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"Far and Sure."

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JANUARY.

- Jan. 16.—Warwickshire : Lefroy Prize (Final).
Royal Epping Forest : Quarterly Medal.
Formby : Pearson's Prize.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Bury Cup.
County Down : Railway Cup ; Club Monthly Prize.
Disley : Winter Handicap Medal.
Sutton Coldfield : Lloyd Prize.
- Jan. 18.—Luffness : President's Prize Clubs.
- Jan. 19.—Whitley : Joicey Cup.
A. Kirkaldy v. Taylor for £27, at Burnham.
- Jan. 20.—Royal Epping Forest : Spurling-Kentish Medal.
Cambridge University : General Meeting, Lion Hotel,
8.30 p.m.
- Jan. 21.—Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Handicap.
- Jan. 23.—Birkdale : Captain's Cup.
Disley : Annual Meeting.
Sutton Coldfield : Cleek Prize (Captain Wilson's).
- Jan. 25.—Pau : Captain's Prize.
- Jan. 30.—Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Cup.
Seaford : Monthly Medal.
Warwickshire : Cup Competition.
West Cornwall : Monthly Medal.

FEBRUARY.

- Feb. 2.—Whitley : Joicey Cup.
Birkdale : Club Ladies' Prize.
Carnarvonshire : Monthly Medal.
Cambridge University : Linskill Cup (Scratch), and Pirie
Medal (Handicap) ; Extraordinary General Meeting,
Lion Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

- Feb. 4.—Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Handicap.
- Feb. 5.—Royal Cornwall : Monthly Medal.
- 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.
- 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).
- Feb. 14.—Tooting : Monthly Medal.
Didsbury : Captain's Prize.
- Feb. 15.—Pau : Town of Pau Golf Medal (Scratch) ; St. Andrews
Cross (Open) ; Grand Open Tournament.
- Feb. 16.—Whitley : Joicey Cup.
- 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).
- 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.
- Feb. 22.—Pau : May Jubilee Medal (Handicap, Holes).
- 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.
- 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. 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.

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GOLF AT MACCLESFIELD.

There are those who say that Golf over an inland course is no Golf at all; but now that the ground at Macclesfield is to be open through summer and winter, and various improvements are being made every month, this opinion, if it be still held, will have to be modified. And, undoubtedly, for those who cannot go to the Scotch coast, or where the men of Kent and the men of Devon have imitated their northern brethren, there is as pretty a game of Golf to be had at Macclesfield as anywhere in the country. At an altitude of some 500 feet above sea level, where the grass is short and the ground undulating, with a picturesque view on all sides, there is a lively charm in going round the nine-hole course, which, except for the absence of sand, nature seems to have marked out as a golfer's playground. The length of the holes is not excessive, but they all have their points of interest, incident, and, frequently, accident.

From the first tee, though a very long driver might perhaps risk the hazard and attempt to carry the brook, there is practically only one way in which a good hole may be made. The tee-shot must be considerably to the left of the direction to the hole, and over a quantity of rough grass; but this is by no means all; it must also be of very certain length, and he who cannot judge his distance—and drive it—is frequently heard to exclaim, when not roused to more violent language:—

“O the little more and how much it is,
And the little less and what worlds away!”

for, a ball driven too far carries you either into the brook or into a grassy hollow, whence it is lucky if you emerge in your next stroke; and a ball played too short does not open out the view to the hole beyond a small copse, which it is in all circumstances well to avoid.

In playing for the second hole, again, the tee-shot must be well judged with regard to length; for a long drive will often fail to carry a row of iron railings, and a topped ball, or a short ball, will be sorely punished by the rough ground and cinder path in front of the tee. If, however, one plays the correct stroke, an iron shot for the second should land one on the green, when all difficulties are over for a time.

To negotiate the third hole successfully—a distance of 300 yards—the drive must be well directed, as a ball pulled or sliced would probably strike the branches of one or two trees which, while not standing in the course itself, compel one to keep in it.

After the third hole has been “held,” as most golfers allow us, and some expect us, to say, we tee off from some low ground with a small grip in front of us, and the boundary of the course on our left; with our second shot we cross, or circumvent with our third, a pond lying directly in front of the hole. The really well-placed drive will enable us to reach the green with our second shot, without crossing the pond; but to be on the green is not all; it slopes away from the player, and requires careful approaching if the ball is to be laid “dead.”

The fifth hole is altogether out of sight from the tee, being some 360 yards distant on a higher level, beyond a ridge running obliquely across the line; here, however, the lines are good, and the ridge should be easily carried with a brassy shot for the second. There, bearing in mind the maxim, “Never up, never in,” we play an iron shot, in fear and trembling lest we roll down into the hedge beyond, which bounds the golfing course.

We now return; and when the new tee has been made for the sixth hole, the tee-shot will be one of the best in the whole course. A wide and deep uncut grassy hollow lies yawning in front, but the steady driver will carry it comfortably—it is unnecessary to state the fortunes of the unsteady—and after a brassy or cleek shot he will find that in order to reach the green, which lies in a hollow, whence it is called the “saucer,” he must successfully pass between the trunks of two big trees, which guard the green, or loft over them and so fall on the sloping side of the saucer.

All links seem to have at least one short hole where the ball may be driven from the tee to the putting-green, and here the seventh hole is about 165 yards. There is no obstacle to stop

a straight drive; as, however, it must be nearly all “carry,” there being very little “run,” the hole is not so often done in two as might be expected.

We now come to the longest hole of all, about 400 yards; and he who cannot drive “far and sure” cannot expect to hole out in less than seven or eight. A wide marshy depression must be crossed with the tee-shot, and if this be done with a carry of 160 to 180 yards there is a good chance of clearing the orchard with the second, though it must be high and some 120 to 140 yards; it would be impossible to describe here the variety of difficulties into which one falls if these two strokes be not properly played. We are now about 100 yards from the hole, but, though we are through the orchard, we are not yet out of the wood, for a hard gravel path has to be crossed, and then, as the ground slopes quickly away, a very careful approach is necessary lest the ball rush violently down a steep place into the ravine—a difficulty which has to be faced in playing for the next hole. The sloping green and its well-kept condition combine to keep up the interest of this long hole to the—often bitter—end.

The Home hole, or Ravine, taxes the power of straight driving rather than distance, though the fate of a topped ball is terrible, and a long drive is well repaid. On the left, outside the boundary of the course, is a thick wood, in which many a badly-directed ball has been lost, and down the ravine on the right often rushes a brawling brook, ready to carry away any unfortunate ball that finds its way into it. He who has safely navigated this strait and escaped the allurements of its Scylla and Charybdis, finds the way to the ninth hole uninterrupted; and should he have been equally successful through the whole green, he will have played his nine holes in from 40 to 45 strokes.

The chief feature in the round is the frequent necessity for judging the required length of the tee shot. Again and again an accurately driven ball ensures a good lie and a respectable hole; and thus the whole course affords an excellent school for practice in driving. The course was originally laid out by Lowe, of St. Anne's, and in no instance is there any crossing. All the greens, where not visible from the tee, are marked by tall flags, so that their position can be seen and distance estimated. The greens themselves are in first-rate condition, with fine firm turf, well cut and rolled, and the teeing grounds, often less thought of on our inland links, are equally well laid out and preserved.

THE CROFTERS' COMMISSION AND STORNOWAY GOLF COURSE.—The Crofter Commissioners have issued an interlocutor acceding to an application by Lady Matheson to resume possession of part of the grazings of Melbost Links, held jointly by the crofters of Melbost and Stenish. The application was made to enable the Stornoway Golf Club to secure the privilege of using a part of the links for playing Golf—a privilege which they had formerly exercised, but of which the crofters deprived them. The annual compensation for damage to pasture is fixed at £7.

The members of the recently-formed City of Newcastle Club have spent a large sum of money in laying out the course on the Newcastle Town Moor. It covers an extent of some four miles, is an eighteen-hole course, and the work has been done under the superintendence of Tom Morris. The necessary plans have also been passed for the alterations which will be made to the Windmill, to transform it into club premises. The rooms will include club-room, bath-rooms, large hall, dining and reading-rooms, billiard-room, lavatories, &c., and will cost, it is expected, £600 to £700. A gallery will be erected outside, which will enable any one to survey the course, and, in addition, a shelter for the caddies, workshop, and residence for the professional (T. Fernie) will be included in the building. The opening of the course has been postponed until the spring season, although members have lately taken advantage of the course, and report that it is already in good condition for play. The inaugural competition will be for a cup, the gift of the president, Mr. Pease.

Review.

MR. HORACE HUTCHINSON'S NEW NOVEL.

MR. BATTERS'S PEDIGREE; OR, EXPERIENCES OF A TENDER-FOOT. By Horace G. Hutchinson. With illustrations by George Hutchinson. Volume of "THE WHITEFRIARS LIBRARY OF WIT AND HUMOUR." Henry and Co., 6, Bouverie Street, E.C. 3s. 6d.

The weakest point about Mr. Hutchinson's book is its title. Mr. Batters, his pedigree, and his daughter only make their appearance just after the rise and just before the fall of the curtain, and their part in the story is but a small one. The bulk of the volume is concerned with the American experiences of one Jack Saltoun, whose devotion to Miss Batters constitutes the softer element in the story, and in a less degree of his friend and fellow-traveller, an Oxford undergraduate, whose laboriously epigrammatic mode of conversation made us distrust him from the first. We are introduced to the pair of young Englishmen on their arrival at New York, and Mr. Hutchinson follows them in their adventures in cab, hotel, and rail-car as they journey towards their respective destinations. The style of the author is pleasant, and his matter interesting; but it must be admitted that the earlier part of the book at any rate has been put together somewhat in the "Sandford and Merton" style. Stories unconnected with the plot are constantly cropping up, "which, as you have not yet heard, I will now proceed to relate to you." But the reader need have no fear that he will be tempted to compare himself with the victims of Mr. Barlow's long-windedness. Some of these stories have previously appeared in magazine form, but they are worth republishing, and the book will be none the less acceptable to the majority on this account. It is certainly well adapted to the tastes of the desultory, who like to take up a book for a few minutes without being compelled by an overwhelming interest to read on to the end at one sitting.

