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FEBRUARY.

- Feb. 6.—Royal Liverpool: Winter Optional Subscription Prizes.
Lundin: Half-yearly Meeting.
Manchester: Monthly Medal.
Birkdale: Monthly Medal.
Lytham and St. Anne's: Captain's Cup.
Redhill and Reigate: Club Medal.
Brighton and Hove: Berens Medal.
County Down: Wallace Cup.
Sutton Coldfield: Muntz Prize.
Richmond: Monthly Medal.
Lanark: The Gold Ball, and other Prizes.
Aldeburgh: Silver Medal.
London Scottish: Monthly Medal.
Bowdon: Monthly Medal.
- Feb. 9.—Cambridge University: St. Andrew's Medal (Handicap).
- Feb. 13.—Formby: Pearson Prize.
Guildford: Monthly Handicap.
Littlestone: Monthly Medal.
Sutton Coldfield: Medal Competition.
Dalhousie: Handicap Match (Fourth Round).
West Herts: Monthly Medal.
Cambridge University: Royal Epping Forest v. The Club, at Cambridge (18 a side).
Hayling: Monthly Plate.
Tooting: Monthly Medal.
Didsbury: Captain's Prize.
- Feb. 15.—Pau: Town of Pau Golf Medal (Scratch); St. Andrews Cross (Open); Grand Open Tournament.
- Feb. 15 & 16.—Hayling: Winter Meeting.
- Feb. 16.—Whitley: Joicey Cup.

St. Andrews, N.B. RUSACK'S HOTEL, THE MARINE (on the Links). The Golf Metropolis—Parties boarded. Special terms to Golfers and families. W. RUSACK, Proprietor and Manager. Telegrams:—Rusack, St. Andrews, N.B. Telephone No. 1101.

- Feb. 17.—Royal Epping Forest: Spurling-Kentish Medal.
Pau: Town of Pau Gold Medal (Second Round); St. Andrews Cross (Second Round).
- Feb. 18.—Tyneside: Bi-Monthly Handicap (Final).
Nottingham: West Herts v. The Club (12 a-side).
- Feb. 20.—Royal Epping Forest: Foursome Competition.
Lytham and St. Anne's: Bury Cup.
County Down: Railway Cup; Club Monthly Prize.
Disley: Winter Handicap Medal.
Sutton Coldfield: Lloyd Prize.
Nottingham: Monthly Medal.
- Feb. 22.—Pau: May Jubilee Medal (Handicap, Holes).
- Feb. 23.—Royal Blackheath: Bombay Medal and Captain's Cup.
- Feb. 24.—Crookham: Marlborough v. The Club (Return).
- Feb. 25.—Nottingham: Monthly Medal.
- Feb. 26.—Cambridge University: Royal Blackheath v. The Club, at Cambridge (8 a side).
- Feb. 27.—Royal Epping Forest: Gordon Cup.
Seaford: Monthly Medal.
Cambridge University: Great Yarmouth v. The Club, at Cambridge (18 a side).
Warwickshire: Cup Competition.
West Cornwall: Monthly Medal.
Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.
Sidcup: Monthly Medal.
Crookham: Monthly Medal.
- Feb. 29.—Pau: Duke of Hamilton's Medal and Pendant (Scratch, Members Only); Macdab Challenge Cup and Badge (Handicap limited to 18 strokes).

MARCH.

- Mar. 1.—Whitley: Joicey Cup.
Carnarvonshire: 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: Royal Blackheath v. The Club, 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; Club Monthly Prize.
Sutton Coldfield: Muntz Prize.
Edinburgh University: McEwan Medal and Club Prizes.
Richmond: Monthly Medal.
London Scottish: Monthly Medal.
Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.
Bowdon: Monthly Medal.
- Mar. 8.—Oxford v. Cambridge; at Wimbledon, 12.30.
- Mar. 9.—Pau: Havemeyer Prize (Open Handicap); Havemeyer Prize, Ladies (Open Handicap).
- Mar. 11.—Pau: Annual Meeting to Elect Officers.
- Mar. 12.—Manchester: Monthly Medal.

DEATH OF A ST. ANDREWS GOLFER.

Golfers will learn with regret of the death of Mr. John Robertson Reid, which took place at St. Andrews on the 24th ult. The deceased gentleman, who was only thirty-nine years old, had just returned to St. Andrews after a visit to Liverpool, where, unfortunately, he fell a victim to the prevailing scourge of influenza. This developed into severe pneumonia, accompanied furthermore by other fatal complications, leading to the sad result just stated.

Mr. Reid was the son of Mr. F. Robertson Reid, of Gallowflat, Rutherglen, near Glasgow. He was educated at the famous school kept by Mr. T. Hodge at St. Andrews, where, in common with so many others, he developed an aptitude for Golf. When he settled down in St. Andrews some years ago, he resumed the game of his boyhood, and, after sufficient practice, became a player of more than average merit. He played in a particularly easy and taking style, without flurry; was a capital putter, and drove, considering his height and light weight, a long ball. In public competitions he came noticeably to the front in 1888 for the Calcutta cup handicap, in which, after defeating Mr. R. B. Sharp in the semi-final, he encountered Mr. H. S. C. Everard for the possession of the trophy. The match was productive of much excitement; the first round, after the severest of struggles, resulted in a half, necessitating a return match for decision. The second was equally close, but went in favour of the scratch player by one putt at the last hole.

Shortly before his death Mr. Reid had been again playing a particularly good game, and was occasionally equal to a round of 84 or 85. He had many accomplishments, any and all of which he would always cheerfully place at the disposal of any who might so desire. For instance, he was an excellent conjuror, and frequently entertained caddies and others with his clever tricks. Amongst them, therefore, he was very popular. As a photographer he was very far above the average, and thoroughly understood this science in every branch. Very neat with his hands, he was a skilful carpenter and mechanic; as a tandem driver he had won numerous medals, and was an excellent shot. Being highly popular and beloved by his friends, his death causes a void which will not readily be filled.

"L'INVITATION À LA GOLFE."

The blackbird is whistling in gorse-brake and whin,
Light cloud-shadows dance on the turf,
The sea-breeze sweeps keen o'er the face of the down,
All salt from its play with the surf.

Now rouse thee, supine in that easiest of chairs,
Nor sigh for your lost "forty winks;"
Come, whistle the caddie and catch up the clubs,
We'll out for a round on the links.

The green of a cricket-pitch gladdens the eyes,
The "board of green cloth" smileth fair;
But my candid belief is that no kind of green
With the sward of the links can compare.

Our teeing-ground lies on the top of this mound,
That flag down below marks the hole;
Strike well o'er that sand-pit, half hidden in furze,
That yawns as if waiting for toll.

Come, out with the driver—the wooden one, lad,
Your sand-heap make rounded and small;
And now for a true, steady stroke, following through,
The eye ever fixed on the ball.

Unvers'd in its myst'ries, does any man doubt
That Golf is fit sport for a king?
Let him spend but a day tramping over the links,
And I'll warrant his doubts will take wing.

A. T. C.

RULE SYMPOSIUM.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RANFURLY CASTLE CLUB.—The prize winners of the competition, which has been going on for some time past, for Mr. A. C. Weir and Mr. G. Scott's prizes have at last been announced. They are Mr. Thomas Carruthers, jun., and Mr. John Thomson, who, after long and well-contested matches, in which fifty competitors in all took part, have come off victors. The gentlemen have the option of playing for first and second places, or squaring equally. The second round in connection with the competition going on for Mr. Sangster's "consolation" prize is being played off. On Saturday a number of the ties were played off, as next Saturday (which is the last day allowed for competition of the second stage) the monthly gold medal contest takes place, and consequently members wish to be free to take part in it. The putting-greens are not in very good order, owing to the recent heavy rains. A very high wind prevailed all day on Saturday, too, which made play somewhat difficult and uncertain.

BURNTISLAND.—The monthly competition for the Kirke silver medal took place over the new course, at High Bents, on Saturday. A perfect hurricane of wind greatly interfered with good scoring, but notwithstanding this difficulty Mr. R. Dover succeeded in making the round with 82. The next best scores were:—Mr. T. Gordon, 88; Mr. J. Venters, 89. The club is arranging for the erection of a club-house on the course.

A BAD LYING BALL.

A CHARMING little controversy has arisen on the subject of a ball imbedded in mud. The question was raised three weeks ago by a correspondent (see page 266, "Questions on the Rules") who asked 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. On being appealed to we gave a strictly fair interpretation of the rule by claiming that the ball should be replaced *in* the hole, and not *on* the hole, as had been contended by one of the players in the original dispute. Mr. Gregor MacGregor, one of the leading golfers in Scotland, and a player of the first quality, now steps forward and says that the ruling was wrong. He regards the rule as to a ball stuck fast in mud being susceptible of the interpretation that the lie of the ball can be improved. Where does he find in the rule any language to justify his contention? All that a player can do is to take the ball out and replace it "loosely in the hole which it has made." This is, to quote Mr. MacGregor, "to mitigate misfortune," but it is not intended to give the player an advantage in position by allowing him to raise his ball, say, a half or three-fourths outside the circumference of the hole owing to an accidental contraction of the material in which the ball has been imbedded.

Mr. MacGregor asks what we think is the object of the rule. To borrow his own picturesque phrase we think that the object of the rule is "to mitigate misfortune"; and the misfortune of the player is mitigated by the concession afforded by the rule of allowing him to loosen his ball. It goes no further than that; and it really is not a little surprising to find a player of Mr. MacGregor's reputation so far departing from adherence to strict Golf as to argue that, under this rule a player may "improve" the position of his ball. If one may employ a distinction with a difference it can be said that the player "improves" the position of his ball only so far as loosening it is concerned, but not otherwise. It is almost certain that unless the rule gave permission to loosen the ball a player would have to carry a spade as well as a niblick, because the tenacious clay would in all likelihood defy the efforts of the club to dislodge the ball. But when the ball is loosened in the orifice the club is enabled to jerk it out, whereas if permission is given to the player to take his ball out, and to rest it on the top of the contracted hole, the position of the ball is palpably improved, and a fairly good teed ball is thereby obtained. Surely no one would contend that this is a fair compliance with the rule?

Nor can we agree with Mr. MacGregor in thinking that the penalty of insisting on a player playing out of such a position is too severe. The position of the ball under consideration is not more difficult or more unmanageable than scores of other shots which come within the daily experience of us all—a ball lying under the deep precipitous edge of a horse-shoe mark, close up against palings or a wall surrounded by stones, a ball lying between boulders, or on a heap of jagged flints, in the narrow forked root of a tree, or in a deep soft muddy cart-rut. To find a ball in such a position is quite as much the misfortune of most players as their fault; it is the luck of the game, and the penalties which such positions entail must be borne. The rules mitigate the misfortune in each case of exceptional difficulty according to the choice or strategic ability of the player, but they do not allow him to make his awkward position—his "hard lines"—a plea for bettering the position of the ball under a nominal compliance with the rules.



