------------|------|------|--------|----------------------|------|------|-----|
| Mrs. H. C. Clarke... | 91 | 12 | 79 | Baroness Berkeley... | 103 | 10 | 93 |
| Miss R. Bannatine... | 104 | 24 | 80 | Miss Ida Clement... | 94 | scr. | 94 |
| Miss M. Macintyre... | 106 | 24 | 82 | Miss E. Pott ... | 118 | 24 | 94 |
| Miss L. Bannatine... | 101 | 16 | 85 | Mrs. Mackenzie ... | 120 | 24 | 96 |
| Miss Bowring ... | 96 | 8 | 88 | Mrs. Paterson ... | 120 | 24 | 96 |
| Hon. E. Milman ... | 97 | 8 | 89 | Mrs. Gosling ... | 117 | 15 | 98 |
| Miss V. Hanbury ... | 108 | 18 | 90 | Miss De Winton ... | 123 | 24 | 99 |
| Mrs. H. Blackett ... | 93 | 2 | 91 | Miss Adlercron ... | 124 | 24 | 100 |
| Miss A. Adlercron... | 117 | 24 | 93 | Miss Mason ... | 100 | scr. | 100 |
| Miss F. Magniac ... | 101 | 8 | 93 | | | | |

Also played: Miss Clement, Miss Michael, Miss R. Haig, and Miss B. Chetwynd.

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the gold medal was held, as usual, on the first Saturday in the month, when only thirteen members played, and of these only eight sent in their cards; probably the weather being damp and showery, and the prevailing epidemic may account for the small attendance. Scores:—

| Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | | |
|---------------------|------|------|--------|-------------------|------|----|-----|
| Miss Andrews ... | 97 | scr. | 97 | Mrs. Campbell ... | 121 | 15 | 106 |
| Miss E. Haggard ... | 135 | 34 | 101 | Miss Riddle ... | 124 | 15 | 109 |
| Miss Birch ... | 107 | 2 | 105 | Miss Lee ... | 122 | 10 | 112 |
| Miss Moor ... | 120 | 15 | 105 | Miss Banister ... | 133 | 21 | 112 |

Mrs. F. Lucas, Miss Fox, Miss Parsons, Miss M. Parsons and Mrs. Yeddere Fisher made no return.

BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday last, in delightful weather, the first competition for the Dorning silver bowl was the occasion for a considerable gathering of golfers on these links.

The result was a tie between Messrs. J. E. Pearson and T. O. Clinning.

The detailed scores were as follows:—

| Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | | |
|-------------------------|------|------|--------|-----------------------|------|----|-----|
| Mr. J. E. Pearson... | 94 | 7 | 87 | Mr. Wm. Bowker... | 112 | 15 | 97 |
| Mr. T. O. Clinning... | 115 | 28 | 87 | Mr. W. J. Drewett... | 127 | 29 | 98 |
| Mr. G. Crowther ... | 93 | 5 | 88 | Mr. W. W. P. Shatwell | 112 | 13 | 99 |
| Mr. G. D. S. Crowther | 105 | 14 | 91 | Major Pemberton ... | 120 | 20 | 100 |
| Mr. J. Betham ... | 109 | 17 | 92 | Mr. F. Baker ... | 134 | 30 | 104 |
| Mr. R. Simpson ... | 120 | 25 | 95 | Mr. C. A. Colman... | 125 | 19 | 106 |
| Mr. J. C. Barrett, jun. | 116 | 20 | 96 | | | | |

No returns from Messrs. W. J. Lamb, T. C. P. Gibbons, W. M. Simpson, J. Coney, J. L. Fell, A. Woodiwiss, and others.

The greens and the course generally were in very good order, and to any one who remembers the ground when the club was first established in 1889, the change must seem little short of marvellous. The club may be congratulated on possessing one of the most interesting nine-hole courses in the kingdom, and, moreover, one which is quite unique in its characteristics.

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE.—The monthly competition for the silver medal took place at Musselburgh on Saturday with the following result:—1st, Mr. D. G. R. Murray; 2nd, Mr. H. G. W. Meikle; 3rd, Mr. A. R. Murray; 4th, Mr. M. M. Lees.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.

The tie for the Berens monthly medal, played for on Saturday, February 6th, between Messrs. W. O. Baily, W. Carr, A. N. Scott, and T. S. D. Selby, was played off on Saturday, 13th inst., with the result that Mr. W. Carr and Mr. W. O. Baily tied again at 90 net, Messrs. Scott and Selby making no return.

The second tie was played off in the afternoon, when Mr. Carr won with 93, less 7=86; Mr. Baily taking 97, less 7=90.

It should be mentioned that the links are very difficult at present, as the ground is very heavy, and the greens are excessively keen.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

The very heavy snowfall on Monday has completely covered the links, and the tournament matches for the president's prizes have had to be postponed until the green is playable. Some very fine scoring has taken place lately on the shorter round. Mr. J. L. Low's grand score of 79 was beaten last week by Mr. E. C. P. Boyd, who holed in 76—perfect play—his partner, Mr. Low, taking 80. When the long medal round, including the Abney holes, is played, it would be miraculous play to get round under 80. The long medal round includes two of the longest holes to be seen on any British links. Mr. Claude L. Barrow (Jesus) has offered to present to the Cambridge University Golf Club a gold medal to be competed for, under handicap, in the October and Lent term. The medal is to be made in Edinburgh. The Golf dinner is fixed for March 12th, at the Lion Hotel.

