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MARCH.

- Mar. 11.—Pau : Annual Meeting to Elect Officers.
- Mar. 12.—Manchester : Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest : Foursome Competition.
Formby : Pearson Prize.
Birkdale : Dorning's Cup.
Didsbury : Captain's Prize.
Dalhousie : Handicap Match (Fifth Round).
- Mar. 12.—Guildford : Monthly Handicap.
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
Sutton Coldfield : Medal Competition.
West Herts : Monthly Medal.
Warwickshire : Graham and Savile Cups ; Foursome, Tournament (First Round).
Tooting : Monthly Medal.
Bradford St. Andrews : Rhodes Medal.
Watsonians : Club Prizes (The Braids).
Royal Isle of Wight : Monthly Medal.
Staines : Monthly Medal.
Buxton and High Peak : Strang Cup.
- Mar. 14.—Coventry v. Oxford : (at Oxford).
Royal Eastbourne : South Lynn Vase.
- Mar. 16.—Royal Epping Forest : Spurling-Kentish Medal.
Pau : Gold Medal, Ladies (Scratch).
Oxford University : Gold Medal and Handicap Prizes.
- Mar. 17.—Coventry : Blackburne Prize.
- Mar. 18.—Pau : Silver Medal, Ladies (Scratch).
- Mar. 19.—Manchester : Captain's Prizes.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Bury Cup.
Disley : Winter Handicap Medal.
Sutton Coldfield : Lloyd Prize.

- Mar. 20.—Warwickshire : Military Gold Medal.
Crookham : Royal Ascot v. The Club.
County Down : Railway Cup ; Monthly Handicap.
Brighton and Hove : De Worms Challenge Cup.
Ealing : Monthly Medal.
Woodford : Quarterly Medal.
- Mar. 21.—Coventry : Blackburne Prize (Final).
- Mar. 23.—Durham : Walter Cup.
Warrender : Alexander Medal.
- Mar. 24.—Coventry : Gold Medal.
- Mar. 26.—Seaford : Monthly Medal.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Cup.
Warwickshire : Half-Yearly Meeting and Club Cup.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
Sidcup : Monthly Medal.
Crookham : Monthly Medal.
Ilkley : Monthly Medal.
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.
Wimbledon Ladies : Monthly Medal.
West Cornwall : Monthly Medal.
Woodford : Captain's Prize.
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.
- Mar. 29.—Burnham : Monthly Medal.
- Mar. 30.—Pau : Morris Post Prize (Scratch) ; Ridley Challenge Prize and Badge (Open Handicap).
Coventry : Monthly Cup.
- Mar. 31.—Nottingham : Monthly Medal.

APRIL.

- April 1.—Pau : Macdona Challenge Cup and Badge (Handicap, limited to 20 strokes).
Royal Cornwall : Monthly Handicap.
Warwickshire : Club v. Coventry (at Coventry).
- April 2.—County Down : Wallace Cup.
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.
Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal.
Ilkley : Buckley Cup.
Bowdon : Monthly Medal.
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Richmond : Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove : Berners Medal.
Lundin : Handicap Medal.
Birkdale : Monthly Medal.
Sutton Coldfield : Mumy Medal.
- April 4.—Warwickshire : Club v. Worcestershire (at Warwick).
- April 5.—Birkdale : Club Ladies' Prize.
Carnarvonshire : Monthly Medal.
Royal Blackheath : Spring Medal and Singapore Cup.
West Cornwall : Seton Challenge Trophy.
East Sheen Ladies : Monthly Medal.
- April 5-8.—Warwickshire : Spring Meeting.
- April 6.—Birkdale : Buckley's Ladies' Prize.
Durham : Osborn Cup.
- April 9.—Bradford St. Andrews : Rhodes Medal.
Dalhousie : Handicap Match (Sixth Round).
West Herts : Monthly Medal.

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MY FELLOW GOLFERS.

II.—"THE HIDALGO." "THE TIGER." "LEGREE."

I walked down to Jones' house one evening. He was not at home yet, but, as he is unmarried and I have free warren of the premises, I strolled into his sanctum to wait for him and to smoke the harmless necessary calumet.

His caricature book was lying open on the table, and a new picture at once caught my eye, a picture in which caricature had not been attempted, but which represented three figures of men I knew with extraordinary truth and force.

Against the mantel-piece of our smaller club smoking-room, with one elbow upon it, leaned a tall thin man of about forty; a man of dark complexion, exceedingly handsome, but of somewhat foreign general appearance. He was looking down with an air of mingled contempt and weariness at two others.

One of these, a rakish-looking person in a loud check suit, with a red tie and too many rings, was seated on the edge of an Ottoman, reading aloud from a small book which he held away from him in his left hand. The right arm was outstretched as if he might be preaching, and the face wore a peculiarly unpleasant, sneering and vicious expression.

The third figure was that of a short stout man of about fifty, with a bristly red beard. He was dressed in a Norfolk jacket and knickerbockers, and was lying back at ease in an arm-chair, roaring with laughter. A "B and S" stood on a small table at his side.

I recognised them at once. The standing figure was that of Juan Alvarez Stevenson, known in the club as "The Hidalgo," the man reading was that loathsome outsider, "The Tiger," Vance-Alliat, while the man in the chair was Dunster, whom we have christened "Legree," after the ruffian in "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

Now against these last two I had an inveterate prejudice, fully shared by the club in general. We have our faults and failings in the club, and for the most part we don't set up to be better than our neighbours; but we do object to these two, who are essentially low men. "The Tiger" got his nick-name from his marked resemblance to Mr. Bloundel-Bloundel in "Penny-dennis."

Who does not remember that flashy rakehell with the "good coat of arms," of whom the Major (the dear Major, bless him!) declared that the fellow had the "unmistakable look of slang and bad habits," and of whom the best Christ-church men prophesied that "he would live to be hanged." Why, here is the very man before me, this "frequenter of low billiard-rooms," this "haunter of third-rate clubs," this black-guard who would borrow half-a-crown of you at one moment and cheat you out of another (if he could do it safely) the next. It is known that "The Tiger" got into our club by some mistake. People thought he was somebody else, and voted accordingly. In such an assembly as ours this well-born cad, this horse-couper, this gambler, this flirter with barmaids, this associate of blacklegs and demireps, has no proper *locus standi*, and many a quiet confab has been held in our club corners to devise some plan for getting rid of him.

And then, "Legree." As I gazed at this representation of him some of the words used by Professor Green in his famous description of Henry II. of England welled up irresistibly into my mind. "There was something in his build and look, in the square, stout form, the fiery face, the close-cropped hair, the prominent eyes, the bull neck, the coarse strong hands, the bowed-legs that marked out the keen, stirring coarse-fibred man of business." Nothing could describe "Legree's" outward appearance better than this; but Jones had brought into still higher relief the thoroughly fleshly *animal* look of this fellow, and I marvelled at the truth of the portrait.

"Legree" has been a member of our club for more than twenty years. He is the son of one of the very dearest old golfers that ever lived, now, alas, long dead; a man as great a contrast to this his unworthy son as it is possible to conceive; refined, gentle, of almost too delicate fastidiousness, of Grandison-like courtesy and bearing; while of this man, what is it possible to say more than that he has the courage of a bulldog, the business ability of a Hebrew, the look of an Orson, and the brutal instincts of a Jefferys.

Yes, he is called "Legree," this man, rich and prosperous, but bad and cruel, who was once a bright, innocent child. There are dark stories whispered about of the home life of this fellow. I know, and others know, that at this moment, as he sits there swilling brandies and sodas at the club, a sad, sad, sweet pale face is waiting at his house, watching with sickening expectation for his return; the face of a woman far younger than himself, who worships the very ground the brute treads on, to whom his will is law; a woman whom he ill-treats and shamefully neglects; and there are those of us who tell in low tones how in the late watches of the night one passing this man's house may sometimes hear the sound of wailing, wailing. Oh, you brute, you brute, you wretch! You a member of a first-rate Golf club! Go home, go home at once, and fall down at the knees of that poor wan thing whose heart is breaking, whom you are *killing*, and repent, and confess with remorse and shame, and amend your vile life, if repentance is possible to you any longer now, and you are not yet hopelessly, utterly lost.

And that third figure—that Velasquez-like man, with the dark look of contempt for the rascal who is reading aloud; what kind of man is this, and what is his history?

Every one knows that he is the son of an English father by a Spanish wife, and that there has been some romance, in "The Hidalgo's" life, and also some tragedy in connection with his father, which has hopelessly embittered him; but no one has ever had the temerity to ask him about it. Jones, who plays an occasional round with him, is supposed to know something about it; but, if he does, he has kept counsel and told nothing, and the story, whatever it may be, has never passed beyond the stage of conjectures, and hints and whispers. "The Hidalgo" himself makes no friends, invites no confidences, and moves among us for the most part a lonely, silent man, whose dark personality stands strangely out against the background of the commonplace, genial, kindly, social life of our club.

And yet there are times (though this occurs very rarely) when a sort of wild, blasphemous, uncontrollable impulse seems to take sudden possession of this strange man, and then he justifies that other name by which he is known to some of us, that of "Apollyon."

Then he will stand at the fireside, much as he is standing now in this picture, the red glow playing over his beautiful features as he pours out to a knot of eager listeners story after story of the things he has seen and heard and read of in the dark places of Spanish and Italian, and especially of Eastern cities (for he has read immensely, and passed almost all his life abroad)—stories of the most lurid and often quite demoniacal type, told with dreadful cynicism and the most scathing and vitriolic comments and sarcasms on men and women and human nature in general, but with inimitable wit and brilliancy and point; and men listen as if fascinated, and laugh and shudder and wonder. "Makes you feel devilish creepy sometimes, you know," says little "Squibs," whom certainly no one would think of accusing of either originality or genius.

"The Hidalgo" takes a mischievous, perverse delight in producing these sulphurous narratives when some of the more serious men of the club are by. Nothing pleases him better than to see Colonel Grump lay down his newspaper with a snort in the middle of one of his stories, and old Wilberforce shuffle out of the room with a look of terror. These two men, and old Whitgift and General Sankey (who "holds forth," and very well he does it, too), and Sir Clarkson Latimer and old Jemmy Ken, and other grave and reverend signors, have more than once laid their good grey heads together with a view to the suppression of Juan Alvarez, but, somehow or other, nothing has come of it yet, and, after all is said, poor Apollyon's wild, wicked outbursts are rare enough.

As I still gazed at the new picture, in came Jones, and I immediately questioned him about it.

"Aha," says he, with a laugh; "I see I shall have to say to you, as Piero di Cosimo does in 'Romola,' 'My pictures are appendices which Messer Domeneddio has made to the universe, and whoever wants an explanation of them must apply to Mother Church.' There, sit down, my boy, that picture has a story which will interest you, fill your pipe, pass me that whisky, and I'll tell you about it."

IMP.

(To be continued.)

THE DEFINITION OF A STROKE.

THIS is a subject which might have engrossed the fertile ingenuity of the ancient schoolmen or the logical precision of Euclid. Certainly, the intellect which constructed the definition of a point or a straight line would alone have been able to satisfy, in a golfing sense, the searching interrogatories of some golfers who plumb the depths of their fellow-golfers' knowledge of the rules and what is meant by them. If you buttonhole an odd half-dozen of your fellow-members in the club-house, and without any warning ask them the question, "What is a stroke?" the chances are that you are greeted with scoffing rebuffs like these: "A stroke? Why, bless my soul! a stroke, of course, is a smack at the ball"; and then this reader of your riddle leaves you, quite satisfied that knowledge cannot overstep these limits, nor wisdom illumine with a more penetrating ray the concise accuracy of his definition. Another friendly golfer assuages your thirst for knowledge by gibing you with the remark, "Ask me another, old fellow"; a third whistles at you, and furtively steals out of your presence, tapping his forehead suggestively to another member; a fourth, staggered at the complexity of the problem, sits down overcome with emotion, and has to be revived by calling in the aid of the real "mountain dew"; a fifth gives you a practical example, and evokes howls of angry pain by featly smiting in a tender part the most irascible member of the club; and a sixth asks you to wait a minute while he goes to consult the oracular wisdom of a "drouthy" caddie. It is, clear, therefore, that the rules serve a much more useful purpose than to set all sorts and conditions of litigious golfers by the ears. They really constitute a sort of athletic arena for the robust-minded golfer. Within the few pages of that little book he finds as much to exercise his faculties as any normally constituted mortal can desire. Each rule presents a picturesque variety of intellectual gymnastics for the nimble-witted searcher after light and leading; horizontal bars, Indian clubs, trapezes, dumbbells, are there in admired confusion; and when time hangs heavily upon one's hands, or ample leisure seeks for variety of occupation, the sufferer can always either kill the one, or satisfy the other by a few exercises in the interpretation of Golf law.