A RECORD SCORE.—Mr. C. R. Smith, 13, Hotspur Street, Kennington Road, S.E., writes:—"Jack Pearson, the Brockenhurst professional, while playing with the Rev. O. K. Prescott, made a record for that ground with the exceptionally fine score of 76 for the two rounds of nine holes each, made up as follows:—

1st Round	...	4	4	4	6	4	3	5	4	4=38	} 76."
2nd Round	...	8	4	4	4	3	3	4	4	4=38	
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Why is a caddie on a well-frequented links like a very successful lawyer?

Because he nearly always has a case on, and never loses one!

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Golfers will regret to hear that Mr. Horace Hutchinson is laid up with influenza.

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A practice match, consisting of nine a-side, being teams of the Cambridge University Golf Club chosen by the captain (Mr. J. L. Low) and the hon. sec. (Mr. W. T. Linskill), was played at Cambridge on January 29th, the captain's team winning by twelve holes.

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By kind permission of the Royal Wimbledon and London Scottish Golf Clubs the Oxford and Cambridge match will take place over Wimbledon links on Tuesday, March 8th. There will be eight players a-side, and one round, or eighteen holes, will be played. Play to begin at 12.30.

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The Sidcup Golf Club is making flourishing progress. The original limit of membership (fifty) has been reached, and the committee have agreed to admit ten more members at double the present subscription. Most of the vacancies have been already applied for.

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KILMARNOCK.—OSSINGTON CLUB.—There was a large turn-out of players on Saturday to compete for the various prizes given by members of the club. The course and greens were in excellent order, but the high wind which prevailed during the afternoon proved a drawback to low scoring. Results:—Mr. Andrew Yate's prize—Mr. Wm. Brown. Second tie for the treasurer's prize—Mr. Brown. The first tie in the competition for the secretary's prize resulted as follows:—William Brown, 92, less 6; John Davidson, 96, less 10; John Cuthbertson, 101, less 10; John Haggio, 103, less 10.

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GIRVAN GOLF CLUB.—The monthly handicap medal was played for on Saturday. There was but a small turn-out of players, and a strong westerly wind hindered low scoring. The medal was won by Mr. A. Brown, banker, with a scratch score of 94. The next best card was handed in by Mr. Robert M'Connell, jun., scratch, 99.

A HOLIDAY AT CARNOUSTIE.

"Where are you going to for your holidays this year?"

"I hav'n't made up my mind yet. Some golfing place you may be sure."

"I'm going to Carnoustie for a couple of months. Come there?"

"Good golfing place Carnoustie, certainly."

"Well, promise to come for a day, at any rate."

"I'll do that."

Such was the way the writer's thoughts were first definitely directed towards Carnoustie. Since the great match between the invincible Willie Campbell and that brilliant young player, Archie Simpson, I had always had a hazy longing to pay a visit to Simpson's home green, but the idea had never developed. Weeks wore on, holiday season approached more nearly, and the conviction gained upon me that I "micht gang further" than Carnoustie "and fare waur." After judicious watering with numerous potions of Scotch whisky, and careful fumigating with tobacco smoke, the idea took deep root and grew

"Mair saund" has been liberally responded to. The older part of the town, that nearest the links, is laid out in the good old-fashioned Scotch style—a cottage or double cottage, sometimes with attics, but oftener without, set down in a large plot of ground which the natives cultivate in various ways. How anything can grow in these gardens seem little short of miraculous to an unsophisticated stranger, as the soil is apparently pure sand, but the results are excellent. The streets in this part of the town are long vistas of such cottages, which appear to the beholder to be lost in the distance. Towards the east the town is more modernised. Villas are scattered over the place; those along the seashore have usually pretentious flagstaffs reared up in their "policies." The streets are supposed to be named, but none of the natives seem to know what these names are. The postman must, I presume, from the fact that letters always arrive at their proper destination. But ask to be directed to a certain address, and something like the following colloquy will be the result:—



The Clubhouse
Carnoustie

amazingly, and it only required the sunshine (on one of the dreariest of the wet days which have composed the season called summer) of a flying visit from my friend, with whom the conversation quoted in the opening paragraph took place, to ripen the fruit and bring it to maturity. Ere that gentleman had said "good bye," I had compromised my liberty by agreeing to spend a week at Carnoustie. One great feature of Carnoustie is its get-at-ability. The run between Edinburgh and Dundee occupies only an hour and three-quarters, and half-an-hour more lands one in Carnoustie. The very journey has its attractions. Passing over the Forth Bridge and through the "Kingdom" of Fife, with its pretty little towns and villages, the Tay Bridge is soon reached, from whence a lovely view up the river is obtained; then a few miles further on, near Broughty Ferry, the splendid jute palaces standing amid picturesque surroundings arrest attention.

Carnoustie itself is a quaint old place. The first thing that strikes one (literally and forcibly, too, if there is a strong wind) is the superabundance of sand. The whole place is sand. The streets, at least those near the sea and links, are inches thick with it. One is inclined to think that the tutelary deity of the town must be a perpetual Tom Morris, whose refrain of

"Wha wis it ye wis wantin'?" Mr. So-and-so, "lodging with Mrs. So-and-so at such and such a street." Mrs. So-and-so (contemplatively): "Ou, aye (turning to a neighbour), that'll be Jenny —, she mairret Tam So-and-so ye min'." Then addressing the questioner, "Gey streight forrit an' doon the second openin' tae yer left, an' Mrs. So-and-so's the third hoose on yer richt." After painfully hunting for the street and landlady, it is not uncommon to find that in a group of, say a dozen, houses, there are three tenants of the same name, who all take in "ludgers." However, there is practically very little difficulty in finding out people, as the inhabitants are extremely civil, and will put themselves a good bit out of their way to oblige.

Whatever other people may think, Carnoustie considers itself quite a town. The old lady with whom I lodged confided to me that she "didna care a muckle for the toon, but there wis naething for the lads tae dae in the kintra." The town really is quite a gay place in the season. During the summer months it is full of visitors, all more or less devoted to the game, and anyone who wishes to Golf could not go to a better place. The links are second to none, except St. Andrews, lodgings are comfortable and moderate, and living is decidedly cheap. If one is

only going for a day or two, and does not care for the trouble of hunting for lodgings he can easily get accommodation at one of the hotels. Apart from Golf, however, there is not a great deal of attraction.

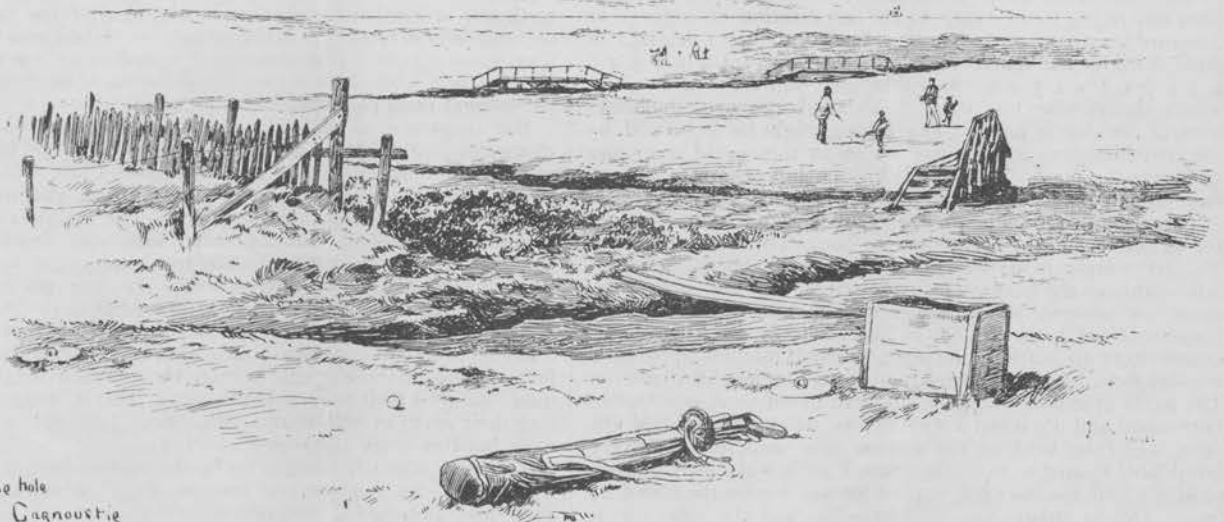
Mr. J. W. Barclay, M.P., in a speech he made at Carnoustie on 22nd August, 1891, said he had long thought that with its great natural advantages Carnoustie would one day become one of the most, if not the most, attractive marine watering-place on the East Coast of Scotland. It was situated in close proximity to the sea, and had a sea beach—which he thought was unrivalled on the East Coast; its climate, while being more salubrious and bracing, surpassed many more celebrated and favoured watering-places. This is undoubtedly true, although the beach is not quite all that could be desired. It is a lovely stretch of sand without a stone on it, and the water beautifully clear and strong; but the shore is flat and shallow, and the great breakers, which roll in from the German Ocean when the weather is at all stormy, prevent any but the strongest swimmers from going out into even moderately deep water. During winter the sea must be magnificent when agitated by wild storms. I was fortunate enough to witness a sight of this description. The previous night had been very boisterous, and during all the succeeding day, especially at full tide, great waves,

this Sahara a well is sunk in pure sand, which gives a good supply of water to the hut where live the men in charge of the salmon stake-nets, with which the bay is studded during the fishing season.

To the west of the links is to be seen a curiosity in the nineteenth century in the shape of a group of turf cottages. These were built, local tradition says, "centuries ago," from divots cut from the links, and of such divots the walls still are, the roof thatched with rushes. They are well worth a visit of inspection.

But it was on the links that everybody foregathered. The chief hours for starting were 9.15 and 5.15, and that little quarter of an hour made a wonderful difference. The majority of golfers seemed to revel in the odd minutes. At the hour only a stray couple or two would be found at the tee. As the minutes wore on, however, they assembled from all quarters. They appeared to spring from the ground, like Roderick Dhu's host, until about the magic quarter-past sometimes as many as a score of balls would be teed at one time. Thereafter, for an hour or so, there would be a continuous stream of golfers starting for their game.

During the time I was there in August the town was peopled with visitors, a large number hailing from Edinburgh, a few



The Home hole
Carnoustie

six or seven feet high, came rushing in, breaking into masses of foam and surging towards the shore. The grandeur of the spectacle is not easily forgotten and cannot well be described.