There is always something enthralling, whether in story or drama, about the red shirts, the *sombreros*, and the jack-boots of cowboy or planter; and of this fondness entertained by us stay-at-home folk for adventures, in which revolvers play a prominent part, and in which orders to "throw up your hands" are the usual salutations exchanged at chance meetings, Mr. Hutchinson takes full advantage. He seems to know well the country which he describes, and the ways of its inhabitants, from the ubiquitous Chinaman, of whom we have an admirable specimen in Hangwo, to Mr. Billy Hay, the teller of stories, which are very giants for "tallness." Our Chinaman first makes his appearance tied to a horse, with his hand firmly fixed between the jaws of a "Gila"—apparently a terrible species of lizard. For his woeful plight—from which Jack Saltoun rescues him—he is indebted to Captain Westland, a famous chief of outlaws, whose audacity and brutal ingenuity have long been a terror to the dwellers in Kansas. This same Westland, after relieving Saltoun from the irksome presence of a "grizzly," which went near to end the story by swallowing the hero, serves him in much the same fashion, binding him to a horse, with the bear's skin, freshly stripped, tied firmly to his powerless limbs, and setting the terrified animal loose to carry the unfortunate captive whither it will. But his career comes to an end soon afterwards, and the Chinaman gets his revenge. The description of Saltoun's encounter with the bear could not be better, and Westland's capture is an exciting episode, related with vigorous terseness.

In one of the interpolated stories is an elaborate, but rather tiresome, description of the *Mardi Gras* procession and carnival at New Orleans, to which "people journey even from the Pacific Coast, and much more, from New York, and cities even north of that." In another, a 'coon hunt is the subject, and capital rough sport this seems to afford. The characters are well drawn, but the excellence of the book lies mainly in incident. Perhaps the various "experiences" which Mr. Hutchinson had in his note-book might have been more neatly "worked in;" but this kind cometh only of experience. As it is, we have a very readable volume on a country of which many writers have treated,

and a number of good stories into the bargain. Mr. George Hutchinson's illustrations are not quite so good as those who know the excellent work which he has done will expect, but they serve in several instances to "help out" the story. There is an admirable portrait of Mr. Hutchinson, which does duty as frontispiece. A word of praise is due to Messrs. Henry and Co. for the capital manner in which the "Whitefriars' Library" is issued.

A DOGGEREL WAIL.

(FROM A MUMPY GOLFER.)

I trust you'll agree, 'twas rough on me,
To catch the mumps at fifty-three;
So help me to curse, the mumps,
O, cursed mumps.

I twist and turn, till I know not where to!
Swear, of all ailments the flesh is heir to
The worst is mumps, curse the mumps,
O, cursed mumps.

I stroke and feel my neck each morning,
In vainest hopes to find cure dawning,
But feel again those horrid lumps,
O, cursed lumps.

Were I vain before, deem me now less vain,
For my bumps are bigger, although not the pain,
So cursing still, I curse the bumps,
O, cursed bumps.

A prisoner in my bedroom I am kept,
And take my meals where I have slept,
And rage against these horrid mumps,
O, cursed mumps.

I walk it up and down, like a narrow lane,
And down and up and ever back again;
Oh! curse, curse, the horrid mumps,
O, cursed mumps.

I am even not allowed to pass the door,
So swing my driver on the carpet floor;
Once more curse the horrid mumps,
O, cursed mumps.

I swing again, swing my club once more,
And swear I'd do the round in eighty-four,
But for the curse of mumps,
O, cursed mumps.

My swelling's gone! but think not all is past,
Nor of my miseries have I seen the last;
Again I curse, the curse of mumps,
O, cursed mumps.

The trouble now which most annoys me
Is the way a pal avoids me,
So for ever I'll curse the mumps,
O, cursed mumps.

R. I. P.

A Golf club has recently been formed at Bognor. A capital nine-hole course has been made near the town, where play is daily carried on. There is also a ladies' course, which is considered one of the best in the South of England. The services of an excellent professional (J. Tabor) have been secured, and a great many members have already joined the club, to which visitors are readily admitted. The hon. secretary is Mr. Henry Marshall, of The Hawthorns, Bognor.

GOLF THROUGH FRENCH SPECTACLES.

Cher Ami,—Ayant dans ma dernière essayé à vous décrire le jeu intéressant au criquette je continue à vous rendre compte de ce que je pense des autres amusements de cette nation triste et orgueilleuse. Je vous ai déjà fait remarquer que le criquette est un passetemps, ou plutôt un emploi, fort aristocratique. Il se joue généralement dans un parc énorme, et presque entouré de bâtiments superbes et des palais de la plus haute noblesse, qui s'appelle le "grin park" à cause de sa verdure souriante, et dont le quatrième côté est bordé par le bois célèbre de St. Jean. Ce "grin park," comme tous les parcs et les jardins publics de Londres, est la propriété du M.C.C., c'est-à-dire, du Concile des Comités Métropolitains (mieux connu sous son titre plus familier du "London Counties Council"), qui n'y admet personne excepté ceux qui portent l'uniforme du corps. L'on doit observer dans le système municipal qu'il y a des comités qui règlent toutes les affaires de la ville, et qui tiennent l'œil ouvert sur bien d'autres choses. En vous épargnant ici la lecture d'un essai sur la politique épineuse des habitants de la Grande Bretagne je reviens au sujet de leurs passetemps.

Aiors c'est aujourd'hui le jeu de "gulf" qui a déplacé tous les autres, justement comme autrefois le criquette avait vaincu l'exercice hardi et laborieux du croquet. Pour jouer au "Gulf" on a besoin d'un terrain d'une vaste étendue. Voilà pourquoi un grand propriétaire comme le sous-ministre Sir Balfour a consacré sa terre magnifique de Nord-Bervicque-Linques à cet objet populaire. En effet, quoiqu'on entend beaucoup parler des "cliques" parmi les gulfers, il n'y a guère un sport plus aimé du peuple anglais. La foule même de spectateurs fait que sans la précaution susdite on risquerait souvent de tuer beaucoup de monde. C'est toujours un spectacle imposant que celui de regarder à trois ou quatre "gulfers" qui élèvent tous à la fois leurs lourds bâtons ferrés pour livrer un coup terrible sur cette pauvre balle de caoutchouc légèrement balancée sur des brins d'herbe et le cliquetis des fers qui s'ensuit vous pouvez vous figurer. Néanmoins, il faut avouer que le gouffre dont on fait tant de cas, n'est après tout qu'une très petite fosse, sur laquelle les plus habiles "gulfers" font sauter leurs balles d'un seul coup, de sorte que, pour en tirer celles qui sont malheureusement tombées dedans, on ne soit que rarement réduit à employer le "lifting-iron" ou "élévateur," machine qui se trouve usuellement quelque part sur les terrains cultivés.

Il m'a coûté beaucoup d'attention pour me faire une idée de ce que c'était qu'un "bonqueur," sobriquet bizarre et quelque peu dédaigneux qui distingue les gens qui débutent à "gulf." La première saison finie ils deviennent "gulfers" ou "hommes de la clique," et après la deuxième, "drivers," c'est-à-dire, conducteurs ou guides des autres joueurs d'une fosse ou "Gulf" à l'autre, la distance étant immense et la route presque toujours très difficile. Avec la troisième année on arrive au degré auguste de "cadi," terme oriental qui signifie juge ou arbitre du jeu. Chaque "gulf" est accompagné d'un "cadi," de peur qu'il ne fasse quelque supercherie que ses rivaux ne pourraient voir. D'ailleurs rien d'important ne se décide sans que le "cadi" en ait donné son opinion. Je crains avoir déjà dépassé les limites d'une lettre, mais je me hâte de vous faire part de ces renseignements précieux sur ce passetemps national, lesquels je dois à l'amitié d'un jeune Anglais qui s'y connaît à merveille.

Veuille accepter les salutations les plus empressées de votre dévoué.

ACHILLE.

For the benefit of readers who may not be strong in French, we append a translation of the above amusing letter:—

My dear Friend,—Having endeavoured in my last to describe to you the interesting game of "Criquette," I will now tell you what I think of the other amusements of this sad and proud nation.

I have already mentioned that criquette is a recreation, or rather a work, of a very aristocratic kind. It is generally played in an enormous park almost entirely surrounded by splendid buildings and palaces belonging to the highest nobility, which is called "Grin Park" on account of its smiling verdure, and the fourth side of it is bordered by the celebrated wood of St. John. This "Grin Park," like all the other

popular parks of London, is the property of the M.C.C., that is, the Council of the Metropolitan Counties (better known under its more familiar title of London Counties Council), which admits only those wearing the uniform of the body. It is worthy of observation that in the Municipal system there are committees that regulate all the affairs of the town, and who keep a sharp eye on many other things besides. I will, however, not inflict upon you an essay on the thorny politics of the inhabitants of Great Britain, but return to the subject of their amusements.

To-day the game of "Gulf" has displaced all others in exactly the same way that criquette formerly ousted the bold and arduous game of croquet. In order to play "Gulf," ground of vast extent is needed. That is why a great landed proprietor, like the statesman Sir Balfour, has devoted his immense grounds of North Bervicque Linques to this public object. In fact, although "cliques" are much spoken of among "gulfers," there is certainly not a sport which is better liked by the English people. The crowd of spectators is often so great that without the above-mentioned precaution there would be a serious risk of killing a large number. It is always an imposing spectacle to see three or four gulfers raising at the same time their heavy ironed sticks to deliver a terrible blow at the poor india-rubber ball, lightly supported on blades of grass, and the clicking of the irons which follows may be easily imagined. Nevertheless, it must be admitted that the Gulf, about which so much noise is made, is after all a very small ditch, over which the most successful gulfers cause their balls to jump by a single stroke. It is, therefore, not often that, to withdraw balls which may unfortunately have fallen in, recourse has to be had to the "lifting iron" or "elevator," a machine which is usually to be found on cultivated ground.

It cost me a lot of study to ascertain what is meant by a "bonqueur," a strange and somewhat disdainful *soubriquet* applied to persons who are learning to "Gulf." After the first season they become "gulfers," or "men of the clique," and after the second, "drivers," that is to say, conductors or guides of the other players from one ditch or gulf to the other, the distance being immense, and the road nearly always a very difficult one. With the third year you arrive at the august rank of "cadi," an Oriental term, which signifies judge or arbitrator. Each gulf is accompanied by a "cadi," lest he should be guilty of any trickery invisible to his opponents. In fact, no important question is decided without the "cadi" having expressed his opinion.

I fear that I have already exceeded the limits of a letter, but I hasten to send you these important particulars of this national pastime, for which I am indebted to the friendship of a young Englishman who is a great adept at it.

Accept the warmest salutations from your devoted

ACHILLE.

HAGLEY GOLF CLUB.