In another column will be found a letter from a correspondent signing himself "Common Sense," who cries for more light on the subject of the stroke definition. He asks that the distinction between a push and a stroke should be more clearly indicated, and he very fairly and very pointedly passes in review the whole aspect of the question and the arguments bearing upon it. We do not blame our correspondent for asking that more light should be shed on the definition of a stroke. It is a subject which has exercised the mind of the writer on many occasions before now, and it is probable that "Common Sense" may be the recipient of a good deal of enlightenment at the hands of other correspondents. It is needful to mention this, however, for the guidance of "Common Sense," in his future studies of the peculiarities of the code book. The rules are not a manual of instruction. They are drawn up for the assistance of golfers who have at least passed the very elementary stage of knowing, as a matter of practice, if not as a matter of theoretical definition, the difference between a stroke at the ball and a push. One cannot learn to play the game by merely reading the rules. A player must model his style of playing Golf upon the authorised, most skilled and most graceful attitudes of the best exponents of the game, and he must not seek to play according

to any fanciful theories of his own as to how it should be played. It is purely a case of precept and example, of imitating the poses and movements which long accumulated experience has sanctioned. Any ordinary golfer can show "Common Sense," in a moment the difference in practice between a push and a legitimate stroke. He has only to take a club in his hand and the lesson is complete. In the case put by "Common Sense" of a player propelling the ball with the club at rest a dozen inches from it, there can be no doubt that such a blow is a push and not a stroke, and is therefore illegitimate. If the player strike the ball with his shoulder, elbow, and wrist rigid, with the club-head a short distance from the ball, thus making the arm a continuation of the inflexible club shaft, the blow is bound to be a foul one. A stroke is held to include a sort of pendulum movement of the club, a relaxation of the tension at the wrist and elbow, with a preponderating increase of height in the backward line of movement of the club-head. The weak point of the present rule is that it seeks to discern the player's "intention." Unless an opponent is endowed with the clairvoyant faculty, it is impossible to divine the player's intention, except it be translated into such a foul shot as "Common Sense" would apparently seek to legitimatise. When a player is in a deep, narrow bunker it is sometimes his "intention" to strike the ball after all due preliminaries. He finds, however, that the club is arrested in the upward swing by the edge of the bunker; he stops, changes his position, makes a movement to test whether the club is free of the overhanging obstacle, and then strikes. His original "intention" was to strike the ball, but it never got beyond the rudimentary stage of being translated into an act; hence the penalty is never claimed. But there is more doubt on this head than in the case presented by our correspondent. His case is stated temperately and with a certain ingenious plausibility, but its impropriety and unsoundness are at once manifest to the eye of the experienced golfer. Whether or not the click of the ball is imported into the definition of a stroke, does not help in the least to simplify the problem. However difficult it may be for the golfer to reduce his theoretical definition of a stroke to twenty or thirty words, as a matter of practical knowledge he is never at a loss to tell when the ball is pushed and when it is legitimately struck. The stroke combines two movements. One is an upward movement, the other is a downward movement; and though both combined constitute the stroke, it is the downward one whose destination is the surface of the ball which really counts in giving effect to penalties.

BEARSDEN CLUB.—The monthly handicap competition for the Smith gold medal took place on this course. Owing to the hardness of the ground the forenoon was not so favourable to low scoring as the latter part of the day turned out to be. There was a large turnout of competitors, and when the cards were handed in the following were found to be the principal scores:—Mr. A. D. Cuthbert (scratch) 89 (winner of medal); Mr. Alex. Bain, 114, less 24; Mr. D. M'Leod, 117, less 24; Mr. J. G. Carrick, 118, less 24; Mr. J. A. Craigie, 115, less 18. Latta, the greenkeeper, did the round of the course of nine holes in 38, the lowest yet recorded.

FORRES.—The annual general meeting was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., Captain Macleod, of Dalvey, presiding. The committee's report was considered very satisfactory, the balance on hand being £19 8s. 4d. A new golf-house had been erected at a cost of £74 odd, and large sums had been put out on the course. A suggestion to form a practice course of nine holes at Chapelton was remitted to the committee. The following office-bearers were appointed:—President, Mr. R. B. Finlay, Q.C., M.P.; vice-presidents, Captain Macleod, of Dalvey, and ex-Provost Burn; captain, John Sutherland; vice do., Dr. Milligan; secretary and treasurer, John Leash, solicitor; committee, Drs. Fowlie and Milne and Messrs. Fraser, Macdonald, Mackintosh, and Steele.



A match which had been arranged between C. Calloway, the United Service Golf Club professional, and Andrew Kirkaldy, took place on Haslar links on the 10th inst. It was one of thirty-six holes.

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The Hayling Island Ladies' Golf Club spring meeting will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 10th and 11th, when the Routledge cup will be competed for. On Wednesday, the 11th, a one-guinea handicap prize will also be played for, as well as a visitors' sweepstakes at scratch.

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The course of the Royal West Norfolk Golf Club at Brancaster has been laid out on lines suggested by Mr. Horace Hutchinson, and the greens are now in excellent order. It is the opinion of all judges of the game who have visited the Brancaster links that they are second to none in the kingdom, and that the club must in due course take a leading place among the Golf clubs of England. The committee are about to engage the services of the very best professional they can secure for the post of greenkeeper. The question of accommodation at Brancaster has engaged the serious attention of the committee. The proprietors of the Ship Inn have consented to enlarge its premises, so as to anticipate the requirements of the club, and a member of the committee is about to erect a commodious lodging-house contiguous to the links. Cheap return tickets from London to Hunstanton are available from Friday to Tuesday. In the first two months of the club's existence nearly a hundred members have been enrolled.

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A match between Willie Fernie, Troon, and Archie Simpson, which has been for some time talked about, has been arranged to take place at an early date. The match will be played over Prestwick Links, and it will come off early in March. Both players have been playing a strong game lately, and a fine match is likely to be witnessed.

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THE SHORT HOLES ON BRUNTSFIELD LINKS.—On a memorial by Golf players in Edinburgh, the Public Parks Committee of the Town Council resolved to recommend the Council to decline to entertain the application for an extension of the short hole course at Bruntsfield Links, the general upkeep of the links being attended to in the Council's administration of the public parks of the city.

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At a meeting of Montrose Town Council it was agreed to feu to the Mercantile Golf Club a piece of ground, about 600 square yards in extent, near the old Royal Albert Golf Club-house, on which the members of the club propose to erect a new club-house. The feu-duty payable is $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per square yard.

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The half-yearly general meeting of the Tyneside Golf Club will be held on Tuesday, April 26th, at the Crown Hotel, Newcastle, at 8 o'clock. Revision of the club rules, and adoption (if agreeable to the meeting), of the new rules for play of the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews, will be among the business.

A really admirable portrait of Mr. John Ball, jun., appears in this week's *Vanity Fair*. Nothing could be more delightfully characteristic than the representation of "Johnnie's" gait when following his ball. The spring of the foot is all there; and golfers will recognise that negligent, indifferent activity which is so characteristic of him. It is a portrait which ought to find great favour with golfers everywhere. There is one little defect, however, which meets the golfer's eye. The "grip" of the club is all wrong, not being longer than three or four inches—a point of detail which shows the unfamiliarity of the artist with the weapons of the game.

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Here is the biography of Mr. Ball squeezed into little space: "Born at Hoylake eight and twenty years ago, he comes of an old Cheshire stock, his fathers having been farmers in the parish of West Kirby for 700 years. Yet he might never have become famous had he not learnt to play the ancient game of Golf. He has, however, acquired so much skill in that means of passing time that he has won all the scratch prizes given at Hoylake. He has twice been amateur champion; has won the St. George challenge vase four times in succession, and—greatest triumph of all—has once carried off the open championship: a feat which has yet been achieved by no other amateur. He is now inclined to be the best non-professional golfer in England, and if he putted better he would probably be invincible. As it is his cleek-play is his best point. He is a retiring, well-favoured young person, yet he is liked. He knows how to run a hurdle race; he is a good man to hounds; and he is a fair shot. He also knows something about farming, and he is very nearly a teetotaler. His common name is 'Johnnie.'"

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Golfers interested in the Redhill and Reigate Golf Club will find an advertisement in another column calling the annual meeting for the 2nd of April.

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Mr. S. M. J. Woods, the well-known Cambridge cricketer, won the Burnham medal on February 23rd.

RECENT GOLF PATENTS.

This list is specially compiled for GOLF by Messrs. Cassell and Co., registered patent agents, 22, Glasshouse Street, Regent Street, London, W., from whom all information relating to patents may be had free upon application.

- 1,670. An Improved appliance for use in painting Golf balls.—James Beake Hammond, Bristol Bank Buildings, Bristol.
- 2,250. An Improved Golf ball.—George Nayler, 22, Glasshouse Street, Regent Street, London, W.
- 2,441. Improvements in holders or caddies for Golf clubs.—Robert Ramsbottom, 57, Barton Arcade, Manchester.
- 2,670. The convertible all-round Golf club.—Edward Johnson Charley, Seymour Hill, Dunmurry, Co. Antrim.
- 3,350. Pringle's patent driver Golf clubs.—David Pringle, 13, Blackwood Crescent, Edinburgh.

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THE ST. ANDREWS SOCIAL CLUB.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The committee of this club wish to clear up a point which is in danger of becoming somewhat obscured under the mass of correspondence on the subject in your valuable paper, and this point is the suggestion that an ordinary member suffers any detriment by the admission of honorary members.

What cause for complaint has a member of a proprietary club, provided that—

- (1) Members are elected with due care ;
- (2) The accommodation and arrangements for members' comfort are good ;
- (3) The tariff is reasonable ; and
- (4) The cuisine first-rate ?

In the present instance the proprietary agree to give splendid accommodation, a low tariff, and a first-class cuisine, for a subscription of £5 5s. (£3 3s. for country members).

Membership being a simple contract between the proprietary and each member, the committee owe nothing to the members if they see that this contract is duly carried out by the proprietary.

It is suggested that were there no honorary members, ordinary members would have greater advantages than they have at present ; but this suggestion shows a lack of appreciation of the difference between a proprietary and a members' club.

The proprietary (with the concurrence of the executive committee, who have been elected from the honorary and ordinary members of the club) have fixed a tariff lower than that of many West-End clubs, and will adhere to it whether there are 400 or 4,000 members.

It is the proprietary, *not the members*, whose interests are affected by the number of members.

The undertaking is a large one, and its success will depend on whether members find that they have made a good investment or not in joining the club ; but of the result the committee have no doubt whatever.

I am, Sir, &c.,

On behalf of the Committee,

JARVIS KENRICK.

St. Andrews Club, Whitehall Court,
March 7th 1892.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—No doubt Mr. S. Mure Fergusson and the other entitled ones are perfectly satisfied with the (to use Mr. Mure Fergusson's words) "very business-like method of floating the club." What strikes me as the curious part of the business is that, had only ordinary steps been taken, the club would not have had the necessity to resort to this "business-like method."

I am, Sir, &c.,

QUITE DECIDED.

QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—As I notice there is at present a good deal of controversy going on in regard to the Rules, I should be glad to have your interpretation of Rules 12 and 14 Medal Play.

When a stroke is the penalty for an infringement of the rules in match play, and there is no special rule in medal play covering this infringement, is the penalty in medal play also a stroke ?

Secondly, when the loss of a hole is the penalty in Match play, and there is no special rule in the Medal list governing the infringement, is the penalty in Medal competitions disqualification ?

I am, Sir, &c.,

DOUBTFUL.

London 24th February, 1892.

[(1.) Yes. (2.) The loss of the hole in match play finds its equivalent in disqualification in medal play. The green committee, however, might mitigate this penalty after the review of any special circumstances reported to them. ED.]

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Would you or some of your readers give an opinion on the following subject :—A prize was being played for under rules of medal play by partners (ladies and gentlemen). A gentleman, by mistake, played the ball twice running, that is to say, he took his partner's turn. The ball was replaced and played again properly by the lady. In proper foursomes playing match play the penalty is loss of hole. The player in this question maintains that no rule under medal play can be found applying to the case, and that, therefore, there is no penalty. Those to whom the matter was referred contend that by Rules 6 and 25 the penalty should be one stroke. The case was an important one, as, oddly enough, the one stroke made the difference of a tie for the prize or losing it. How grateful would all outsiders be if they could only get a code of rules in lucid grammatical English, which might be applied to all links, instead of having to go by those recently issued by the authorities. These authorities may be great on Golf, but they certainly are not good at the English language as spoken or written out of Scotland.

I am, Sir, &c.,

T. O. E.

[It is desirable to point out to our correspondent that this system of competition is not recognised by the rules, and therefore penalties are not provided for it. The ordinary method is to play foursome tournaments by holes and not by strokes. We should say, therefore, that the local committee who instituted the competition are the best authorities to determine the dispute, seeing that the medal rules are framed for singles and not for foursomes. We have frequently pointed out that the loss of a hole in match play (as would have been the case here) finds its equivalent in disqualification in medal play ; but as this penalty would in the circumstances be a little too drastic, it seems to us that, according to equity, the best solution of the difficulty is for the committee either to order the match to be played over again or to impose a penalty of one stroke. It is idle for the player in this case to urge that there is no penalty attached to his irregularity, when he knows perfectly well that but for the novel form of the competition the rules would have caused him and his partner to lose the hole in an ordinary match.—ED.]

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—While playing a match recently, my ball happened to lie on a patch of grass in the midst of whins, but surrounded by loose stones and sticks. There was room to swing the club without touching any of the surrounding whins, and in playing the shot I grounded my club, having previously removed the loose stones and sticks, thus treating the ball as not in the hazard. My opponent objected to this, and referred me to Rule XIV. After the match we looked through the back numbers of GOLF, and found a reply of yours in answer to "Bunker" on page 85 of Vol. III., which seemed to bear upon the point at issue ; but in answer to "Hazard," on page 155 of the same

volume, we found a reply which appeared contradictory to the one given to "Bunker."

If the club can be grounded in the case of "Hazard," thus treating the ball as if it lay in the open, it would seem that I was justified in removing the loose stones and sticks, and I would be obliged by your giving me a further opinion on the point.

(2.) If wormcasts are hard and not removable from the putting-green by brushing lightly with the hand, can they be knocked off, or do they form part of the irregularity of the putting-green, and are irremovable.

I am, Sir, &c.

ENQUIRER.

London, 29th February, 1892.