Nothing puzzles a stranger in a strange place so much as the points of the compass, the "airts," as we Scotch folk say. In what I am led to believe is the south-west of the links, and, bounding the seashore, is the Sandhill. This is a huge mountain of sand, said to be about 200 feet high, stretching along the shore for a couple of miles or so, and on the landward side for a mile or a mile and a-half inland is a sandy waste with here and there a patch of coarse grass. The place has the appearance of a young Sahara desert. It is inconceivable how such a vast quantity of sand accumulated; and vegetation does not appear to be capable of subsisting, owing to the shifting nature of the sand. Further inland again is the Barry links. Standing on this Sandhill and looking seaward, the Bell Rock Lighthouse is visible in the distance. To the east the tall cliffs of Arbroath and neighbouring district, over which the "Abbot of Aberbrothock" formerly held sway, can be easily distinguished, while in the opposite direction the mouth of the Tay lies at one's feet with St. Andrews and the Fife Coast bounding the horizon. Curiously enough on the outskirts of

from London. The professions were well represented. There was to be seen the venerable figure of the Doctor who played such a pawky game—a dangerous foe on the putting-green. There was the other Doctor, who was ever heard denouncing against the dilatoriness of his partner, and who invariably drove his ball into the burn. "He was so stiffened with cold, waiting, you know;" and there was still the other Doctor, with the methodical swing, who in long putts had a knack of bolting his ball into the hole like a rabbit, and whose adjective for bad Golf was "putrid." The legal profession also contributed its quota. I beg their pardon for not mentioning them first, as Law takes the precedence of Medicine (it's a cleaner job); but they were more fleeting visions, appearing for a couple of days, and then off to pastures and pleasures new. One representative of a well known firm could be seen pretty regularly, however, enjoying his foursomes and enlivening the green with his scarlet coat. Among the other golfers, incapable of classification by their professions, was the terrific swiper who thought nothing of driving his tee-shot at the eighteenth hole over both windings of the burn, if the wind favoured him, and who thought as little of coming in with a couple of broken clubs. There was his younger brother, invincible on the ladies' links;

there was the gentleman in the tail-coat whose ball always appeared to be out of his reach; there were numerous clerical gentlemen, who for the nonce had renounced "dangin' their poopits" for the pleasure of "dawdin' their guttas, evidently a new experience; and not least was the tall young lady, whom not a few of the gentlemen might have trembled to tackle.

Most of the players went in, or rather out, for their two rounds a day in a most business-like manner, and although so many started there was marvellously little waiting on the couple in front playing their second shots. The first two or three holes past and the players seemed to get "squandered," in the words of a Musselburgh caddie.

The links are a real golfer's paradise. The seaward portion has only been added within the last few years, and though the grass through the green is a little given to being tufty, this is a fault which does not seriously interfere with the play. It is always mending, and with a little supervision will rapidly disappear. The putting-greens are splendid, a trifle heavy in some parts, perhaps, owing to the presence of clover in the turf, but perfectly true. There is a charming variety about the holes. The accompanying sketches show the "Cup" hole and the "Home" hole. The former, it will be seen, is very picturesquely situated. It is the second hole out; a good drive brings one within an iron pitch of the flag, with a small hill about 20 feet high intervening; but once over the hill two more strokes should find the ball at the bottom of the hole. The Home hole is not devoid of hazards. The burn has to be crossed twice, and it is amusing to watch the patient efforts of a raw hand to pitch over the second difficulty and land on the green. It is nothing uncommon to see such a player standing stolidly waiting for his ball to be thrown back to him the third or fourth time by one of the numerous amphibious small boys who spend their day in the water living in the expectation of coppers as a reward for acting as a Humane Society to gutta-percha. A good score for the course is 80, made up thus: 4 4 5 4 5 4 6 4 5 4 5 4 4 5 4 4. It will be seen that there is no hole which should take less than 4, although 3's are sometimes done at the shorter holes. The course might be improved by the introduction of at least one 3 hole, as this would give more variety to the play. If there is no short hole there is a long one—about 500 yards, a good 6 in ordinary weather.

There are two rounds used—a winter round and a summer round, the former being the proper one. The summer round consists simply in a reversal of the course, but it is not so interesting, as the bunkers face the wrong way and are sometimes not observable. Apropos of bunkers, the bunkers at Carnoustie are quite peculiar in many instances. All over the course there are scattered numberless small mounds, apparently natural, from 3 to 4 feet high and 10 or 12 feet in diameter. The mode of making bunkers has been to cut away one-half of the mound and dig it out a foot or two below the level of the links, and then bank up the section in a semicircle. A very formidable hazard is thus constructed, as it will easily be seen to play a ball out forward implies lofting it over the turfed-up face. This in many cases is impossible, and the safer way is either to play out to the back or side.

If the course be kept, a good lying ball clear of hazards can generally be got, but an erratic driver has his work cut out. If he heels or pulls his ball he is pretty sure to find it in a ditch, or among rough grass or rushes.

The Golf course is but a small patch in the immense links which stretch from the mouth of the Tay up to Carnoustie. Many of your readers will remember that in the spring of the year the Government bought up a very large portion of the ground for the formation of a camp and land artillery range. The part purchased by them lies to the seaward and west of the golfing links, and the boundaries are marked out by posts stuck in the ground. It is gratifying to know that the authorities of Carnoustie, when they heard of the proposed purchase by the Government, made strenuous and successful efforts to secure the Golf links.

Every Tuesday forenoon, a detachment of the coastguard turn out for gun, rifle and revolver practice. The gun-battery is placed close to the first hole, and during practice Golf must be suspended at the second, third and fourth holes, otherwise the golfers have the unpleasant experience of playing under fire, which even the keenest enthusiast would hardly care for. The whizzing of the cannon-balls overhead can scarcely be conducive

to the proper negotiation of the smaller Golf-ball under foot. The ranges for the small-arm practice cross the fifth and the fourteenth holes. Starting one morning before practice commenced, when playing towards the fourteenth hole, I drove my ball into the zone of fire, which was directly across the course, and had to wait till several rounds were fired before I was able to recover it. I lost that hole. A squad of men firing volleys seem to be unaware of the great danger to which they are exposed of being struck by a Golf-ball, and the warning cry of "fore," which, under ordinary circumstances, is sufficient to scatter a pretty dense mob, does not appear to produce much effect. There must, after all, be something in military training. It is rather astonishing that some new arrangement is not made which would avoid this interference with Golf. Probably, now that matters are no longer on their old footing and now that the Government have obtained possession of part of the ground out and out, they will remove all their ranges to their own property.

The target at which the artillery fire is directed is placed between the links and the Sandhill. All around the ground is ploughed up in furrows, giving the place the appearance usually ascribed to a battle-field, and this resemblance is heightened by the stray shot which are to be seen lying about.

Rabbits abound all over the links, and some lawless amusement can be obtained by chasing an occasional bunny. It is nothing more than an amusement (which might turn out rather costly if the keeper appeared on the scene), as the rabbits are very wary, and two legs are no match for four.

The burn, which winds through the links in rather an aimless and extravagant way, contains sea trout, and sport is said to be "good," so that the golfer may find rest from his troubles by doffing his scarlet coat, donning one of soberer hue, and sallying forth rod in hand and basket on shoulder. For the benefit of any one who may after reading these lines feel disposed to pay Carnoustie a visit, I may mention that waders are not required, as any man with an ordinary development of leg could jump the burn at most places without much difficulty.

But to return to matters golfic—the links are under the charge of Bob Simpson, and he amply justifies the confidence reposed in him. Recently the Dalhousie Club, which is the principal club, have enlarged their club-house, and have built Bob a shop adjoining their premises. The Dalhousie Club is composed largely of Dundee men, who run down in the evenings to enjoy their game. The local club is the Caledonia, which has its club-house just opposite the first teeing-ground the Dalhousie club-house being a little further to the east.

For the information of married men I may state that there is a ladies' course of eighteen holes, where they should easily by judicious negotiation be able to leave their wives while they—the men—enjoyed their more arduous game. This is better than getting their wives to walk round with them. I am not a married man, but this is my experience of others.

This year a match was got up by the visitors between two of the local cracks, Simpson (no relation of the club-makers, however) and Bob Scott, the former winning at the last hole. The play was fairly good, but, as is to be expected, was not up to professional form either in score or style of play. If the visitors in future years desire an exhibition of Golf it would be better that they should initiate a competition on a larger scale, and make it open. Professionals could be invited to come and compete, and amateurs could also enter, the prizes being money for the former and some equivalent for the latter. An entrance-fee could be imposed, so that the amount which would require to be subscribed to ensure success need not be very large.

There was also a match between the visitors and the members of the Caledonia Club, the latter winning by a large majority of holes. It is pleasing to state that everyone was quite satisfied, and any rivalry there was was of the most friendly character. I was selected as one of the visitors' team, and came in several holes down, but I could not have had a more friendly and pleasant adversary than the player I was drawn against, and this was the unanimous opinion of every member of the visitors' team in regard to his own opponent.

As a concluding paragraph I would say to every lover of the game, if you have a few days to spend do not forget to go to Carnoustie.

WOODFORD GOLF CLUB.

The annual general meeting of this club was held at the Castle Hotel on Thursday evening, the 28th ult., when Mr. Walter Kemsley presided over a good attendance.

Mr. Dixon presented the treasurer's statement, which showed that the receipts during the past year amounted to £147 18s., and the expenditure was £174 10s. 6d., leaving a deficit of £26 12s. 6d.

