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THE ST. ANDREWS SPRING MEETING.

Concurrently with the advent of spring the young golfer's fancy, and for that matter the old one's also, lightly turns to thoughts of play clubs, balls, and similar objects of virtue. The earlier meetings, which partially revive the slumberer from the winter torpor, serve in a measure to lead up to the important gatherings of Hoylake and St. Andrews. One of the first, that of the Honourable Company at Muirfield, was perhaps the most interesting, as showing both Mr. Leslie Balfour and Mr. Laidlay to be in exceptionally good play. Thereafter came Hoylake, where Mr. F. A. Fairlie came to the front for the second time in succession, tying with Messrs. John Ball, jun., and Hilton; though defeated by them in the decisive round, yet it was clear that he also must be in first-rate form, to hold his own with such formidable antagonists on their own green. Here, then, was an interesting position: Mr. Leslie Balfour had vanquished the amateur champion, who had already won the new club medal at North Berwick, by the narrow margin of 1 stroke, their scores being the excellent ones of 79 and 80. Mr. Fairlie had rendered a good account of himself; and all three were to be opposed by the wonderfully strong body of amateurs invariably to be found competing for every medal at St. Andrews. On Saturday, the 30th April, Mr. Laidlay appeared at St. Andrews to play one of those club matches which excite such interest amongst his fellow-members. He had set himself the sufficiently arduous task of playing the best ball of Messrs. R. H. Johnston and J. W. Tod, two of the strongest players in the Honourable Company.

That his confidence was not misplaced, however, was proved by the fact that he defeated them by 7 and 6 to play in the thirty-six holes—a performance with which even he may well be satisfied. It was thus obvious that his game had suffered no deterioration since the North Berwick and Muirfield medal days.

On Monday, the 2nd May, the talent began to congregate, and, as a consequence thereof, some interesting matches were played. Among these are to be mentioned a single between Mr. Mure Fergusson and Andrew Kirkaldy, in which the professional, who holed the first round in the grand score of 79, and the second in 83, defeated the amateur by four and three holes respectively. The latter, who played three rounds that day, was also beaten by Mr. F. A. Fairlie by 3 and 2 to play.

Mr. Leslie Balfour came better out of his venture against the latter, as he halved the match. Still the result can hardly have been quite satisfactory to him, inasmuch as he was 3 ahead and 4 to play, and apparently had the match for the taking. Mr. Leslie Balfour lost by 3 to Mr. Macfie; and Mr. E. R. H. Blackwell (who holds the amateur record of the green), halved with Mr. R. T. Boothby. On Tuesday the principal event of interest was a foursome between amateurs and professionals, the former being represented by Messrs. Alex. Stuart and Leslie Balfour, while old Tom Morris—who, like the brook, goes on for ever—and B. Sayers represented the latter. It may be remembered that the professionals were dreadfully beaten by their antagonists on a recent occasion at Dunblane, where a new green was opened; the present match, therefore, was the result of a laudable desire on their part to rehabilitate their somewhat tarnished reputation. Nevertheless, public opinion was strongly in favour of the amateurs. A considerable amount of money depended on the result, the price at which speculation may be quoted being about 3 to 2.

In the event, the match proved a most attractive one to watch, full of incident and of interest, sustained almost to the end of the thirty-six holes. The weather, however, was such as seriously to interfere with the enjoyment of the game, a terrifically strong cold wind from a direction between north and east rendered low scoring impossible, and it is questionable if a single round was played that day which did not exceed 90. The best performance for a half round was Mr. F. A. Fairlie's 42, for the first nine holes, against Mr. Macfie, in the course of which the former won 5, but lost 7 on the return, and the match by 2. Mr. Laidlay was well satisfied with 44 for the outward half, hence the best rounds of the day all ranged from about 92 to 95.

It may be said that when at St. Andrews one encounters whin bushes in full career across the links, at a pace exceeding that of Mr. Pickwick's when running across country after his deplorable immersion, when one can scarcely venture to open one's eyes by reason of the pain inflicted by the gale-driven sand, when, moreover, the course is as hard as a board, the putting-greens razor-keen and almost innocent of grass; under these circumstances the game becomes one of exceeding difficulty. But such conditions had to be faced on the Tuesday, and it was thought that they would in all probability operate prejudicially on the play of competitors for the medal, which was to follow next day. Perhaps to some extent this was actually the case; but gallant old Tom, notwithstanding his age, and often infirmities, made a brave fight of it with the elements, and being most ably assisted by Sayers, who played an