[(1.) There is nothing contradictory in the replies referred to. The reply to "Bunker" had reference more to the definition of a hazard, which at that time had not been so specifically catalogued as it now is by the new rules; but we never meant to imply that there was any doubt as to the power of a player to drop in a line with the hole on a patch of grass in the centre of the group of whins, and to treat that patch as if the ball lay on the green. The reply, therefore, to "Hazard" corresponds with the reply which we give to "Enquirer"—namely, that a ball lying on a clear patch in the centre of bushes can be treated as if it lay on the green, and that stones and other loose impediments may be removed before playing. Our correspondent was, therefore, quite right both in grounding his club and in removing the loose obstacles. (2.) If wormcasts are so hard that it would need a hammer and chisel to remove them, of course they form part of the irregularity of the ground, and must be submitted to.—ED.]

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Would you kindly answer the following in your next week's issue. On our last monthly medal, the weather being very boisterous, the captain and treasurer started at 10.15, and completed their 18 holes, two rounds of the links, at 12.15. Only three other couples competed owing to the weather, and did not start till later, some of them arriving by train. On completing their nine holes they retired to the club-house for lunch, playing their second half in the afternoon.

Are they not disqualified for breaking their round, under Rule 11, Special Rules for Medal Play? In this particular instance it probably made little difference in the result; but had the gale moderated the lunchers would have had a great advantage.

I am, Sir, &c.,

J. R. DIVETT.

Tavistock, March 7th.

[The players who retired to lunch are undoubtedly disqualified. Fortunately the rule is too clear for a dispute to be raised.—ED.]

LADIES' GOLF CLUB AT LITTLESTONE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I should like to correct some misapprehensions which appear to exist in the mind of one of your correspondents, judging from a letter in your last week's issue.

Despite the active exertions of a few ladies and a popular member of the Littlestone Club, the Ladies' Club has hitherto found but few supporters among the ladies themselves. To the first announcement of the opening only twelve ladies responded and paid their subscriptions, and since then ten more have sent in their names to the lady-secretary. It was only, however, at its last meeting that the committee of the Littlestone Club decided to take over and administer the Ladies' Club. A sub-committee has now been formed to deal with the matter, in consultation with the hon. lady-secretary, Miss South, The Vicarage, New Romney, Kent, and I trust that the "numbers" indicated by your correspondent will not delay to address themselves to that lady. Meanwhile the course will be made playable and attractive.

As regards the Littlestone Golf Club itself, it has been the subject of regret that, owing to a misunderstanding, so much

energy and money (I trust not anything like so large a sum as is indicated by your correspondent) was expended in making the high bunker. It was eventually found, after careful consideration, that it was not possible, consistent with the retention of the present fifteenth hole—one of the best—to bring it into play, while the utilising of it for the ladies' course could, for obvious reasons, scarcely be said to be at all possible.

Apologising for the length of this letter, the necessity for which would have been obviated had your correspondent (who is a member of the club) addressed himself in the first instance to a member of the committee or to myself.

I am, Sir, &c.,

GEO. SETON.

Littlestone Golf Club, 1st March, 1892.

PUSHING AND STRIKING.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—My request is for "more light." I am told by those who ought to know that, if the club be placed, say, 12 inches from the ball and then driven at it so as to carry it the distance the player may desire, this is a breach of Rule IV. (St. Andrews), and must be regarded as pushing. Now every golfer knows that in many, if not in most, strokes the club should follow the ball. In most strokes, therefore, the player pushes as well as strikes at the ball. When I ask for an illustration of what is fair, and what is not, I observe that in one case there is a double motion, partly backward and partly forward, in the other the club is driven forwards from a position of rest. I look in the rule in vain for this distinction. "The ball must be fairly struck at and not pushed," etc. But usually the ball is impelled partly by a striking blow, partly by a push, as I have said above. It cannot be the pushing, then, which constitutes a foul stroke, but the want of a proper striking at the ball. Now, to place the club immediately behind the ball and force it forwards would be distinctly pushing and not striking, and I venture to think the rule was framed originally against this; but I am told I am entirely wrong in this limited interpretation.

Well, sir, I must protest that for a beginner who has carefully read over the laws of the game to be disqualified in his first medal round because he does not perceive that in pushing at a ball the club must not start from a position of rest, would be very hard lines indeed. If I hold my hand over a boy's head for a moment and then bring it down on his ear with a push which knocks him over, I think most magistrates will fail to see the distinction between pushing him and striking at him.

The English language may be an imperfect vehicle of thought, but it is capable of better things than this. If my critics are right, and doubtless they are, the rule requires further definition in some such way as I have suggested. It should state that there must be a backward as well as a forward motion of the club in the act of striking, or that the club must not be brought to rest within a certain distance of the ball. It may be said that this is a refinement which must be learnt in practice. There I join issue. Nothing should be insisted upon in rules which cannot be made distinct and intelligible, as, *e.g.*, in croquet, where the rule says, "A distinct tap must be heard," and this I believe to be,

COMMON SENSE.

"COLONEL BOGEY."

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I am sorry that I did not state in my last letter that I introduced Mr. Rotherham's system of playing against an imaginary fixed score for each hole to several members of the Great Yarmouth Golf Club, at their Whitsuntide meeting in 1891. Had I done so, it would have made quite clear to your readers the name of the originator of the "Bogey" system, and where it was first played.

I am, Sir, &c.,

HAROLD SMITH,

Coventry, February 29th.

ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH GOLF.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have read Mr. Foster's letter in your issue of 26th instant, and, whilst accepting his explanation, I demur entirely from his statement that he is putting me right, because he is simply putting *himself* right.

Mr. Foster is quite correct in saying that I know nothing about the committee's report or its reception; but that I submit has nothing to do with what he said. He made the perfectly clear statement that, if the rules had been drawn up by a certain committee, they would probably have been universally adopted. If something else was meant, it was for Mr. Foster to say so,—without such explanation, his remark could only convey one meaning.

I am, Sir, &c.,

H. R. C.

Manchester, 29th February, 1892.

HOW TO KEEP ONE'S SCORE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I would suggest as an easy method of scoring the number of strokes taken to play a round of nine or eighteen holes the following plan:—

Assume that nine holes can be played in 45 strokes, and eighteen holes in 90 strokes; thus, if, you take, say, 8 to the first hole, count that hole plus 3. If you take 4 to the second hole, you count that as plus 2, and so on. It saves keeping a card and jotting down each individual number of strokes, and is not very often known, even to old players.

I am, Sir, &c.,

BULGER.

New Forest.

GOLF AS MEDICINE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Under the above title I noticed recently in your columns a letter on the benefits of Golf as a health-restoring exercise. In supplement to this I have in my "Golf cuttings" an extract from a work Mackenzie's "History of Health," published in 1758, in which he mentions various kinds of play at ball, and recommends their use as an exercise to the business man "that should he persist in them until he finds himself either in a gentle sweat or a little tired, but no longer. All I shall remark upon the whole is, that the high encomium justly bestowed by Galen on the play at *little ball* as the best of all exercises to preserve health is equally applicable to *tennis*, and to the play called *Golf* in Scotland, and that it is a pity such manly and healthful exercises should be so much disused." Describing *Golf* he says:—"Golf is a safe and moderate exercise, performed on a bare, smooth common by driving two small hard balls, with proper *bats*, always forward to very distant holes in the ground about a foot deep and nine inches over, and the party whose ball is driven into the hole with the fewest blows (which are carefully numbered on both sides) obtains the victory." Could the old doctor see the zest with which the Golf medicine is now taken, no doubt he would rejoice. The invalids at Pau seem to be going in heartily for this favourite medicine, and as I see that the club is celebrating its thirty-fifth season, may I be allowed to notice that Golf was introduced into that famous health resort over forty years ago, by a well-known publisher of Edinburgh, the late Ebenezer Oliphant, a keen golfer, and well-known in those days at Musselburgh. Lord Shand and Dr. Angus Macdonald, also of this city, gave great assistance in making the game popular and attractive to the health-seeking visitors. By the way, there are some curiosities about Pau not to be found in "Murray":—"They have a club, frequent balls, races, and

private theatricals. An entertainment was given for the benefit of the indigent (so writes a well-known visitor), and the gentlemen and ladies who took part could not get to church on Sabbath, being engaged in rehearsing their parts. The tickets had the inscription, 'He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord'; but of 5,000 francs drawn, only 200 francs remained to the poor after the decorations, &c., were paid for, a curious *mélange* of Scripture, charity, and fashion."

I am, Sir, &c.,

THOMAS CHAPMAN.

Edinburgh, March 1st, 1892.

A MODERN PICTURE OF GOLF.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Having read your article on "A Modern Picture of Golf," it must be a grand picture, indeed, if it comes up to your description, and one all true golfers will admire. However, I am sorry to see Mr. Stevenson has missed out a few in the professional line that really are entitled to rank among their brother professionals.

To use your own words, Mr. Editor, "there is one figure, however, absent from this picture which we could have wished to see—Bernard Sayers, the North Berwick representative." You seem to be very much surprised that he has been missed out.

I am not in the least surprised at Bernard's absence, as the picture, being laid down on St. Andrew's soil, may account for the absence of a North Berwick representative. But I am very much surprised at the absence of Archie Simpson.

Oh! Archie, Archie, what dreadful thing have you done that you should be in the background at St. Andrews?

I think there will be a few golfers who will think Mr. Stevenson is a little wide of the mark with his picture, when they come to miss a few faces that ought really to have been represented in this modern picture.

Mr. Stevenson might have tried to incorporate Tommy Dunn in this grand group. My advice to Mr. Stevenson is that he will at least add another six professionals, if he is lucky enough to secure another commission of the same.

I am, Sir, &c.,

HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE.

Glasgow, March 7th, 1892.

THE NEW COURSE AT GREENOCK.—The second annual meeting of the members of Greenock Golf Club was held last week in the Tontine Hotel; Mr. J. Campbell Hart in the chair. The chairman said that Mr. J. W. Crawford deserved thanks for his kind and valuable services in conducting the negotiations for the new course. An arrangement had now been made with the tenants of the Bow and the Craigs Farms, and a course of nine holes had been laid out, which they calculated would give every satisfaction. The superior (Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart) had looked most favourably upon their new move, and in a letter received from him he had very kindly consented to be the first honorary president, and said that he would have been glad to drive off the first ball if the state of his health had permitted. A modest house had been built on the ground for the convenience of the members. The following office-bearers were appointed: Hon. president, Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart; Captain, Mr. R. P. Lyle; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Geo. Jenkins; committee, Rev. Alex. Milne (Gourrock), Mr. R. M. Blair, Mr. James Watson, Mr. J. C. Hart, Mr. J. W. Crawford, and Mr. Frank Macdonald. The new course at Greenock was opened on Saturday afternoon under favourable auspices, and in presence of a good turn-out of ladies and gentlemen. The first drive was made by the captain, Mr. R. P. Lyle. Thereafter a number of members went over the course and had a very enjoyable friendly encounter.

ANNANDALE (LOCKERBIE) CLUB.—The members of this club held their monthly medal competition on Saturday, over their course on Lockerbie Hill. The final was played between Mr. D. Stewart, Mayfield, and Mr. J. M. Duncan, Dryfesdale Place, the former player winning by 2 and 1 to play.

Eminent Golfers.

XXV.—MR. MARCUS J. BROWN.

Notwithstanding the immense number of amateur golfers, there are comparatively few who can even, in the most liberal spirit, be looked upon as entitled to the appellation of "first-class." Without any very serious exaggeration, it may be said that amateur players of this rank, not taking into account those resident furth of Scotland, can be counted on the fingers of one's hands. It is not remarkable, therefore, that amateurs of note should be pretty generally known—by name and reputation, at all events—throughout the length and breadth of the land, "from John o' Groats to Maidenkirk," as the Scotch folk say; and, to be more appropriate, "from St. Andrews to Islay." One of the best known of this class so much desiderated from a golfer's point of view is the subject of our present sketch.

Mr. Marcus John Brown is essentially a Musselburgh man. His father, the late Mr. William Brown, was one of the bailies of that burgh, and there, in close proximity to the links, Mr. Marcus Brown has practically always lived. It was at Musselburgh Links that this gentleman learnt the game he has latterly played with so much effect. Living, as one might say, on the links, he had ample opportunity both for the study and the exercise of the game, and his successes testify to the fact that he did not fail to take due advantage of this favourable circumstance.

According to strictly philosophical and logical views, we are led to believe that the cause precedes the effect. Presuming this to be correct, it is only right and proper to notice Mr. Brown's style of play before adverting to the competitions in which he has taken part and the laurels he has won. Driving a fairly long ball, which never rises very high, and has a good deal of running power after the "carry," Mr. Brown is invariably to be found neither to the right hand nor the left, but on the shortest way to the hole. It is, however, in approaching and putting that his superiority over other golfers is most discernible. In days like the present, when so many discard wooden for iron clubs in all cases where this is practicable, it is pleasing to record that this player still adheres to his "spoons," and uses his wooden putter on the green.

Those who have been in the habit of observing the reports of competitions may have noticed how frequently it has happened that on the very worst of golfing days, which have baffled the efforts of the majority of players, Mr. Brown has returned a card showing his score to be little above his average figure. His game seems to be less affected by external circumstances than that of most golfers, and this is no doubt owing, first, to his style of play; and, second, to the care and attention bestowed upon each stroke, and to the calm deliberation of the player.

Another feature of Mr. Brown's play is, that his name is generally to be found, if not at the top of the list, very well up; and, in fact, on no one occasion has he failed to return his card in any competition in which he has taken part. Not that this was done from the principle of always making a return, but his score has never been such as to induce him to resort to the extreme measure of tearing up his card.

While a student attending the law classes at Edinburgh, Mr. Brown joined the University Golf Club, and his winning the cup of that club in 1872 paved the way to further public appearances.