Mr. P. Mead read the secretary's report as follows:—"The present report covers the period since the commencement of the club in October, 1890, until December, 1891, and during this time all the necessary work in getting the club into working order and making the course, has had to be done. The members, however, are to be congratulated on the vigorous growth and satisfactory progress which has been shown not only in the number of members elected, but also in the increasing interest evinced in the game, and it is now only a matter of a very short time for the club to rank as one of the best in the neighbourhood of the metropolis. The annual subscription at present remains at 21s., and the entrance-fee at £2 2s., and, as members are aware, by a resolution of a special general meeting, held on 15th May, 1891, the committee are empowered to elect playing members non-resident in the parishes of Woodford, Wanstead, Chigwell, Loughton, and within three miles of the links, in the proportion of one to four, and so far non-resident members and resident members have been elected. The total number of members is as follows: Life members, 10; ordinary members, 81; honorary members, 6; total, 97. The course as originally laid out, has been materially altered so as to avoid all crossing, and the result has been that while some of the holes have been shortened, yet that as a whole the course has been very materially improved. Steps are now being taken so that any further alteration may be towards increasing the total number of holes to eighteen, and for which there is ample room. Owing to changing the holes, and also to the fact that it takes some considerable time before it can be decided what is the best course to play over, the expenses on ground and labour are heavier than it is anticipated will be necessary another season, while the cost of mowing over the common for the first time has naturally been very heavy. The balance-sheet for the present season, therefore, shows a considerable deficit, and it would be very desirable if the members may be disposed to in some way liquidate it, so that the club may commence another season out of debt. The committee regret that Lambert, the professional, resigned in June on account of receiving the appointment of green-keeper to the Royal Epping Forest Golf Club, and A. Brown, of Musselburgh, was subsequently appointed as professional; he, however, left in November, and no further appointment as professional will be made until the spring, when it is hoped to secure the permanent services of a thoroughly good man. During the last season several club handicaps have been played with a view to testing the relative playing capacity of the members, and it is thought that a satisfactory basis for club handicaps has now been established, and it is intended to continue regularly such handicaps each month, and to organise prize competitions, &c.; and the cordial co-operation and assistance of the members is earnestly invited towards the establishment of prize funds. The question of accommodation for members for dressing, &c., has been met by taking No. 3, Manor Cottages, and opposite the first teeing-ground, as a clubhouse, and lockers are provided for those who wish them. It is hoped that it will not be long before the club may see its way to providing a more permanent and suitable club-house of its own. In conclusion, the committee would again congratulate the members on the success of the club, and ask that all will do their best to further its interests by introducing new members."

The Chairman said his first duty was to say how sorry they were that Mr. A. H. Tozer, who had taken such a keen interest in the club since it had been established, should be unable to be with them through illness. Regarding the financial statement, the committee had seen that they would probably have a deficit at the end of the year. There was no question that if they had to start again they would do it without having a deficit, but they had to learn their business as they went along. They must remember that the club was not started by a lot of old golfers, and that the committee at the outset had very little knowledge of the game. That being so, they had to seek outside assistance, and the result was that they spent a great deal more money than they would have done had they known what they were about. He was not at all discouraged at landing with only a deficit of £26; on the contrary, he thought it was a very satisfactory state of affairs. It must be borne in mind that it took time to get a good Golf course. He supposed the question would come up as to how they would deal with the deficit. He thought there was a feeling that they should try to wipe off the debt that night, so that they might start the year with a clean sheet, and that they should raise a further sum of £25 for the purpose of draining the ground, and other necessary work. Mr. Spicer—whose absence they much regretted—had intimated that if they intended to clear off the deficit he would be pleased to give £5 towards it. If other gentlemen took up the project

in the same spirit they would not only get £25, but £50 beyond. He thought that next year they would have a very different season from the last one. There was no doubt that the life of a Golf club depended very largely upon matches and competitions, and something must be done to ensure frequent competitions. Probably they would see fit later on to elect a captain—a step which the state of the club warranted—and he would make it his business to see that competitions took place more frequently. In concluding, the chairman moved the adoption of reports read.

Mr. Akers seconded the motion, which was adopted.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. Mr. R. Letchford, C.C., was re-appointed president. Mr. E. A. Tewson was elected captain, and proposed to commemorate his year of office by offering a prize under such conditions as he thought the committee would accept, and would be of benefit to the club. (Applause.) Mr. W. H. Dixon was re-elected treasurer. The retiring secretaries, Messrs. A. H. Tozer and Mead, declined to stand again, and it was resolved to leave the task of filling the vacant offices to the new committee. Ten gentlemen were nominated to serve on the committee, and the following seven were elected—Mr. Albert Spicer, J.P., Dr. Warner, Messrs. C. B. Hunt, J. C. Mead, A. H. Tozer, P. C. Mead, and B. B. Hunt.

During the evening the chairman asked how far those present were disposed to wipe off the debt, and as a result donations amounting to £21 were promised in the room.

The proceedings closed with the usual compliment to the chairman.

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

This club held their general meeting on Monday afternoon last, January 25th. The chair was taken by Mr. R. O. Milne (president). There were also present Mr. G. Savile (vice-president), Miss Chambers (hon. secretary), and a good attendance of members. The gentlemen associates were also represented. The financial position for the year was found to be in a satisfactory condition, the hon. secretary reporting a balance in hand.

A review of the matches played was most encouraging. Thirty-one club matches had been played, three of them being against foreign teams, in all of which the Home team had been successful, viz., against Warwickshire Ladies' Golf Club, won by 15 holes; against Royal Leamington Spa Ladies' Golf Club, won by 18 holes; and against Kenilworth Ladies' Golf Club, won by 43 holes. The ladies receiving half a stroke, also won their annual match against their gentlemen associates by 2 holes (captain, Mr. G. Savile). The captain's medal for the year was held by Miss Dawkins. Miss Dawkins also won the monthly silver medal for May with 77, the lowest scratch score of the year. The challenge bowl was won by Miss A. Dawkins. The gold medal, played for three times in the year, was twice won by the same lady, and once by Miss Mackenzie. A prize presented by the ladies, and played for by the gentlemen associates, brought a large entry, Mr. G. Graham proving the winner. Other prize-winners during the year had been Miss A. Clarke, Miss Middleton, Miss Hunt, Miss Ward, Miss Crane, Miss Chambers, Miss Gibsone, Miss E. Howe, Miss Ashton, Miss Radcliffe, and Miss Stanger Leathes.

Twenty new members had been elected to the club during the year. Prizes had kindly been presented by Mrs. Middleton, Miss Ashton, Miss A. Tyrwhitt Drake, Mr. Savile's team, Mr. Alcock, Rev. J. Dawkins, and the Rev. R. C. Ward.

The rules of the club were thoroughly revised, several new ones being inserted, the principal one, relating to the election of the committee, which, in future, will take place every two years, the two senior members retiring in rotation. The proceedings terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the hon. secretary for the efficient way in which the club had been worked, and its success must be largely attributed to the interest and trouble Miss Chambers has taken in it. Votes of thanks were then proposed and carried to the prize-givers for their kindness and liberality, and to Mr. R. O. Milne for so kindly presiding. The competition for the silver challenge bowl will take place this year on Easter Monday (April 18th).

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Eminent Golfers.

XXIII.—HUGH KIRKALDY.

By hero-worshippers in general, and boys and small caddies in particular, the latest champion is invariably regarded with feelings of awe-struck reverence. About the time when his honours are fresh upon him the words "Yon's him" may be heard whispered with bated breath, the information being accompanied by eloquent gesture with thumb reversed, while the knowing urchin explains to a tatterdemalion companion of half his size that the hero of the hour is at hand. Yes, a champion at St. Andrews is a proud man, or might be supposed to be so, and Hugh Kirkaldy has every reason to be gratified by the recent exploit through which his name has been added to the roll of fame. Let it not, however, be said that he was one of the unknown before, for his name had been associated with at least two performances which have stamped him, perhaps we ought to say, as the finest golfer alive. But the nature of the game is hardly such as to warrant a decisive statement of the sort, which would imply that the subject thereof was tolerably certain to defeat any antagonist whatever. Even a champion cannot do this to a certainty, for the Goddess of Golf is a tricky fay, here to-day and gone to-morrow, when her deserted thrall and his backers are apt to be left lamenting.

The youngest of three brothers, Hugh Kirkaldy was born at St. Andrews in 1868. Such as were interested in his educational welfare during his boyhood describe him as having been "rather a pickle," but as this phrase connotes the attributes peculiar to all boys not milksops, the obvious meaning must be that he was more of a pickle than most. But notwithstanding this there were qualities about him which decidedly attracted, which qualities now that he may be said presumably to have arrived at years of discretion have been brought out in stronger relief. There was always a fine substratum of grit in the lad, a promising foundation upon which to work, and over and above this he has manifested sundry other qualities, the possession of which are scarcely less essential to the golfer who would rise to eminence in his profession. Before he had played any important public matches it was thought that his game would be too rash and impetuous. Certainly his style of play has a careless abandon about it which might create such an impression. But after all, it is not improbable that that is the very style which is most effective. How often do we hear of lost holes, lost matches, and "saddest ululations" in consequence; and all because "we played that rotten safe game." Willie Campbell, in one of his early matches with J. O. F. Morris, was 4 ahead and 5 to play, and lost the match by reason of it. Driving is apt to become cramped, loss of freedom ensues, when we try to be too careful, and regard a bunker as a necessarily fatal conclusion to a hole. But Hugh Kirkaldy does not fall into this mistake: he never sacrifices his freedom, wherefore his dashing play, while fascinating to watch, is a tolerably sound exposition of golfing principle. He is the firmest of believers in the efficacy of a tight grasp with the right hand, although this is contrary to the theory generally promulgated by caddies and others whose mission it is to instruct the learner; and it appears at least to be a debateable point, one which



every player will probably settle for himself; but certainly Bob Fergusson among professionals, and Mr. A. F. Macfie among amateurs, to cite two well-known players, are in thorough harmony with Hugh Kirkaldy's idea.

To watch the champion's method of driving is at first sight, it must be confessed, a little startling. To the onlooker it seems hardly possible that he can fulfil the primary and indispensable requisite of keeping his eye on the ball, so far round does he seem to throw his head during the upward swing, which is rapid and very full; but, as a matter of fact, his driving is particularly steady, and probably his strongest point—the writer in fact cannot recall a single occasion upon which he has ever seen him top a ball, and very few when his shots were not as good as they could be, both as to direction and length. He appears to most advantage when driving down a very strong following wind, for he has a longer carry than most, and his drives, being a long time in the air, are blown along an enormous distance. As to the rest of his game it is hardly necessary to say it is good throughout; he drives a very long ball with his iron, approaches and holes out well, sometimes with his putter, at others with his cleek, according to the fancy of the moment. Like Sayers, he may almost be called a late beginner, and most

of his play has been picked up during the last seven years—that is to say, from the age of sixteen. His earliest success was on his home green, where, at the age of eighteen, he defeated all the leading professionals in a competition for money prizes subscribed in connection with the autumn meeting. His score was 84, a stroke better than Archie Simpson and David Ayton, who tied for second. His next performance, two years later, made his name historical. The occasion was a match with Sayers at St. Andrews for a small stake, although the latter holed the round in 79—41 out, 38 home—he lost by 7 and 6 to play, for Hugh lowered the record from 77, made by young Tom Morris nineteen years before, to 74. The most astonishing part of that score is the first half-round: that the seventh and eighth holes should each have been done at a stroke below their proper number, and that, too, after six consecutive 4's, seems hardly credible. Within a year of this he eclipsed this score, wonderful as it was, by one stroke; on this occasion he was playing a three-ball match with David Leitch and Alexander Herd. The details of these two rounds are here given; though not made as was young Tom's in a scoring competition, it should be said that their accuracy is amply vouched for by independent testimony—

First Record:—

Out	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	2	4=33	} 74
Home	4	3	4	4	6	4	5	6	5=41	

Second Record:—

Out	4	5	4	3	5	5	3	3	3=35	} 73
Home	3	3	4	4	5	5	5	4	5=38	

It will be noticed that the second round comprises no less than six 3's, five of them consecutive, and four of them occur at holes which cannot be reached in less than two shots. Like Tommy's score, these two rounds were made over the full medal course, holes on the right going out, and though no particularly useful purpose is served, it is perhaps worth while for curiosity's sake to compare the results which would have ensued had the respective rounds been matched one against another. Taking,

then, the 74 as against Tommy's 77, we find that Hugh Kirkaldy would have been 3 ahead at the turn - 3 ahead and 5 to play, 2 ahead and 3 to play, dormy 2, and would eventually have won by one hole. Taking similarly his 73, he would have been 1 up at the turn, 2 up and 5 to play, and would have won by 2 and 1 to play. His own 73 and 74, if put one against the other, would have resulted in a halved match. In a tournament at Westward Ho! in the summer of 1889 he won the Consolation prize, and more recently at Lytham was third with 161, Willie Fernie being first with 155, and Archie Simpson second with 160. With the excellent points of this last-mentioned green Hugh is much impressed.