The competition for the St. Andrews handicap medal was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., over the University Links at Coldham Common. Forty-two competitors entered. The green was in good order, but the day was dull and wet.

| Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | | |
|-----------------------|------|------|--------|-----------------------|------|------|-----|
| Mr. G. L. Bates ... | 100 | 26 | 74 | Mr. G. H. Joshua .. | 95 | 9 | 86 |
| Mr. H. Parker ... | 87 | 9 | 78 | Mr. J. Percival ... | 111 | 24 | 87 |
| Mr. J. L. Low ... | 80 | scr. | 80 | Mr. A. M. Chance... | 88 | scr. | 88 |
| Mr. C. E. Hambro ... | 85 | 5 | 80 | Mr. W. Hartree ... | 98 | 10 | 88 |
| Mr. G. L. Chiene ... | 98 | 18 | 80 | Mr. E. D. C. Strode | 96 | 7 | 89 |
| Mr. J. B. Whitelaw... | 90 | 9 | 81 | Mr. J. R. Laurie ... | 100 | 11 | 89 |
| Mr. P. W. Everett... | 90 | 9 | 81 | Mr. H. C. B. Laurance | 105 | 16 | 89 |
| Mr. R. A. Nicholson | 82 | scr. | 82 | Mr. B. A. Parker ... | 115 | 26 | 89 |
| Mr. A. H. Marshall | 106 | 24 | 82 | Mr. C. L. Barrow... | 101 | 10 | 91 |
| Mr. E. L. Evans ... | 108 | 26 | 82 | Mr. H. A. Adamson | 103 | 11 | 92 |
| Mr. C. E. Marriott... | 100 | 17 | 83 | Mr. G. Garnett ... | 112 | 19 | 93 |
| Mr. F. M. Rudd ... | 102 | 18 | 84 | Mr. H. E. Philipps... | 119 | 25 | 94 |
| Mr. W. T. Linskill... | 85 | scr. | 85 | Mr. H. Davidson ... | 124 | 30 | 94 |
| Mr. D. D. Robertson | 85 | scr. | 85 | Mr. A. Walker ... | 117 | 15 | 102 |
| Mr. H. Glazier ... | 94 | 8 | 86 | | | | |

No returns from Messrs. A. J. L. Hill, I. Heron Maxwell, J. McKeown, A. M. Joshua, J. E. Pease, F. E. Swainson, P. Dowie, G. L. K. Finlay, A. E. Baker, J. Garlick, E. C. P. Boyd, J. M. Wright.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v. ROYAL EPPING FOREST.

This competition was played on Saturday at Cambridge. The day was fearfully cold, and there was a heavy gale blowing. The green was in good order. Scores:—

| ROYAL EPPING. | | Holes. | CAMBRIDGE. | | Holes. |
|-------------------------|-----|--------|-------------------------|-----|--------|
| Mr. J. Gould Smith ... | ... | 0 | Mr. H. S. Colt ... | ... | 3 |
| Mr. W. M. Rhodes ... | ... | 0 | Mr. John L. Low ... | ... | 8 |
| Mr. Wickham Noakes ... | ... | 0 | Mr. E. C. P. Boyd ... | ... | 3 |
| Mr. F. W. Robertson ... | ... | 1 | Mr. W. T. Linskill ... | ... | 0 |
| Mr. S. R. Bastard ... | ... | 0 | Mr. R. A. Nicholson ... | ... | 8 |
| Mr. C. E. Greig ... | ... | 0 | Mr. A. M. Chance ... | ... | 6 |
| Mr. J. W. Greig ... | ... | 0 | Mr. J. E. Pease ... | ... | 4 |
| Mr. H. G. Fisher ... | ... | 0 | Mr. A. M. Joshua ... | ... | 4 |
| Capt. Cowper Coles ... | ... | 0 | Mr. C. E. Hambro ... | ... | 1 |
| Mr. G. F. Sanders ... | ... | 0 | Mr. E. D. C. Strode ... | ... | 3 |
| Mr. C. G. Tunks ... | ... | 0 | Mr. J. B. Whitelaw ... | ... | 6 |
| Mr. J. Walker ... | ... | 0 | Mr. C. C. Bethune ... | ... | 1 |
| Mr. J. Gurney Fowler | ... | 0 | Mr. G. H. Joshua ... | ... | 1 |
| Mr. J. G. Glover ... | ... | 0 | Mr. H. Parker ... | ... | 7 |
| Mr. P. Bonthron ... | ... | 1 | Mr. P. W. Everett ... | ... | 0 |
| Mr. E. Flint ... | ... | 1 | Mr. H. Glazier ... | ... | 0 |
| Mr. J. W. James ... | ... | 7 | Mr. C. L. Barrow ... | ... | 0 |
| | | 10 | | | 55 |

Majority for Cambridge, 45 holes.

SHETLAND.—The February monthly competition of the Shetland Golf Club took place on Friday last on their course at Bressay. Result:—Mr. W. A. Bruce, 110, less 18=92; Mr. J. K. Galloway, 135, less 29=106; Mr. J. B. Anderson, 139, less 30=109; Mr. A. Mitchell, 148, less 30=118; Mr. J. M. Goudie, 196, less 30=166. Owing to the stormy weather few took part.

CLAPHAM COMMON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly handicap medal was played for on February 5th and 6th, with the following result :—

| Gross. Hcp. Net. | | | Gross. Hcp. Net. | | |
|-------------------|-----|-------|--------------------|-----|-----------|
| Mr. J. B. Wood | 95 | 7 88 | Mr. E. L. Arnold | 128 | 30 98 |
| Mr. E. J. Hunt | 105 | 16 89 | Mr. G. J. Ingram | 125 | 25 100 |
| Mr. A. T. Ransome | 107 | 18 89 | Dr. G. S. Woodhead | 128 | 25 103 |
| Mr. J. Wood | 102 | 12 90 | Mr. J. Lidiard | 132 | 25 107 |
| Mr. J. W. Pace | 109 | 18 91 | Mr. T. R. Pace | 122 | 14 108 |
| Mr. D. F. Russell | 113 | 20 93 | Mr. J. Millar | 125 | noth'cpl. |
| Mr. T. C. Last | 120 | 23 97 | | | |

No return from Mr. C. R. Watson.

DIDSBURY GOLF CLUB.

The fifth round for captain's medal was played on Saturday, 13th inst. There was a good turn-out of members, but scoring was bad, as the ground was very heavy. Mr. H. Ross Coubrough, at scratch, returned best card at 100, Mr. W. H. Young scoring the win in for the medal with 102 net. Capt. Hobbs and Messrs. Galbraith, Flening, Gilchrist, and Cunningham also returned cards, but the majority of members did not care to put in their scores.

DURHAM GOLF CLUB.