At a meeting held at Rockingham Hall, Hagley, on December 18th—Viscount Cobham in the chair—the following resolutions were passed:—(1.) That this meeting approves the formation of a club, to be called the 'Hagley Golf Club,' to be open to ladies and gentlemen. (2.) That Viscount Cobham be elected president. (3.) That the following members be elected as a provisional committee, with power to add to their number; and that they be empowered to proceed with the formation of this club by laying out links, electing members, sending out notices, and making all necessary arrangements:—Messrs. Hammond Smith, George F. Chance, Lionel Roberts, H. Tresyllian Williams, Edward F. Chance, and William K. Harrison. (4.) That the following be the subscriptions:—Playing members, gentlemen, £1 1s.; non-playing members, gentlemen, 10s. 6d.; ladies, 7s. 6d. (5.) That, subject to the foregoing resolutions, the rules of the Worcestershire Golf Club be adopted by this club." Ladies and gentlemen who wish to be elected members of this club are invited to send their names to Mr. H. T. Williams, Rockingham Hall, Hagley, who is acting *pro tem.* as hon. secretary and treasurer. The links, which will consist of nine holes, are situated on the Monument Hill, in private grounds belonging to Viscount Cobham, through whose kindness the club has been formed. The ground is well adapted for the purpose, and should in time form one of the best links in the Midlands. It is hoped that, weather permitting, these links may be ready for play by the end of January.

DUNAVERTY GOLF CLUB.—The tie in the final competition for the monthly gold medal between Mr. John Moffat and Mr. James Taylor was played on Saturday, the 2nd inst., in rather boisterous weather, and resulted in the success of Mr. Taylor. The game throughout was very close, but at the twelfth hole Mr. Moffat got bunkered, and took 9 to Mr. Taylor's 3. Scores: Mr. Taylor, 93, less 3=90; Mr. Moffat, 100, less 5=95.

RULE No. XXXIV.

THE new rules have been in force but one short week, and already points of dispute and varied interpretation have sprung up as bewildering as any in Chancery law. Last week we published in our correspondence columns a letter from a correspondent signing himself "A," and raising two very important points in the interpretation of the new rules. One of those points had reference to a subject which was raised by Mr. H. H. Turner in August last, and arising out of a friendly objection against a well-known and thoroughly sound player, Mr. F. G. Tait (*vide* page 368, Vol. II.). The point was, "What is a stroke?" and ought the club arrested in the backward swing in a bunker, or elsewhere, be counted as a stroke. We answered the point fully at that time, and have nothing now to add, except this. The point was raised at least a month before the St. Andrews Committee came to a final decision on the rules. They have neither amplified nor elucidated the definition of a stroke in the interval, and therefore we may justly conclude that a stroke arrested in the backward swing comes within the category of various ceremonial formalities connected with "addressing the ball." The other point is of more far-reaching consequence. It refers to the interpretation of the last clause in Rule XXXIV., which is as follows:—"The putting-line must not be touched by club, hand, or foot, except as above authorised [brushing lightly with the hand, or removing dung lightly with an iron club], or immediately in front of the ball in the act of addressing it, under the penalty of the loss of the hole." It is the italicised sentence to which we wish to draw particular attention. On the case put to us by our correspondent in his letter we gave the decision that the widespread practice of placing the putter in front of the ball before holing out was now illegal. This opinion was only come to after careful and frequent consideration of the grammatical construction of the rule; and the conviction was borne in upon us that the committee were anxious to put a stop to a practice which was, to all intents and purposes, a barefaced violation of the previous portion of the rule.

Mr. Ernest Lehmann, "B. S.," "Lex," and "T. T. A. A.," in letters which we publish in another column, question the decision, and point out that the placing of the putter before the ball at the hole side was meant to be excepted. This may have been the intention of the framers of the rule, but it is certainly not so expressed. On the contrary, we adhere, on further reconsideration, to the opinion that the practice is prohibited as clearly and distinctly as the framer, or framers, of the rule have had syntax enough at their command to employ. In the wording of the last clause the practice is not excepted, but by employing the inclusive conjunction "or" the committee, according to our view, mean the sentence to read thus:—"The putting-line must not be touched by club, hand, or foot * * * or immediately in front of the ball in the act of addressing it;" that is to say, neither putter, hand, nor foot must be placed on the line between the ball and the hole in order to press down irregularities. The law does not seem to us to be a particularly startling one, or an unfair one. By allowing a player to put his club in front of the ball on the putting-line, even while addressing the ball, permission is simply given to him to smooth the irregularities which it is the object of the rule as a whole to hinder. The exception, if exception there be, is a more important gain than the overlooking of the other practices against which the rule is intended to operate. We are far, however, from wishing to be dogmatic on the point. We have given

the fairest interpretation we could to the rule, honestly believing that, judged by its phraseology, the intention was to stop the practice of placing the putter before the ball. We invite the fullest discussion and criticism both of our ruling and of the rule itself; and if this discussion should meet the eye of the framer or framers of the rule in question perhaps they, or the St. Andrews Club, through Mr. C. S. Grace, may be induced to say in explicit terms for the guidance of golfers generally what really are the object, intention and scope of the above rule. At present it is abundantly clear that much doubt exists.

IN A BUNKER.

(BY A VERY INDEPENDENT "GOWFER.")

Shall I in a deep bunker
Fill with dark sand-clouds the air,
Break the peace, or curse and swear,
Because my ball is lying there?
Be the bunker broader than
The mighty ocean Indian,
If there's no one there to see
I shall play from off a tee.

Shall I, straying from the course,
Landed in some prickly gorse,
Risk my clubs by using force,
And just perhaps make matters worse?
Be the gorse deep-rooted as
The knotty oak or wide upas,
I shall tear it from the spot
And thus provide a decent shot.

Should my ball its lodging fix
Beside a heap of stones or bricks,
Shall I break my precious sticks,
Because therefrom I'm inches six?
Be the stones that lie before
Sixty feet away or more,
If they seem to bar my way,
Hang it! if I'll let them stay.

Shall I, sticking to some rules,
Framed at proud St. Andrews schools,
Lose my temper, pleasure, tools,
Because 'tis done by simple fools?
No. If that's the proper way,
'Tis a different game I play.
If it be good fun to me,
What care I what game it be?

Dunfermline.

M. K.

MORNINGSIDE GOLF CLUB (EDINBURGH).—Twenty-six couples took part on Friday, the 1st inst., in the last quarterly competition of this club, which was played on the Braids in charming weather. In addition to the Usher lamp there was a large number of prizes, some of which were presented by members of the club. During the early part of the day the greens were somewhat hard, and the putting consequently uncertain. The following were found on a scrutiny of the cards to be the gentlemen in the prize list, viz.:—1, Mr. John Johnston, 85, less 3=82; 2 and 3, a tie, Mr. John Rose, 95, less 9=86, and Mr. J. H. Forrester, 102, less 16=86; 4, Rev. Mr. Stevenson, 100, less 13=87; 5 and 6, a tie, Mr. D. Anderson, 96, less 8=88, and Mr. F. J. Walden, 105, less 17=88; 7, 8, and 9, ties, Mr. J. M. Brown, 102, less 10=92, Mr. G. S. Ranken, 114, less 22=92, and Mr. W. C. Sturrock, 99, less 7=92. As this competition decided who was the winner of the handsome silver lamp given by Mr. Andrew Usher, distiller, considerable interest was taken in the scores of Mr. John Rose, Mr. W. C. Sturrock, and Mr. Hew Morrison, and as the three best aggregates were respectively as follows, 248, 251, and 257, Mr. Rose was therefore entitled to the possession of this well-contested prize.



Another social Golf club has come into existence. There is the Golfers' Club in Regent Street, and now we have the St. Andrew's Club in Whitehall Court. This club has been established "for the association of gentlemen who are already members of golfing clubs"; and the preliminary list of the general committee consists at present of ninety captains and secretaries of Golf clubs throughout the United Kingdom. Looking at the names in the list, it must be said that the selection is a thoroughly representative one, and presents a formidable array of golfing talent. The premises of the club will be in Whitehall Court, on the Thames Embankment, truly a palatial habitation, overlooking the Thames, near to the Houses of Parliament, and probably one of the most open sites in the metropolis for a club. The subscription for the first 400 members will be £5 5s., after which number there will probably be an entrance-fee. The fact is undoubted that need exists for such a club, but we doubt whether there is room for two such clubs. One large and well-appointed social Golf club ought to be a great and lasting permanent success; but if the army of golfers is split into two fragments there is danger of one organisation going to the wall. That is a point which the organisers ought to weigh carefully and guard against.

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The following is the protest of an old Wimbledon resident over the signature "Luxuria Sævior Armis," with reference to Golf at Wimbledon:—"I can remember when it was a pleasure to ride, drive, or walk over the Common, but now, if you happen to be going towards the prettiest part, called Glen Albyn, you are warned off by the keepers. If you take the higher ground and next prettiest part towards Caesar's Camp, you are shouted at and menaced by the red-coated golfers, who seem to think they have the fee simple to monopolise the Common as their own special province, but for which the poor ratepayers are taxed. Not only do we have to suffer this injury from our own residents, who may or may not contribute to the Common rate, but also from strangers, who come in shoals from various parts of the metropolis."

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It is difficult to account for the latent hostility of many old residents to Golf being played on a public common in their neighbourhood. But probably there is a very considerable element of selfishness in their opposition. They have been accustomed to look upon the adjacent common as a kind of domain kept up at the public expense, but only to be enjoyed by those with horses to ride, and over which they could roam at their own sweet will undisturbed by strangers. But towns grow, and population increases with them; and golfers, as members of the general public, have, under proper sanction and control, just as much right to use the common as other members of the public. Golfers neither shout at nor menace the public enjoying the common, but "give and take" in the most tolerant and liberal spirit.

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What about footballers and cricketers? Football destroys the turf of the common irreparably, and cricket leaves large bare patches full of holes. It costs the public authorities large

annual sums of money to repair the damage caused by these members of the public. Golf clubs, on the other hand, spend hundreds of pounds annually in beautifying the turf of a common and in filling up the gaping wounds caused by careless riders, football players, and cricketers. Thus, a large proportion of the Golf club expenditure is actually in aid of the rates and in lightening the burdens of the general ratepayer. Instead, therefore, of being harried by senseless and groundless opposition golfers ought to be welcomed wherever they appear on public play-grounds as the preservers of local amenity and the vigilant watch-dogs of land encroachment.

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A "Tee" Party—a Golf match.

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Great improvements have been made on the Lundin links since October. The joint clubs—the Innerleven, Leven, Thistle, and the Lundin—are sparing no expense to have the course made as nearly perfect as possible. The committee has already expended somewhere about £250 on the improvements. The improvements consist of making new putting-greens, new teeing grounds, filling up broken parts of the links with turf, dressing up the bunkers, and covering the sandy hillocks near the sea beach with soil. Four wells have been sunk on the Lundin side of the course, to provide water for watering the putting-greens. Doubtless the efforts of the joint committee will be highly appreciated during the ensuing season.

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We understand that a Grand Open Tournament is being arranged over Gullane Links for the second or third week of August, 1892. It is the first of the kind on this famous links, and will doubtless be popular.