During the year 1891 it was becoming increasingly obvious that he was now settling down into a game but little if at all inferior to that of his brilliant elder brother Andrew. Hugh had always been a slashing player, now he had become steady besides. A home-and-home match was therefore arranged between him and Sayers, the result of which justified very fully the confidence reposed in him. He won the match by a very narrow margin, it is true—2 and 1 to play—but the contest will be memorable as one wherein both players exhibited the very finest Golf, quite equal to that associated with the palmiest days of young Tom and Davie Strath. During its progress Hugh showed himself possessed of many excellent qualities, unflinching good humour and *bonhomie* in divers critical situations being not the least of them. Following upon this match came a foursome, wherein David Grant and Sayers accepted a challenge emanating from Hugh's elder brother Andrew and himself, to play home-and-home for £100 a-side. Here the obverse of the shield came into view, for the brethren received a rather rude awakening, and were handsomely beaten; but all the same the part played by the youngest throughout the match was worthy of all praise, and he in decidedly discouraging circumstances played right pluckily and well, doing all that could be done to avert disaster. The next important event was the Championship at St. Andrews, particulars of which having recently been given, it is needless to say more than that Hugh established another record for this event. The previous best had been 170; on this occasion two brilliant 83's landed him the winner, two strokes in front of his brother Andrew and Willie Fernie. Scores:—

First Round:—

Out ...	5	5	4	4	4	5	5	4	3=39	} 83
Home ...	4	3	5	5	7	4	5	6	5=44	

Second Round:—

Out ...	4	4	4	4	5	4	5	4	4=38	} 83
Home ...	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5=45	

It should be said that the weather was anything but favourable, wind and wet conspiring together to thwart the golfers' honest endeavours. In previous Championships Hugh's scores have been:—

At St. Andrews ...	98	84	=182
At Musselburgh ...	44	39	43 40=166
At Prestwick...	82	91	=173

The fact is worth nothing that hitherto he has always had one round as good or better than the winner, but until his victory this has been neutralised by a mediocre score for the remainder. Now that he has carried off highest honours, in all probability a brilliant career is before him, for there can be little doubt that one success begets many.

Physically he is tall, over six feet, powerful and supple, with strong wrists and arms. A few days after the Championship he played another rather remarkable round, this time over the left course:—

Out ...	3	5	4	4	4	5	4	3	3=35	} 78
Home...	4	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	5=43	

A round in which, like his second in the Championship, no 6 occurs. It will be interesting to see whether St. Andrews will ever be holed in an average of 4 a hole; if that ever does happen, none would be surprised to hear that the present champion had done it.

H. S. C. EVERARD.



QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In the course of play last Saturday, my ball lay twenty-two yards from the hole. Previous to playing up to the hole I removed a broken club-head which lay fifteen yards from it, whereupon my adversary maintained that I had lost a stroke. He referred me to Rule XI., page 7, New St. Andrews Rules. I referred him to Rule XXXI. page 15, which, to my mind, is quite clear:—"All loose impediments may be removed from the putting-green, except the opponent's ball, when at a greater distance from the player's than six inches."

I maintain that the putting-green is supposed to have no obstacles on it. If I am wrong, then I say Rule No. XXXI. should be altered somewhat thus:—"All loose impediments may be removed from the putting-green by the player when his ball lies on the putting-green." Without such a qualification of Rule XXXI. I say I am entitled to remove any obstacle on the green, no matter where my ball may be.

I may say that there was a great difference of opinion on this question in our club-room when many old golfers were present.

I am, Sir, &c.,

KISOM.

[Our correspondent is perfectly right. The rule which bears on this point is not Rule XI., but Rule XXXI. This rule provides that all loose impediments may be removed from the putting-green, which is defined as the ground within twenty yards of the hole, excluding hazards. "Kisom," therefore, in playing his approach shot to the hole, was entitled to have the broken club-head removed before playing his shot without any danger of incurring a penalty. Rule XI. deals with loose impediments occurring on the course between the tee and the point of the green twenty yards from the hole; and this is altogether a different provision, intended to deal with a different set of circumstances, from that relating to loose objects near the hole.—ED.]

THE ST. ANDREWS SOCIAL CLUB.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—As a well-wisher and intending applicant for admission to the St. Andrews Club (London), allow me to suggest that, if unfounded, an official denial or explanation should be given to the report circulating freely that all members of the large, general committee advertised, and others, are being admitted for *life* without payment of any entrance-fee or subscription whatever.

Surely it is not a charitable institution that we are invited to support for the free benefit of those who happen to be holding office just now, or for other reasons are to be specially considered at the expense of the rest of the members?

I am, Sir, &c.,

UNDECIDED.

London, February 1st, 1892.

GOLF AS MEDICINE.—THE OLD FAMILIAR FACES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I think your issue of 22nd inst. one of the most interesting published for some time, although every issue serves to keep me in good spirits.

But before plunging in *medias res*, allow me to record my approval and support of the statement made by your correspondent, "T. T. A. A.," in a former issue, viz., That it is wonderful how many rounds a golfer, who really knows the game and the rules, may play day by day, and week in, week out, and never hear a word of dispute or cavil about certain pieces of play on the majority of greens. On other greens again, seldom a day passes, or even a round, without a quarrel and dispute over trifles. Golf is a difficult game to play. When in a competition one does his best to play, but finds that the marker or his opponent does not mark the score correctly, it will be agreed that it is excessively cruel, and sometimes ends disastrously for the dishonest marker; and serve him right. But I discourage ungentlemanly conduct on Golf links, and deprecate everything that is at variance with etiquette and true politeness.

Golf is the best health restorative without an exception, as I have proved beyond a doubt, after having been thrice invalidated home from abroad. Instead of wasting money on physicians and medicines, I bought new clubs, and replenished my old set, went to a good Golf course on the east coast of Scotland, forgot self and my pains and ailments, was thoroughly restored to health, and by frequent practice with first class professionals, got up my game. I can endorse the recipe given by the worthy and reverend Dr. J. G. McPherson of Ruthven, whose genial countenance and person I had the pleasure of seeing in July last, driving about his parish, whether going to or returning from Rosemount I cannot tell. I had intended to try the round at Blairgowrie, but I did not manage it then. I hope some day to play there, and to have a good round with Dr. McPherson, or either of his neighbours of Alyth or Blair, or failing the clergy, my worthy old military, but left-handed player, whose home is at Blairgowrie.

Your sketch about Mr. Alexander Stuart is very good. I have been looking forward to it for some time, as no gallery of good golfers should appear in public which does not bear his name, or show his honest face and the healthy, well-built frame of a player, who has deservedly won so many medals. He has not had, like his ancestor and myself, to leave his native land, or to risk like our class-fellow, G. Finlay, death in Assam, so kindly and eulogistically spoken of by your correspondent, "H. M. B.," whose friend he also was. Well do I remember the yellow-headed club. Like the old "Arm-Chair," I love my Golf clubs as much as I do myself. Apologising for taking up so much of your space,

I am, Sir, &c.,

VIATOR.

RULE XXXIV.—THE TEE-SHOT.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Some of your correspondents can say what they like about Rule XXXIV., but as "Grammarian" rightly observes, it is certainly unfortunately worded. Four of us subjected ourselves to the ordeal of examining the new rules when they came out; three came to the conclusion that you were not allowed to ground your club, and the other, to use his own phraseology, said it was "pretious tubisome." I do not see myself that it would have made much difference to anybody if the rule had stopped the grounding of the club. Although I do it myself, I maintain that it is absolutely unnecessary, and is more a habit than anything else. Like "waggling," before a stroke, as some players do about forty times, it is in no way necessary, and does not, I am sure, help a stroke. One word more as to Rule XXXIV. Mr. Ernest Lehmann says that although Mr. Hall Blyth's letter definitely settles the matter, "as a question of form, it would be more satisfactory to have the authoritative decision of the committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club recorded in your paper." Surely if it is necessary as a matter

of form to insert this decision, the original wording of the Rule must have been a trifle foggy?

Now, as to the question of the tee-shot mentioned in Mr. MacGregor's letter. He says if "A" misses his tee-shot, the ball is *in play*. By which of the new rules does he make out that the ball is *in play*? I have looked carefully through these rules, and fail to find any rule defining when a ball is *in play*. How can a ball that has never been struck or touched be *in play*? If Mr. MacGregor is right in his theory, how about Rules V. and VIII. for medal-play, where the ball may be teed? If the ball then rolls off the tee, is it *in play*, and does it count a stroke? I do not give any opinion; I only ask for information.

I am, Sir, &c.,

M. D.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In GOLF of January 1st, in reply to a question asked by a member of the Royal Belfast Golf Club, you decide that the second player in a foursome can replace a ball displaced from the tee. As an old golfer, I respectfully demur to such a decision. A having played, although he "missed the globe," has brought the ball into play as much as if he had driven a long shot, and B in playing his shot is liable to all penalties accruing thereto.

I am, Sir, &c.,

R. S. BOOTHBY.

Leamington, January 27th.

THE NEW RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The new rules seem to leave a good deal of the game unexplained. With your permission I should like to mention a few cases for which I can find no provision in them.

A ball played out of the course. (Ball in field.)

A ball played into a boundary fence.

A ball lodged in a hole or rabbit scrape—1st, on the course; 2nd, on the green.

A club breaking whilst the player is in the act of making a stroke.

A ball resting on the lip of the hole.

I quite agree with your correspondent, Mr. Fairlie, as to the unfairness of No. XII. in the Rules for Medal Play.