admirable game, managed to win by 3 and 1 to play in the thirty-six holes. "What should you say were the chief incidents of that hole?" asked the writer of a comrade on the completion of the opening hole of the day's play. The addressee replied (*pipere albo non sine aceto*, we had almost written, only it was not thus meant), "The chief incidents of that hole are that Old Tom holed a short putt." So he had, but as one may say, it "took him all his time." The ball twirled round in a vague and undecided sort of way, but somehow did manage to arrive at the bottom of the hole; wherefore, the professionals, by this brilliant stroke, found themselves one hole up, for Mr. Stuart had driven right into the burn near the road from the tee, thanks to the wind there favourable. Three splendid putts were holed on the way out by the professionals, two by Sayers and one by Tom, the couple completing the journey in 44, which, considering the day, was remarkably fine play. At this point they were reduced from 5 to 4 ahead, but now came a succession of reverses, which entirely altered the aspect of the match. To begin with, Mr. Balfour laid an iron shot stone dead and took the hole. Shortly afterwards Mr. Stuart repaid this debt in kind with a somewhat similar shot. Next the same gentleman, from behind a hill, and out of a bad place, drove an extraordinarily long shot with a driving mashie, which shot was mainly instrumental in winning the long hole home. Subsequently all four players endeavoured to get into the railway, but Old Tom was the only one who, by means of a topped ball out of the field, succeeded. The amateurs, having hit posts and wires, and things which kept them in the straight and very broad course, were saved from themselves, and won the hole, the match being now all square. The last two holes were halved, but here the play was poor on both sides. The amateurs, however, had played remarkably well since the turn; and though they finished with a 7 and 6, were only 43 to the half-round, 92 to the whole—considering the day, a very good score. The professionals had picked up their ball at one hole, but would have been about 94 or 95. Meanwhile, the wind increased, and play in the afternoon became even more difficult than heretofore. The second round was remarkable for the absence of halved holes, and for the circumstance that neither side could ever place more than one to its credit until just at the close of the match. In the whole round, the only holes halved were the eighth and sixteenth, and in the end the professionals won by 3 and 1 to play. A good deal of bad putting took place this time, especially on the sixth and seventh greens, where the professionals were twice terribly short; but at the twelfth hole, Tom made a remarkably fine iron shot from out of a small bunker a hundred yards away, right on to the green, and close to the hole. About this time, indeed, he began to play a wonderfully fine game, he was usually in front of Mr. Stuart from the tee, and the closer the crisis, the better he seemed to play. The amateurs this time finished in 100, the others would have been about three strokes better, but did not play out the last hole, owing to Sayers having driven into the garden of the corner-house.

These scores show the force of the wind; indeed, many players found themselves compelled to go whither they would not by reason of it. The Bombay medalist, for instance, carried over the garden-wall, which comprehended Mr. Sayers within its limits, over the road, and into another garden, where he had to delve amongst the peas of Mr. Jamieson, of Gibson Place. But notwithstanding these scores, a great deal of very fine play was shown in this foursome, and the winners must certainly be congratulated on their plucky and well-won victory. Messrs. E. R. H. Blackwell and R. T. Boothby had on the previous day played the same two professionals, and halved the match.

In the afternoon came the business meeting. It is satisfactory to read the statement of the Committee of the Caddies' Benefit Fund, who report to the club the success of the experiment undertaken last year. The report says:—"It was at first violently opposed by the caddies; but they have come to see that the proposal is for their interest, as it ensures regularity and impartiality of employment to all who are on the register. A shelter has been erected for them, furnished with a stove, newspapers, and with a small library; and a vigilance committee has been appointed by the caddies themselves to maintain order." A rather important alteration was made in the constitution of the green committee. Hitherto the gentlemen constituting that body had been selected from amongst the general committee of management; but it was felt that this system was open to sundry objections, which need not here be entered into. The new resolution provides that the "committee of management shall appoint a green committee of not more than five members of the club, and with a view to securing a longer tenure of office of the members of this committee, all its members shall not necessarily be members of the committee of management, but at least four of them shall be residents of St. Andrews." The resolution, which was passed by a large majority, proceeds to define the duties of the green committee.

Next a motion was submitted by Colonel Boothby, that in all club medal competitions those members who in any club competition have a recorded score of 100 or under be drawn together. In consequence of the enormous fields entering for the medal it frequently—indeed, generally—happens that those who have a chance of winning a medal have to

compete under widely different conditions of weather, and even of daylight, and this undoubtedly is a hardship. By grouping the good players together they would all be despatched in perhaps two or two and a-half hours, and this hardship avoided. The motion, however, was lost, though by the small majority of 6, the numbers being 34 to 28.

The weather on the medal day, if not of the boisterous nature which characterised its predecessor, was still such as thoroughly to test the calibre of the players. The wind was from the same direction, and though not nearly so strong, was yet sufficiently so to make long and straight driving a *sine quâ non*, for on such a day there could be but slender chance of any recovery from loose driving by exceptionally good putting. Indeed, the conditions were such as to render this department of the game, and in some measure the iron play also, much more difficult than usual. The club was represented by almost the whole of its available talent, though there were two notable absentees—Mr. Horace G. Hutchinson, who was at Sandwich, and Mr. H. S. C. Everard (winner of the spring and Glennie medals of 1891), who, being disabled by an injury to the muscle of his arm, was unfortunately not in a condition to defend his title. The field numbered eighty-eight players, as against one hundred and fourteen last year. Amongst these the ballot had allotted the eighth place on the list to Mr. F. A. Fairlie and Mr. E. R. H. Blackwell, who were accompanied by a large body of spectators, for Mr. Fairlie's reputation is well-established on all the principal links, while Mr. Blackwell holds the amateur-record of St. Andrews. The latter gentleman, however, was by no means in his best game, his driving being wild and uncertain, in consequence whereof some very bad holes, shortly after the start, shattered his hopes, the climax being reached when playing the eleventh hole, where he found himself unable to escape from Strath's bunker, even after some seven or eight shots. In this he was by no means singular.