Shortly afterwards he became a member of the Royal Musselburgh Golf Club, one of the oldest clubs in the kingdom,

and he was not long in distinguishing himself there. The gold cup has been held by him no fewer than ten times, viz., in 1875, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1886, 1888, 1889, and 1891, his most recent victory being no further back than last year. This cup is played for over Musselburgh Links, and Mr. Brown's score which carried off the prize in 1884 was 79, the lowest, for the eighteen holes, with which the cup has ever been won since 1774, when the club was first instituted.

Among other prizes which he has won as a member of this club are the Mackinlay cup, four times, viz., in 1881, 1882, 1883, and 1887; the Silver putter in 1882 and 1889; the Colonial medal in 1890; and the Jubilee cup in 1887. From the above it will be seen that Mr. Brown for several years swept the board of everything moveable.

On other greens he has been nearly as successful. As a member of the Luffness Golf Club, which comprises the cream of the East of Scotland golfers, he held the club medal in 1887, and the Hope Challenge medal in 1885 and 1887. These competitions, of course, were played over the Luffness course. As a member of the Tantallon Club, which plays over North Berwick Links, he held the Chambers cup in 1887, and the Tantallon medal in 1888, his score in this last instance being 79.

In addition to these above mentioned, Mr. Brown is a member of many smaller clubs, and as such has won numerous prizes of less importance.

On many of the occasions when Mr. Brown won the prizes before enumerated he received a medal as a substantial proof of his prowess, and if he were to wear these decorations—as appears to be the prevailing practice among less favoured golfers—he would probably be hailed in London and elsewhere as a military or civic dignitary of the first water.

A few years ago a friendly match was played over Musselburgh Links between the members of the Royal Musselburgh and the Burgess Golf Clubs. In this event Mr. Brown was pitted against Mr. A. M. Ross; and to his credit, be it recorded, that he was able to defeat so redoubtable a player.

The following incident is interesting, as showing this amateur's capabilities as a "stroke" player. Some time ago he had a discussion with one of his friends in regard to the

game, and the outcome was that he backed himself to, there and then, do the nine holes at Musselburgh in 41. The bet was duly taken up, and Mr. Brown played the round in the required score. He thereupon backed himself double or quits to play against a 40. He won this, too; and again offered double or quits against a 39, and again proved equal to the occasion.

It is matter of regret that Mr. Brown has never taken part in any of the more important golfing events, such as the open and amateur championship meetings, or even some of the larger open club competitions which are now held in various quarters. He would doubtless have come to the front, and not only further distinguished himself, but also upheld the reputation of his home green.

Before concluding it may be added that Mr. Brown does not belong to the rank of professional-amateur golfers, as they may be termed, who devote their whole time and energy to Golf. As many are aware, he is a member of that body of Scotch lawyers known as Solicitor before the Supreme Courts, and his profession is one which occupies a great part of his time and attention. Latterly he has also done good service to the town where he resides, in a public capacity, as a member of educational and other local boards, so that one is almost led to wonder how he keeps up the game he still plays.

J. A.





ABERDEEN.

Golfers here were favoured with magnificent weather on Saturday, and both our local greens were crowded with players. Over the Balgownie course the members of the Aberdeen Club competed for their scratch medal and the Davidson Cup (handicap.) One round of the links, or eighteen holes, was played, a comparison of the cards handed in showing that Mr. W. F. Orr, with a score of 83, had carried off the scratch medal. The same gentleman, with two strokes added (85), tied with Mr. W. R. Reid for possession of the cup, Mr. Reid's score being 88 (3 off), 85. The following are a few of the lowest scores handed in:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. W. F. Orr	83	+2	85	Mr. R. D. Leslie	97	8	89
Mr. W. R. Reid	88	3	85	Mr. W. G. Jamieson	96	6	90
Mr. J. M'K. Ferguson	84	+2	86	Professor Cash	100	10	90
Mr. J. B. Craige	96	10	86	Mr. B. S. McLellan	95	4	91
Mr. A. Murray	102	16	86	Dr. J. Macdonald	97	6	91
Mr. T. Todd	92	4	88	Capt. H. V. Brooke	92	scr.	92
Mr. A. P. Hogarth	94	6	88	Dr. J. Ogilvie	99	6	93
Mr. J. Williams	92	3	89	Major W. B. Craige	104	10	94

Over the nine-hole course on the town's links and Broad-hill, Aberdeen, the members of the Victoria Club competed for a prize presented by Mr. John A. Adamson. Two rounds of the course were played, and some twenty couples in all started. This prize is open to all members of the club, irrespective of class, and the handicap is a special one, the maximum given being 27 strokes, or a stroke and a-half a hole. The prize has to be played for six times in the course of the season, and the winners are decided by points, the first man getting three points, the second two, and the third one. At the close of the prescribed competitions the player with the majority of points to his credit becomes final winner. Ties were the order of the day on Saturday, the first two gentlemen given below tying for first and second places, and the third and fourth tying for third place. Lowest scores as follows:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. B. Nicholls	95	12	83	Mr. J. Russell	90	scr.	90
Mr. R. Macleannan	106	23	83	Mr. D. Gunn	98	8	90
Mr. R. Anderson (2)	93	6	87	Mr. L. Anderson	91	scr.	91
Mr. C. Robertson	103	16	87	Mr. A. M'Connachie	90	+2	92
Mr. A. M. M. Dunn	89	scr.	89	Mr. A. Mitchell	95	3	92
Mr. A. R. Williams	93	4	89	Mr. W. H. Reid	99	6	93

Over the same course the members of the Bon-Accord Club competed for the "Old Golfers'" prize, a spirited competition resulting in Messrs. G. Dunn and R. Reid, with scores of 90, less 9=81 each, tying for first place. The following were next in order:—Messrs. J. Ogilvie, 92; W. Smart, 94; J. W. Murray, 94; J. Twigg, 94; H. Glass, 95; F. Watt, 96, and A. Smart, 98.

ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition was played on this links on Saturday in fine weather. The greens showed great improvement. A professional is regularly employed by the club, and the varied hazards and newly-arranged teeing grounds gave great satisfaction, and have made this course a thoroughly sporting and interesting one. The competition was won by Mr. J. B. Pettit, and the cards returned to the hon. secretary were as under:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. J. B. Pettit	89	scr.	89	Mr. Jno. Fry	121	25	96
Mr. G. H. Gorret	115	25	90	Mr. F. D. Bright	133	25	108

TRON.—At Tron, on Saturday, 27th ult., the monthly competition for the Sandhills medal took place under very favourable conditions, the weather being fine, and the links in good playable condition. Fifteen couples started, and the cards showed that the successful competitor was Mr. James Irvine, with 98, less 12=86.

ALNMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

February 27th.—Handicap cup, first monthly competition. The course is in splendid order, and the putting-greens perfect. The spring meeting will be held on April 29th.

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. J. de C. Paynter	50	47	97	4	93
Mr. H. C. Brown	47	52	99	4	95
Mr. G. F. Charlton	51	51	102	5	97
Mr. T. B. Bewick	58	50	108	10	98
Mr. T. L. M. Orde	59	48	107	7	100
Mr. W. Smith	58	52	110	10	100

Messrs. J. Robertson, W. Whyte, T. A. Hutton, T. Tate, B. Brenell, and W. R. Heatley, retired.

ASCOT LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

In the monthly competition for club prizes, held on the 25th ult., both the scratch and handicap prizes were won by Miss Ida Clement with a score of 85. A large number of ladies played, and the following were the best scores:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Miss Ida Clement	85	scr.	85	Miss R. Haig	91	scr.	91
Miss L. Bannatine	104	16	88	Miss Magniac	108	16	92
Hon. E. Milman	96	8	88	Miss M. Magniac	100	8	92
Miss Maitland	108	18	90	Mrs. Mackenzie	117	24	93
Miss Chetwynd	114	24	90	Miss R. Schneider	117	24	93
Miss De Winton	114	24	90	Miss Smith	94	scr.	94

Also played: Baroness Berkeley, Mrs. H. Blackett, Mrs. Paterson, Miss Pearse (2), Miss McIntyre (2), Miss C. Bruce, Miss Adlercron, Miss Morris, and Miss Mason.

On Monday, March 7th, after several postponements, the final round for two clocks, presented by Mrs. H. C. Clarke and Mrs. Wood, was at last played off, in a bitter north-east wind. The seven competitors were Mrs. H. Blackett, Hon. E. Milman, Miss F. C. Frankland, Miss M. Magniac, Miss F. Magniac, Miss M. Kerr Pearse, and Miss R. Haig, and in the end the scratch prize was won by Hon. E. Milman, with a gross score of 89, whilst Miss M. Kerr Pearse carried off the handicap prize with a net score of 81 (96, less 15).

BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB.

The fifth competition for the club gold medal took place on Saturday last, the winner turning up in Mr. Frederick Baker, who holds it for the month. Of the first four competitions Mr. G. Crowther had won three, and Mr. W. E. Buckley one. As the medal becomes the property of the member recording the greatest number of wins in six competitions, Mr. W. E. Buckley was the only player who still had a chance, by winning the fifth and sixth competitions, of equalling Mr. G. Crowther. This, however, he failed to do, and the medal is now practically the property of Mr. G. Crowther. The scores under 100 net were as follows:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. F. Baker	113	28	85	Mr. G. D. S. Crowther	98	3	95
Mr. W. Bowker	104	17	87	Mr. C. A. Colman	118	22	96
Mr. W. E. Buckley	105	15	90	Mr. W. J. Drewett	130	30	100

BOWDON GOLF CLUB.

A large number of members took part in the second monthly medal competition of this club, on Saturday last, the 5th inst. The winner proved to be Mr. E. J. Soares, who also carried off the first prize in the optional sweepstakes, the second being taken by Mr. S. W. Gillett. The scores were as follows:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. E. J. Soares	112	30	82	Mr. W. M. Neild	129	18	111
Mr. H. F. Ransome	106	14	92	Mr. J. B. Peacock	141	30	111
Mr. S. W. Gillett	104	10	94	Mr. H. Staffurth	136	19	117
Rev. W. Cowie	106	11	95	Mr. G. S. Ball	140	22	118
Mr. S. Smelt	127	30	97	Mr. J. B. Duncan	132	14	118
Mr. Chas. Hopkinson	124	24	100	Mr. S. Venour	132	14	118
Mr. A. A. Hogg	114	14	100	Mr. W. S. Mainprice	138	18	120
Mr. F. Platt-Higgins	123	22	101	Mr. J. Brooke	145	22	123
Mr. F. O. Williams	124	20	104	Mr. F. Falkner	147	22	125
Rev. W. Lutener	115	11	104	Mr. Bulkeley Allen	158	30	128
Mr. E. F. Alford	126	18	108	Mr. C. W. Dudley	162	30	132
Mr. F. Merriman	127	18	109				

No returns from Messrs. Myrtle, Whittall, Winstanley, H. T. Gadum, E. Hopkinson, T. W. Killick, G. Worthington, Sykes, Dr. Deniston, Rev. C. C. Atkinson and others.

EDINBURGH THISTLE CLUB.—Messrs. J. Turnbull, R. Harvey jun., and T. Brown, of the above club, met on the Braid Hills on Saturday to play their tie for the monthly trophy, which resulted in favour of Mr. J. Turnbull, with a score of 89, less 9=80, after a closely-contested game.

BOURNEMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, played March 5th. Score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. D. W. Preston	105	22	83	Dr. Williams	112	20	92
Mr. W. Fisher	111	22	89	Rev. J. M. Collard	111	18	93
Mr. E. W. Charlton	96	6	90	Mr. R. H. Hodge	104	8	96
Col. Galloway	116	25	91				

BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.

The Berens medal competition took place on Saturday, March 5th, when Mr. W. Carr, who played a very fine round of 86 gross (which is a record for any club competition on these links), won the medal with 86, less 6=80. Mr. Carr's improvement during the last month has been so rapid that the handicap committee have been unable to keep pace with him; no doubt he will be more carefully looked after in future. He was heartily congratulated on such a fine performance.

A dozen Golf-balls, kindly presented by Mr. A. A. Berens for members whose handicap is 18 and over, was won by Col. Hough with 124, less 30=94. Score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. W. Carr	86	6	80	Mr. C. G. Heathcote	106	12	94
Mr. P. A. Willett	98	15	83	Col. Hough	124	30	94
Capt. W. Sandeman	102	16	86	Mr. I. Campbell	117	22	95
Mr. H. E. Acklom	95	8	87	Major Marriott	112	16	96
Mr. F. L. Rawson	97	9	88	Mr. F. A. Galbraith	114	18	96
Mr. H. T. Ross	106	14	92	Mr. C. O. Walker	106	9	97
Mr. F. Fielding	108	16	92				

Ten players made no return.

CALCUTTA GOLF CLUB.

Friday and Saturday, 12th and 13th February, were the days fixed for the handicap Golf match for the Bombay medal, presented to the above club in 1882, for annual competition. The usual large number of entries had been made, and a larger field than usual started, with the result that in the end Mr. F. T. Paine tied with Mr. W. E. D. Fyfe for the medal, while Mr. G. S. Hannah ran them very close with an excellent net score of 87 for the two rounds. On playing off the tie Mr. Paine secured the first place with 90, against Mr. Fyfe's 94. The following are the leading scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. W. S. D. Fyfe	89	4	85	Mr. P. V. Luke	100	6	94
Mr. F. T. Paine	101	16	85	Mr. H. C. Begg	94	scr.	94
Mr. G. S. Hannah	93	6	87	Dr. R. McLeod	109	14	95
Mr. C. Little	92	4	88	Mr. L. G. Dunbar	97	scr.	97
Mr. D. Youngson	95	6	89	Mr. A. F. Simson	97	scr.	97
Mr. E. H. Ellis	108	18	90	Mr. C. A. Smith	108	10	98
Mr. C. Seton Lindsay	109	18	91	Mr. W. D. Steven	112	12	100
Mr. A. Watson	100	8	92	Mr. F. G. Stewart	116	16	100
Mr. F. E. Patteson	96	4	92	Mr. H. B. Simson	107	6	101
Mr. J. C. R. Johnston	95	2	93	Mr. C. H. Cordeur	116	14	102
Mr. H. Keene	110	17	93	Mr. J. H. Lane	111	8	103
Mr. J. Muir Mackenzie	99	6	93	Mr. G. R. Irwin	104	scr.	104
Mr. A. G. Scott	98	4	94	Mr. J. F. Finlay	114	8	106
Mr. R. L. Morgan	96	2	94	Mr. J. G. Dean	120	14	106

CLAPHAM COMMON GOLF CLUB.