The first of a series of monthly competitions for the Osborn cup was played at Pinkerknowle on Wednesday, the 10th inst. The conditions are nine competitions and final between nine individual winners, with 1s. entrance-fee, to go towards second and third prizes. On the cards being handed in it was found that the Rev. A. Robertson was the winner with an excellent net score of 93. This should be an encouragement to the younger players, as it shows what constant and persistent practice will do. This gentleman also took the lion's share of the optional sweepstakes. Capt. Roberts came in for second honours with a well-played 95 net. Dr. O. F. N. Treadwell, playing from scratch, was third with 97, which score has only once been beaten in a competition, and that by the same player, who accomplished the medal course last autumn meeting in 96. The course is at present in excellent going order, and the weather was perfect, which greatly conduced to the pleasure of the opening day of the season. Scores :—

| Gross. Hcp. Net. | | | Gross. Hcp. Net. | | |
|------------------------|-----|---------|--------------------|-----|--------|
| Rev. A. Robertson | 120 | 27 93 | Mr. F. W. Cluff | 127 | 20 107 |
| Capt. H. W. Roberts | 115 | 20 95 | Mr. G. B. Randolph | 148 | 40 108 |
| Dr. O. F. N. Treadwell | 97 | scr. 97 | Mr. H. E. Ferens | 130 | 17 113 |
| Dr. E. S. Robson | 113 | 10 103 | Mr. R. C. Bell | 153 | 40 113 |
| Mr. J. Duncanson | 115 | 9 106 | Mr. O. B. Cluff | 148 | 32 116 |

Messrs. A. Hutchinson and G. P. Blagdon retired.

FOLKESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The Ladies' Handicap and "The Edwards Prize" were played for on Friday, February 5th, and were won by Miss B. Wood, who has improved her game wonderfully in a short time, and routed the handicappers.

Nine holes :

| Gross. Hcp. Net. | | | Gross. Hcp. Net. | | |
|-------------------|----|-------|---------------------|-----|-------|
| Miss B. Wood | 64 | 20 44 | Miss Augusta Eccles | 77 | 8 69 |
| Miss E. Cockerell | 85 | 30 55 | Miss Webster | 101 | 30 71 |
| Miss Eccles | 71 | 15 56 | Miss D. Jeffery | 91 | 15 76 |
| Miss Alice Eccles | 66 | 8 58 | Miss Hodgson | 103 | 18 85 |
| Miss Wood | 77 | 18 59 | Mrs. Jee | 122 | 30 92 |
| Miss Jeffery | 93 | 30 63 | Miss P. Jeffery | 113 | 20 93 |

FORMBY GOLF CLUB.

The fifth of the monthly competitions for the Pearson prize took place on Saturday, the 13th inst., and the weather, being delightful, attracted a goodly number of players.

Mr. George Bird, with an excellent net score of 82, was declared the winner. Below is the full return of play :—

| Gross. Hcp. Net. | | | Gross. Hcp. Net. | | |
|--------------------|-----|-------|---------------------|-----|----------|
| Mr. G. Bird | 96 | 14 82 | Mr. D. Webster | 106 | 11 95 |
| Mr. F. C. Morgan | 89 | 3 86 | Mr. E. C. Edgecombe | 113 | 18 95 |
| Mr. E. Hewer | 88 | 1 87 | Mr. J. Ainsworth | 113 | 16 97 |
| Mr. M. Rollo | 103 | 16 87 | Mr. J. S. Remer | 125 | 27 98 |
| Mr. J. E. Pearson | 97 | 8 89 | Mr. W. T. Rowley | 112 | 14 98 |
| Mr. F. Harrison | 105 | 16 89 | Mr. F. E. M. Dixon | 100 | scr. 100 |
| Mr. J. E. Dean | 100 | 10 90 | Mr. T. C. Norris | 120 | 20 100 |
| Mr. J. B. Arkle | 114 | 22 92 | Mr. W. M. Wyld | 120 | 16 104 |
| Mr. J. Talbot Fair | 108 | 15 93 | Mr. G. F. Hayward | 138 | 30 108 |
| Mr. R. W. Hutton | 102 | 8 94 | | | |

The following made no return :—Messrs. C. Atkinson, J. S. Beauford, W. Bell, A. Bright, J. R. Brooke, F. C. Calthrop, W. F. Chadwick, H. H. Hosack, J. Arthur Hutton, G. A. Johnstone, E. C. Lowe, R. H. Prestwich, and T. S. Turnbull.

GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on the 13th inst., and the same round decided the prize open to the winners of the monthly medals in 1891. The course was in capital order, but the wind was very cold and high, and out of a fair-sized field of players only five managed to make returns under 100. Mr. Reid won the medal and the optional sweepstakes, and Mr. H. T. Cattley won the prize open to medal winners of 1891, of whom, though eight were playing, two only could return under 100. Scores.

| Gross. Hcp. Net. | | | Gross. Hcp. Net. | | |
|-------------------|-----|-------|--------------------|-----|-------|
| Mr. R. B. Reid | 104 | 18 86 | Mr. A. H. Mathison | 105 | 14 91 |
| Mr. B. Howell | 90 | 3 87 | Mr. J. Kenrick | 102 | 4 98 |
| Mr. H. T. Cattley | 104 | 14 90 | | | |

HARTLEY WINTNEY GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly medal took place on Saturday, February 6th. Scores :—

| Gross. Hcp. Net. | | | Gross. Hcp. Net. | | |
|--------------------|-----|----------|--------------------|-----|--------|
| Mr. C. P. Hastings | 110 | 11 99 | Mr. E. W. M. Lloyd | 120 | 11 109 |
| Mr. F. G. Tuck | 103 | scr. 103 | Mr. P. F. Morton | 117 | 4 113 |
| Mr. C. R. Seymour | 108 | 4 104 | Rev. W. Claxton | 134 | 20 114 |
| Mr. C. R. Draper | 117 | 9 108 | | | |

Capt. Burton made no return.

At the annual general meeting, held the same afternoon, much satisfaction was expressed at the rapidly improving condition of the links and general position of the club, which was opened in June last year. A resolution was carried in favour of admitting lady members to the club.

HYÈRES GOLF CLUB.