This particular hazard on every medal day is one to be most sedulously avoided; it seems, but on these occasions only, to rejoice in making itself impossible. At one season it will saturate itself for days and days beforehand with rain, which transforms its sand into a mixture like dough, into which the wayfarer's foot sinks above his ankle, leaving an abiding mark for the behoof of his long line of successors. At another time, such as the present, the dry sand is banked up by a strong wind against the precipitous side nearest the hole, leaving the bottom hard, the effect of this being that the unfortunate victim plays rackets against this sand-slope, the ball ever returning, like the *Xânc ἀναίδης* of Sisyphus, to the hard plain below.

Mr. Fairlie, at the outset, gave evidence of the game that was in him. Starting with a 4, neutralised, however, by an indifferent 6 at the second hole, he settled down to steady play, the best points of which were his driving, especially from the tee, and his holing out. The advantage of a good 4 for the third hole was well-nigh thrown away at the next; but here he saved himself by a long putt. At the fifth and sixth holes two perfect cleek shots, after long and brilliant driving, should have made a 5 and a 4 in each case an absolute certainty; but on both greens his first putts were, one may say, wickedly short. This, indeed, was noticeable the whole round through, and only by good holing out, and by a most powerful long game, did he attain the position of winner. At the High Hole his second narrowly escaped a large bunker to the right, but fortunately carried over (a very long shot), and a good run up, followed by a long putt, gave him a 4. At the short hole, being uncertain which club to take in turning for the first time to meet the wind at another angle, he selected what was palpably a wrong one, viz., the brassy. Of this he appeared half-conscious, and endeavoured to spare the shot, which he accordingly drew badly into soft ground, and a 5 was necessary. A 4 to the end hole made him 43, which was certainly not good enough to defy competition; but, on the other hand, there was no reason why it should not be improved upon on the homeward journey. At the first two holes it began to look as though the coveted prize were to slip away—faultless driving and approaching, as usual, but at the tenth hole a repetition of the sins of the fifth and sixth; but in this case a 4 was saved by Mr. Fairlie holing a long and difficult down-hill putt. At the Eden, on the contrary, the second putt was the bad one. The first, as usual, was short, but only by two feet or so—but this little one was just missed. The third hole in was played to perfection in 4, but at the next a perhaps rather unlucky bunker from the tee necessitated a 6. The driving at the long hole was, for a wonder, rather indifferent, excepting the first shot; still, a useful enough 6 was secured. Then came a perfect 4, and anon what would have been a duplicate of it but for the usual failing at the first putt. Splendid driving at the two last holes secured two 5's and the round in 86, as follows:—

Out	4	6	4	5	6	5	4	5	4=43	} 86
In	4	4	4	6	6	4	5	5	5=43	

The task thus set was never equalled, though such might easily have been the case. Mr. R. T. Boothby, whom we may sufficiently

belaud by describing him as his father's son, approached nearest to the winner; and for his good play was rewarded with the Bombay medal. He had been recently practising at North Berwick with Sayers, who justly formed a high opinion of his game. He has an easy style, somewhat after the manner of Willie Fernie, and drives a long ball with great regularity. Starting with a stinging long shot, he crossed the burn with his iron and nearly holed in 3; driving the second hole in 2 and the third in one and a cleek, he had a 5 and 4 respectively. This good score was brought back to the average by a succession of bad lies during the long hole, for which 7 was necessary, though good putting would have saved a stroke. A bunker at the high hole cost a 6, and at the end hole the luck in the putting was against Mr. Boothby, who, however, was out in 44. Then came a brilliant bit of play, a fine tee-shot, an iron laid stone dead, and a 3 on the card. A similar figure at the short hole was annulled by a 7 at the Hole o'Cross. Caught from the tee in a small round bunker, short of the big ones, his judgment was at fault on getting within reach of the hole; in lieu of the iron he chose the putter, and was justly rewarded by a slap in the face for not playing the game. However, as he had announced before starting that he would have two 7's in his round, he would here doubtless derive some consolation from the assured success of his vaticinations. From this point his play was steadily good. To be sure, a shot too much was required at the Road Hole, which he should have negotiated in 5; but, on the other hand, whereas he ought to have taken 5 to the last hole, which was played in the teeth of a strong-wind, what he actually did was to hole it in 4, by help of a good iron shot and a good putt. His round then was as follows:—

Out	4	5	4	5	7	5	6	3	5=44	} 87
In	3	3	5	7	5	5	5	6	4=43	

Next to him came Mr. A. R. Paterson with 88. This gentleman will be remembered as stroke of the Oxford boat for four years about the early eighties. Thrice a medal-winner at Prestwick with 84, 87, 93, he there, on one occasion, defeated Mr. Laidlay, which victory he now repeated. A badly sliced tee-shot in playing the long hole home landed him against the wall; a stone which he could not remove proved a further obstruction, in consequence of which fatalities an 8 was necessary. This was unfortunate, as Mr. Paterson had had the lowest score of the day for the first nine holes, viz., 42. Of the remainder, Messrs. Leslie Balfour and Mure Fergusson played together; but neither maintained a steadily consistent game. Brilliant at one time, indifferent at another, they were at odds and evens, appearing *ludere par impar*, if one may so say; notwithstanding all which Mr. Leslie Balfour, after one had given him up in despair, was left with 18 for the last four holes to tie with the winner. This had certainly been a fairly easy task for him had he played his game; but a 7, attributable to a visit to the railway, put this out of his power, and he ultimately holed out in 92, and his partner in 93. Mr. Laidlay did not seem to rise above what for him is bare mediocrity, finishing with 90; his partner, Mr. A. Stuart, winner of last autumn medal, was 92.