The Cronin handicap medal was played for on March 4th and 5th. The weather was fine, with a keen east wind. The greens being very hard and rough made the putting rather difficult, but this did not seem to be felt by the winner, who went round with a net score of 74, considerably below scratch. Result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. E. L. Arnold	104	30	74	Mr. J. B. Wood	96	6	90
Dr. G. T. Woodland	106	25	81	Mr. T. R. Pace	105	14	91
Mr. J. Millan	107	25	82	Mr. J. Wood	105	12	93
Mr. D. F. Russell	108	20	88	Mr. J. W. Pace	113	18	95
Mr. A. S. Ransome	107	18	89	Mr. E. J. Hunt	113	16	97
Mr. W. Williams	102	13	89				

Mr. T. Ravenhill made no return.

CLEVELAND GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the club cup took place on Friday and Saturday over the Coatham Links, the winner turning up in Mr. T. H. Wynn, who also at present holds the Cochrane cup. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. T. H. Wynn	103	14	89	Mr. J. F. Whitwell	114	12	102
Mr. H. Roberts	93	scr.	93	Mr. G. Buxton	126	21	105
Mr. V. Bond	113	18	95	Mr. A. Mackinley	113	7	106
Mr. C. D. Mackenzie	107	7	100	Mr. S. Craddock	128	18	110
Mr. E. Craddock	120	18	102				

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v. ROYAL BLACKHEATH.

Played at Blackheath on Friday, the 4th instant. Day cold, ground hard, with frost in it, which made accurate approaching and putting difficult. Scores:—

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

ROYAL BLACKHEATH.

Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. J. L. Low (capt.)	... 4	Mr. H. Gillon	... 0
Mr. E. C. Percy Boyd	... 0	Mr. W. O. S. Pell	... 7
Mr. A. M. Chance	... 0	Mr. Robert Whyte	... 5
Mr. A. M. Joshua	... 0	Mr. J. G. Gibson (capt.)	... 4
Mr. E. C. Hambro	... 0	Mr. W. H. Richardson	... 5
Mr. C. C. Bethune	... 0	Mr. A. Schacht	... 10
Mr. J. B. Whitelaw	... 0	Mr. W. E. Hughes	... 5
Mr. G. H. Joshua	... 0	Mr. H. H. Turner	... 12
	4		48

Majority for Royal Blackheath, 44 holes.

COUNTY DOWN GOLF CLUB.

WALLACE CUP.

The sixth competition for the above cup was played at Newcastle on Saturday last by a large number of competitors. The weather was all that could be desired, and the course in splendid order. On examination of the scoring-cards handed in, it was found that Captain Hood, Rifle Brigade, was the winner, with the capital net score of 79. The following are the net scores of 100 and under:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Captain Hood	97	18	79	Mr. G. S. Clarke	105	12	93
Mr. B. Magill	93	12	81	Mr. Stephens	113	18	95
Mr. G. M. Shaw	92	8	84	Mr. H. Agnew	118	18	100
Mr. R. Hughes	104	16	88				

DALHOUSIE v. ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.

A strong team of the St. Andrews University Club visited Carnoustie on the 2nd inst. to engage in friendly rivalry with the members of the Dalhousie Club, who were also ably represented. The local men had the knowledge of the course in their favour, but against this had to be placed the fact that the University representatives frequently engage in such competitions, while the Dalhousie very rarely do so. The weather on the whole was agreeable. A strong east wind, however, somewhat marred the enjoyment of the players. The first four St. Andrews representatives were all on the winning side, and amongst them, put on 19 holes to the good of their club. Of the eight men on the other side, five were leading at the finish. The total number of holes gained by the University team was 34, as against 11 by their opponents, so that the former won by 23. The match was greatly enjoyed by all taking part in it. The following are the details:—

DALHOUSIE.

ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.

Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. David Anderson	... 0	Mr. H. S. C. Everard	... 8
Mr. C. E. Gilroy	... 0	Mr. T. Carmichael	... 3
Mr. J. L. Luke	... 0	Mr. W. Ballingall	... 2
Mr. P. D. Mitchell	... 0	Mr. D. W. M. Hodge	... 4
Mr. W. R. Sharp	... 3	Mr. R. Leslie	... 0
Mr. K. R. Prain	... 6	Mr. R. L. Proudfoot	... 0
Mr. W. Anderson	... 0	Mr. A. Cant	... 3
Mr. A. P. Mathewson	... 0	Mr. W. Wilson	... 2
Mr. H. B. Gilroy	... 0	Mr. J. Ballingall	... 1
Mr. David Scott, jun.	... 2	Mr. G. Oswald	... 0
Mr. J. Jones	... 0	Mr. R. B. R. Mair	... 7
Mr. W. Scott, jun.	... 0	Mr. James Prentice	... 4

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EAST SHEEN LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

There were sixteen entries for the monthly competition on Tuesday, March 1st. The putting-greens were in better order than has hitherto been the case, and the distance between the holes was considerably lengthened since the last competition. The ninth hole abounds in traps for the unwary, and some of the players were many times in trouble on the way. The result of the competition was as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss Sinclair	110	34	76	Miss Vidal	137	40	97
Miss Marson	118	34	84	Miss E. Rawstone	132	35	97
Miss M. Wigan	110	25	85	Miss A. Rawstone	133	35	98
Miss A. Cholmeley	131	40	91	Miss L. Wigan	138	40	98
Miss Cecil Leycester				Mrs. E. Grey	142	40	102
Penrhyn	112	20	92	Lady Napier	143	40	103
Miss M. Leycester				Miss C. M. Cholmeley	170	40	130
Penrhyn	130	36	94	Miss M. H. Rawstone	185	40	145

Two members made no returns.

EALING GOLF CLUB.

The February monthly medal, which had been postponed from February 20th, took place on March 5th. The greens were rather greasy, owing to the thaw the night before. The following were the scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. P. M. Bigge ...	84	16	68	Mr. A. G. Low ...	103	24	79
Mr. J. Rogers ...	88	17	71	Mr. C. B. Bone ...	101	20	81
Mr. C. M. Martin ...	83	12	71	Mr. R. Shortrede ...	102	20	82
Mr. E. G. Morrison ...	87	16	71	Mr. E. Bird ...	109	18	91
Dr. Farr ...	87	16	71	Mr. J. Pritchard ...	123	24	99
Dr. P. Roberts ...	96	24	72	Mr. R. Waddell ...	99	scr.	99
Mr. R. S. Yeo ...	90	16	74	Mr. E. Hamilton ...	129	24	105
Mr. F. Carver ...	83	7	76	Mr. C. M. Bayfield ...	143	24	119
Dr. D. Walker ...	88	12	76				

Mr. W. Carver made no return.

Ladies' medal :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss Watts ...	119	10	109	Miss Patten ...	138	24	114
Mrs. Hamilton ...	111	scr.	111				

FORFARSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Dundee Advertiser Golf Club was held in the club-house, Monifieth, on Saturday. There was a good attendance. After the reports, which showed the club to be in a flourishing condition both as regarded its membership and finances, had been read and approved, office-bearers were elected. Mr. James U. Wallace resigned the captaincy of the club, an office which he has held for several years to the entire satisfaction of the members. His resignation was accepted, and the hearty thanks of the club awarded to him for his services. Mr. Jacob Clark was unanimously appointed his successor in office, and Mr. W. F. Black was elected vice-president. Mr. John Inglis was re-elected secretary.

The members of the Monifieth Club opened their season's play on Saturday, when the Panmure medal, a scratch trophy, and the average medal were competed for. Splendid weather for the game was enjoyed, and there was a large turn-out of players, the scratch men appearing in force. Some fine play was shown, about a dozen of the competitors returning cards with totals under an average of five strokes to each hole. Mr. George Wright continues to maintain excellent form, and his performance on Saturday quite eclipsed the best efforts of his fellow-competitors. His play going out was only 1 above an average of 4, and his total of 77 for the round was only 5 above that low average. The following are the details :—

Out ...	3	3	6	5	5	4	3	5	3	37	} 77
In ...	5	5	4	5	5	3	4	4	5	40	

The next best scores were :—Messrs. David Anderson, 82; David Robertson, 82; William Young, 83; George Fox, jun., 84; James Melville, 85; Alexander Simpson, 85; D. L. Low, 86; Thomas Brimer, 87; John Hendry, 87; David Dargie, 88; David Dempster, 88; and Alexander Moir, 89. The winner of the average medal was Mr. William Drimmie, at 96, being 13 below. There were sixty-two players competing.

The tie between Messrs. R. B. Cowan and Robert Christie for the silver pencil-case presented by Mr. David Anderson was also played off on Saturday, and was won by the former.

The opening competition for the season of the Carnoustie and Taymouth Club, which dates from the year 1837, was held on Saturday afternoon, when there was a very large turn-out of the members. After the cards had been handed in and counted, it was found that the cross had been carried off by Mr. Robert Munro with a score of 85 strokes. Among the best scores made were the following :—Messrs. James Simpson, 88; Alexander Cant, 88; Robert Ferrier, 89; David Ramsay, jun., 91; John Lamb, 92; James Kydd, 92; Alexander Boyle, 92; James Ogilvie, 96; and John Boyle, 99. The annual general meeting of the club was held at the close of the competition under the presidency of Mr. John Dewars, the captain. Office-bearers for next year were elected as follows :—Captain, Mr. John Dewars; secretary and treasurer, Mr. David Kidd, Rowan Cottage; committee, Messrs. Alexander Cant (Kinloch medal holder), A. E. Gray, James Simpson, Alexander Boyle, David Ramsay, jun., John Boyle, David Ramsay, sen., George White, and Robert Munro.

BUTE CLUB.—The first monthly handicap competition in connection with the silver trophy presented by the Lord Justice-General, was played over the links at Quochoag, Kingarth, on Saturday, 27th ult. The following were the scores handed in :—Mr. A. Primrose, Rothesay (scratch), 89; Rev. J. Saunders, Kingarth (10), 97; Mr. A. H. Milloy, Rothesay (18), 97; Mr. A. Baxter, Rothesay (1), 103; Mr. A. M'Gaw, Rothesay (4), 104; Mr. D. Crawford, Kingarth (4), 109.

GLASGOW GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medals competition took place on Saturday in the Alexandra Park. In the forenoon the ground was rather hard, owing to a slight frost, but by the afternoon it had become a perfect golfing day, and the greens were in first-rate condition. Over one hundred and twenty players took part in the competition, and a number of fine scores were handed in. The best was that of Mr. George Gillespie, an exceptionally good one of 72, made up of—

Out ...	5	4	4	4	5	5	4	3	3	37	} 72
In ...	3	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	5	35	

The next for the club medal were—Mr. J. V. Scott, 78, less 3; Mr. W. Milne, 77, scratch; Mr. M. L. Macaulay, 83, less 6; Mr. R. Philp, 80, less 2; Dr. Ogilvie, 83, less 5. Wilson medal—Mr. A. Welsh, 83, less 9; Mr. W. D. Strachan, 85, less 11; Mr. G. Johnston, 87, less 12; Mr. J. T. Elder, 85, less 9; Mr. J. Kisk, 88, less 11; Mr. Bailie Osborne, 89, less 12. Scott medal—Mr. J. H. Blackley, 89, less 18; Mr. E. T. Ritchie, 86, less 13; Mr. A. M'Vean, 89, less 16; Mr. J. W. Wood, 87, less 13; Mr. W. M'Glashan, 92, less 17; Mr. A. Y. Peattie, 93, less 14; Dr. Watt, 91, less 15.

HOLYWOOD LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A most enjoyable competition, by holes, under handicap, took place amongst the members of this club on Monday, the 29th ult. The weather was bright and cold, and the links in excellent condition. What golfer's heart could desire more? though the numerous friends who came to witness the match might have wished the wind from an opposite quarter. There were eighteen entries for the beautiful prize, a silver scent-bottle, presented by an original member of the club. It fell, most deservedly to Mrs. George M. Shaw (scratch), who played a remarkably steady game with most creditable putting. The club's consolation prize, a dozen balls, was won by Miss Clara M. Mulligan, the runner-up. Subjoined is the score :—

First Round.—Miss Garratt (scratch) beat Miss McLean (7); Miss C. E. McGee (5) beat Miss L. Garratt (8).

Second Round.—Miss Knox (6) beat Mrs. Clark (5); Miss S. Garratt (2) a bye; Mrs. Shaw (scratch) beat Miss Coates (8); Miss A. Garratt (8) beat Miss D. Knox (8); Miss MacLaine (6) beat Mrs. Roper (scratch); Mrs. Taylor (5) beat Mrs. Young (4); Miss Clara M. Mulligan (3) beat Miss M. Knox (8); Miss C. E. McGee beat Miss Garratt.

Third Round.—Miss S. Garratt beat Miss Knox; Mrs. Shaw beat Miss A. Garratt; Miss MacLaine beat Mrs. Taylor; Miss Clara Mulligan beat Miss C. E. McGee.