These links have been enormously improved during the last six weeks. Several labourers have been at work every day under the direction of Tingey, the professional. The number of players, both ladies and gentlemen, has very much increased, and the constant trampling of the course has made the lies through the green much better than they were. If the course could be extended so as to avoid one bad piece of crossing and to give two more holes, it would be very creditable for a country where good turf is unknown.

On Friday, February 12th, the first competition ever held on the green was organised by some players at the Hotel d'Albion, who fixed the handicaps and drew up a few bye-laws to suit the special conditions of the course. There were nine entries, and a double round of the seven holes was played for a sweepstakes. The winner was Mr. R. Lodge, who played a consistently steady game, but the best single round was done by Mr. F. Dun, who would probably have won but for bad luck in his first round. Mr. Blane played brilliantly for a time, but fell off slightly towards the end, and had to be content with second honours. The following scores were handed in :—

| | 1st Round. | 2nd Round. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. |
|--------------------|------------|------------|--------|------|------|
| Mr. R. Lodge | 35 | 36 | 71 | 8 | 63 |
| Mr. G. G. Blane | 35 | 36 | 71 | 5 | 66 |
| Mr. F. Dun | 40 | 33 | 73 | 3 | 70 |
| Mr. J. Foggo | 35 | 36 | 71 | scr. | 71 |
| Mr. J. E. Sinclair | 44 | 47 | 91 | 14 | 77 |
| Capt. Swinford | 41 | 45 | 86 | 8 | 78 |

Mr. J. T. Brunner (25), Mr. F. Medwin (30), and Mr. J. D. Baldry (40), made no return, or were over 100.

KENILWORTH GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the Middleton cup was played on Saturday, the 6th inst., with the following result :—

| Gross. Hcp. Net. | | | Gross. Hcp. Net. | | |
|--------------------------|-----|--------|--------------------|-----|--------|
| Mr. H. Smith-Turberville | 133 | 31 102 | Mr. W. H. Mitchell | 167 | 43 124 |
| Mr. G. C. Franklin | 124 | 17 107 | Mr. F. Carter | 153 | 26 127 |

No returns from Messrs. E. K. Bourne, V. Jepson, and E. F. Coddington. The January competition was won by Mr. W. F. Hart.

LITTLESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was competed for on Saturday over the club links. Result :—Mr. Egerton Macdona, 105, less 14=91; Mr. C. H. Waterlow, 118, less 24=94; Mr. J. H. Roberts, 110, less 16=94; and Mr. W. E. M'Lagan, 103, less 8=95. Three others were over 100 net.

MELROSE GOLF CLUB.—The monthly handicap medal was played for on Saturday, and was won by Mr. F. T. Robertson, with the scratch score of 83; 2nd, Mr. A. T. Simson, 88 (scratch); 3rd, 4th, and 5th, Mr. W. Pennycook, 97, less 6=91; Mr. R. Watson, 101, less 10=91; and Mr. C. Jardine, 109, less 18=91; 6th, Mr. A. J. Lothian, 102, less 8=94; 7th, Dr. Calvert, 96, plus 1=97; 8th, Mr. J. C. Munro, 107, less 10=97.

NEW FOREST GOLF CLUB.

The annual general meeting of this club was held in the new club pavilion on Wednesday, February 3rd. The balance-sheet for the year having been presented by the hon. sec. (showing a balance in hand of £3), the following members were elected as officers for the coming year:—President: Colonel A. C. Macleay; captain: Mr. R. Hargreaves; committee: Colonel A. Cameron, V.C., C.B., Mr. John Jeffreys, Lieut. P. de Crespigny, R.N., Captain Maitland, Captain Aitchison, R.N. (hon. sec.), Lieut. J. Goldfinch, R.N., Colonel Macleay, the president, having kindly granted permission for a pavilion to be erected on a piece of his property convenient to the links, this has been done, and Robert Walker, a professional from Elie, has arrived as greenkeeper to the club.

It is intended to have a new nine-hole course round the cricket-ground, and eventually to join in the old nine holes and have eighteen holes. The new nine holes under the supervision of the professional should, in a few months, be a very good and pretty little course, there being good lies through the green, and excellent natural hazards in the shape of sand-pit, pond, rabbit warrens, whins, and roads. It is proposed when the eighteen-hole course is in working order, to hold a Golf week in the summer.

Visitors to the New Forest in the summer, who are golfers, will find it well worth their while to have their clubs with them and sample these pretty links. Visitors are admitted for three days free, after which time a small payment weekly is charged.

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

This club played the first match of its spring meeting on Saturday last, February 6th, when the monthly silver medal was competed for. Twelve players entered for the competition, but owing to the long interval caused by bad weather, and the want of practice, the scores were unusually high, only two ladies succeeding in sending in gross returns of under 100.

The scores were as follows:—

| | 1st Round. | 2nd Round. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. |
|---------------------|------------|------------|--------|------|------|
| Miss A. Dawkins ... | 43 | 41 | 84 | scr. | 84 |
| Miss Darlington ... | 43 | 53 | 96 | 4 | 92 |
| Miss Middleton ... | 51 | 56 | 107 | 2 | 105 |
| Miss Dawkins ... | 55 | 52 | 107 | scr. | 107 |
| Miss Chambers ... | 69 | 52 | 121 | 14 | 107 |
| Miss Whieldon ... | 57 | 61 | 118 | 10 | 108 |
| Miss Crane ... | 67 | 57 | 124 | 11 | 113 |
| Miss Wilson ... | 67 | 68 | 135 | 20 | 115 |
| Miss Collis ... | 69 | 69 | 138 | 20 | 118 |
| Miss Gray ... | 66 | 63 | 129 | 5 | 124 |
| Miss M. Gray ... | 69 | 80 | 149 | 20 | 129 |

Miss A. Clarke made no return.

On Wednesday, February 10th, a fan, kindly presented by the captain (Miss Dawkins), was played for under the "Bogey" system (handicap), with the following result:—

| | Holes. | "Bogey" Holes. |
|---------------------|--------|----------------|
| Miss Chambers ... | 4 | 0 |
| Miss Middleton ... | 4 | 0 |
| Miss Darlington ... | 1 | 0 |
| Miss M. Gray ... | 0 | 5 |
| Miss Gibsone... .. | 0 | 8 |
| Miss E. Howe ... | 0 | 9 |
| Miss Gray ... | 0 | 11 |

On playing off the tie (one round), Miss Chambers beat Miss Middleton by 3 up and 2 to play.