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During the past week golfing in Ayrshire has been completely stopped by a heavy fall of snow, which lies to the depth of three inches. This is very unusual on the Ayrshire coast, where snow seldom falls, and still more rarely lies.

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James Cunningham, one of the few professional golfers who have been born and bred in the West of Scotland, has gone to be green-keeper and club professional to the Warwick Golf Club. Cunningham is pretty well known at Prestwick, where he learnt his trade, and has coached many a beginner who has since got into high-class as a player. He has never come prominently forward as a match-player, but he has given good promise in that direction; and, as he has just attained his majority, it is to be presumed he has not yet developed his strongest game. Altogether the Warwick golfers have got a very steady man, a good golfer, a good club-maker, and a good coach.

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Walter Day, one of a family of Musselburgh golfers, has succeeded Tom Fernie as custodian of the links of the Ardeer Golf Club at Stevenston, Ayrshire. Day has, at least, three brothers who are, like himself, professional golfers, one of them at Belfast, another at Torquay, and a third at Kilmalcolm. He has had experience in all the branches of his calling, and is likely to prove an acquisition to the ranks of the professionals located in the West of Scotland.

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Prestwick Golf Club has agreed to adopt the new St. Andrews Rules, with certain exceptions or modifications where the provisions are applicable only to St. Andrews Links. Prestwick, for instance, rejects the St. Andrews definition of the putting-green (twenty yards from the hole), and defines the boundaries of the putting-green as those portions of the links mown and set apart as putting-greens. From what we can hear the rules are likely to be adopted by all the clubs in the West of Scotland, with such modifications as are deemed advisable.



A GOLFING ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have read the correspondence which has found place in your issues on the formation of a Golfing Association, and regret to find that the opponents of such an Association are much given to the use of derogatory innuendo and childish name-giving, instead of adducing reasonable argument in support of their contentions. As one of those who favour the formation of an Association, I will, with your permission, give to your readers some of my reasons therefor, and state some of the objects which, in my opinion, such an Association should undertake, and how such an Association should be constituted.

The scope of a Golfing Union or Association would include the following :—

1. A great endeavour—probably the greatest—of the Association would be to obtain *uniformity in the rules of Golf*. One of your correspondents, after favouring the proposal, withdraws his approval, lest the unity of English clubs would be “too dearly bought by a breach between Scotch and English golfers.” He cannot surely be ignorant of what is notorious to all who have looked at the rules of different clubs that a breach at present exists, and has existed, for many years, not only between the clubs north and south of the Tweed, but between the clubs in each country. This want of uniformity is not confined to minor points, but exists in some of the most important rules, and markedly in some of those very rules as to which the Royal and Ancient Club has seen fit to disagree with its own committees appointed for revision. It is to heal this very breach, which your correspondent fears, that the Association is proposed, and it is hoped that the Royal and Ancient, and all the Scottish clubs, will join the Association, and give their aid in bringing about the uniformity which all seem to desire.

2. Any properly proposed new rule would be first brought before the Association, and by its delegates the desirability of the change could be fully discussed.

3. Another object of the Association would be to keep a register of the handicaps of all members belonging to the affiliated clubs, and forward a copy of this register at fixed intervals to the secretary of each club. By this means the handicap committee of each club would have the information necessary to prevent the vagaries of handicapping so often seen, and which so often cause annoyance to players.

4. The Association might form an authority to which difficult points in regard to the game could be referred, and thus relieve the committees of clubs of many delicate tasks now imposed upon them.

5. It could assist committees in making arrangements by which the great meetings of the year would not clash with those of the principal clubs.

6. It would look after the interests of Golf generally.

What would be the *constitution of the proposed Golfing Association?*

This would be settled by the clubs which agreed upon the desirability of forming such an Association, and sent delegates

to the meetings called for that purpose. The constitution of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club is one which has answered admirably for the sister sport, and is one which, in my opinion, it would be well to copy on many points. The following are shortly some of the rules which seem well adapted for a Golfing Association, and which it has been suggested to follow :—

1. That all Golf clubs having the strength of 100 or 200 paying members may join the Association.

2. That each affiliated club would have power to send delegates to the meetings of the Association, the number sent being in proportion to the strength of the club; but no club to be represented by more than three delegates.

3. The delegates could represent only the club which sent them.

4. Any measure passed by a majority at a meeting would not be binding till it had been supported by a certain majority at the next meeting.

5. Any measure passed as above would be accepted by all the affiliated clubs.

6. The maintenance of a small office in London or Edinburgh, for the transaction of the business of the Association, would be required. The expenses thereof would be defrayed by subscriptions levied on affiliated clubs in proportion to their representation.

I think a Golfing Association should be formed for the purpose of enabling all golfers to have some say on the rules under which they desire to play. One argument given against the formation of the Association is, that if agreed to it “would only end in estrangement with the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.” This is, of course, much to be deplored, and, I trust, is only the personal opinion of the writer, and not obtained from reliable information from the club authorities. I am the more inclined to hope this opinion is incorrect, and of the same weight as the writer’s closing paragraph in the same letter, in which he sententiously says, “these rules (the Royal and Ancient rules now in force) ought to be quite sufficient for anyone calling himself a golfer.” In passing, let me draw the writer’s attention to the fact that in the two last committees appointed by the St. Andrews Club to revise the rules, four of the members of these committees are medallists of the club, and I am in a position to say that not one of the four considers that the present rules are sufficient. It was the desire of many that St. Andrews should have led the way in this matter, and suggestions have been made to her to effect that end. It is only after failing to persuade her thereto that it is thought proper to attempt to initiate the formation of the Association, hoping that she may join therein. Should we fail, however, to secure her co-operation, I see no reason why the Royal and Ancient, or any other club, should be accepted as the legislator for all, and I see many reasons against it. St. Andrews holds a proud position among Golf clubs; but that a majority of her 750 members should legislate for the many thousands of golfers now in existence is a demand for which better reasons must be given than have yet been brought forward ere it be conceded.

The following are some reasons against submitting to her as the “arch legislator” for all Golf clubs, instead of forming a representative Association :—

1st.—The Royal and Ancient has departed from the “traditional” and recorded laws of Golf in some very important points, and has formulated new laws which, in the opinion of many, are not so fair as the laws under which the game was formerly played. I will name only two of the most important departures, viz., the rules for lost balls, and unplayable balls.

2nd.—The Royal and Ancient is evidently uncertain as to what should be the rule in certain cases, as she changes the rule backwards and forwards, holding by the “traditional” rule in one decade, and reversing it in another, or confining the action of a rule to one kind of play only, *vide* the rules as to clearing the putting-green and lost balls.

3rd.—The Royal and Ancient has changed in one way or another nearly every rule in its code since 1880. It, in fact, plays a new game, and not the game of Scotland as played in the beginning of the century.

4th.—The members of the Royal and Ancient Club are by no means unanimous as to the rules under which they desire to play, and the minority, which is not satisfied with the pre-

sent rules, contains some of its most famous golfers, and both the committees which it appointed as the members most fitted to revise and draw up its rules. The headings only of some of these disagreements with the committees are given as examples:—

The lost ball rule.

The penalty for striking the opponent, "or his caddie or clubs," in medal play or match play.

The penalty in cases where the player's ball strikes himself or his partner, or their caddies or clubs.

The penalty for striking the ball twice.

The rule for unplayable balls.

The stimpie rule.

5th "It is (as the historian of Curling says) impossible (for the Royal and Ancient) to exercise authority over other clubs while these are not directly represented on its council."

What have the proposers of the Association done as to the rules of Golf, that their proposals should be entertained, and receive consideration?

1. They have already persuaded some clubs in England to go back to the old rules which St. Andrews has abandoned, because they thought that the old rules were fairer, and that the "penalties better fitted the crimes."

2. They have even persuaded St. Andrews to adopt rules which they have brought forward as necessary to the game, such as:—

(a.) The size of the Golf-hole.

(b.) The penalty of recall of a ball.

(c.) The rule allowing the replacing of a ball displaced by the opponent's ball.

(d.) The definition of a stroke.

(e.) The penalty in certain circumstances as to dropping in a hazard and behind a hazard.

(f.) The penalty as to shielding from, or exposing the ball to, the wind.

3. Among the supporters of the proposal are some of the most proficient golfers, representing both England and Scotland, and authorities on the subject which they desire to give all clubs an opportunity of being heard upon.

But even supposing the bogie threatened—the non-affiliation to the Association of the Royal and Ancient—did arise, are golfers who are not members of the Royal and Ancient, or those who are members both of the Royal and Ancient and other clubs, to be deterred thereby from having any voice in determining the rules under which they wish to play? Are they to be ruled by a small majority of any one club, which refuses to allow any one outside its membership to have any representation in the altering of the present, or the formulating of new laws? I cannot think that golfers generally will be deterred thereby, and I trust it is not so.

I hope that the Royal and Ancient will see the justice of the proposal, and join the Association; but failing that happy event, let those clubs which believe in a representative Association, such as has been found necessary for the good regulation of other sports, affiliate themselves to the Golfing Union, and adopt a code of rules—that of St. Andrews as at present in force, if the representatives vote therefor—which shall give us uniformity. Representation is the principle of the constitution which we seek, and must come sooner or later.

I am, Sir, &c.,

W. LAIDLAW PURVES.

January 11th, 1892.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I feel that I must reluctantly rush into print, and state my connection with the proposed "Golfing Association."

Some few weeks ago I read the very excellent article in GOLF on the subject, and thinking that the formation of such an Association would possibly not come off in my lifetime, judging from the fact that a Golfers' Club had been discussed for some fifteen years without anything definite being done until I took the

matter up, I was bold enough to draft a letter, and send it to the Editor of GOLF, and also to a personal friend of my own, an authority on the subject, for their opinions. On my return to town, to my utter astonishment (for I had not then received a private letter waiting me from the Editor of GOLF) I find my draft letter in the full blaze of publicity.

Then arose a discussion; I am called names, secretaries are invited to ignore me, but still the subject is being thrashed out, and this is my only object.

I have no particular desire to be connected with the institution of such an Association, as my time is very fully occupied now for one thing; but if I can be of service to anyone in the matter I have no objection to working in so good a cause.

There was never any idea (so far as I was concerned, at any rate) of making the "Golfing Association," if it comes into existence, dependent upon "The Golfers' Club," or "The Golfers' Club" dependent on the "Golfing Association."

All I can suggest is that there being a large room in "The Golfers' Club," which might be of use to a "Golfing Association," I should not oppose any application for the free use of it.

This club is quite strong enough now to stand by itself, without any support other than that of its members.

I am, Sir, &c.,

A. S. BAIRD DOUGLAS.

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THE NEW BUNKER RULE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have read Colonel Fordyce's letter in your last issue anent the above, and I cannot help saying it looks like a case of "carping criticism" that another correspondent speaks of, or an attempt to make a bunker as well as a "mountain out of a molehill."