Fourth Round.—Mrs. Shaw beat Miss S. Garratt; Miss Clara Mulligan beat Miss MacLaine.

Final.—Mrs. Shaw beat Miss Clara Mulligan.

LIMPSFIELD CHART GOLF CLUB.

Medallists' competition. Scores :—

GENTLEMEN, February 24th.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. Norman Watney	115	25	90	Mr. B. R. Pemberton	100	7	93
Messrs. F. N. Streatfield, F. W. Parsons, and J. O. Scott	made no return.						

LADIES, February 29th.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss Watney ...	85	4	81	Miss K. Watney ...	101	15	86
Miss E. Board ...	88	6	82	Mrs. Smith ...	98	5	93
Miss L. Bartlett ...	94	10	84	Miss Bartlett ...	107	13	94

The ladies' monthly medal, played March 1st, resulted as follows :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss Thompson ...	81	6	75	Miss E. Board ...	96	6	90
Miss L. Watney ...	92	4	88	Mrs. Smith ...	99	5	94
Mrs. Rooke ...	100	12	88	Miss N. Timins ...	105	10	95
Miss L. Bartlett ...	99	10	89	Miss Bartlett ...	115	13	102

BRIDGE OF WEIR—RANFURLY CASTLE CLUB.—The three couples left in the contest for Mr. Sangster's prize have now played off, with the following result :—Mr. J. B. Stewart beat Mr. W. Aitken by 6 holes up and 5 to play; Mr. A. K. Lindsay beat Mr. W. M'Lure, jun., by 3 holes up and 2 to play; Dr. Sandeman beat Mr. W. Adam, after a draw, by 1 hole. Messrs. J. B. Stewart, A. K. Lindsay, and Dr. Sandeman being the only competitors now left in for the prize, one of them must get a bye. The monthly medal in connection with above club was played for. Twenty-two gentlemen entered for the medal, and Mr. Stewart was found to be the winner. Subjoined are a few of the best scores :—J. B. Stewart, 98 (less 15); R. B. Mitchell, 93, (less 6); Robert Stevenson, 101, (less 10); John L. Wilson, 116 (less 18); A. C. Weir, 105 (less 10); W. J. Murrills, 124 (less 30).

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

THE CAPTAIN'S CUP.

The sixth competition—which might, perhaps, be not inaptly styled the semi-final—for the Captain's cup was played by the members of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club, on the links at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea on Saturday last. The "final" will be played on the first day of the spring meeting, Saturday, April 16th, when the six winners in the six competitions will meet to play off under special handicap. On Saturday the weather overhead was delightful for Golf-playing, but owing to the frost of several previous nights, the ground was hard, especially in the earlier part of the day. Sixty-eight players went out. Mr. Braybrooke, put in a win for the cup, and took the silver memento presented by the club. The first optional sweepstakes was won by Mr. Braybrooke, the second by Mr. J. S. Fair, and the third by Mr. J. A. Brown. The winners of the six competitions who will play in the final are:—October 10th, Mr. J. M. Rea, St. Anne's, with 92, less 8=84; November 7th, Mr. C. W. Fisher, Blackpool, 102, less 15=87; December 5th, Mr. L. Pilkington, Pendleton, 105, less 17=88; January 2nd, Mr. T. Baxter, St. Anne's, 109, less 20=89; February 6th, Mr. J. Bradbury, South Shore, 104, less 18=86; March 5th, Mr. H. M. Braybrooke, St. Anne's, 87, less 4=83. The score on Saturday was as follows:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Nett.
Mr. H. M. Braybrooke, St. Anne's ...	87	4	83
Mr. J. A. S. Fair, Lytham ...	100	13	87
Mr. G. Harper, Ashton, Preston ...	101	13	88
Mr. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's ...	96	7	89
Mr. R. Lythgoe, St. Anne's ...	103	14	89
Mr. W. Fletcher, Manchester ...	92	2	90
Mr. F. C. Morgan, Manchester ...	94	4	90
Mr. F. T. Wright, Tyldesley ...	98	8	90
Mr. J. Buckley, Norbreck ...	103	13	90
Mr. James E. King, St. Anne's ...	104	13	91
Mr. W. H. Hampson, South Shore ...	107	15	92
Mr. J. Hornby, Liverpool ...	95	2	93
Rev. J. G. Denison, Church ...	99	6	93
Mr. C. Howarth, Chorlton-cum-Hardy ...	101	8	93
Mr. N. Cockshutt, Preston ...	109	16	93
Mr. T. C. Midwood, Manchester ...	111	18	93
Mr. W. Newbigging, St. Anne's ...	101	7	94
Mr. H. N. Brown, St. Anne's ...	110	16	94
Mr. H. M. Ormsby, South Shore ...	113	18	95
Mr. A. H. Doleman, South Shore ...	99	3	96
Dr. A. M. Eason, Lytham ...	105	9	96
Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft, St. Anne's ...	109	13	96
Mr. F. Topp, Bolton ...	111	15	96
Mr. C. Addison Birley, Bartle Hall ...	113	17	96
Mr. J. Talbot Fair, Lytham ...	109	12	97
Mr. S. Gask, Lytham ...	112	15	97
Mr. E. M. Whipp, St. Anne's ...	114	17	97
Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton ...	98	scr.	98
Mr. T. W. Crowther, Oxton ...	101	3	98
Mr. W. H. Harrison, Lytham ...	112	13	99
Mr. F. E. Rowe, Rossall ...	114	14	100
Mr. T. Baxter, St. Anne's ...	117	17	100
Rev. C. Billington, Lytham ...	110	9	101
Mr. J. Muirhead, Blackpool ...	119	18	101
Mr. J. F. Pearson, St. Anne's ...	122	20	102
Mr. R. Hampson, Blackpool ...	116	12	104
Rev. J. R. Jacques, St. Anne's ...	124	20	104
Mr. W. Eckersley, Tyldesley ...	125	20	105
Mr. T. Fair, Lytham ...	129	23	106
Mr. J. Bradbury, South Shore ...	123	14	109
Mr. G. H. Huthwaite, Barrow-in-Furness ...	128	18	110
Mr. E. W. Hermon, St. Anne's ...	138	25	113
Mr. G. H. Uttley ...	138	25	113
Mr. T. H. Miller, Singleton Park ...	130	16	114

Twenty-five other players did not send in any returns.

MACCLESFIELD CLUB.

The monthly handicap match was played on Saturday last, in very favourable weather. Fourteen combatants entered, but eleven cards only were returned. The following are the principal scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. L. New ...	123	36	87	Mr. J. W. Burgess...	106	10	96
Mr. M. H. Hall ...	103	15	88	Dr. Sheldon ...	105	8	97
Dr. Duffus ...	90	scr.	90	Dr. Rees ...	111	12	99
Mr. A. G. Gray ...	104	10	94	Rev. D. Wilmot ...	127	25	102
Mr. G. C. Greenwell ...	100	5	95	Rev. R. F. Cobbold	121	15	106

DUNAVERTY CLUB.—The monthly trophy was won on Saturday for the second time by Mr. James Taylor; score 86, less 3=83.

MANCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The last monthly competition for the season took place on Saturday last in favourable weather. Considering the recent severe weather the greens were in good condition. Captain Farrant headed the list with the very low score of 77 net. The following were the chief scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Capt. Farrant ...	97	20	77	Mr. W. H. Norris ...	112	20	92
Mr. S. Kneale ...	110	30	80	Mr. J. R. Newby ...	121	25	96
Mr. H. Macdonald ...	93	12	81	Mr. J. W. Schofield	117	20	97
Mr. R. L. Taylor ...	105	18	87	Mr. G. Haig ...	102	4	98
Mr. F. Pattison ...	113	25	88	Capt. Hobbs ...	116	18	98
Mr. F. Jones ...	104	15	89	Mr. W. E. Potts ...	129	30	99
Mr. J. Macalister ...	90	+2	92	Prof. Core ...	122	20	102

The winners for the six months are Lieut. Pedley, net score 92; Mr. A. Darbyshire, 84; the Rev. H. H. Brayshaw, 83; Mr. L. D. Stewart, 86; Mr. G. Macdonald, 87, and Capt. Farrant, 77, and they play off for the club prize on Saturday, March 12th, under revised handicaps.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

A match was played on Tuesday, February 23rd, between two teams of the club chosen by the captain and secretary. The result was very close, and some most interesting games were played.

CAPTAIN'S TEAM.

SECRETARY'S TEAM.

	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. H. J. Whigham ...	1	Mr. W. D. Davidson ..	0
Mr. H. T. Knight ...	0	Mr. H. Nicholls ...	1
Mr. F. H. Stewart ...	4	Mr. L. Armitstead ...	0
Mr. F. H. Campion ...	1	Mr. A. R. Hamilton ...	0
Mr. R. W. Macan ...	0	Mr. A. Moncrieff ...	1
Mr. T. P. Powell ...	0	Mr. J. C. Smith ...	2
Mr. W. R. Hardie ...	0	Mr. C. W. Surridge ...	0
	6		4

Majority for captain's team of two holes.

PRESTWICK.

The most important match played on Wednesday was that between Mr. Prothero with Charlie Hunter, and Mr. Erskine, of Dun with Archie Simpson. The match was one of thirty-six holes, and Mr. Erskine and Simpson had the pull of their opponents in both rounds, winning the first by three holes, and coming in with the fine score of 79. In the second round their score was 80, and the match ended in their favour. The links are in splendid order, and with fine golfing weather there has been a large turnout of players during the week. With splendid golfing weather on Friday both links were well patronised. Over the Prestwick course the most important matches were those in which the Prestwick and Troon professionals were engaged. Mr. J. S. Higginbotham and Archie Simpson had a match of eighteen holes with Mr. E. D. Prothero and Willie Fernie, the latter couple conceding a third and a bisque. Mr. Higginbotham and Simpson proved too strong for their opponents, being down 4 when the match was yielded to them. Colonel Scott won the tie in the February handicap medal with a score of 84, with 15 of odds, Mr. W. J. Anderson taking 92, with odds, Mr. D. D. Whigham and Archie Simpson receiving a third in a match of eighteen holes beat Mr. E. D. Prothero and Willie Fernie by 2 up and 1 to play. Mr. J. A. Neilson and Willie Fernie halved a match of eighteen holes with Mr. D. D. Whigham and Archie Simpson, the latter couple getting a third of odds.

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly medal competition took place on the 5th instant, and resulted in a win for Mr. F. Aste, who, we believe, has not before distinguished himself as a golfer, although his name is not unknown in the cricket field. Mr. Horner was next with the best scratch score, and Mr. Emmet, the holder of the medal, was third with 85 net. Scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. F. Aste ...	110	27	83	Mr. H. E. Lawrence	100	11	89
Mr. L. Horner ...	91	7	84	Mr. G. A. Meredith	108	16	92
Mr. G. H. Emmet ...	101	16	85	Mr. Alfred Schacht	96	scr.	96
Mr. J. Aste ...	111	25	86	Mr. E. Pinkerton ...	109	13	96

Other players were over 100, or made no returns.

CATHKIN BRAES CLUB.—The final competition between the winners of the four quarterly competitions in 1891 for the Westwood Cup was played on Saturday, the 13th, and Saturday, the 27th ult. On the former date Mr. Robert Scott (3) beat Mr. Thos. Mitchell (scr.) by 7 up and 6 to play, and Mr. David H. Gillan (less 2) beat Mr. D. S. Salmond (4) by 6 up and 4 to play. On Saturday the final was played between Mr. Robert Scott and Mr. David H. Gillan, the latter giving the former 5 holes of a handicap. The competition finished at the Whins hole, which Mr. Gillan holed magnificently in 3, when he stood 5 up and 4 to play. Mr. Gillan holds the cup for the current year.

ROYAL BLACKHEATH AND BLACKHEATH LADIES' GOLF CLUBS.

On Monday February 29th the equality of married and single blessedness was demonstrated in a most convincing manner by the result of a match between two teams of four pairs each, viz., four married men and four married ladies, against four single men and four single ladies, the men being members of the Royal Blackheath, and the ladies of the Blackheath Ladies' Golf Clubs. The course was one round of the links of each club, making sixteen holes altogether. Each foursome was a very good match in itself, and the finish was made more exciting by the fact that the score was known to be "all even," when the last foursome to play (the third of the subjoined list) arrived at the last tee, by the drill-shed on the ladies' course. Those who had finished, therefore, watched the play of this hole with the keenest interest, and it cannot be said that either side had more than the most trifling advantage from the tee till the hole was halved in four, and the match stood all square.

The sixteen players were unanimous in declaring that they had seldom had a better afternoon's Golf, and the newly-elected captain of the Ladies' Club, to whose energy the arrangement of the match is chiefly due, is to be congratulated on a signal success. The match had been postponed once owing to snow; and on Monday a few snow showers fell, raising fears that a similar catastrophe would occur again; but the afternoon, though cold, was fine. Score:—

MARRIED.		Holes.	SINGLE.		Holes.
Mrs. Mackern and Mr. Gibson...	0		Miss Wilkinson and Mr. Turner	1	
Mrs. Meredith and Mr. Whyte...	0		Miss M. Richardson and Mr. Hughes	1	
Mrs. Lucas and Mr. W. Richardson	0		Miss N. Paine and Mr. A. Young	0	
Mrs. Penrose and Mr. Osmond	2		Miss Farnall and Mr. Clarke	0	
	2			2	

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was competed for on Tuesday, the 1st instant. This, the last competition in the club year—which ends on the 31st of this month—brought out twenty players. The day, though cold, was fairly good for the game, and the three leading scores returned were all good ones. Mr. Robert Whyte won the medal with a score of 120, less 4=116. Details of play:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Robert Whyte	120 4 116	Mr. G. C. Snelling	153 23 130
Mr. H. Gillon	120 2 118	Mr. E. A. Walker	137 6 131
Mr. F. S. Ireland	122 2 120	Mr. J. Osmond	147 16 131
Mr. W. O. S. Pell	126 2 124	Mr. T. A. Raynes	145 10 135
Mr. W. K. Graham	140 14 126	Mr. G. H. Freaun	156 21 135
Mr. J. G. Gibson	130 2 128	Mr. A. T. Drysdale	150 13 137
Mr. J. W. G. Andras	134 6 128	Mr. W. Morris	150 12 138
Mr. F. J. Walker	135 7 128	Rev. J. H. Ellis	150 12 138
Mr. W. E. Hughes	135 6 129		

No returns from Mr. C. B. Lindsay, Dr. P. C. Scott and Mr. H. H. Turner.