On Friday, February 12th, the captain's medal, conferring the captaincy for the year, was played for, the result being as follows:—

| | 1st Round. | 2nd Round. | Gross. |
|---------------------|------------|------------|--------|
| Miss A. Clarke ... | 43 | 43 | 86 |
| Miss A. Dawkins ... | 46 | 45 | 91 |
| Miss Dawkins ... | 45 | 47 | 92 |
| Miss Middleton ... | 51 | 51 | 102 |
| Miss Darlington ... | 50 | 55 | 105 |
| Miss Chambers ... | 59 | 50 | 109 |
| Miss Gray ... | 48 | 63 | 111 |

Miss Crane, Miss M. Gray, and Miss Stephens made no return.

WEST LINTON.—The Martin medal was played for on Saturday, as the ground was not playable from snow on 3rd January. Result:—Mr. J. Paterson, South Slipperfield (medal), 95, less 6=89; Mr. J. Mowbray, 94, less 4=90; Rev. Mr. Smith, 97, less 6=91; Mr. A. Ramsay, 97, less 6=91; Mr. R. Millar, 100, less 4=96; Mr. R. Alexander, 101, less 4=97; Mr. R. Aitken, 101, less 4=97; Mr. D. Laing, 113, less 6=107.

PAU LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Mrs. Potter's prize, a handsome silver mirror, was played for on February 1st, with the following result:—

| | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. |
|----------------------|--------|------|------|----------------------|--------|------|------|
| Miss C. Halkett ... | 87 | 19 | 68 | Miss Macleay ... | 97 | 20 | 77 |
| Miss Y. Newall ... | 81 | 12 | 69 | Miss Potter... .. | 97 | 20 | 77 |
| Lady Nugent... .. | 82 | 12 | 70 | Miss Swan ... | 98 | 20 | 78 |
| Miss M. Newall ... | 71 | scr. | 71 | Mrs. Harrison ... | 98 | 20 | 78 |
| Hon. M. St. Aubyn | 91 | 20 | 71 | Miss N. Ross ... | 82 | 2 | 80 |
| Mrs. Jones ... | 86 | 15 | 71 | Miss Kane ... | 96 | 16 | 80 |
| Mrs. A. Troyte ... | 88 | 16 | 72 | Hon. Mrs. Bingham | 84 | 3 | 81 |
| Miss M. Hatch ... | 92 | 20 | 72 | Miss Hatch ... | 102 | 20 | 82 |
| Miss Henry... .. | 77 | 4 | 73 | Miss Gourlay ... | 98 | 15 | 83 |
| Mrs. Maud... .. | 88 | 15 | 73 | Miss Bewicke ... | 99 | 15 | 84 |
| Mrs. Taylor ... | 91 | 18 | 73 | Mrs. R. Boreel ... | 105 | 20 | 85 |
| Miss Bethune ... | 73 | +1 | 74 | Mrs. Scarisbrick ... | 107 | 20 | 87 |
| Miss Hay ... | 94 | 20 | 74 | Miss E. de Longueuil | 105 | 17 | 88 |
| Lady A. Townshend | 95 | 20 | 75 | Miss G. Cunning- | | | |
| Mrs. Walker ... | 95 | 20 | 75 | home ... | 109 | 20 | 89 |
| Miss F. Hay ... | 95 | 20 | 75 | Miss E. Pontifex ... | 112 | 20 | 92 |
| Miss Berners ... | 90 | 14 | 76 | Miss Taylor ... | 112 | 18 | 94 |
| Mrs. Boreel... .. | 94 | 18 | 76 | Miss Willis... .. | 125 | 20 | 105 |
| Miss Newall ... | 76 | +1 | 77 | Mrs. Daubeney ... | 127 | 18 | 109 |
| Miss de Longueuil... | 90 | 13 | 77 | | | | |

Also played:—Miss Levett, Hon. Ev. St. Aubyn, Hon. El. St. Aubyn, Miss Ellis, Miss Cunningham, and Miss Morris.

PRESTWICK GOLF CLUB.

With fine golfing weather prevailing on Thursday there was a good turn-out of players, and among other matches the following are recorded:—In the forenoon Mr. D. Prothero had a round of eighteen holes with Willie Fernie, junr., the professional conceding a third. Mr. Prothero suffered defeat by 3 holes, Fernie holing out in 78, his score for the outward journey being 40, and in 38. Mr. J. S. Higginbotham and Willie Fernie, in receipt of 2 shots from Mr. D. Prothero, beat him by 3 holes. Mr. C. L. Randall had two rounds with Willie Abeston, the Cromer professional. In the first round the stranger was 2 up, but lost the second by 4 up and 3 to play, Mr. Randall holing out in 83.

RANELAGH GOLF CLUB.

The driving competition for the prize given by Dr. Gumbleton took place on Saturday afternoon last from the eighth tee, which is considered the most difficult drive on the links from the fact that 80 yards of water, extending from the "tee" and a park fence strongly wired about 20 yards beyond, has to be carried.

A strong head wind was blowing, giving Mr. J. G. Wylie the opportunity of winning with a carry of 142 yards. Mr. A. F. Leach was second with a close approach, and Mr. M. Friend third. There were thirteen competitors.

The Rev. Filmer Bennett has generously offered a £10 10s. prize, to be given annually to this club. This, with Mr. Myburgh's silver cup and the silver medal will afford plenty of interest for the current season.

RICHMOND GOLF CLUB.