This was also the total of Mr. C. E. S. Chambers, and of Mr. E. D. Prothero, who, having resumed the game of his youth after a somewhat long interval, is steadily growing more formidable; but the 92's were all beaten by Col. D. W. Mackinnon, of Calcutta cup fame, who came in one stroke better. Thirty players in all finished under 100, no less than eight scoring 99. After the medal an interesting foursome took place, which resulted in honours being divided between Messrs. Laidlay and Stuart of the one part, and Messrs. Leslie Balfour and Mure Fergusson of the other. A post-prandial entertainment of a somewhat unwonted nature was provided in the evening, for both first and second medallists were summoned to demonstrate their loyalty to tradition and homage to the Goddess of Golf by reverent salutation of her regalia in approved form.

On Thursday the chief event was a foursome between Mr. Fairlie and Mr. Macfie, and Mr. D. J. Lamb and Mure Fergusson. The latter couple lost by one hole in the morning, but won by four in the afternoon, the second round being noticeable for very brilliant play on the part of the winners, Mr. Lamb's game in particular being deserving of especial mention. In view of the approaching Amateur Championship at Sandwich, most of the leading players now took their departure to make themselves acquainted, where necessary, with the intricacies of that green. On Friday, Mr. Fairlie and Mr. E. R. H. Blackwell easily defeated Messrs. A. F. Macfie and J. Cunningham, jun., and a wonderful performance by Andrew Kirkaldy on Saturday brought the week's business to a close. With the advantage of perfect weather, he accomplished the round in 74, details of which are as follows:—

Out	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	4	4=37	} 74
In	3	4	4	4	5	4	4	4	5=37	

With 4 to each short hole he nevertheless was left with an easy putt at the last to tie with his brother's record of 73, but, most provokingly, he failed.

Review.

THE ART OF GOLF. By Sir W. G. Simpson, Bart. Second edition. Edinburgh: David Douglas.

This is the second edition of a fascinating book, which first appeared in 1887, and of which but a limited number of copies were published. It was the first serious and detailed attempt to examine and discuss "the philosophy of hitting" at Golf, and to reduce to something like understood principles, for the guidance of learners and others, the essential points of play on which to concentrate attention, and how to remedy defects. Since that time Golf has grown enormously all over the world, and the number of golfers who are thirsting to imbibe knowledge on recondite technicalities of play, supplied by players of experience and repute, must have been multiplied by thousands since the first edition appeared. When the book originally came out it was recognised by golfers as a class that the author had the highest claims to their attention, while the admirably artistic manner in which the work had been got up, together with the bright, pungently humorous style of the author, secured for it a wide circulation. In proof of this we need only mention that our Competition columns a few months ago recorded the fact that "The Art of Golf" was given as the first prize in a competition at Christchurch, New Zealand.

The author has done well, therefore, to publish a second edition of his work. In scanning its pages the reader feels that here is a transcript of golfing difficulties encountered at every step, and laboriously overcome; a chronicle of minute observation and comparison of multitudinous golfing styles, with a sharp eye for blemishes both in style and resultant effect; an analysis of many popular golfing fallacies, and a thoughtful digest of much useful information, painfully acquired through experience. The first chapter on "The Praise of Golf" ought to be dedicated to Dr. Andrew Wilson and the medical faculty generally, especially those members of it who seek to advise on a subject without knowing a scrap about it. Further on the reader gets many shrewd and useful hints about the advice of caddies and professionals, who, as a class, are good players but bad advisers. In treating of driving, Sir Walter Simpson insists on the importance of altering and rectifying the stance when a ball is hit off the line, that the main object is to hit the ball, and that accuracy is of more importance than style. He advises beginners to shake themselves down naturally before the ball and sweep it away, that it is important to get the hands well over the club and not under, and the desirableness of concentrating attention on the left hand, leaving the right to take care of itself. He also advises the beginner to adopt the half-swing at first, allowing it, with practice, to develop into a full one, and he has no belief in the raising of the left heel. These and other points have been dealt with by Mr. Hutchinson in the "Badminton" book, and touched upon in reply by Sir Walter in his preface. While admitting that there is a certain force and cogency in the advice here given to beginners, we incline to Mr. Hutchinson's view, that the beginner should, as far as possible, begin as he intends to leave off, that style, as seen in the play of our best amateurs and professionals, counts for much as a model in playing the ball both accurately and without exhausting the physical powers, and that without raising the left heel a very awkward, stiff, and ungainly drive is usually obtained. Keeping the left heel down is like putting the drag on a coach—the body is deprived of the pivot which imparts grace, elasticity and force to the swing. Sir Walter also advises beginners to play with better golfers than themselves. This is sound advice, not only for teaching them how to play, but, what is of no less importance, for learning them to know (and to pay) the penalties exacted by the rules of good golf. He also enters a protest against heavy clubs, on the supposition that they drive further than light or medium-weighted clubs. In this view the author is also right, while the experience of many first-rate players has shown that the use of stiff shafts instead of supple ones has practically revolutionised their driving and general play from uncertainty and wildness into uniform accuracy and steadiness.