The monthly medal was presented to the club by the Rev. J. H. Ellis, on condition that it should be retained by any member winning it three times during the club year. No member has succeeded in putting in three wins, though three have credited themselves with two wins each. The names and scores of the winners throughout the twelve months are given below.

		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
1891	April 7th (21)*	Mr. Robert Whyte	119 3 116
	May 5th (23)*	Mr. H. H. Turner	119 7 112
	June 9th (31)*	Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote	123 4 119
	July 7th (13)*	Mr. W. Morris	121 15 106
	August 11th (14)*	Mr. F. S. Ireland	114 5 109
	†September 1st (13)*	Mr. A. Schacht	120 4 116
	October 6th (24)*	Mr. W. O. S. Pell	114 1 113
	November 3rd (20)*	Mr. H. Gillon	118 3 115
	December 1st (31)*	Mr. F. S. Ireland	116 2 114
1892	January 5th (17)*	Mr. A. H. Baker	141 35 106
	February 2nd (22)*	Mr. W. O. S. Pell	130 2 128
	March 1st (20)*	Mr. Robert Whyte	120 4 116

* Signifies the number of players competing on the day. † After tying with Messrs. A. H. Newington and Mr. A. T. Young at 123 net.

There have been 249 starters for the monthly medal in the club year now concluded, as against 201 in the previous period of twelve months. The averages, gross and net, of the winning scores for the medal for the twelve months ending with the present March are respectively 121½ and 114½, as against 122½ and 115½ for the twelve months ending with March, 1891. It is difficult to compare the scores made in the two series of competitions, as the course has been slightly altered in

the past two years. It would appear, however, that the play has improved, especially as the weather on several of the monthly medal days of the past year has been most unfavourable for scoring. This is evidenced by the fact that out of the 249 starters, 1891-2, 51 made no return, while out of the 201 in 1890-1, 29 failed to send in cards.

Another competition decided on the 1st inst. was that for the prize presented by Mr. George H. Ireland, for the best aggregate of four net scores made in the competitions for the monthly medal during the year commencing 1st April, 1891, and ending 31st March, 1892. This prize, which has greatly added to the interest of the play for the monthly medal, has been won by Mr. F. S. Ireland, a brother of the donor. Mr. H. Gillon was within 1 stroke of Mr. F. S. Ireland, and Mr. Robert Whyte was not far behind Mr. Gillon. The net scores put in by the three last-mentioned gentlemen for Mr. G. H. Ireland's prize are as follows:—

Total.					
Mr. F. S. Ireland	...	109	116	114	120=459
Mr. H. Gillon	...	118	111	115	116=460
Mr. Robert Whyte	...	116	113	120	116=465

After two extensions of time, the third heat in the single tournament for Col. E. E. Larking and Mr. J. R. J. Bramly's cup was finished on the 7th inst., with the following results:—Mr. W. E. Hughes (6) beat Mr. G. C. Snelling (23) by 3; Mr. F. J. Walker (7) beat Mr. H. H. Turner (5) by 7; Mr. W. O. S. Pell (2) beat Mr. R. M. Richardson (20) by 2; Mr. R. Whyte (4) beat Mr. C. Lethbridge (21) by 4; Mr. A. T. Drysdale had a walk over, his opponent Mr. W. G. Kentish having scratched; Mr. J. Osmond (16) beat Mr. G. Spurling (16) by 2; Mr. H. Gillon (2) beat Mr. F. S. Ireland (2) by 4; Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote (6) beat Mr. Frank Gilbert (21) by 6.

ROYAL CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

The March handicap was played on Friday, the 4th inst. The keen east wind having thoroughly dried up the surface of the ground, the course proved to be much better going. A close competition resulted in a tie. Mr. Graham took the optional sweep. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. Cochran	104	12 92	Brig.-Surg. A. F. Elliot	119	20 99
Mr. H. J. Graham	117	25 92	Mr. B. F. Edyvean	96	+3 99
Mr. Matthews	112	18 94	Mr. Melvill Sandys	107	6 101
Mr. Young Jamieson	107	12 95	Major Fenton	127	24 103
Col. Parkyn	128	30 98	Mr. C. H. Hext	112	2 110

Mr. H. Vyvyan retired.

ROYAL CORNWALL LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The first match played by the club against the common enemy was played on the 1st inst., and resulted in a victory for the club by one hole up. "The Colonel" was so well received on this his first appearance, that it is expected he will return to play the ladies another match shortly.

LADIES' CLUB, v. "COLONEL BOGEY."—

				Club. Bogey.	
Mrs. Edyvean	...	...	...	0	1
Mrs. Every	...	...	...	0	5
Miss Fenwick	...	...	...	6	0
Mrs. C. H. Hext	...	...	...	9	0
Mrs. Salmon	...	...	...	0	7
Mrs. Simpson	...	...	...	8	0
Miss Anderson	...	...	...	0	6
Mrs. Young Jamieson	...	...	...	0	3
				23	22

Majority for Club 1 hole.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

Monthly prize, Saturday, March 5th. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Captain Mohl	102 14 88	Captain Robin	95 4 91
*Mr. D. Turnbull	103 15 88	Mr. A. E. Walker	94 scr. 94
Mr. G. Hornby	88 +2 90	Mr. R. R. Renton	104 9 95
Mr. O. Belk	100 10 90	Major Scott, R.A.	96 scr. 96
Dr. Stephens	108 18 90	Mr. J. R. Brown	107 9 98

* Divided sweepstakes.

Several players made no return.

ALLOA.—The final tie for the gold medal of the Alloa Club was played for on the course at Arnsbrae on Saturday afternoon, the competitors being Mr. T. Davidson and Mr. C. Hendry. The conditions were two rounds of the course 18 holes—counting by holes. The tie, which was keenly contested throughout and was witnessed by a goodly number of enthusiasts, resulted in a win for Mr. Davidson by 2 holes and one to play.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

The fourth and last competition for the winter optional subscription prizes took place at Hoylake last Saturday in fine bracing weather. Thirty-three couples competed, and on the cards being examined it was found that Mr. J. H. Knight had put in a win for the first-class optional, with the score of 95, less 9=86, Mr. Horace Walker securing a win in the second-class optional with his score of 110, less 23=87, Messrs. W. S. Patterson and G. D. Wilson not having entered. Messrs. G. R. Cox, G. D. Wilson, and Horace Walker equally divided the sweepstakes.

The respective winners, viz., Messrs. F. P. Crowther, F. Hermon, H. W. Forster, and J. H. Knight, in the first class, and Messrs. Edwd. Micholls, Cuming Macdona, H. E. B. Harrison, and Horace Walker, in the second class, will play off for the two prizes in each class on the first Saturday in April, under special handicap.

The result of the play was as follows:—

First-class winter optional, subscriptions prize (up to fourteen in the handicap).

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. H. Knight ...	95 9 86	Mr. Geo. Bird ...	107 13 94
Mr. G. R. Cox ...	91 4 87	Mr. J. Ball, jun. ...	86 +9 95
Mr. C. J. Crowther ...	99 12 87	Mr. J. J. Crossfield ...	106 11 95
Mr. Jas. Fairclough ...	93 5 88	Mr. T. R. Bulley ...	107 12 95
Mr. A. Turpin ...	91 scr. 91	Mr. J. E. Pearson ...	105 9 96
Mr. H. C. R. Sievwright ...	96 5 91	Mr. G. Bickham ...	110 14 96
Mr. G. G. Hamilton ...	97 5 92	Mr. A. G. Steel ...	110 12 98
Mr. H. E. B. Harrison ...	106 14 92	Mr. R. Goold ...	107 7 100
Mr. R. J. Kerr ...	96 3 93	Mr. S. M. Crossfield ...	113 13 100
Mr. C. E. Dick ...	94 scr. 94	Mr. J. Bashby ...	114 13 101
Mr. P. J. Pringle ...	100 6 94	Mr. E. Whineray ...	106 4 102
		Mr. T. O. Potter ...	117 10 107

Eleven competitors made no return.

Second-class winter optional, subscriptions prize (fifteen to thirty in the handicap).

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. S. Patterson ...	107 20 87	Mr. B. H. Hilton ...	117 22 95
Mr. G. D. Wilson ...	109 22 87	Mr. W. Sandbrook ...	119 24 95
Mr. H. Walker ...	110 23 87	Mr. J. K. Housden ...	112 16 96
Mr. E. H. Higgins ...	105 17 88	Mr. H. R. Robertson ...	118 22 96
Mr. D. A. Hamilton ...	104 15 89	Mr. H. H. Springmann ...	114 16 98
Mr. F. W. Carson ...	108 17 91	Mr. St. Clare Byrne ...	119 21 98
Mr. R. L. Dalglish ...	109 18 91	Mr. A. Dod ...	115 16 99
Mr. F. S. Cochrane ...	115 24 91	Mr. H. S. Bower ...	120 18 102
Mr. T. Turpin ...	116 25 91	Mr. N. Stewart ...	130 25 105

Fourteen competitors made no return.

SIDCUP GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition was held on Saturday, February 27th, and resulted in a tie between Mr. T. W. Fry, with 104, less 15=89, and Dr. Shapley, 114, less 25=89. Principal scores were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. T. W. Fry ...	104 15 89	Mr. H. T. Lindley ...	108 scr. 108
Mr. F. Shapley ...	114 25 89	Mr. W. J. Harries ...	147 32 115
Mr. Hewitt ...	128 28 100	Mr. H. Chamberlain ...	118 2 116
Mr. J. Whitehead ...	132 28 104	Mr. J. Crombie ...	150 28 122

The tie was played off on Tuesday afternoon, March 1st, in very bad weather, and Dr. Shapley was declared winner, with 116, less 25=91; Mr. T. W. Fry, 139, less 15=124.

SOUTHWOLD GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly handicap was played on Saturday, the 27th February. The following returns were handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. J. Browne ...	122 18 104	Mr. D. R. Gooding ...	127 16 111
Mr. S. W. Woollett ...	117 9 108	Mr. B. Whitmore ...	121 3 118
Mr. T. Sergeant ...	129 20 109	Mr. E. R. Cooper ...	161 27 134
Mr. C. J. Waller ...	131 20 111		

TAVISTOCK GOLF CLUB.

The first competition for the monthly medal was to have taken place on Wednesday, February 24th, but owing to the greens being under water from the continuous rain, was postponed till Wednesday, March 2nd. The weather was very boisterous, a bitterly cold easterly gale blowing over the very exposed link on Whitchurch Down, making low scoring impossible. Mr. H. Neat, with 123, less 12=111 being the winner. Only five other members, Capt. F. Marshall Kob, scratch; Mr. J. R. Divett, 15; Mr. F. F. Freeman, 22; Surgeon Kidd, R. N., 22; and Mr. J. M. Gill, 36; faced the weather. The ladies' medal was to have been played on Thursday, March 3rd, but had to be

abandoned for the month on account of the boisterous wind. The club is fast increasing in members, and the course has been much improved. The captain for the year, Mr. F. F. Freeman, has presented a silver cup, to be held for one year by the member returning the four lowest net medal scores of the year.

TENBY GOLF CLUB.

The usual fortnightly handicaps took place on Monday, February 29th, and Wednesday, March 2nd, with the following results:—

LADIES. (NINE HOLES.)

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Meyrick ...	73 21 52	Miss Lewes ...	100 22 78
Miss Durrant ...	74 13 61	Miss Philipps ...	98 13 85
Miss Clifton ...	64 scr. 64	Miss Eva Vachell ...	99 13 86
Miss Edith Vachell ...	77 6 71		

GENTLEMEN. (EIGHTEEN HOLES.)

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. T. Dixon ...	113 13 100	Mr. T. A. Rees ...	127 18 109
Mr. H. T. Smyth ...	127 27 100	Mr. E. P. Barlow ...	130 21 109
Mr. St. G. Caulfield ...	120 18 102	Colonel Lloyd ...	127 13 114
Mr. G. H. Logan ...	121 18 103	Colonel Voyle ...	131 17 114
Mr. J. Henderson ...	142 36 106	Mr. B. C. Durrant ...	147 32 115
Dr. Barrington ...	143 36 107	Mr. C. V. Isaac ...	Retired.

Mr. Dixon and Mr. Smyth will have to play off the tie.

TOOTING BEC GOLF CLUB.

The tie for second prize in the Mrs. Burrell competition between Mr. F. Villiers and Mr. G. H. Gill was played on March 1st. Mr. Villiers won with a score of 96, less 12=84; Mr. Gill, 118, less 16=102.