This competition took place on Saturday, February 6th, the course being in excellent condition, thanks to the good work that has been done during the winter. The remarkably good play of Mr. Herbert Knight, who tied for the medal with Mr. W. L. Lawson with 77 net, was quite the feature of the day. Mr. H. Knight, whose handicap is already down to 15, has only taken up the game within the past six months, and for so short a time has developed a remarkably fine one. He is a very powerful driver, and plays a good game throughout, and unless any unforeseen breakdown occurs in his play, which does not appear probable, should very soon be down to scratch. The following are the scores under 100 net:—

| | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. |
|-------------------------|--------|------|------|----------------------|--------|------|------|
| Mr. H. Knight ... | 92 | 15 | 77 | General Stevenson... | 101 | 13 | 88 |
| Mr. W. L. Lawson... .. | 98 | 21 | 77 | Mr. W. Galland ... | 106 | 18 | 88 |
| Mr. W. Lindsay ... | 100 | 22 | 78 | Mr. R. E. Yerburgh | 107 | 18 | 89 |
| Mr. H. E. Taylor... .. | 99 | 18 | 81 | Sir H. Pottinger ... | 104 | 14 | 90 |
| Mr. J. G. Wylie ... | 102 | 18 | 84 | Mr. E. S. Grey ... | 122 | 30 | 92 |
| Mr. E. F. W. Foley | 109 | 24 | 85 | Mr. E. Swain ... | 111 | 18 | 93 |
| Mr. S. F. Higgins... .. | 104 | 18 | 86 | Mr. W. F. Harris... | 123 | 30 | 93 |
| Mr. H. W. Stock ... | 116 | 30 | 86 | Mr. E. M. Cockell... | 127 | 30 | 97 |
| Mr. E. C. Davidson | 110 | 22 | 88 | | | | |

LUNDIN CLUB, LARGO.—The tie for the half-yearly scratch medal was played off on Saturday, but unfortunately Mr. R. H. Bell was unable to be present, consequently the match was one between Mr. D. Stewart and Mr. J. M. Marshall. At the close they stood thus: Mr. J. M. Marshall, 95; Mr. D. Stewart, 96. Mr. Marshall has won the medal at only one stroke less than the tie score.

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

The second heat of the single tournament for a cup presented by Col. Edgar E. Larking and Mr. J. R. J. Bramly was brought to a conclusion on Thursday, the 11th inst., with the following results:—Mr. G. C. Snelling (23) beat Mr. G. H. Frean (21) by 6; Mr. W. E. Hughes (6) beat Mr. W. Morris (12) by 4; Mr. F. J. Walker (7) beat Mr. J. R. J. Bramly (18) by 2; Mr. H. H. Turner (5) beat Mr. W. R. M. Glasier (30) by 7; Mr. W. O. S. Pell (2) beat Mr. J. S. Sawyer (10) by 3; Mr. Raymond M. Richardson (20) beat Mr. Maurice H. Richardson (21) by 3; Mr. C. Lethbridge (21) beat Mr. W. A. Adam (28) by 6; Mr. Robert Whyte (4) beat Mr. A. Schacht (5) by 3 up on twenty-eight holes, having halved on the first twenty-one holes; Mr. A. T. Drysdale (13) won his match against Dr. T. Skinner (30), the latter having to retire owing to an unfortunate sprain; Mr. W. G. Kentish (21) beat Mr. A. H. Baker (25) by 2; Mr. J. Osmond (16) beat Mr. C. M. Baker (21) by 3; Mr. G. Spurling had a walk over; Mr. F. S. Ireland (2) beat Mr. J. G. Gibson (2) by 2; Mr. H. Gillon (2) beat Mr. E. A. Walker (6) by 2; Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote (6) beat Mr. W. G. Barnes (30) by 5; Mr. Frank Gilbert had a walk over. The third heat of the tournament has to be concluded by Thursday, the 25th inst.

ROYAL DUBLIN GOLF CLUB.

The final competition for the club monthly medal took place on Saturday, on the links at Dollymount. The medal has been played for once every month during the past year, and the winners of each monthly competition played off against each other for the prize attached to the medal. Everything was in favour of a fine day's play, the weather being mild to a degree, with hardly a breath of wind. The scoring, however, was rather high, but this is easily accounted for as the club are playing the winter course of nine holes, which is by no means an easy one. Two rounds were played to complete the eighteen holes. Mr. David Christie was the winner, with a gross score of 100, less 11=89. The following were the returns handed in:—

| Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | | |
|--------------------|------|------|--------|----------------------|------|----|----|
| Mr. David Christie | 100 | 11 | 89 | Mr. George C. May | 110 | 12 | 98 |
| Mr. R. H. Moore | 111 | 20 | 91 | Mr. J. H. S. Russell | 111 | 12 | 99 |
| Mr. A. T. Johns | 112 | 19 | 93 | Mr. W. R. Joynt | 114 | 15 | 99 |

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

Col. MacKenzie's prize. Scores:—

| Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | | |
|-------------------|------|------|--------|--------------------|------|----|-----|
| *Capt. Withington | 102 | 22 | 80 | Capt. Robin | 100 | 4 | 96 |
| *Mr. R. R. Renton | 98 | 11 | 87 | Capt. Elliot | 106 | 9 | 97 |
| Mr. G. Hornby | 86 | +2 | 88 | Mr. A. L. Scott | 115 | 18 | 97 |
| Mr. A. E. Walker | 89 | scr. | 89 | Mr. Jermyn | 119 | 22 | 97 |
| Col. Mayne | 98 | 8 | 90 | Mr. T. W. Barker | 103 | 5 | 98 |
| Capt. Fairlie | 97 | 6 | 91 | Mr. R. B. Lattimer | 105 | 7 | 98 |
| Mr. J. Brown | 101 | 9 | 92 | Mr. H. P. Hammond | 113 | 15 | 98 |
| Mr. G. P. Pipon | 114 | 22 | 92 | mond Spencer | 113 | 15 | 98 |
| Major Scott | 93 | scr. | 93 | Capt. Apthorp | 122 | 22 | 100 |
| Mr. T. C. Robin | 98 | 4 | 94 | | | | |

*Divided sweepstakes.

Several players made no return.

SALISBURY GOLF CLUB.

The following is the result of a match played on Homington Down, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., between the Oxford and Cambridge members of this club:—

| OXFORD. | | CAMBRIDGE. | |
|-----------------------|--------|------------------------|--------|
| Holes. | Holes. | Holes. | Holes. |
| Rev. Canon Whitefoord | 5 | Rev. P. E. Miln | 10 |
| Rev. L. Williams | 1 | Mr. D. I. K. Macdonald | 7 |
| Mr. H. D. Baker | 8 | Mr. J. E. Thomas | 0 |
| Rev. G. Hill | 6 | Rev. E. E. Dorling | 8 |
| | 20 | | 25 |

Cambridge won by 5 holes.