Punctuation is not a strong point in the Rules, but may we not be a little more charitable towards the framers, and suppose that in this case it is only a printer's error, and that the stop now placed after "nature" should be after the word "be," and a comma after "nature," thus: "A 'hazard' shall be:—any bunker of whatever nature, water, &c., &c." I think, however, the latter part of the Rule might be improved by leaving out the word *except*, and substituting *but* for it, and adding to the present ending, "are not 'hazards,'" or "are exceptions."

Whether "bunker," apart from "sand," is a correct expression or not, I have no means of ascertaining here; but any way, it seems to me that the complaint referred to "will not hold water," although a bunker will, and often does, even at St. Andrews.

I am, Sir, &c.,

A ROYAL AND ANCIENT,
BUT NOT ONE OF THE COMMITTEE.

Mentone, January 2nd, 1892.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—If Rule XV. is meant to read as "T. T. A." puts it in his letter to you of the 2nd inst., viz, that a bunker shall be a hazard as well as water, sand, paths, whins, &c., then I have nothing more to say, except that as it now stands it is apt to mislead. Perhaps a more simple way of putting it than that which I formerly suggested would be to insert a comma after the word "be" in first line, and another comma after "nature," discarding the "—" at present standing after the latter word. It would then read thus:—"15. A 'hazard' shall be, any bunker of whatever nature, water, sand, whins," &c.

I am, Sir, &c.,

ALEX. D. FORDYCE.
St. Andrews, January 11th, 1892.

RULE No. XXXIV.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In your issue of to-day's date you answer a question addressed to you by "A." as to the effect of Rule XXXIV. of the new St. Andrews Rules on the almost universal practice of placing the putter in front of the ball on the putting-green previous to playing the stroke. With all due respect to you, I must differ from your reading of the rule. You say, "According to the new rules, the prevalent practice of placing the club before the ball preparatory to the putt is illegal." To make your reading right, it is necessary to take the word "except" as only governing "as above authorised," and not the next sentence, viz., "or immediately in front of the ball in the act of addressing it." I cannot believe it to have been the intention of the framers of the rule to have it so read. I have never heard the practice of grounding the putter in front of the ball called in question. But I hold that the new rule specially excepts this practice from any penalty. Surely, if it had been intended to prohibit this practice the words "or immediately in front of the ball in the act of addressing it," would be superfluous, for the rule, by ending with the words "except as above authorised, under the penalty of the loss of the hole," would make the practice explicitly illegal. I maintain, however, that the word "except" also governs the phrase "or immediately in front of the ball in the act of addressing it," and that, therefore, the prevalent practice is not touched, and that golfers may, as in the past, sole their putters in front of the ball preparatory to putting.

Your widespread circulation, and the effect of your authority in rulings on points of Golf law, must be my excuse for this long letter.

I am, Sir, &c.,

ERNEST LEHMANN.

January 8th.

[This correspondence is dealt with in another column.—ED.]

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—You are surely quite wrong in your reply to "A.'s" question (3) contained in his letter to you in your issue of 8th inst., as to soling or grounding "his putter in front of the ball while addressing."

The Rule (34) *specially* ALLOWS for this, as I read it; but, if slightly transposed as under, it can leave no doubt on the matter. 34 (sentence 4):—"The putting-line must not be touched by club, hand, or foot, *except* immediately in front of the ball in the act of addressing it, or as above authorised, under the penalty of the loss of the hole."

I am, Sir, &c.,

ANDREW HENDERSON.

22, Nile Grove, Morningside, Edinburgh,
January 9th, 1892.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In your issue of 8th inst., in a letter by "A." on the new rules, after quoting the last sentence of Rule 34—"The putting-line must not be touched by club, hand, or foot, except as above authorised, or immediately in front of the ball in the act of addressing it, under the penalty of the loss of the hole"—"A." asks whether it is now illegal to sole the putter in front of the ball while addressing it, and you answer that it is illegal. Now, Sir, I submit that you are incorrect in your reading of the rule. I think that the rule reads so as to make the practice of soling the putter "immediately in front of the ball in the act of addressing it" an exception from the illegality, along with "as above authorised." Else, why is the "or" inserted? I think that the proper reading of the rule is:—"The putting-line must not be touched by club, by hand, or by foot, except as above authorised, or except, &c. It could not run "by club," &c., or by "immediately in front," &c. The way to interpret the rules is to look to the intention of the parties who framed them. I have before me my draft of the proposed

rules as it was prepared for the meeting of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, and the old rules are placed alongside the new rules. The old rule in this case ran:—"Except as above mentioned, or when the player is in the act of addressing himself to the ball, the putting-line must not be touched by club, hand, nor foot." This is quite clear, and reading the new rule with this in view, as showing the intended meaning, I do not see that any other can seriously be taken.

It has been said, with justice, that in many ways the new rules are very defective, as in punctuation, &c.; and I may, perhaps, be allowed to explain that the question before the meeting of the club in September was, merely whether the new rules should be accepted, or rejected, *en bloc*. No other course was possible in the short time at the disposal of the meeting.

I am quite sure that the golfing brotherhood owes a deep debt of gratitude to your valuable, and most interesting paper, for the means thereby provided of clearing up points of difficulty in all points of the game.

I am, Sir, &c.,

LEX.

Edinburgh, 9th January, 1892.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—There is a point raised in the letter of "A." in your correspondence of last week, and answered by you, as to which I should like to have your further opinion. I am generally inclined to bow to your *ex cathedra* statements, but not being a blind worshipper, am in the habit of considering them carefully. Your correspondent asks, question 3, "May a player not sole his putter in front of the ball while addressing (which is almost the invariable habit of players in taking the line), under the penalty of losing the hole, and if so, what is the penalty in medal play?" You reply, "According to the new rules, the prevalent practice of placing the club before the ball preparatory to the putt is illegal." It appears to me that your answer is somewhat too sweeping. My own view of the new Rule 34 would be, that if a player soles his club on the putting-line, between the ball and the hole, say, for the sake of argument only, more than two inches from the ball, that is illegal. If, however, he places his club *immediately* in front of the ball in the act of addressing for the putt, that is permissible under the last sentence of new Rule 34, which runs, "The putting-line must not be touched by club, hand, or foot, except as above authorised, or immediately in front of the ball in the act of addressing it, under the penalty of the loss of the hole." I shall be glad to know whether, on further consideration, you find yourself unable to accept my view. If it is certain that placing the club immediately in front of the ball in addressing for the putt is illegal, I have in my mind's eye several good golfers who must alter their practice in this particular.

I am, Sir, &c.,

B. S.

January 9th, 1892.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—May I venture to hazard an opinion contrary to your own in the reading (in answer to "A.'s" inquiry in to-day's issue of GOLF) of the new rules?

You say "(3) According to the new rules the prevalent practice of placing the club before the ball preparatory to the putt is illegal."

According to my reading, I do not think the framers of the rule intended to make the practice illegal. The rule (34) says, in conclusion, "The putting-line must not be touched by club, hand, or foot, EXCEPT as above authorised, or immediately in front of the ball in the act of addressing it."

The sentence is, perhaps, not very skilfully drafted, but I think it is meant that it is permitted to touch the line of the putt with the club in front of the ball before making the stroke, and that such permission is one of the exceptions to the general rule of the line not being touched, the other exception being the permission to remove, with the hand, sand, earth, &c., "as

above authorised." If I am right in my view, a player is still permitted to follow the almost, if not quite, universal practice of first-class players, and may begin his putt by placing his club at the wrong side of the ball. I do not know why they do it, but they do. It is not my own practice, but I am not a first-class player, nor have twenty-odd years of rather diligent practice led me to the belief that I can ever be within measurable distance of one!

As to the rules generally, my own experience is that you may play thirty-six holes a day six days a week for many consecutive weeks, and never hear a question about a rule at all. I suppose people who want to argue about them play with one another.

I am, Sir, &c.,

T. T. A. A.

January 8th, 1892.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I notice your decision on the question No. 3 submitted to you by "A." in your last issue. Now, if you will read the Rule again, do you not think that the intention of the composer of the Rule in the concluding paragraph, "or immediately in front of the ball in the act of addressing it," really is that the prevailing custom is an exception to the first part of the Rule, and is allowable. In the same way, I believe, trying the ground in the neighbourhood of the ball, say at three or four yards distance, can scarcely be what is meant to be prohibited.

If this comes to the eyes of any of the committee, or the secretary, perhaps they may see fit to say what their intentions were in these two cases.

I am, Sir, &c.,

WIMBLEDON.

"THE LOST-BALL LOST-HOLE" RULE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—With reference to your interesting article in last week's GOLF, it appears that this rule is the *bête noir* of our English friends, some of them with very Scotch names. I should like space to view the matter from another side. Water hazards are used as an argument, but to my mind improperly, for the reason that, as water is here to-day and away to-morrow, or in tidal streams, it is there with the tide and away when the tide is out; therefore it is quite proper that an exception should be made. Besides, although in water or in mud, the ball is not necessarily unplayable, but it could often only be played at great personal discomfort and risk to the player's health; therefore it is quite fair and reasonable to say that a ball in the burn, or bed of the burn, may be lifted and dropped under a penalty, which, you may be sure, no one will readily incur if he thinks he can do better. Again, some clubs in their local rules provide that a ball on the railway, or in agricultural ground, be treated as a lost ball. This is probably very hard when the ball may lie well, but a person's life cannot be risked playing off the railroad, or the farmer's crops destroyed by playing off his field. One stroke would be too small a penalty for lying against the side of a rail, and two strokes render winning the hole impossible; therefore it is just as well to make the rule absolute.

With regard to a ball played off the course into rough country, or into whins or bushes, any latitude would lead to abuse and disputes. For instance, if a ball is played off the course into the above hazards, what is to hinder an unscrupulous player not to find his ball, or not to look for it in the right place; but rather to lose it and pay the penalty of one stroke to get a good lie, than risk finding his ball in a situation whereby two or three strokes may be required to get the ball to good country. Besides, in good play, the loss of one stroke is a big handicap, and the hardship is after all more imaginary than real; and why should we fuss about protecting duffers whom the severe penalty helps to educate. Cross-winds do not count in the argument, as a player must allow for the wind in playing a golfing shot just the same as a rifleman does at the target; and need I ask if the latter gets off by losing a point.

On proper Golf courses, which are now so well kept, an unplayable ball is a rare occurrence, while, as regards inland courses, if these abound in more than the ordinary golfing hazards, the local players should just meet the case by framing local rules for themselves, such as they do at St. Andrews, Carnoustie, Troon, and elsewhere.