WIMBLEDON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The February medals were played for on February 27th in miserable weather, after a postponement on account of snow. The following were the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Miss G. Hassard-Short ...	101 27 74	Miss A. T. Drake ...	109 14 95
†Miss M. E. Phillips ...	90 13 77	Miss Malcolm ...	129 32 97
†Miss Edith Scott ...	111 34 77	Miss M. C. Harrison ...	120 22 98
Miss M. Schwann ...	111 31 80	Miss L. Clapham ...	137 36 101
Miss B. Thomson ...	97 16 81	Miss K. MacFarlan ...	137 36 101
Mrs. A. King ...	112 30 82	Mrs. Stevenson ...	137 36 101
Mrs. Joliffe ...	114 30 84	Mrs. G. Banbury ...	145 34 111
Miss N. Muir ...	102 17 85	Mrs. Willock ...	136 33 103
Mrs. Meates ...	117 32 85	Lady Clayton ...	109
Mrs. Archer ...	106 21 85	Miss Kenyon Stow ...	114
Mrs. Dowson ...	115 29 86	Miss E. M. Carson ...	128
Miss Issette Pearson ...	88 1 87	Mrs. Hannaford ...	129
Mrs. Stevenson ...	108 20 88	Miss Eveleigh ...	134
Miss A. L. T. Drake ...	99 11 88	Miss Wake ...	135
Miss Colt ...	121 33 88	Mrs. J. P. Harris ...	150
Miss Clarke ...	113 24 89	Mrs. Warner ...	158

* First medal and brooch. † Tie for second medal.

The following did not return:—Miss L. Thomson, Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Horne, Mrs. Pollock, Miss M. Nicol, Miss E. Martyn, Miss Frere, Miss D. Scott, Miss M. Scott, Miss B. Martyn, Miss Delcomyn, Miss Pridham, Mrs. Cundell, Miss Horne, and Miss A. Harrison.

WINCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for, under handicap, on Tuesday, March 1st. A piercing wind and showers of sleet made good scoring very difficult. The following handed in cards:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. E. Bazalgette ...	99 15 84	Mr. A. J. Toye ...	113 16 97
Rev. J. H. Hodgson ...	103 16 87	Rev. G. M. A. Hewett ...	109 12 97
Rev. H. L. Porter ...	107 15 92	Rev. J. T. Bramston ...	117 16 101
Sir Guy Campbell ...	101 8 93	Mr. V. E. Muspratt ...	125 20 105
Mr. E. H. Buckland ...	92 +2 94	Mr. R. Budd ...	106 scr. 106
Rev. W. P. Smith ...	122 27 95	Capt. L. Russell ...	135 15 120

LARGS CLUB.—On Saturday, in capital weather, a competition took place, in which the following are among the best scores:—Mr. John Wilkie, 49; Mr. John Balder, 49; Mr. H. J. M'Call (captain), 55; Mr. M. Gibson, 58; Mr. Bertie Orr, 65; Mr. John Orr, 71; Mr. A. E. Barbour, 75; Mr. R. Aird, 82. The committee of the club have instructed their secretary to intimate to the various Golf clubs belonging to Glasgow that on the spring holiday the course will be thrown open to them; should they arrange a competition among themselves it would be neutral ground to play on. The course is large, and varied with some capital hazards, such as hedges, ditches, and walls.

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.—On Saturday the final competition for the Lefroy prize was held, with this result:—Hon. and Rev. R. C. Moncrieff, 89, less 3=86, first; Colonel Boothby, 98, less 4=94, Mr. F. A. Bainbridge, 106, less 12=94, and Mr. C. G. Graham, 105, less 11=94, tied for second place; and Mr. Harold Smith, 102, less 5=97, was fifth. The winner's score is the best club record over the present course.

EDINBURGH BRAIDS CLUB.—The monthly competition of the Braids club took place for the monthly medal. Twenty-four members turned out, Mr. J. S. Campbell being the winner with a score of 85, less 4=81. The next best scores were Mr. J. Johnston and Mr. J. C. Bayne, each 83 net.

LEITH GOLF CLUB.—The competition for the monthly medal was played over Leith links on Saturday afternoon. There was a small turnout of players. The following are the scores:—Scratch—Mr. J. Keddie (scratch), 76; Mr. A. Carstairs, 76, less 8=68—a tie. Handicap—Mr. W. Dowie, 77, less 12=65; Mr. P. Stoddart, 77, less 12=65.

EAST OF FIFE CLUB.—The monthly competition for the silver medal of this club took place on the Grangemuir course on Saturday afternoon. Both the weather and green were all that could be wished for, but only a few competitors turned up. Result:—Mr. James Burd, Pittenweem, 84, less 5=79.

ORKNEY CLUB.—The members of the Orkney Golf Club competed at Pickiequo, Kirkwall, on Saturday, for Sheriff Thoms' star. The ground was in good condition. Course, thrice round, 21 holes. The best scores were:—1st, Mr. John M'Ewen (scratch), 102; 2nd, Mr. J. Brown (scratch), 106; 3rd, Mr. A. Buchanan, 109; 4th, Mr. A. Walls, 115, less 6; Mr. M. L. Howman, 119, less 10.

KINGHORN.—The first match played this season on Kinghorn Links was played on Saturday afternoon among the members of the Edinburgh Register House Club, who competed for their medal and other prizes. The greens were in good condition, and it was an ideal day for golfing. The medal was won by Mr. D. M. Gavine with a scratch score of 96. The other prize winners were:—Mr. A. Foster and Mr. J. Marr, both playing scratch, tied with 98; Mr. Alfred Tawse, 108, less 5; Mr. Francis Taylor, 110, less 2.

HAWICK.—The monthly medal competition took place at Hawick on Saturday afternoon. Result:—First, Mr. J. W. Glenny, 99, less 24; second, Mr. G. H. Wilson, 100, less 19; third, Mr. John Macdonald, 94, less 12; fourth, Mr. James Scott, 99, less 13; fifth, Mr. J. S. Turner, 99, less 12; sixth, Mr. G. H. Douglas, 90; seventh, Mr. F. Wilson, 114, less 20; eighth, Mr. James Barrie, 95, plus 1; ninth, Mr. Tom Henderson, 119, less 22; tenth, Mr. William Turner, 124, less 27; eleventh, Mr. William Inness, 125, less 27; twelfth, Mr. P. Cruickshank, 102, less 2. The Bombay medal competition took place on the 2nd inst., when there was a good turn-out of players. Details:—1, John M'Donald, 101, less 14=87; 2, W. W. Forsyth, 99, less 10=89; 3, Dr. Barrie, 101, less 7=94.

CRIEFF.—The monthly competition for the medal took place on Saturday. The following are the scores:—Mr. W. D. Thomson, 104, less 8; Dr. G. Meikle, 107, less 10; Dr. M. Thom, 129, less 24; Mr. E. Rice, 115, less 10; Mr. G. Veitch, 115, less 4; Mr. W. R. Macgregor, 143, less 30; Mr. D. I. Clement, 128, less 12; Mr. G. S. Comrie, 165, less 40; Mr. J. C. Taylor, 167, less 40.

NAIRN.—LOW SCORING.—On Saturday last, while playing a single with Mr. Young, banker, Mr. J. Sutherland, secretary of the Dornoch Club, holed out the home nine holes in 36. The figures are:—4 4 4 4 5 4 3 4 4=36. Mr. Sutherland's total for the whole round was 78. The chief feature of the score throughout was its evenness rather than brilliant scoring at individual holes, the highest figure being 5, and the lowest 3. The previous evening Dalgleish, the local professional, beat Mr. Sutherland by 2 up and 1 to play. The play, however, was not good, the approximate figures being 86 and 88.

KILMALCOLM CLUB.—Saturday was a perfect golfing day, and there was an exceptionally large turn-out of players. Several ties were played off in connection with the competitions going on at present. The second ties for Messrs. Cassel's and Taylor's prizes must all be played by Saturday next, 12th March. On Friday Willie Campbell, Bridge of Weir, made the record for the course, doing the eighteen holes in 77.

PETERHEAD.—The competition for the Peterhead Golf Club's monthly medal came off on the links on Wednesday, the 2nd inst, with the following result:—1, Mr. J. Forrest, 82, plus 3=85; 2 and 3 (a tie), Mr. A. W. Robertson (scratch), 88, and Mr. Andrew Philip, 93, less 5=88; 4, Mr. J. Milne, 86, plus 5=91.

CRAIGMILLAR GOLF CLUB.—The second monthly meeting of this club was held at the Braids on Saturday. The medal was won by Mr. Thomas Pullar, 98, less 10=88. Other prizes fell to Mr. A. Campbell Smith and Mr. R. A. Bruce.

"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.—In very pleasant weather nine couples of the Scotsman Club played over the Braids on Saturday forenoon for the Braids cup. The majority of the scores handed in were good. Mr. Pringle's 89, less 7=82, secured the cup. A poor turnout of players took part in the monthly medal competition. Mr. T. Brotherston was the winner.

KILMALCOLM.—The first round in connection with the contest going on has been completed, and the following is the result:—Mr. Neil Robson beat Mr. R. Fullarton; M. J. B. Gray a bye from Mr. W. Young; Mr. W. H. Douglas a bye from Mr. D. J. Brown; Mr. Alexander F. Duncan beat Mr. Alexander Lade; Mr. N. M'Nicoll a bye from Mr. W. Howie; Rev. J. Findlay a bye from Mr. D. H. Monro; Dr. Stevenson beat Mr. John Crawford; Mr. James Craig beat Mr. George Robertson; Mr. John Sinclair beat Mr. George Laird; Mr. James Crawford beat Mr. John Miller; Rev. James Murray beat Rev. T. N. Thomson; Mr. A. L. Holmes a bye from Mr. A. N. M'Pherson; Mr. A. Symington beat Mr. A. Mitchell; Mr. John Adam, jun., beat Mr. N. Ferguson. An interesting amateur and professional match was played over the links of the Kilmalcolm Club on the 2nd inst., in splendid weather. The players were Mr. Thos. Carruthers, jun. and David Adams, a young professional, both of Bridge of Weir, against Mr. A. Taylor and C. S. Day, professional of Kilmalcolm Links. The match was one round of the links, 18 holes, and was well contested throughout. It ultimately ended with the Bridge of Weir representatives (David Adams and Mr. Thos. Carruthers, jun.) coming off victorious after an exciting game by 4 holes up and 3 to play.

KINROSS GOLF CLUB.—The annual general meeting of the members of this club was held in the club-room on Wednesday evening, when there was a good attendance. The finances of the club were found very satisfactory. The following office-bearers were elected:—President, Sir Charles E. Adam, Bart.; captain, Mr. C. Hepburn; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Ferguson. Several new members were afterwards admitted. After the meeting, a match was played between two teams selected by the captain and the Rev. W. L. M'Dougall, when Mr. M'Dougall's team won with 9 holes up.

WARRENDER GOLF CLUB.—The members of this club held their annual supper in the Union Hotel, Edinburgh, on Friday evening. Mr. J. K. Andrews, captain of the club occupied the chair. Representatives were present from the Thistle, Allied, and Harrison Park Golf Clubs. Captain Smith of the Thistle proposed the toast of the evening, "The Warrender Golf Club," and Captain Andrews replied. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The monthly medal of the club was played for the following day, when Mr. John Watson proved to be the winner with the score of 97, less 12=85.

JUNIOR NIBLICK CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The monthly competition for the gold charm of this club was held over the Braids course on Saturday, with the following result:—1st, Mr. B. J. Hodge, 96, less 2; 2nd, Mr. S. Mickel, 105, less 10; 3rd, Mr. W. M'Diarmid, 108, less 10.

PARKSIDE CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The monthly competition of the Parkside Golf Club was played over the Braids course on Saturday for the monthly medal. The winner of the medal is Mr. Crozier, with a score of 102 net.

MERCHISTONIAN CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The first competition of the recently-formed Merchistonian Golf Club was held at Muirfield, by the permission of the Honourable Company of Golfers. Sixteen couples started, and the best scores were the following:—Mr. T. Anderson, 88, less 10, 78; Mr. M. Cross, 93, less 6=87; Mr. J. Clark, 108, less 14=94; Mr. I. Adam, 112, less 18=94; Mr. J. Cross, 107, less 12=95; Mr. J. Begbie (scratch), 96; Mr. D. C. Greenless, 100, less 2=98; Mr. W. A. Walls, 116, less 18=98; Mr. D. Hall Blyth (scratch), 99; Mr. J. A. Forrest, 114, less 15=99.

CATHKIN BRAES CLUB.—The usual monthly competition for the club's gold medal took place at Cathkin on Saturday. A fair number of members turned out. Mr. A. K. Rodger, with a score of 97, less 8, was the winner of the medal. The following are the best of the other scores handed in:—Mr. Wm. Beattie, 115, less 24; Mr. H. E. Clifford, 100, less 4; Mr. Warren Crosby, 104, less 8; Mr. D. H. Gillan, 93 + 4; Mr. J. D. Jack, 121, less 24; Mr. George M'Culloch, 117, less 18; Mr. J. H. Ramsay, 120, less 20.

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EDINBURGH TEACHERS' CLUB.—The monthly competition for charm and prizes took place over Musselburgh on Saturday, when the following was the result:—1st, Mr. James Livingston, 98, less 14; 2nd, Sir John Brown, 99, less 10; and Mr. Alex. Blacklaws, 108, less 19.

BASS ROCK CLUB.—The monthly competition for the handicap trophy of this club took place over the North Berwick links on Saturday afternoon. The weather was very fine, and eleven couples drove from the tee. Mr. Adam Hogg proved the successful competitor with a net figure of 79. The best returns were:—Mr. Adam Hogg, 84, less 5; Mr. John Forrest, 79, + 1; Mr. G. Nelson, 86, less 6; Mr. J. Gould Smith, 94, less 14; Mr. J. Henderson, 84, less 2; Mr. J. W. Greig, 97, less 14; Mr. W. Merriles, 93, less 9; and Mr. J. B. MacLachlan, 96, less 9.

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