SEAFORD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, January 30th, 1892:—

| Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | | |
|---------------------------|------|------|--------|--------------------|------|----|-----|
| Mr. Gordon Blois | 95 | 15 | 80 | Captain O'Reilly | 122 | 25 | 97 |
| Johnson | 100 | 6 | 94 | Mr. W. W. Crouch | 123 | 24 | 99 |
| Dr. Leggett | 100 | 6 | 94 | Mr. Edward Bedford | 125 | 25 | 100 |
| Mr. J. Fletcher Farncombe | 111 | 16 | 95 | | | | |

Several gentlemen made no returns, or were over 100 net.

As the weather was very windy and the ground wet, Mr. Johnson's performance was extremely creditable.

ST. GEORGE'S GOLF CLUB (SANDWICH).

Monthly medal:—

| Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | | |
|------------------|------|------|--------|--------------------|------|----|----|
| Mr. F. W. Bovill | 106 | 18 | 88 | Mr. J. B. Joyce | 112 | 13 | 99 |
| Mr. J. C. Wadham | 102 | 9 | 93 | Mr. W. Rutherford | 104 | 5 | 99 |
| Mr. Dunlop Hill | 108 | 13 | 95 | Capt. Austen | 112 | 13 | 99 |
| Mr. A. Bovill | 110 | 14 | 96 | Mr. W. C. Anderson | 117 | 18 | 99 |
| Mr. P. R. Don | 106 | 10 | 96 | Col. Shewell | 121 | 22 | 99 |

Several others either made no return, or their scores were over 100.

SUTTON COLDFIELD GOLF CLUB.

This monthly medal competition took place on the 13th inst., when Mr. Albright proved to be the winner. Scores:—

| Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | | |
|--------------------|------|------|--------|--------------------------|------|----|----|
| Mr. G. S. Albright | 97 | 21 | 76 | Mr. T. G. Griffiths | 106 | 27 | 79 |
| Mr. P. A. Bourke | 100 | 23 | 77 | Mr. I. E. Evershed | 106 | 25 | 81 |
| Mr. T. S. Eddowes | 104 | 27 | 77 | Capt. C. L. Wilson, R.A. | 95 | 11 | 84 |

Fourteen other players competed.

TOOTING BEC GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday. The strong wind no doubt accounts for the somewhat high gross scores.

| Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | | |
|----------------------|------|------|--------|----------------------|------|----|-----|
| Major Lindsay | 89 | 6 | 83 | Capt. Dudley Ward | 101 | 12 | 89 |
| Mr. F. Villiers | 95 | 12 | 83 | Mr. W. Williams | 103 | 12 | 91 |
| Mr. W. Neill | 96 | 12 | 84 | Mr. T. R. Pace | 107 | 14 | 93 |
| Dr. G. Sims Woodhead | 109 | 25 | 84 | Mr. J. Wild | 114 | 20 | 94 |
| Mr. R. Stewart Bain | 101 | 16 | 85 | Mr. T. W. Grover | 111 | 16 | 95 |
| Mr. W. H. Warner | 100 | 14 | 86 | Mr. J. Gibb | 117 | 20 | 97 |
| Mr. E. De Zoete | 104 | 18 | 86 | Mr. R. Fogg | 120 | 20 | 100 |
| Mr. F. Taylor | 95 | 8 | 87 | Mr. H. L. Mulholland | 123 | 20 | 103 |
| Mr. J. Verran | 96 | 9 | 87 | Mr. D. F. Russell | 119 | 14 | 105 |
| Mr. T. H. Greenfield | 106 | 18 | 88 | Mr. S. T. Fisher | 120 | 15 | 105 |

WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly medal handicap was played over the club course at Bushey, on Saturday last. Scores:—

| Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | | |
|------------------------|------|------|--------|------------------------|------|----|-------|
| Mr. O. W. F. Hill | 107 | 19 | 88 | Rev. Dr. O. C. Cockrem | 134 | 26 | 108 |
| Mr. Alex. B. Chalmers | 97 | 5 | 92 | Mr. Howard Williams | 122 | 14 | 108 |
| Mr. E. F. Maitland | 110 | 18 | 92 | Mr. B. M. Barton | 122 | 8 | 114 |
| Mr. R. S. Clouston | 99 | 3 | 96 | Mr. T. J. Williams | 138 | 24 | 114 |
| Mr. Denton Scholes | 111 | 14 | 97 | Mr. W. Wilson | 124 | 10 | 114 |
| Major Ewer | 116 | 16 | 100 | Mr. T. Uzielli | 142 | 25 | 117 |
| Mr. T. Burrell Bewick | 103 | 2 | 101 | Mr. E. Taylor | 151 | 25 | 126 |
| Mr. A. Hepburn Wallace | 110 | 9 | 101 | Mr. A. D. Walker | 115 | 1 | not |
| Mr. S. A. Simson | 110 | 8 | 102 | Mr. J. S. Crawford | 132 | 1 | h'cpd |

WORCESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition of this club came off on the 3rd inst. In consequence of snow on the previous day the course was heavy in some places, while keen enough in others. The state of the ground and a high wind which seemed to veer all round the compass bothered players to such an extent that only eight made any return. As follows:—

| Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | Gross. | Hcp. | Net. | | |
|----------------------|------|------|--------|--------------------|------|----|----|
| *Mr. C. Toppin | 84 | 2 | 82 | Mr. F. Freeth | 112 | 25 | 87 |
| Mr. W. E. Paterson | 92 | 8 | 84 | Mr. A. S. Archdale | 97 | 10 | 87 |
| †Mr. L. S. Milward | 107 | 22 | 85 | Mr. E. F. Chance | 90 | +1 | 91 |
| Mr. H. N. B. Erskine | 97 | 11 | 86 | Mr. H. D. Acland | 105 | 12 | 93 |

* Wins monthly cup and senior medal.

† Wins junior medal.

DUMFRIES.—The monthly medal of the Queen of the South Club was played for on Saturday at Kingholm, and won by Mr. Anderson, who made a score of 74 net.