Surprise seems to be evinced at the need for such a rule as paragraph second of Rule 33, anent shielding the ball from the wind. Why, it was a common dodge of caddies to do so; and some men, however good otherwise, display bad form when losing at Golf. Just read Horace Hutchinson's book, and you will find him treating the matter in a humorous way, but his pictures are only too real. I could give numerous illustrations from my own personal experience, but it would be invidious to do so.

With regard to the proposed Association, I think the necessity for it should be based on stronger grounds than the stymie, lost ball, and such like grievances. Let your paper be our Association meantime, where we may all air our grievances or ventilate suggested improvements, instead of delegating to a lot of busy-bodies. After it gets a strong hold of the golfing world, then I have no doubt the dicta of the Editor will be sufficient to keep us all in order.

I am, Sir, &c.,

A.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIAL CLUB.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—For the information of the golfing world, I am directed to say that the first meeting of the St. Andrew's Club was held this day, and was well attended, Mr. S. Mure Fergusson in the chair. A provisional executive committee was formed, and a large number of members elected.

The members present expressed entire satisfaction with the arrangements made at Whitehall Court for the requirements of the club, and would strongly recommend it to all golfers.

I am, Sir, &c.,

W. PATTERSON, Secretary.

Hyde Park Court, Albert Gate, S.W.
January 11th, 1892.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—With reference to the circular about the Golfers' Club, which has been put in circulation this week, I beg to state that my name is published as a member of the committee in direct opposition to my expressed wishes.

I am, Sir, &c.,

W. R. ANDERSON.

St. George's Golf Club, Sandwich,
January 9th, 1892.

GOLF IN THE FENS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—About a year ago I wrote in the columns of GOLF concerning the rapid spread of the Scottish national game in and around Cambridge, and since then its popularity has in no way diminished, but has continued to increase day by day. This is the more wonderful when one takes into consideration the fact that in the marshy flat fenland suitable ground for links is not easily obtainable, and when found entails a great deal of expense in drainage and generally preparing for the game. In addition to the greens I previously mentioned at St. Neots and Huntingdon, I hear of new courses at Soham, Babraham, and Biggleswade, and our head professional has recently laid out a nice little nine-hole course, with some fairly long holes, for the lady students at Girton College. I had the pleasure a week or

two ago of enjoying a round with an old St. Andrews student on a nice little nine-hole course at Brinkley, near Newmarket, and was gratified to find that the ground around Westley Rectory was laid out as a ladies' putting-green. Then there are greens at Baldock and near Bishop's Stortford, and what a lovely green might be laid out on the extensive heath at Royston. Royston is the most suitable ground for Golf I have seen in this neighbourhood, though a bit too hilly in parts, and I believe several of the Baldock players occasionally enjoy a game over the Heath. About five years ago I mapped out what would make a splendid eighteen-hole course there, and it is a pity a regular club cannot be established.

A Westward Ho! golfer tells me that many years ago, when at Trinity College, he and a few friends used to go and play over the Heath, and that one of their best caddies was a strapping Royston lassie. Suitable ground could also be found in the vicinity of Six Mile Bottom, on the Newmarket line. There is, or was, Golf at Mildenhall, and I believe the game is sometimes played at Newmarket, Paxton, and Swaffham.

While driving, in a gig, not long ago through the picturesque village of Shelford, I saw several youths playing in a large meadow, but whether there is a regular green there I know not. At March, too, I believe the game has its followers. From a Cambridge professional I learn that there are now several greens in the Fens of Lincolnshire.

Regarding Cambridge itself, the popularity of the game is advancing, as it was certain to do, with leaps and bounds. Several of the sacred college greens are now occasionally used for practice, and last summer numerous undergrads, were, I am told, practising their driving on Midsummer Common. When the handsome and commodious new club-house in Coldham Road is completed, and it should be ready soon now, it will make a great difference in the comfort, &c., of Cambridge golfers.

The present building cannot be called comfortable, though it certainly is airy, and the surroundings and entrance through a farmyard are without doubt a great drawback. Since the draining of Coldham Common by the Cambridge University Golf Club the turf and lies have greatly improved, although the Abney Hole is still rather moist, and that portion of the Common can only be used for play in dry weather, of which we have not had any lately. The Lent term is a very busy one. In addition to the usual weekly handicaps, the cup and medals are to be competed for, and matches are arranged to take place with the Royal Epping Forest, Royal Blackheath, home and home, Great Yarmouth, Old Cantabs, and St. Neots.

The annual Oxford and Cambridge match will come off, as usual, early in March, and a close and exciting contest may be expected. Term is to wind up with a Golf dinner at the Lion Hotel.

In conclusion to this long yarn, "Good luck to good old Golf and the new greens, this New Year." I hope they will go in much for the real game—hole play—and leave perpetual, cups, medals, prizes, and handicaps alone, and, above all, I hope they will adopt the St. Andrews Rules, and adhere to them rigidly.

I am, Sir, &c.,

W. T. LINSKILL.

University Golf Club, Cambridge, January 9th, 1892.



ALNMOUTH.

The local Golf players of the pleasantly situated village of Alnmouth have just concluded two competitions for several prizes, which have been generously presented for competition amongst the golfing fraternity of the village by Mr. H. A. Brown, of Sea Bank, Alnmouth. The contests have engaged the attention of the players for several days, and received most numerous entries, very creditable Golf been shown by the winners in both competitions. The scratch competition fell to Mr. J. G. Jefferson, who did his first round in 42 and the second in 44, making his gross 86; Mr. G. Stewart being second with 88. Mr. W. F. Taylor played some excellent games in the handicap contest, which was played in heats, and, although the only scratch man in the competition, ran out the winner in the final, beating Mr. H. Cribb by two strokes, besides allowing him 13 of a handicap allowance. Results:—Scratch competition: Mr. J. G. Jefferson 1st round 42, 2nd round 44, gross 86; Mr. G. Stewart, 43, 45=88; Mr. W. A. Gowens, 41, 47=88; Mr. W. F. Taylor, 42, 47=89; Mr. J. Taylor, 47, 44=91; Mr. F. W. Rowe, 46, 47=93; Mr. W. Atkinson, 48, 47=95; Mr. E. Simpson, 50, 51=101; Mr. M. Jefferson, 51, 51=102; Mr. J. Ware, 53, 49=102; Mr. T. Binks, 53, 50=103; Mr. J. Archbold, 54, 50=104. There were twenty-seven competitors. Handicap competition; played in heats.—First round: Mr. W. F. Taylor, scratch, beat Mr. A. Lewis (14); Mr. W. Atkinson (1) beat Mr. R. Bain (14); Mr. J. G. Jefferson (4) beat Mr. J. Stewart (10); Mr. J. Taylor (6) beat Mr. F. W. Rowe (4); Mr. W. A. Gowens (14) beat Mr. J. Bromfield (18); Mr. F. Rochester (14) beat Mr. W. Teasdale (18); Mr. W. Brown (18) beat Mr. W. Kidney (18); Mr. J. Ware (18) beat Mr. C. Barrett (18); Mr. M. Jefferson (14) beat Mr. C. Middleton (6); Mr. G. Wilson (12) beat Mr. W. Hall (18); Mr. G. Stewart (6) beat Mr. R. Blythe (16); Mr. E. Simpson (12) beat Mr. T. Binks (14); Mr. J. Archbold (16) beat Mr. J. Atkinson (14); Mr. H. Gibb (13) beat Mr. T. Atkinson (14); Mr. T. Rochester (16) a bye. Second round: Mr. Taylor beat Mr. Gowens; Mr. Atkinson beat Mr. Brown; Mr. J. Taylor beat Mr. J. Archbold; Mr. T. Rochester beat Mr. Wilson; Mr. Gibb beat Mr. F. Rochester; Mr. Jefferson beat Mr. Ware. Third round: Mr. W. F. Taylor beat Mr. Atkinson; Mr. J. Taylor beat Mr. Jefferson; Mr. Gibb beat Mr. Rochester. Fourth round: Mr. W. F. Taylor beat Mr. J. Taylor; Mr. H. Gibb a bye. Final: Mr. Taylor manipulated his first round in 43, to his opponent's 49, and making a useful 44 for his second, his net score read 87. Mr. Gibb took 53 for his second round, making his gross 102, less handicap of 13, net 89. Twenty-nine competitors entered this competition.

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS LADIES GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, January 2nd, the usual competition for the gold medal was held. The weather was bright and fine, but, owing to the frost being still in the ground, "putting" on some of the greens was rather difficult. Luncheon and tea were kindly given at the club by Mrs. Astbury and the Misses Banister, several friends being present as well as the players. Scores:

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mrs. Astbury	123	27	96	Miss Fox	117	12	105
Miss Birch	101	2	99	Mrs. Parsons	137	25	112
Miss Lee	109	10	99	Miss E. Banister	132	18	114
Miss S. Green	137	36	101				

No returns from Mrs. A. Jeddere-Fisher, Mrs. F. Lucas, Miss Frewen, Miss Parsons, Miss Banister, Miss M. Parsons, Mrs. Peckham, and Mrs. Dick.

The captains of the Golf clubs of Ireland have formed themselves into a committee to take steps for making a presentation to Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P., during his visit to Ulster next week, in recognition of his position as an ardent supporter of the game of Golf. Mr. Baltour arrives in Belfast to-morrow, the 16th inst.

SKELMORLIE CLUB.—The monthly competition for the captain's medal was played over the Skelmorlie links on Saturday, 2nd inst. The weather was very disagreeable at times, blowing quite a gale, which interfered greatly with the play, and the turn-out of players was hardly so large as was anticipated. A few ladies witnessed the play. When the cards were compared it was found that Mr. James M'Inroy had won the medal with a score of 118 for eighteen holes.

BOURNEMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, played January 2nd, 1892.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. H. F. Harvey	106	14	92	Rev. O. K. Prescott	122	25	97
Mr. W. Fisher	117	22	95	Mr. A. Pontifex	108	8	100
Mr. D. Preston	118	22	96	Mr. E. Radcliffe	140	30	110

* Winner.

No returns from several players.

BRISTOL AND CLIFTON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly handicap was held on January 2nd, the greens being very good after the frost, but the high wind prevented low scoring. Result as under:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. W. O. Moberley	115	10	105	Mr. A. T. Martin	124	10	114
Mr. E. J. Taylor	118	12	106	Mr. J. Monteath	126	12	114
Mr. H. Nash	118	12	106	Mr. H. V. James	149	28	121
Mr. H. C. Barstow	124	12	112	Mr. W. H. K. Waite	156	30	126
Mr. E. B. Hill	143	30	113	Mr. H. P. Luckman	143	15	128

CALCUTTA GOLF CLUB.