One of the charms of this handsome volume are the numerous illustrations, from instantaneous photographs, of old

Tom Morris, Sayers, and J. O. F. Morris. They have certainly been well done, and here the beginner may profitably study the position taken up by leading players at various critical points of the game. In a treatise so admirably written, and containing views on Golf and golfers full of originality and penetration, we regret, however, to notice that Sir Walter has drifted into the use of two vile cockneyisms. On page 157 he writes, with a disregard of grammar which is not habitual in his countrymen, that "it is not a difference of *lay* but of shape." On pages 158 and 159 this objectionable word is repeated three times, on one occasion "the *lay* of an approaching iron" being spoken of. Again, on pages 164 and 176 he speaks of a putt being *held*. There is no verb "to hold," and the past tense of "to hole" is "holed," not "held."

Speaking generally, the book comes at an appropriate moment. The air is full of Golf, and information is being everywhere sought by beginners of both sexes for instruction or hints how best to acquire style, or how to redress defects. Sir Walter Simpson's book will do much in both directions, and no golfer's library will be complete without "The Art of Golf" finding a prominent place on its shelves.

GOLF AT EDINBURGH.

The rush to the Braids during the late Easter holidays has been exceptionally brisk, and the early bird had to get up very early indeed if he wished to avoid a half-hour's wait at the first tee. Schoolboys were there by the score. Although older golfers were now and again heard to grumble at what looked like a juvenile monopoly, the youngsters—who are letter-perfect in the matter of rules and regulations—would not budge an inch, and insisted upon having their full rights. Since the opening of the Braids, Golf has enormously increased in popularity among our public-schoolboys, and is now growing a formidable rival to football and cricket.

Monday morning on the Braids is remarkable for the large number of "meenisters" who are wont to foregather there. It is generally understood that some relaxation and recreation are necessary after the exertions on the preceding day, and the clerics certainly display an enthusiasm that is second to none, most of them being very fair golfers, but wretchedly poor arithmeticians. It is a comparatively easy matter to put a brother layman right when he falls into error in his counting; but when a benign-looking gentleman, whose profession is unmistakable, assures you in a meek and gentle voice that he has just taken 5, when you know as a matter of fact that 6 is the number—it is then that you feel your sense of inferiority, and catch yourself murmuring, "Who wouldn't be a meenister!"

A long spell of dry weather has made the greens and approaches rather bare and hard. Where a Golf course is subjected to such an enormous amount of wear and tear as the Braids, the closest watch is necessary to prevent the grass being completely worn away. A good deal of grumbling has, from time to time, been heard regarding the work done, or left undone, by the present custodian. The Park's Committee have at last taken the matter in hand, and have determined to engage a man who understands his business. If not already engaged, A. C. Brown, of Musselburgh, and late of Huddersfield, is a likely candidate for the position.

Considering the bare state of the putting-greens and troublesome wind, Mr. J. McNab a short time ago registered an excellent round of 77, which secured for him the first prize in the Viewforth competition. The most remarkable feature in the round was the holing of the first five holes in 18—5 3 3 5 2. The second hole in 3 is phenomenal play, and was the result of two splendid drives, and a well-judged run off the iron.

At a meeting of the Morton Hall (late Morningside) Golf Club, it was resolved to spend £700 in the erection of a Golf-house on their recently-acquired course, which was formally opened on Saturday by Mr. Andrew Usher. To meet this large outlay it was decided, after an extremely warm discussion, to increase the entrance-fee to £3. I have not yet had an opportunity of visiting the new course, but I hear that in many respects it bears a strong resemblance to the Braids, which it adjoins.

I should like to bear testimony to the excellence of the "D" boot, now being offered to golfers by Messrs. Joseph Dawson and Sons, London. I have played several rounds of the Braids with them, and I am bound to say that I have never experienced a more delightful sense of comfort and ease, and so entire an absence of that footsoreness from which many golfers suffer. There is probably no green in the country better adapted to test the qualities of a boot than the Braids, the ups and downs, whinny, and sometimes stony, ground met with involving a strain of no ordinary kind.

THE CHIEL.

PROPOSED NEW GREEN AT LUFFNESS.

It is understood that a proposal has been made for the formation of a new course on the extensive stretch of links at Luffness. The idea is not altogether a new one, for it was mooted a couple of years ago, when the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers were on the look-out for a green of their own. The choice of the Honourable Company fell upon Muirfield, however, and consequently the idea was allowed to drop at that time. Now it has cropped up again in consequence of the increasing popularity of Golf, and of the greater difficulty which golfers experience as time goes on in pursuing the game under conditions favourable to its full enjoyment. Luffness, in common with other first-class greens, has shared in this popularity, as is evinced by the fact that for some time past upwards of a hundred gentlemen have been candidates for membership. Vacancies are few, however, in the club—which, as is well known, has a restricted membership—and hence there is no immediate prospect of these gentlemen obtaining admission. The suggestion is understood to be that a new club should be formed to lease from Mr. H. W. Hope, of Luffness—the proprietor of the links, who is perfectly willing to meet the wishes of golfers in the matter—the ground in question. It is suggested that the new course should start from a point a short distance to the south-west of the existing Luffness club-house, and that the opening holes should be placed on the expanse of ground immediately to the north of the Peffer Burn. The line of play then would probably be across the road which divides Luffness and Saltcoats links, over the Saltcoats links as far as the plantation; from this point north-westwards to the quarry at the turn of the road leading from Luffness Mill to Gul'ane, and thence back to the starting-point. A number of gentlemen are interesting themselves in the matter. There is, of course, no intention to interfere in any way with the existing course at Luffness. The two greens, in the event of this new one being formed, would be entirely independent of one another.