I think for breach of the bunker rule the penalty should be one stroke, the green committee, however, having power to disqualify the player at discretion.

I am, Sir, &c.,

CYMRO.

MATCH v. MEDAL PLAY.—LONG HANDICAPS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I quite agree with H. R. C., that it is high time match play was stimulated *versus* medal play, and I think the letter signed "Bogey" was rather a good idea. Anything that can be brought into competition to shorten the game would be a boon to many.

I should like also to make a suggestion or two on the present medal competitions. I should limit the handicap to 18 strokes. I should have a duffer's medal day for those above 18 strokes. Make it a *sine qua non* that all competitors should start before one o'clock, or two o'clock at the latest. It ought also at greens where players are on the spot to be compulsory that they enter their names the night before, then have a draw, and start in the order drawn. Any couple losing their places, to go down last on the list. The 18 strokes limit might not meet with approval by many, but surely anybody calling himself a golfer at all would not wish to win a medal with more. A great argument in favour of a limit is that when handicaps go so high as 30 or 40, as one sees they do on some greens, some players are apt

to forget a stroke or two, and when double numbers are taken for a hole it is impossible for the scorer to count correctly; so he generally puts down what he is told, and asks no questions. I have seen repeated misrepresentations frequently on a medal day, and by persons who would not for a moment make any false statement knowingly.

Only the other day after having finished my medal round I was watching a couple playing a hole for their medal round. I had distinctly seen one of them play two iron shots and then take four to hole out. The distance of the hole was over 300 yards. "How many?" asked No. 1. "Six," said No. 2. I could not help remarking, "why, I saw you play six close to the hole." "Oh! ah!" he said to his scorer, "it must have been eight." "Well," said No. 1, "if you took six from there," pointing to where I had first seen him playing, "it must have been ten, because if you remember you missed the globe in your first tee-shot, fozzled your second, and took three to get there." "All right" says No. 2, "I suppose it must be ten; I forgot about missing the globe, but I did not think I had taken so many." "How many were you?" "Seven." "You missed two in the road, you know, and then had to lift. "Oh, yes, I must have been ten, also let me see,"—repeated cries of "fore," and a ball whizzing past seemed to remind them that there were other players besides themselves, and that it was about time to move on. I discovered their handicaps were 35 and 40, on a course of which 85 was scratch. One of the players receiving 40, eventually won the medal, returning a score of 122, less 40=82. How many other errors he made in his score for the holes that it was not my lot to witness, goodness-only-knows, but probably there were some, and those not on the wrong side.

One more case I will mention, and it happened not many miles from Yarmouth. Two long handicap players were engaged in their medal. No. 1 got his ball in a gorse bush. After playing at it 4 times with a niblick, he shouted out to No. 2, "I say, I have got an unplayable ball; I think its safest to lift, and lose one. I can do that can't I?" No. 2, who had been playing repeated shots in a sand-bunker, and had never noticed No. 1's numerous attempts to extricate his ball, merely remarked, "Yes; lucky beggar, it took me three to get out of this confounded bunker; wish I had lifted" I never became acquainted with the final returns of those two gentlemen, but one thing I will answer for, and that is that No. 1's four shots at his ball in the gorse bush were never recorded.

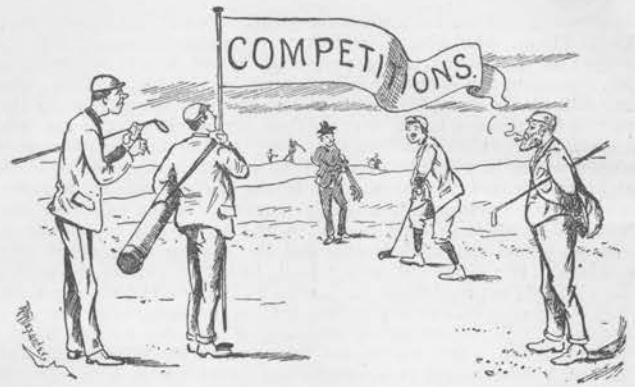
I do not wish to infer from these two examples that infallibility of scoring is universal among players, with 18 strokes and under down to scratch, but I do think mistakes are less likely to happen. One more suggestion I should like to make, and that is that in all clubs the Rules of the game should be printed in large letters, and placed about in conspicuous places, so that no player who infringes the rules can plead ignorance of the same.

I am, Sir, &c.,
YARMOUTH.

GALASHIELS.—A competition for the Barclay medal came off on Saturday on Gala Golf course. If exception be made to a strong wind, the weather and the course were alike good. The medal was won by Mr. A. Roberts. Mr. A. Roberts, 100, less 10=90; Mr. J. Brown, jun., 101, less 10=91; Mr. A. Broddie, 102, less 10=92; Mr. A. Noble, 101, less 8=93; Mr. W. H. Gray, 89, plus 6=95; Mr. A. D. Robson, 99, less 3=96; Mr. A. D. Dalgleish, 106, less 10=96.

KELSO CLUB.—The first handicap competition in a series of five competitions (three to count) for the captain's prizes in connection with this club took place on Saturday over the course on the Friar's Haugh. The conditions were two rounds of the course of nine holes each. The greens were in fair condition, but the high wind militated much against low scoring. There was a fair turn-out of members, and the following were the principal scores:—Mr. William Bennet, 96; Mr. Alexander Pott Stevenson, 102; Mr. James Kinnear, 105; Rev. W. M. Warlow, 105; Mr. James Beveridge, 109; Dr. Fleming, 109.

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ABERDEEN.

The members of the Bon-Accord Club here competed on Saturday over the nine-hole course on the town's links and Broad Hill for their aggregate prize, two rounds, or eighteen holes, being played. A very high wind militated against low scoring, and, on comparing the cards handed in, it was found that Mr. Henry Glass was the first winner, with a score of 93, less 10=83; Mr. W. Smart (scratch) coming next with 98.

ASCOT LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for club prizes was held on Thursday, January 28th, after a long interval, caused by bad weather. Scores were unusually high, owing probably to want of practice, and several ladies tore up their cards. The best scores were as follows:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
*Miss Merewether...	108	20	88	Miss Macintyre ...	120	24	96
Hon. E. Milman ...	104	8	92	Baroness Berkeley...	108	8	100
†Mrs. Blackett ...	94	2	92				

* Winner of handicap prize. † Winner of scratch prize.

Also played:—Mrs. Gosling, Miss Porter, and Miss C. Bruce.

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS GOLF CLUB.

But for a tempestuous wind in the morning, which rendered coming home rather difficult, Saturday, January 30th, was in reality a perfect golfing day. But as the skies looked undoubtedly threatening, not more than a score of members started for the monthly medal, and somehow but few cards came to hand. Major L. T. Spens took the medal, and had his score home been anything like his score out would have made a very low return indeed. Mr. W. E. Hughes took the Yewhurst gold clubs, a challenge prize which has just been presented for the best gross at monthly meetings, and to which the club will doubtless see its way to adding a memento. A special general meeting was held in the evening at the club-house, at which *inter alia* it was stated that the club had paid off all its debentures, and had handed over a substantial balance to the present year. The committee were also empowered to raise the entrance-fee to five guineas if it seemed advisable. The club has to regret the untimely loss of Mr. Adrian H. Newington, a constant player in the Forest Row green, who had represented the club in almost all its matches, and rendered himself deservedly popular with all those with whom he came in contact. "Multis ille bonis fiebilis occidit!" Score:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Major L. T. Spens..	100	20	80	Mr. P. J. Andrews..	104	13	91
Mr. W. E. Hughes..	95	6	89	Mr. A. Crerar ...	106	11	95
Mr. J. S. Scott ...	99	9	90	Mr. F. R. Lucas ...	117	22	95

CALCUTTA GOLF CLUB.

LADIES' CUP DAY.

On Saturday, 9th January, a long array of carriages on the road alongside the pavilion of the Calcutta Golf Club showed that something of unusual interest was going on within those precincts, sacred to the Royal Game. A shamiana had been erected, and underneath its shade were seated a large number of ladies waiting to know the result of the game for the magnificent challenge cup presented by them. Calcutta has long had its Golf club; but the Ladies' Golf Club is of recent date. Perhaps the ladies think that some recognition is due, as Sir Charles Elliott happily termed it in his speech to the "elder brothers," and the result was a silver bowl of great beauty, combined with grand proportions. Perhaps never before have so many players entered for a cup as on Saturday. No fewer than fifty-seven competitors entered, of whom thirty-eight returned their cards. As the evening wore on some ladies tried the bowling-green, and are believed to have expressed themselves

as surprised with the condition of the green. Shortly before six o'clock Lady Elliott, with Mrs. Beauclerk and Captain Gausson, A.D.C., arrived on the ground, and were received by the captain of the club, Mr. Ormiston, and members of the committee, Sir Charles Elliott, who had walked across the Maidan from the volunteer sports, joining the party a few minutes later. By this time the winner of the cup was known, and Sir Charles Elliott then congratulated him in a few well-chosen words, in which he expressed his interest in the game of Golf, and acknowledged the graceful act of the Ladies' Club in thus presenting the gentlemen with a small recognition of the help they had bestowed on them in their early days, and hoped this community of interests between the elder brother and the younger sister might long continue. He ended by asking Lady Elliott to present the prize. Lady Elliott, as president of the Ladies' Golf Club, had the agreeable duty of handing the trophy to Mr. J. C. R. Johnston, who played a fine game throughout of 86, an allowance of 2 strokes a round having been made him. Mr. Pearce was second with 88 (allowed 16), and Messrs. A. Watson and D. Youngson tied for third place at 90 (allowed 10 and 8 respectively). Three cheers for the winner were given, three for Lady Elliott with much enthusiasm, three for Sir Charles Elliott, and three for the Ladies' Golf Club. The following are the leading scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. C. R. Johnston	90 4 86	Mr. F. H. E. Lamb	93 scr. 93
Mr. E. Pearce	104 16 88	Mr. C. Little	97 4 93
Mr. Archd. Watson	100 10 90	Mr. Norman McLeod	99 6 93
Mr. D. Youngson	98 8 90	Mr. D. Pym	97 4 93
Mr. W. A. Inglis	93 2 91	Mr. A. F. Simson	93 scr. 93
Mr. W. T. Reid	97 6 91	Mr. C. B. Watkins	105 12 93
Major C. H. Brookes	104 12 92	Mr. R. A. Gamble	106 12 94
Dr. R. McLeod	110 18 92	Mr. F. W. Howse	108 14 94
Mr. G. A. Ormiston	96 4 92	Mr. J. W. P. Muir-	
Rev. D. Reid	96 4 92	Mackenzie	100 6 94
Mr. J. R. Stewart	94 2 92	Surg.-Major R. C.	
Mr. H. J. S. Cotton	111 18 93	Sanders	98 4 94

CHELTENHAM GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly handicap took place on Saturday, January 30th. The weather was boisterous, in consequence of which the scores were high. The following were the results:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. C. Gray	118 22 96	Mr. F. BurgoyneWal-	
Mr. S. P. Ryland	113 17 96	lace	125 20 105
Major F. Fawkes	133 35 98	Mr. G. W. Blathwagt	126 20 106
Captain Chamier	117 17 100	Mr. E. J. C. Studd	141 30 111
Mr. C. W. Bell	118 17 101	Rev. J. Lochhead	149 35 114
Mr. C. Tillard	111 10 101	Mr. Mascie Taylor	148 30 118
Mr. F. D. Longe	124 22 102	Mr. C. Jobling	148 30 118
Maj. Hardinge Hogg	134 30 104		

CLEVELAND GOLF CLUB.