The players who had entered for the handicap Golf match on Friday and Saturday, 18th and 19th December last, had rather a surprise in store for them, the committee having at the last moment resolved to send them the reverse way round both courses. No one had practised this, which may account for no very fine scores being recorded; but the putting-greens were found to be all that could be desired, and an interesting match ended in three players tying for the first prize, viz.:—Mr. W. A. Inglis, 48 and 47, less 4=91; Mr. Geo. A. Ormiston, 46 and 49, less 4=91; Dr. R. C. Sanders, 44 and 51, less 4=91. Playing off the ties, Mr. Inglis secured the first place, Mr. Ormiston second, and Dr. Sanders third. Scores:—

	1st		2nd		Hcp.	Net.
	Round.	Round.	Round.	Round.		
Mr. W. A. Inglis	43	50	4	89		
Mr. Geo. A. Ormiston	48	47	4	91		
Dr. R. C. Sanders	48	54	4	98		

The following are some other scores:—

	1st		2nd		Hcp.	Net.
	Round.	Round.	Round.	Round.		
Mr. C. Little	50	48	6	92		
Mr. H. C. Begg	45	48	scr.	93		
Mr. W. T. Reid	49	52	6	95		
Mr. F. H. E. Lamb	48	48	scr.	96		
Mr. P. V. Lake	51	51	6	96		
Rev. David Reid	52	48	4	96		
Mr. J. Muir Mackenzie	53	47	3	97		
Mr. A. J. Oldham	54	54	11	97		
Mr. D. Youngson	52	53	8	97		
Mr. L. G. Dunbar	48	50	scr.	98		
Mr. J. Adamson	48	51	scr.	99		

A "Duffers'" cup was also competed for, and was won by Mr. C. B. Watkins with a creditable net score of 100, while Mr. Eric Pearce was second with 105 (net), and Mr. O. T. Barrow and Major C. H. Brookes tied for the third place at 106 (net).

The individual scores were as follows:—

	1st		2nd		Hcp.	Net.
	Round.	Round.	Round.	Round.		
Mr. C. B. Watkins	52	52	4	100		
Mr. Eric Pearce	55	54	4	105		
Mr. O. T. Barrow	57	61	18	106		
Major C. H. Brookes	57	53	4	106		
Mr. R. A. Gamble	56	51	scr.	107		
Mr. C. H. Cordeux	65	57	10	112		
Mr. F. C. Harrison	61	59	8	112		
Dr. R. Macleod	54	58	scr.	112		
Mr. H. C. Dring	63	55	4	114		
Mr. F. W. House	62	54	scr.	116		

BRIDGE OF WEIR — RANFURLY CASTLE CLUB.—On Saturday afternoon one of the final ties for Messrs. Weir and Scott's prizes was played over the links, which are covered with snow in some places from four to eight inches deep. The players—Mr. Thos. Carruthers, jun., and Mr. R. Brownlie, jun.—had no option but to play, as it was the last day allowed them by the committee. Some good play was witnessed, a few of the holes being secured by the players in four, a very creditable score considering the condition of the links. The match at the seventeenth hole stood square, but as darkness had set in at this stage it was decided by mutual consent of the competitors to postpone the completion of it till this week. The other couple also in the final—Dr. Mudie and Mr. John Thomson—did not play.

CLAPHAM COMMON GOLF CLUB.

The challenge handicap cup was played for on December 26th. The scores were poor on account of the course being very wet and swampy.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. C. H. Compton	132	23	109	Mr. J. Lidiard	138	25	113
Mr. G. J. Ingram	135	25	110	Mr. E. L. Arnold	146	30	116
Mr. T. R. Pace	126	14	112				

* Winner.

The Cronin handicap medal was played for on Friday, 1st, and Saturday, 2nd January, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. Guy Pym	95	7	88	Mr. J. Wood	102	12	90
*Mr. D. F. Russell	108	20	88	Mr. J. B. Wood	105	7	98
Mr. C. A. Compton	94	5	89	Mr. E. J. Hunt	115	16	99
Mr. J. W. Pace	108	18	90	Mr. T. C. Last	123	23	100

* Tied.

Messrs. T. R. Pace and P. M. Thornton made no return.

EAST SHEEN LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The first monthly competition for the silver medal, presented by the Hon. C. Hone Sinclair, took place on Tuesday, January 5th. A few flakes of snow fell during the morning, but otherwise the weather was not unfavourable, and the course was in very fair condition, not so much spoiled by the recent alternate heavy rains and hard frosts as might have been expected, though some of the greens were undoubtedly difficult to manoeuvre. The results of the competition were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss Cecil Leycester	110	37	73	Miss Alynne Rawstone	127	35	92
Penrhyn	113	40	73	Miss M. Wigan	121	25	96
Miss Aylmer	113	40	73	Mrs. Marson	130	34	96
Miss N. Wigan	118	40	78	Miss A. Cholmeley	139	40	99
Miss M. Leycester	122	36	86	Mrs. Egerton Grey	143	40	103
Penrhyn	122	36	86	Miss E. Rawstone	144	35	109

FOLKESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly handicap was played on Wednesday January 6th, in a heavy snowstorm. Most of the competitors broke off their round for shelter, and were disqualified according to the new Rules.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. Swinhoe	121	30	91	Mr. Noel	125	30	95
*Mr. Caird	97	5	92	Dr. Scanlan	112	14	98
Sir B. Edwards	109	16	93	Major Wiehe	131	24	107

* Winner.

Twelve others started.

The Ladies' handicap (nine holes) was played on Friday, January 8th, the scores were high, owing to the snow.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss Wood	83	22	61	Miss Cockerell	112	30	82
Miss B. Wood	84	20	64	Miss D. Jeffery	99	15	84
Miss Alice Eccles	75	8	67	Miss Edwards	96	8	88
Miss Eccles	85	15	70	Miss S. Edwards	117	25	92
Miss Augusta Eccles	79	8	71	Miss Jeffery	126	30	96
Miss Hodgson	95	18	77	Miss P. Jeffery	119	20	99

GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on the 9th inst. in hard frost, and the ground was coated with snow. The scores were high, as might be expected; but several players turned out in spite of the weather, and said that they enjoyed themselves in the bracing air. It was bracing, very. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. A. Ross	101	2	99	Mr. J. Kenrick	105	4	101
Mr. B. Howell	102	3	99	Mr. H. T. Cattley	116	14	102
Mr. W. M. Corrie	108	9	99	Mr. H. H. Playford	109	6	103
Mr. H. Davenport	107	7	100				

CARLTON GOLF CLUB.—This club held its annual winter competition on Friday, the 1st inst., at Archerfield, kindly granted for the occasion by Mr. Hamilton-Ogilvy, of Biel and Belhaven. There was a good turnout of members, the following being the prize winners, viz.:—1, Dr. Haultain, gold medal (scratch), charm and challenge silver cup (scratch), 84, plus 1=85; 2, Mr. W. B. Taylor, gold medal (handicap), 85, plus 2=87; 3, Mr. John Taylor, 85, plus 2=87; 4, Mr. W. G. Paxton, 89 (scratch); 5, Mr. G. H. Rees, 108, less 18=90; 6, Mr. A. Macbeth, 104, less 12=92. On playing off the tie, Mr. W. B. Taylor did the round in the fine score of 74 strokes, and Mr. John Taylor in 75.

LIMPSFIELD CHART GOLF CLUB.

Mr. Norman Watney's quarterly medal was played for on Saturday, January 2nd, with the following results:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. Dendy Watney	102	14	88	Mr. R. Brodie	117	15	102
Mr. E. M. Leveson-Gower	108	18	90	Mr. W. F. Beauford	109	6	103
Mr. C. N. Watney	112	14	98	Mr. J. Bromley	125	14	111
Mr. A. Boyson	126	25	101	Mr. A. N. Watney	130	19	111
				Rev. C. G. Acworth	138	25	113

The Ladies' monthly medal, played on January 5th, produced some good scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss D. Boyson	100	25	75	Miss Watney	88	7	81
Miss E. Board	86	6	80	Miss P. Stewart	98	12	86
Miss A. Stewart	92	12	80	Miss Bartlett	99	13	86
Miss Board	102	22	80				

The gentlemen's monthly medal was played for next day under almost unplayable conditions, which made long scoring inevitable, the course being covered with snow, and was won by the Rev. F. W. Parsons, with a score of 111, less 9=102.

NEW FOREST GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal handicap competition, January 2nd:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. R. Hargreaves	112	18	94	Capt. Aitchison	125	14	111
Mr. P. Lushington	115	20	95	Mr. P. Norris	141	30	111
Mr. R. Macleay	126	30	96	Col. Cameron	143	30	113
Lieut. de Crespigny	100	scr.	103	Mr. W. Norris	144	30	114
Lieut. Goldfinch	103	scr.	103	Mr. A. Norris	151	30	121
Mr. J. Goldfinch	133	30	103	Mr. P. Sykes	157	30	127
Mr. J. Bryan	127	20	107				

PROFESSIONAL MATCH AT NAIRN.

H. KIRKALDY V. DALGLEISH.

Hugh Kirkaldy, the champion, has been playing at Nairn recently. On New Year's Day a foursome was played by Kirkaldy and Mr. A. T. Lawrence, against Mr. Hollams and Mr. Clive Lawrence, when the latter, who played well, won by 3 holes. In the afternoon of the same day, Mr. Hollams and Dalgleish, the Nairn professional, played Mr. A. T. Lawrence and Kirkaldy, and, after a close match, the former won by 2 holes.