NORTH BERWICK.—The links had an animated appearance on Saturday afternoon, there being many friendly matches, and the weather being all that might be wished from a golfer's point of view. At the putting-greens the custodian and assistants are already hard at work in preparation for the "season" play. The tie for the postponed handicap trophy of the Bass Rock Club was decided in the afternoon, with the result that Mr. John Forrest beat his opponent, Mr. J. D. Rattray, present holder of the yearly badge, by nine strokes. For the round the scores were respectively 75 actual and 84=88, less 4. In the outward half Mr. Forrest had a fine 39, and came home in 36; whilst his opponent had 46 out and 42 in.

THE BRAIDS CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The Braids Golf Club held its second annual supper in the Café Royal Hotel on Tuesday night, the 2nd inst., when there was a numerous gathering. Mr. H. Craigie, the captain of the club, presided. Mr. R. J. Robertson was croupier, and there were present representatives from a number of the Edinburgh clubs. The toast of the evening, "The Braids Golf Club," was proposed by Mr. J. B. Strachan, Edinburgh St. Andrew Club, and was acknowledged by the chairman, who spoke of the career of the Braids Club as a very remarkable one. The club was two years old only, and already it had secured a position second to none among Edinburgh clubs playing on the Braids. At the formation of the club its membership was made up of about six men who were golfers, and about ninety-six who were not. Now most of the members were golfers, and very few of them were not, and in the latter category were those only who had not taken advantage of the Braids course. To his mind the club had done a very great deal in developing the game, and in bringing together those who were not connected with any club. (Applause.) Other toasts followed, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

LARGS.—The monthly competition for the captain's medal took place on Saturday afternoon. Scores:—Mr. J. Baldie, 55, less 3=52; Mr. Bertie Orr, 70, less 12=58; Mr. John Orr, 77, less 12=65; Mr. Charles Lodder, 78, less 12=66; Mr. J. Morris, 82, less 12=70; Mr. A. E. Barbour, 80, less 6=74; Mr. W. Easton, 93, less 12=81; Mr. J. Crawford, 82 (scratch); Mr. A. Young, 104, less 18=86; Mr. J. Murray, 97, less 6=91; Mr. R. Wood, 105, less 12=93; Mr. J. K. Boyd, 116, less 18=98.

MOFFAT GOLF CLUB.—On Saturday the members of this club held their monthly competition for Mr. Walter Johnstone's medal. There was a fair turn-out of players, the day being beautiful and the greens in good order. The medal fell to Mr. Duncan, Academy House, with a score of 90, the Rev. R. Somers being second with 95.

DANIEL STEWART'S GOLF CLUB, EDINBURGH.—A competition of the above club was played on the Braids on Saturday. The winners were:—1st, Mr. J. Clark, 92+2=94; 2nd, Mr. D. Bruce (scratch), 96; 3rd, Mr. A. Archibald, 101, less 3=98; 4th, Mr. R. S. Sanderson, 104, less 5=99; 5th, Mr. J. Mitchell, 100+2=102.

EDINBURGH ST. ANDREW GOLF CLUB.—Twenty-four members turned out on Saturday to compete for the monthly medal, the winner being Mr. C. Bain, with the net score of 37.

INNERLEITHEN CLUB.—The monthly competition for the Dalziel prize was played for over the club's course on Saturday. The weather was favourable, and there was a large turn-out of players. The following are the best scores:—Mr. T. Weir, 98, less 28=70; Mr. A. Robertson, 84, less 4=79; Mr. W. Ballantyne, 110, less 30=80; Mr. R. C. Smail, 92, less 9=83; Mr. J. M. Gunn, 100, less 16=84; Mr. J. Paton, 111, less 27=84; Mr. M. G. Thorburn, 95, less 10=85; Mr. A. Yellowlees, 99, less 13=86; Mr. J. S. Smail, 112, less 10=102; Mr. J. Simpson (scratch), 111.

KELSO CLUB.—The second handicap competition for the captain's prizes was held over the usual course at the Friars' Haugh on Saturday. There was a good turn-out of members, the day being perfect for play, and the greens in grand order. The principal scorers were as follows, the conditions being two rounds of the course of nine holes:—Mr. James Rutherford, 116, less 25=91; Mr. W. M. Maxton, 103, less 6=97; Mr. W. Bennett (scratch), 100; Mr. A. Pott Stevenson, 112, less 12=100; Mr. John Forrest, 125, less 25=100; Mr. W. Rutherford, 96, plus 5=101; Mr. G. S. Douglas, 127, less 25=102; Rev. W. M. Warlow, 111, less 8=103; Mr. P. H. Huie, 117, less 14=103; Mr. James Kinnear, 124, less 20=104; Dr. Rutherford (scratch), 107.

CUMBRAE CLUB.—The monthly competition for the vice-captain and James Allan gold medals was held on Saturday over the course of the Cumbrae Club. The day was all that could be desired, and the greens and course were in excellent condition. There was a very fair turn-out of members. The following are the best net scores:—Vice-Captain's medal—Mr. William M'Farlane (3), 93; Mr. John Reid (12), 94; Mr. James C. Sharpe (4), 97; Mr. Archibald Cameron (8), 107. James Allan medal—Mr. John Cunningham (16), 115; Mr. John M'Farlane (18), 118; Mr. John Allen (18), 113.

ARDEER CLUB.—The monthly competitions for the Heys and Robertson medals took place on Saturday afternoon. The weather was very favourable, the course in good condition, and there was a fair representation of members in the competition. Although the scores were not so small as might have been looked for, still the play was pretty near the average. Net results:—Mr. J. R. Motion (scr.), 89; Mr. W. C. Cunningham (3), 89; Mr. James M'Intosh (9), 91; Mr. R. K. Main (7), 93; Mr. Archibald Robertson (9), 94; Mr. H. Colvil (9), 94; Mr. A. C. Steven (9), 98; Mr. John Colvil (9), 101; Mr. H. Osborne (8), 110. Robertson medal—Mr. James Law (14), 101; Mr. Robert Mackill (14), 103; Mr. James Pollock (12), 103; Mr. James Paton (18), 104.

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