ELTHAM GOLF CLUB.

A general meeting of the Eltham Golfing Association was held at the Cannon Street Hotel on Thursday, 5th of May, which was largely attended. The chair was taken by Mr. Evan M. Protheroe, who explained that the committee had decided to confine the membership of the association to guarantors only, and that they considered that the time had now arrived when the Eltham Golf Club should be founded in order that applicants for admission to the club might forthwith be ballotted for. The hon. secretary read his report, showing the progress made in laying out eleven holes (out of eighteen) of the course, and stated that they would be ready for play on Saturday, the 21st inst.

The following resolutions were then carried unanimously:—

1. To establish the "Eltham Golf Club," and constitute all guarantors of the Eltham Golfing Association original members of the club.
2. That the present committee of the Eltham Golfing Association, with their hon. secretary and hon. treasurer should be the committee and office-bearers of the Eltham Golf Club.
3. That the rules of "St. George's Golf Club" (Sandwich), in so far as they were consistent with the resolutions passed by the Eltham Golfing Association and their committee, should be adopted as the first rules of the club, with a request to the committee to suggest any changes they might deem advisable, and to report to the next general meeting of the club.
4. That the committee should be empowered to negotiate for a lease of Eltham Lodge and Park upon the terms of the agreement already signed and dated the 4th of April last, but before concluding, they were to report to a general meeting of the club.

NOTE.—In order that there may be no misunderstanding with regard to the guarantee fund, intending applicants for admission to the club are reminded that this fund, which was purely voluntary, has long been closed.

TOURNAMENT AT BLAIRGOWRIE.—The fifth and final rounds in the handicap competition for the Keithbank silver vase, value over £100, were played on the Lansdowne course, before a fair turnout of spectators. The weather was rather stormy, and interfered somewhat with the play. In the fifth round Mr. S. Honeyman, Cupar-Angus (8) beat Mr. J. Sharp, jun., Dundee (2) by 6 up and 5 to play; and in the final the same gentleman beat Rev. J. R. M'Laren, Alyth (7) by 4 up and 3 to play. Mr. D. Low, of Keithbank, the donor of the trophy, presented it at the close of the match to the winner, who suitably acknowledged. Cheers were given for the Rev. Mr. M'Laren and Mr. Low.



LADY GOLFERS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—For the honour of chivalry there will be found, I hope, other champions younger and better fitted than myself, who will show themselves ready and eager to break a lance in defence of the lady-golfers, whose courtesy is impugned by your correspondent, "Hon. Secretary"; but meanwhile I hope you will allow me, as one who has passed the age of romance, and only desires common, prosaic justice, to say a word in answer to him in defence of the lady-golfers whom it has been my good fortune to know here. As regards the capabilities that ladies possess, or may acquire, for playing Golf at all, "that (as Mr. Rudyard Kipling says) is another story," and I do not propose to enter on such a controversy here; though I may say that there are ladies in the club of which I have the honour to be secretary, who display a finish in their short iron shots, and an accuracy in their putting, that many of us might well envy. But on the question of courtesy I do join issue with your correspondent, and, as far as my own experience goes, I am disposed to deny *in toto* that there is "far greater courtesy displayed on a gentlemen's Golf links than on a ladies'." In the club I have mentioned the ladies share two greens with us, and possess at least one more that lies in the direct line of our course; and under such circumstances it is impossible but that at times we should be approaching greens where ladies are holing out, and *vice versa*. But although there is no law, written or unwritten, upon the subject, it is the constant, if not invariable, practice of our lady-players to retire from the greens if they see players of the other sex approaching them, and allow them to hole out first and pass them by. Most of us, I suppose, at times, when more than usually disposed to top and fizzle, present, in the eyes of faster and more proficient players immediately in our rear, the unpleasing spectacle that Mr. Horace Hutchinson calls "the Sitting Hen"; but we are nevertheless, I take it, quite ready as a rule to crow loudly in defence of our rights on the green, should they be assailed. This may be as it should be, for Golf is your great leveller after all; but we must not on that account fail to render full justice to a courtesy which may rise superior to the strict rules of the game.

I am, Sir, &c.,

ANOTHER HON. SECRETARY.

THE VINDICTIVE THEORY OF HANDICAPPING.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Dr. Siddall writes a singular letter and asks a number of questions, of which one is relevant; that, namely, which refers to modifications in the course on which the instanced scores were made. The course was shorter than usual, but not easier, the strange greens being rough and in catchy situations. He speaks of my "making an attack on the handicapping of a club under the thinly-veiled obscurity, &c.;" but really, Sir, I assure you I should not have troubled your columns for such a

purpose, even under the "thinly-veiled obscurity." I attacked a system, and cited an instance. "Obscurity" seldom requires a "veil"—even a thin one—but, perhaps, we could not do better than draw a thin, but opaque, veil over the obscurity of this controversy and over the very charming taste in which Dr. Siddall suggests that dissatisfaction with my own handicap was my motive for writing the article to which he refers.

I am, Sir, &c.,
Sandwich, May 8th. HORACE G. HUTCHINSON.

QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—May I ask, through your columns, for a correct interpretation of Rule No. XXIII, relating to "ball in water?"

The rule reads as follows:—"If the ball lie in water, the player may take it out, change it if he pleases, drop it, and play from behind the hazard, losing a stroke."