On Monday afternoon, Kirkaldy and Dalgleish played a match which excited keen interest. The ground was covered with a coating of snow, and red balls had to be used, and a part of the game was played amidst a smart shower of snow. The play, however, was most interesting. Driving off for the Well Hole, Dalgleish holed out in 5, Kirkaldy took one more. The Newton Hole was taken by Kirkaldy in 4—very good play, considering the state of the green. His opponent took one more. Driving for the Cromarty Hole, both players pulled to the left, and in getting out of the long grass, Dalgleish lofted over the green and went down the hill. Kirkaldy lay on the green, and it seemed as if he were certain to win this hole also, but Dalgleish came back nicely with his third stroke, and with his fourth took the hole with an exceedingly clever putt. Kirkaldy took 2 to hole out, and the hole was thus halved in 4. In the face of a strong breeze, both players drove magnificently down the hill. Dalgleish, however, lay badly, and had a poor second shot, and his third just got through the fence. Kirkaldy with his second got to the left of the hole, and in playing his third, a running-up shot, he struck the little ridge and bounded back. His next shot was better, and he holed out in 5, Dalgleish taking one more. The Sea Hole was next tackled. Both players cleared the bunker, and lay well up to the fence. Their second brought them within easy approach of the green, but Dalgleish was short with his lofting-iron, and it took him 7 to hole out. Kirkaldy won the hole easily with his sixth. Driving over the burn for the Fort-George Hole, Kirkaldy went slightly off the line to the right. Dalgleish got up in 3 and had the hole in 4—Kirkaldy taking one more. The driving for the Road Hole was splendid. Dalgleish, however, got away to the left, and although he recovered himself by good use of his lofting-iron, he took 5 to hole, whereas Kirkaldy had the hole easily in 4. The Cawdor Hole was halved in 5. Kirkaldy was on the green with his third, but missed a putt. Both cleared the sand-hill in fine style, but the subsequent play was inferior—the hole being halved in 7. The score out now stood—Kirkaldy 2 holes up with 46; Dalgleish 48. The next hole, which is a short one, was halved in 4. The End Hole was won by Dalgleish in 5, and the next hole fell to him in 4—Kirkaldy taking one more each time. They were now level both as to holes and strokes. The Valley Hole was halved in 5. The Delnies Hole fell to Dalgleish with 5 by really good play, his opponent taking one more. In driving for Achareidh Hole, Kirkaldy's ball landed in the ditch, and he had to

lift, losing a stroke, and took 7 to hole out. Dalgleish cleared the hill and the road with his first drive, and took the hole in 5. The Nairn professional was now 2 holes up and 3 to play. The short Sandown Hole was halved in 4. Kirkaldy drove splendidly down to the Burn, and took the hole easily with his fourth, Dalgleish taking one more. Dalgleish was now 1 up and 1 to play. Kirkaldy had still the chance of a tie. He went grandly down and cleared the fence, and his second was in the neighbourhood of the green. Dalgleish also went through the fence, but his ball did not lie so well. They were soon together on the green. Kirkaldy had one more for the hole. The game centered on his short putt. If he took the putt it would be a tie. He played and missed it, and Dalgleish consequently won the match by 1 hole and 2 strokes less. Total score—Dalgleish, 90; Kirkaldy, 92.

RANELAGH GOLF CLUB.

Medal competition for week ending 9th January, 1892:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. D. L. Holmes	102	25	77	Mr. C. Wintle	109	20	89
Mr. W. Russell	94	11	83	Mr. R. Dawson	110	20	90
Mr. C. A. Woodhouse	100	14	86	Mr. C. O'Malley	112	22	90
Mr. A. H. Molesworth	85	+3	88	Mr. C. T. Dent	112	20	92
Mr. D. D. Robertson	109	20	89	Mr. W. Jackson	111	18	93

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

Tuesday, January 5th.—Seventeen members started to compete for the monthly medal of the club on this day. Previous to this competition, the first of the New Year, some readjustment of the club handicap had been made. Remarks had lately been rife in the club that, in most instances, the respective handicaps of members were, relatively, much lower here than at other clubs to which those members happened to also belong. Whether from the course having become easier, or from what other cause, is not clear, the gross scores in club competitions of the last two or three years have ranged considerably lower than those of bygone days, and the old nominal scratch of 120 was felt to be an anachronism. Rumour, which so often lies, had it that the recent efforts of the handicappers were directed to handicapping the members down to a scratch of 114. If this was so, they reckoned without their hosts, in the cases of the winner, and the runner-up in this competition, though it must be borne in mind that the day was one calculated to produce some startling scores, the ground being frozen as hard as iron, till an hour or so after noon. Mr. A. H. Baker won the medal with a score of 141, less 35=106. He had, however, by no means a walk away from the Rev. J. H. Ellis, who came second with a net score of 109. Details of the scores are:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. H. Baker	141	35	106	Mr. W. Morris	135	12	123
Rev. J. H. Ellis	123	14	109	Mr. J. W. G. Andras	131	6	125
Mr. J. G. Gibson	117	2	115	Mr. J. Osmond	141	16	125
Mr. W. E. Hughes	121	6	115	Mr. W. G. Kentish	146	21	125
Mr. E. A. Walker	123	6	117	Mr. F. S. Ireland	128	2	126
Mr. W. O. S. Pell	122	2	120	Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote	133	6	127
Mr. Robert Whyte	124	4	120	Mr. G. H. Frean	154	21	133
Capt. H. Gillon	123	2	121	Mr. G. C. Snelling	156	23	133

No return from Mr. G. O. Jacob.

ROYAL CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

The third monthly handicap of the winter series was played on Friday, the 1st inst. The day was rough and stormy. Major Fenton returned his first winning card. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Major Fenton	122	30	92	Mr. Bernard Edyvean	106	+3	109
Mr. R. Pease	126	27	99	Mr. Matthews	119	18	101
Mr. R. P. Edyvean	128	26	102	Mr. H. Vyvyan	145	30	115
Brig. Surgeon Elliot	123	20	103	Mr. Charles Hext	128	2	126
Mr. Young-Jamieson	115	12	103				

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

Saturday, January 3rd. The monthly prize:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*† Lt.-Col. Robin	104	21	83	Mr. A. W. Gordon	96	5	91
† Mr. R. R. Renton	99	13	86	Capt. Robin	97	4	93
Mr. G. Christie	108	21	87	Mr. W. H. Monckton	110	17	93
Capt. Fairlie	94	6	88	Dr. Comerford	105	11	94
Mr. G. Robertson	102	14	88	Mr. C. C. Renton	105	10	95
Mr. G. Hornby	90	scr.	90	Mr. J. R. Brown	105	9	96
Mr. W. Griffith	105	15	90	Major Little	112	14	98
Mr. T. W. Barker	96	5	91				

* Winner. † Divided sweepstakes.

Thirteen players made no return.

TENBY GOLF CLUB.

The fortnightly handicap took place on Wednesday, January 6th, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. G. Durrant...	101 11 90	Mr. G. M. T. Smyth	113 scr. 113
Mr. B. C. Durrant...	139 36 103	Mr. L. R. Wood ...	149 36 113
Mr. G. H. Logan ...	126 18 108	Mr. O. W. Span ...	137 20 117
Mr. H. J. Allen ...	133 24 109	Colonel Voyle ...	144 16 128
Colonel Lewes ...	133 23 110	Mr. E. O. Durrant...	} Retired
Colonel Morgan Lloyd	121 10 111	Mr. W. H. Richards }	

The ladies' handicap did not take place owing to the bad weather.

TOOTING BEC GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday. The course throughout was frostbound, and a slight coating of snow covered the ground. Red balls were, therefore, the order of the day. The occasion was a good one for the long handicap players. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Capt. Laing ...	110 20 90	Mr. A. Mackintosh	114 20 94
Mr. J. Bell ...	102 11 91	Mr. W. Williams ...	118 12 96
Mr. A. Elmslie ...	105 14 91	Mr. Dudley Ward...	108 12 96
Mr. D. F. Russell...	107 14 93	Mr. T. J. Melville...	115 18 97
Mr. S. G. Warner...	111 18 93	Mr. F. Taylor ...	106 8 98
Mr. A. J. Robertson	98 4 94	Mr. A. Denman ..	99 scr. 99
Mr. J. Verran ...	103 9 94		

* Medal.

Many players made no return.

TYNESIDE GOLF CLUB.

This club held their sixth bi-monthly competition for the winter cup over Ryton Willows on the 7th inst., in fine golfing weather. A slight shower of snow fell during the day, but did not interfere with the players. The turn-out was rather disappointing, only four players putting in an appearance. The result of the day's play showed Mr. J. G. Sharp, with 114, less 15=99, had tied with Mr. J. Huddleston with 119, less 20=99. Mr. J. Milton was next with 106, less 5=101. Mr. J. B. Radcliffe returned the lowest score, 49, 46=95, but the conditions of the cup debarred him from winning, having won once before.

UNITED SERVICE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition took place on the above links on Saturday, January 2nd, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. W. Gilbert...	113 25 88	Colonel Walker ...	114 10 104
Capt. Quinton, R.A.	106 16 90	Mr. L. G. Bonham-	
Lieut. Bethune, R.N.	104 10 94	Carter ...	112 8 104

Several players made no return.

WEST CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

Prize for winners of the autumn series of handicap matches played for on January 2nd:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. Vivian ...	126 24 102	Mr. W. De LaTouche	125 17 108
Mr. Robert Fox ...	119 12 107	Mr. W. F. Harvey...	146 18 128

Messrs. H. B. Fox and R. F. Tyacke were qualified, but were unable to join in the competition.

The green has very much improved since the appointment of a green-keeper.

At the annual meeting Dr. Mudge was elected captain, but no other change was made in the officers of the club. The pavilion is to be enlarged, and dressing-rooms, lavatories, &c., added to the present building.

WHITLEY GOLF CLUB.

The Joicey cup was played for at Whitley on the 5th inst., this being the sixth competition for the prize. The contest took place under somewhat unfavourable circumstances, the turf being in bad condition, and a gale of wind interfering with play. Mr. W. B. Shaw, with the liberal allowance of 36 strokes, won with a net score of 88. Details:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. B. Shaw ...	124 36 88	Mr. G. F. Charlton	102 3 99
Mr. J. B. Radcliffe	93 scr. 93		

County Councillor Routledge has presented the club with a £5 prize, which will be competed for at the finish of the season, to be won outright in one contest.

WORCESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst. The weather was by no means satisfactory, as those competitors who played in the morning were severely handicapped by occasional snow showers. In the afternoon the weather was quite pleasant and fine. Subjoined are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. W. E. Paterson	92 8 84	Mr. F. Hookham ...	117 23 94
Mr. E. F. Chance...	93 +1 94	Mr. A. S. Archdale..	105 10 95
Rev. C. Black ...	101 7 94	Mr. J. W. Jeakes ...	121 25 96
†Mr. W. C. Perry...	115 21 94	Mr. H. N. B. Erskine	109 11 98

* Wins monthly cup and senior medal.

† Wins junior medal.

BEARSDEN CLUB.—A ladies' competition for prizes, partnered with gentlemen, on the latter's handicap, took place on this course on New Year's Day in charming weather. The following are the prize-winner:—1st, Mrs. Johnstone and Mr. J. Hutton, 65, scratch; 2nd, Miss Malloch and Mr. S. Armstrong, 77, less 8=69; 3rd, Miss M. Armstrong and Mr. J. Carswell, 78, less 8=70. The monthly competition for the Smith gold medal was played on this course on Saturday, in weather very unfavourable for good scoring. The ground from the recent rains was very heavy, but owing to the holidays there was a good turn-out of members. When the cards were handed in it was found that the medal had been won by Mr. Wilson, School-house, with a score of 126, less 24=102. The following are the next best scores:—Mr. S. Armstrong, 121, less 15=106; Mr. W. J. Armstrong, 127, less 18=109; Mr. D. Inglis, 119, less 9=110; Mr. J. G. Carrick, 135, less 24=111.

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