Several ladies having subscribed and presented the club with a handsome piece of plate, the first competition for it took place on Friday and Saturday, over the links at Coatham, the weather being fine, but with a strong westerly wind blowing, which made the outward journey very hard work. There are twelve competitions to be played, and the twelve winners will play off for the absolute possession of the plate. The winner of this first competition was Mr. Walter Young, with a net score of 92. Score:—Mr. W. Young, out 58, home 49, total 107, allowed 15, net 92; Mr. D. Mackay, 52, 46, 98, 4, 94; Mr. H. Roberts, 50, 45, 95, scratch, 95; Mr. T. H. Wynan, 65, 46, 111, 14, 97; Mr. J. Scott, 63, 45, 108, 10, 98; Rev. J. Wallace, 64, 55, 119, 18, 101; Mr. C. Scott, 57, 51, 108, 5, 103. The other competitors made no returns.

CROOKHAM GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal trial competition for the 1891 handicap medal, was played off on Saturday, January 30th. A strong west wind, which nearly approached to a gale, was against low scoring. The result was as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. H. Evans	105 18 87	Mr. W. H. Belcher	123 28 65
Rev. E. P. Spurway	107 18 89	Mr. F. P. Browne	116 18 98
Rev. J. Scott Ramsay	107 16 91		

Messrs. E. J. Maguire and J. H. Harland (also eligible) were unfortunately unable to compete.

EDINBURGH CORPORATION GOLF CLUB.—The monthly handicap competition of this club took place at the Braids on Friday. Considering the boisterous nature of the weather, there was a fair turn-out of members. The prizes were gained as follows: 1, Bailie Macpher-son; 2, Councillor Mackenzie; 3, Mr. Somerville, Procurator-Fiscal.

DIDSBURY GOLF CLUB.

The fourth round for the captain's medal, postponed from the 9th January, was played on Saturday, the 30th ult., and resulted as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. A. Galbraith	120 24 96	Mr. H. Ross Coubrough	97 scr. 97
*Mr. W. H. Young	123 27 96	Mr. J. G. Fleming	119 20 99
		*Tied.	

Messrs. Cownie, Adamson, Lyall, Allen and Foster also returned cards showing over 100, in above order.

DISLEY GOLF CLUB.

The third winter handicap, which was postponed from January 16th, was contested on Saturday last. There was a very strong wind, and in the afternoon heavy showers of rain which considerably handicapped those who made a late start. Mr. E. G. Hutton put in a win for the medal, and took the first sweepstake prize with a net score of 86, Mr. R. W. Hutton being the only competitor who returns a gross score under 100. The following were the best returns:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. E. G. Hutton	104 18 86	Mr. R. W. Hutton	96 1 95
Mr. T. H. Mills	108 15 93	Mr. H. C. Garrett	115 16 99
Mr. E. Hutton	112 18 94		

FORFARSHIRE.

The monthly medal handicap of the Scotsraig Club was played for on Saturday—two rounds of the course. The winner was Mr. W. E. Methven, with a score of 92, less 10=82. The next best were:—Mr. A. S. Thomson, 86 (scratch); Mr. A. S. Black, 100, less 12=88; Mr. William Hogg, 92, less 2=90; Mr. G. Millar, 107, less 12=95.

The monthly competition of the Dundee Advertiser Club was played on Monifieth links on Saturday. There was a fair turn-out of members, but the weather, being somewhat stormy, was rather against good scoring. The best figures were those of Messrs. William Still, James Melville, John Inglis, William Duguid, and John Macrae in the first class; whilst the best cards of the second class were those of Messrs. Alexander Davidson, David Bannermann, John Wynd, and Allan Bell; and Mr. Finlay Currie, in the third class, was lowest. Sweepstakes were won as follows:—First class—Lowest, Mr. William Still; 1st average, Mr. John Inglis; 2nd, Mr. James Melville. Second class—1st average, Mr. David Bannermann; 2nd, Mr. John Wynd; 3rd, Mr. Alexander Davidson; 4th, Mr. Allan Bell. Third class—Lowest and 1st average, Mr. Finlay Currie.

ILKLEY GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal (12th month) was played for on these links on Saturday last in a hurricane of wind and rain, only ten players completed the round; and H. W. Wild was the winner, with 116, less 9=107. The final competition will take place on Saturday, February 13th, when the final destination of the medal will be decided, the twelve winners during the past year competing. In consequence of the protracted storm, the new greens will not be ready for play until May next, and visitors are advised to defer their visit to these links until that month, as temporary greens are now being played upon and are anything but a joy and a pleasure.

NOTTINGHAM GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal play will be carried out during 1892 under new arrangements. It is proposed that the winners of the competitions from January to June should play against one another at the close of the six months, and the winners of the July to December competitions in the same manner at the end of the year. The respective winners of these two contests will then play against each other for the honour of being club medallist. The first competition under these regulations was held on Thursday and Saturday. The Thursday players were handicapped by the bad condition of the ground, which was very wet and sodden after the thaw, while the Saturday men had to contend against a high wind. The consequence was that scores ruled higher than they have done for a long time, and that several players made no returns. The result of the competition is as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. Johnstone	105 8 97	Mr. R. D. Oswald	106 scr. 106
Mr. C. F. Dobson	110 12 98	Mr. W. Ross	131 18 113
Mr. C. S. Wardle	110 10 100	Mr. G. C. Hine	138 20 118
Mr. F. W. Thompson	109 8 101	Mr. C. B. Edwards	150 20 130
Mr. J. Hall	113 8 105		

Mr. J. Johnstone is thus the winner for January.

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY.—The monthly medal was played for on Saturday, and won by Rev. Mr. Stewart—94, less 20=74 net.

PRESTWICK GOLF CLUB.

The members had favourable weather on Saturday for their competition for the January handicap gold medal, playing the medal game of eighteen holes. The cards on being examined showed that the following were the best scores returned:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. S. Higginbotham ...	114 24 90	Mr. D. D. Whigham	101 9 92
Mr. R. N. Fairlie ...	87 +3 90	Capt. Dudley Stewart	107 15 92
Mr. G. W. Richardson	120 30 90	Mr. Robert Cowan	94 1 93
Mr. G. R. Fleming	110 20 90	Mr. H. Aitken ...	99 6 93
Mr. W. J. Anderson	109 18 91	Mr. Malcolm Cross	103 9 94

Mr. J. S. Higginbotham and Mr. Charles Hunter halved a match with Mr. John Alston.

The monthly handicap competition of the Prestwick St. Nicholas Club for Bailie Wilson's medal took place on Saturday afternoon, with the following results for the game of eighteen holes:—Mr. James Gibson, 87, at scratch; Mr. James Andrew, 88 with 3 of odds; Mr. M. Smith, 89, with 18 of odds; Mr. M. Morton, 90, with 10 of odds; Mr. A. Dunbar, 93, with 16; Mr. A. Boon, 94, at scratch.

RANELAGH GOLF CLUB.

Last weekly medal competition ending 30th January, 1892:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. Russell ...	90 11 79	Mr. A. J. Davies ...	106 18 88
Mr. W. Jackson ...	102 18 84	Mr. W. H. Miller ...	106 18 88
Mr. R. B. Davis ...	99 12 87	Mr. D. D. Robertson	114 16 98

ROYAL EASTBOURNE GOLF CLUB.

In a high gale the monthly medal was played for at Eastbourne on Saturday. Result:—Mr. M. C. Godby, 104, less 14=90; Mr. W. S. Sheldon, 103, less 11=92; Mr. E. O. Powell, 106, less 10=96; and Mr. Holcombe Ingleby, 107, less 11=96. Messrs. Powell and Ingleby tied for third place. There were thirty-six players.

ROYAL EPPING FOREST GOLF CLUB.

The Gordon cup and monthly medal were competed for on Saturday, at Chingford. Scores:—Mr. C. E. Greig, 100, less 8=92; Mr. H. A. Gordon, 108, less 16=92; Mr. R. Redwood, 111, less 16=95.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

Saturday, January 23rd.—Col. Mackenzie's prize:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. C. C. Renton...	94 10 84	Mr. O. Beck ...	104 10 94
*Capt. Mohl ...	99 14 85	Mr. D. Turnbull ..	109 15 94
Lieut.-Col. Mayne...	94 8 86	Mr. C. E. Lewis ...	105 10 95
Mr. J. R. Brown ...	95 9 86	Rev. W. Holland ...	113 18 95
Mr. R. R. Renton...	98 12 86	Mr. G. P. Pipon ...	113 18 95
Mr. S. Robin...	85 +2 87	Mr. W. H. Monckton	113 17 96
Mr. H. Spencer ...	93 4 89	Major Richardson ...	115 18 97
Capt. Robin ...	93 4 89	Dr. Turner ...	116 18 98
Mr. T. C. Robin ...	94 4 90	Mr. R. B. Lattimer.	107 7 100
Capt. Sumner...	97 7 90	Mr. A. L. Scott ...	118 18 100
Capt. Fairlie ...	97 6 91	Mr. H. S. B. Harvey	119 18 101
Dr. Comerford ...	103 11 92	Rev. H. Yorke ...	117 15 102
Capt. Prendergast...	110 18 92	Col. McDougal ...	122 14 108
Mr. G. Christie ...	111 18 93		

* Divided sweepstakes.

Seven players made no returns.