This according to my reading, means that before the player is at liberty to drop a new ball, he must, in the first place take the old one out of the water, and that, therefore, in match play, if the player is unable to get it out within ten minutes, it must be treated as a lost ball, even although it may be actually seen floating in the water, but out of reach.

Many golfers, when they play into water, drop a new ball if they are unable to get the original one out of the hazard, and thus, it seems to me, act in opposition to the rule which I have quoted.

I am, Sir, &c.,
J. A.

[This is the old rule. The newly-revised rule reads: "If the ball lie, or be lost in water, the player may drop a ball under the penalty of one stroke." If the ball has been seen to enter the water at a certain point, and is irrecoverable, the player drops another ball at the point of entry, and loses a stroke.—Ed.]

A. D. S.—B is entitled to replace. See Rule XXXVI, new St. Andrews rules.

A GOLF YACHT.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Lord Sheffield took a cricketing team about the coasts of England and France, playing several interesting matches *en route*. It occurs to me that the idea may be even more appropriately carried out by a few golfing friends clubbing together, and chartering or purchasing a yacht and coasting along our shores from Golf links to Golf links. Could there be a more enjoyable way of passing the summer months? Members could join or leave their yacht at what links they wished.

I am, Sir, &c.,
CUMMING MACDONA.
1, Garden Court, Temple.

"CURIOSITIES OF GOLF, 1892."

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have just received, as doubtless many others have, a well-known firm's catalogue of Golf clubs and other "Implementations"! Prominent among them is the "Balfour Brand of Clubs." Had it been Bovril I could have understood the use of the word "Brand." The chief recommendation these clubs possess is the word "Balfour," for which you have to pay an additional sum of about 1s. 6d. per club!

Among other features of the catalogue are:—(1) A new club called the "Jigger." Is a cue to be used with this, as in billiards? (2) The "T" putter; (3) *The* club, the new corrugated iron—no, the Corrugated Lofting Iron—I nearly wrote church; (4) The five kinds of tees; (5) Park Golf. After this

we approach the region of tennis and cricket, as is indicated by the Captive Golf Ball and the Golf driving net!

When Golf has reached this stage of perfection, it is really time that some laws were drawn up restricting the game to the use of certain clubs only, as in cricket, racquets, &c., where weight, width and pattern, &c., are fixed. If the game is to be played properly and its ancient form retained, it is fully time that such clubs as the "T" putter, and more especially the corrugated lofting iron, were prohibited. My plea is, that those who cannot play well with the good old and well-known clubs, where fineness of touch, nerve, wrist, and skill are required, as in lofting and dropping the ball dead on the Green, should not be allowed to use these new-fangled weapons in competitions, and thus do what they cannot otherwise, or will not trouble to learn to do. In future we will have caddies following with barrows or sacks, containing "The Salisbury Patent Stimie Remover," "Cranbourne Scoring Card," "Morley Stimie Measure," "Gladstone Whin Remover," "Harcourt Putting Cue," "The Chamberlain Golfing Glasses," "Churchill Obstacle Brush," "The Goschen Fore Bugle," etc.

I am, Sir, &c.,
ROYAL AND ANCIENT.

SOME RECORD SCORES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I laid out the Minchinhampton course in 1889. It is one of the finest inland courses in England. In playing round with Mr. H. S. C. Everard I made the record score of 76, Mr. Everard's score being 78. I also have the record of the Boxmoor course of nine holes, namely, 32 strokes. I also have the record of the Sheffield and District Golf Club, a difficult course of nine holes (40). I also have two records of the Ranelagh Golf Club. Playing round with Mr. W. Munday, my record score is 71. In another match, with Mr. J. E. Peat, giving a stroke a hole, I beat him by 3 and 1 to play. In backing myself to do the round of eighteen holes in 78, I won my bet easily by the score of:—

Out	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	4	6=39	} 74
In	4	3	4	3	4	4	4	5	4=35	

Mr. Peat did not finish the last hole. His total for seven-teen holes was 91.

I have also done the St. Andrews course in the low figure of 79. Hoping you will allow me space for this in your valuable paper,

I am, Sir, &c.,
R. B. WILSON.
Ranelagh Club, Barnes.

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 on application.

6,385. Improvements in Golf-clubs.—Robert Anderson, 115, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow.

6,431. Improvements in carriers for Golf-clubs.—Hugh Morgan Davidson, 4, South Street, Finsbury, E.C.

6,798. Improvements in apparatus for indicating or registering the score at Golf, cricket, or other games.—Thomas R. Charles, Lord Street, Liverpool.

7,613. Improved carrier and stand for Golf-clubs.—John Liggett, 2, Waverley Bridge, Edinburgh.

8,105. A new or improved combined Golf-bag and rest.—C. S. Sandeman, jun., 11, Batavia Buildings; 12, Hackin's Hey, Liverpool.

According to the official log, the distance of the Sandwich course is 3 miles 717 yards; St. Andrews, 3 miles 1,028 yards; and Westward Ho! 3 miles 463 yards.



GOLF AS MEDICINE.—In view of an early dissolution, Mr Broadhurst, M.P., was last week rallying his friends in West Nottingham, where he is being opposed because of his opposition to the Miners' Eight Hours Bill. Speaking the other night, the hon. member confessed that he was in pretty good condition just now. In a game of which he was fond (Golf), he won a challenge cup at Easter, and did so against a very large field of experts at the game. He was very glad to find that an old, almost worn-out stonemason, who had passed more than half a century of life in this world, was able to come in a winner on the first day's competition. His friends looked upon the feat as a good omen for the election. He was delighted to find, when going over the same course a few days ago, that he was in much better wind and condition when climbing a steep hill than his opponent, who was a young man of twenty-eight, a county cricketer, a great athlete, and altogether a first-rate all-round specimen of British manhood.