ROYAL WIMBLEDON GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap challenge medal, January 30th, 1892.—Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. H. Boyd ...	91 6 85	Mr. H. W. Horne...	104 8 96
Mr. E. Field ...	96 10 86	Mr. A. N. Morley...	111 15 96
Mr. W. D. Davidson	92 5 87	Mr. W. M. Allport...	114 18 96
Mr. N. R. Foster...	87 +2 89	Mr. C. Plummer ...	97 scr. 97
Mr. G. C. Wylie ...	96 7 89	Mr. C. W. Harrison	115 18 97
Mr. R. Howell ...	102 12 90	Mr. H. S. Colt ...	98 scr. 98
Mr. J. H. Mudie ...	95 4 91	Mr. F. E. Faithful...	102 3 99
Mr. A. Adams ...	101 10 91	Mr. W. Johnston ...	115 15 100
Mr. W. D. Bovill...	99 7 92	Mr. R. Durnford ...	111 10 101
Mr. E. A. Walker...	99 6 93	Mr. H. T. Wright	113 12 101
Mr. W. Michie ...	102 9 93	Mr. J. A. Burrell...	116 14 102
Mr. E. M. Protheroe	102 9 93	Mr. W. W. Branston	118 16 102
Mr. J. Taylor ...	103 10 93	Mr. H. C. Archer...	119 16 103
Hon. Ivo Bligh ...	102 8 94	Mr. G. P. Leach ...	118 12 106
Mr. G. Nicol ...	102 8 94	Mr. C. F. Grundtvig	126 18 108
Mr. W. L. Purves...	95 scr. 95	Mr. S. G. Carlyle...	130 16 114
Mr. H. P. Cumming	101 6 95	Mr. R. G. Webster	137 18 119
Mr. C. A. W. Cameron	100 4 96		

SUTTON COLDFIELD GOLF CLUB.

The first competition, since the breaking up of the frost, took place on the 23rd ult., when a silver ash bowl, presented by Captain C. G. Wilson, R.A., was competed for. The prize was played for—under the donor's conditions—with cleeks only, and this fact, together with the rough condition of the putting-greens, consequent upon the long frost, no doubt accounts for the heavy returns made. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. P. A. Bourke ..	112 27 85	Rev. H. E. Wilson	106 9 97
Mr. J. E. Evershed	110 25 91	Mr. J. H. Chavassi	114 12 102
Mr. F. Rathbone ...	110 16 94	Major Lockyer ...	119 17 102

Six other players made no returns.

TENBY GOLF CLUB.

The usual ladies' handicap was played on Monday, 18th ult., with the following result: Nine hole course.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Eva Vachell ...	88 16 72	Miss Lewes ...	108 27 81
Miss Clifton ...	79 scr. 79	Miss Edith Vachell	91 8 83

The gentlemen's fortnightly handicap took place on Thursday, January 21st, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. Smyth ...	97 scr. 97	Mr. B. C. Durrant...	155 35 120
Col. Morgan Lloyd	117 18 99	Mr. St. G. Caulfield	133 11 122
Colonel Fitzgerald...	135 36 99		

Captain Westby, Mr. W. H. Richards, Mr. H. J. Allen, Mr. L. R. Wood, retired.

THE ROYAL NORTH DEVON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal, with the memento, a silver "Toby" cream jug, and one of Messrs. Mordan and Co.'s silver pencil-cases, the Kentish gold medal, the Houldsworth cup, and the usual sweepstakes was played for in a strong cross-wind on Saturday. Major Pigott and Mr. J. J. Harding tied for the medal, &c., and divided the sweepstakes. There were sixteen competitors. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. J. Harding...	94 6 88	Mr. G. Gorton ...	123 24 99
Major Pigott ...	101 13 88	Rev. E. C. Pigott ...	116 16 100
Mr. J. C. McLaren.	91 2 89	Col. Templeman ...	128 26 102
Rev. A. C. Cochran.	104 14 90	Mr. H. E. Clerk ...	122 18 104
Mr. W. H. Toller...	97 4 93	Mr. A. C. Kennard...	126 18 108
Mr. F. T. Cooke ...	119 20 99		

No returns:—Dr. Wood Cooke, Mr. A. Cruickshanks, Mr. J. Lillie, Mr. C. J. Robinson, and Mr. St. C. Stobart.

TOOTING BEC GOLF CLUB.

A match handicap competition, which has been in progress for several months past, was closed on Saturday. The prize was a handsome bowl presented by the captain of the club, the Marquis of Granby, together with the entrance-fees, amounting to nearly £6. Some close and interesting matches were played, but in the end, two scratch players, in the persons of Mr. Arthur Denman and Mr. J. Gould Smith, vanquished all their opponents, and were left to play the final round. This was won by Mr. Gould Smith after a spirited contest, though Mr. Denman ought to have made the match a much closer one, had he not fallen off a little in his play, especially on the putting-green, during the last seven or eight holes.

First Round.—Mr. G. E. Tabor beat Mr. S. Fisher by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. A. Emslie beat Mr. F. G. Thorne; Mr. F. G. Badham beat Mr. T. Melville by 1; Major Lindsay beat the Rev. P. Brainbridge by 7 up and 6 to play; Mr. K. Stewart Bain beat Mr. G. B. Voules by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. J. Bell beat Mr. A. Mackintosh by 4 up and 3 to play; Dr. Ackroyd w.o. (J. H. Anderson scratched); Mr. C. A. S. Leggatt beat Mr. W. Jeans by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. A. McCall Smith beat Mr. J. Duthie Matthew by 3 up and 1 to play; Lieut.-Col. Howard beat Mr. J. Lidiard by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. E. H. Stevenson beat Mr. D. M. Mason by 1 up after twice tying; Mr. A. Denman beat Mr. F. Taylor by 6 up and 4 to play; Mr. G. H. Gill beat Mr. T. L. Bristowe, M.P., by 10 up; Mr. J. B. Wood beat Mr. C. H. Compton by 6 up and 5 to play.

Second Round.—Mr. G. E. Tabor beat Mr. A. Emslie by 4 up and 3 to play; Major Lindsay beat Mr. F. G. Badham by 1 up; Mr. J. Bell beat Mr. R. Stewart Bain by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. C. A. S. Leggatt beat Dr. Ackroyd by 1; Mr. A. McCall Smith w.o. (Lieut.-Col. Howard scratched); Mr. A. Denman beat Mr. E. H. Stevenson by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. J. B. Wood beat Mr. G. H. Gill by 1; Major Morris beat Mr. F. W. Fison by 2 up; Mr. J. Gould Smith beat Mr. E. A. Walker by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. J. P. Crol beat Dr. Donald by 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. H. Jackson w.o. (Mr. A. Clarke

scratched); Rev. J. H. Ellis beat the Marquis of Granby by 2 up; Mr. J. D. Charrington beat Mr. A. J. Robertson by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. E. R. Goolden beat Mr. J. Wild by 4 up and 2 to play; Dr. Priestly beat Mr. D. Russell by 1; Mr. C. E. Nesham beat Mr. J. S. Robb by 2 up and 1 to play.

Third Round.—Major Lindsay beat Mr. G. E. Tabor by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. C. A. S. Leggatt beat Mr. J. Bell by 6 up and 4 to play; Mr. A. Denman w.o. (Lieutenant-Colonel Howard scratched); Major Morris beat Mr. J. B. Wood by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. J. Gould Smith w.o., (Mr. J. P. Croal, scratched); Mr. H. Jackson beat the Rev. J. H. Ellis by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. J. D. Charrington beat Mr. E. R. Goolden by 7 up and 6 to play; Mr. C. E. Nesham w.o. (Dr. Priestly scratched).

Fourth Round.—Major Lindsay beat Mr. C. A. S. Leggatt by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. A. Denman beat Major Morris by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. J. Gould Smith beat Mr. H. Jackson by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. J. D. Charrington beat Mr. C. E. Nesham by 1.

Semi-Final.—Mr. A. Denman beat Major Lindsay by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. J. Gould Smith beat Mr. J. D. Charrington by 4 up and 2 to play.

Final.—There was a small following of members to see this contest between Messrs. Denman and Gould Smith. Mr. Denman started well by taking the first two holes in 4 as against 5 and 7 by his opponent. Mr. Gould Smith, however, settled down to a good steady game, and before the ninth hole he was able to knock off the three holes by which his opponent had led and to turn home 1 up. Mr. Denman's game fell away a little, and though he made some brilliant recoveries by good approaching he neutralised this gain by a few weak putts. The scores were:—

Mr. Gould Smith	...	5	7	6	4	4	3	4	5	3=41	} 80
		5	4	4	5	4	3	4	4	6=39	
Mr. Denman	...	4	4	6	3	5	6	4	6	4=42	} 85
		6	3	5	5	6	5	4	5	4=43	

The result was that Mr. Gould Smith won by 4 up and 3 to play.

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The 1892 club cup competition opened on Saturday under favourable conditions; the weather was fine and the course in capital order. Mr. J. Powers, 110, less 14=96, was first; the Hon. and Rev. R. C. Moncreiffe, 104, less 4=100, second; Mr. A. Rotherham, 108, less 7=101, third. Next best scores:—Rev. W. Bedford, 114, less 12=102; Colonel Boothby, 109, less 6=103; and Rev. A. E. Bedford, 124, less 4=120.

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The seventh competition for the Joicey cup by the members of this club took place on Wednesday, 27th ult. Notwithstanding the recent snowstorm, the ground was in marvellously good condition, showing how quickly the Whitley links, with their sandy subsoil, become fit for play. While other links in the north are in a bad state, those at Whitley have a comparative immunity from the disadvantages which follow in the wake of stormy weather. There was a boisterous westerly wind blowing across the course, which it was difficult to contend against, and with one exception the scoring was of a high order. The hon. secretary (Mr. J. B. Radcliffe), finished with the respectable scores of 48 and 44 respectively, making a total of 92 from scratch. The remaining scores call for no remark. Results—Mr. J. B. Radcliffe, first round, 48; second round, 44; gross, 92; scratch; net, 92; Mr. W. C. Beal, 65, 60, 125, 25, 100; Mr. A. Marmion, 51, 62, 113, 8, 105; Mr. J. W. Wood, 51, 61, 112, 5, 107; Mr. J. G. Sharp, 55, 67, 122, 14, 108. M. E. T. Ridley retired.

HAWICK CLUB.—On Tuesday, 26th ult., the Bombay medal was played for in disagreeable weather. Result—First, James Purves, 96, less 7=89; second, James Barrie, 89, plus 1=90; third, W. W. Forsyth, 99, less 8=91; fourth, J. A. Turnbull, 103, less 12=91; fifth, James Scott, 111, less 13=98.

TROON.—The usual competition for the Sand Hills gold medal took place on Saturday, and was favoured by good weather. A large number of golfers participated in the game. Mr. A. Johnston was first, with a score of 87, less 8 of odds; Mr. J. Irvine was second, with 88 and 12 of odds; Mr. A. Rowand being third, with 89 and 6 of odds.

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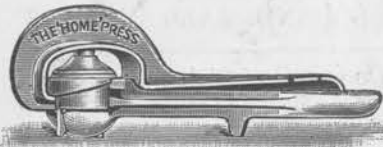
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