A match was played last week between L. G. Ross, the Sutton Coldfield professional, and Cunningham, of the Arden Club, Solihull. The match was one of seventy-two holes, thirty-six holes to be played on each course. At the end of the first day's play on the Sutton Links at Streetly, Ross was four up, and, in playing off the second half of the match at Solihull, the Sutton man won by 9 up and 7 to play. Ross hails from the Braids, Edinburgh (where he holds the record), and Cunningham is a Prestwick man.

The members of the West Herts Golf Club now numbering 200, it has been resolved that, with regard to new members, the entrance fee shall be £5 5s., and the annual subscription £3. 3s., until the membership reaches 250.

The formal opening of the Eastwood Golf Course, Giffnock, Glasgow, will take place on Saturday, the 14th inst., at 3 p.m. Mrs Mann, the wife of the captain, will perform the ceremony by driving off the first ball. An interesting foursome will thereafter be played by Ben Sayers, of North Berwick; David Anderson, of St. Andrews; George Douglas, of North Berwick; and James Douglas, the club's professional. The greens are in splendid order.

The Seaford caddies are improving. The following incident took place last medal day:—

MEMBER (to Caddie).—Have you washed the balls?
 CADDIE.—No, sir.
 MEMBER.—Have you cleaned the clubs?
 CADDIE.—No, sir.
 MEMBER (irritably).—Then, what have you done?
 CADDIE.—I've had my lunch, sir.

Playing on the 4th with the Rev. Sinclair Oates, Tain, Mr. Wm. Crompton, of the St. Duthus Golf Club, succeeded in lowering the record of the St. Duthus links by two strokes. The score was as follows:—

Out	...	4	6	5	4	5	4	5	4	4=41	} 87
In	...	4	4	5	7	7	5	4	6	4=46	

Owing to some unavoidable delays in connection with the preparation of the new course of the Tooting Club, at Furzedown, the spring meeting of the club has been indefinitely postponed.

Playing over the St. Andrews links on Saturday, Andrew Kirkaldy, in a match with Mr. A. H. Gardiner, made the exceptionally low score of 74. His figures were:—Out, 4 4 4 4 5 4 4 4 4=37; in, 3 4 4 4 5 4 4 4 5=37. The record of the green is 73, made by his brother Hugh in July, 1890.

BLAIRGOWRIE.—RECORD.—Dr. J. G. McPherson holds the record with 40 for the nine holes, scored on August 10th, 1891, as follows:—6 6 4 4 4 4 5 3 4=40. Going out the second round, he commenced with two 4s, so that continuously his round of nine holes from the third hole was 36.

Members of the Ranelagh Golf Club can play at Barn Elms any day but Saturdays, by obtaining members' voucher (Ranelagh Club), and on payment of the usual gate money of 5s. Vouchers can also be obtained of Capt. Beak, or the secretary, Ranelagh Club. The club proposes to dine at the Café Royal at 7.30 on the 18th inst. if fifty members and their friends will send to Capt. Beak their names.

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS.—A new period in the history of the St. Nicholas Club was marked on Saturday, when the new golfing course recently secured, was formally opened by Captain A. J. Larke. There was a large gathering of the members and friends at the opening ceremony. Captain Larke, in the course of his speech, thanked the ladies and gentlemen for their presence in such large numbers. He remarked that the St. Nicholas was founded in 1851, the late earl of Eglinton being the patron, that the entry money was 6d., and the income 12s., and that now the members numbered 320, with an entry money of 5 guineas, and an income of over £700 for the past year. He trusted that with the erection of the new club-house, there would be comfortable accommodation for the members and their friends, and that with judicious management, the membership would go on increasing, and that the efforts of the committee would result in making these links second to none in the west of Scotland. The hon. secretary, Mr. Caldwell, in name of the members, presented the captain with a handsome silver-mounted club with which to play the first ball, and the ball having been struck off, the links were declared opened. A sweep-stake competition thereafter took place, prizes being given to the winners as arranged in classes according to handicap. The following are the results:—In the first-class, comprising players at scratch and up to 8 handicap—Mr. James Andrew, 81, less 3=78; Mr. J. H. Andrew, 79, scratch, 79; Mr. W. Hunter, 89, less 6=83. In the second class, with 9 up to 16 handicap—Mr. W. T. Morton, 93, less 10=83; Mr. M. Allison, 96, less 12=84; Mr. W. E. Gills, 95, less 10=85; Mr. A. Dunbar, 99, less 14=85. In the third class, with 17 up to 30 handicap—Mr. J. Donaldson, 99, less 18=81; Mr. W. T. Fergusson, 105, less 20=85; Mr. W. Paterson, 111, less 20=91; Mr. J. Todd, 112, less 20=92. Several foursomes were played after the competition, and the meeting throughout was characterised by the utmost enthusiasm.

EDINBURGH THISTLE CLUB.—This club met on Saturday at the Braid Hills to play their spring competition, which included the gold medal (scratch) and silver medal handicap, also fifteen prizes presented by the club. Mr. J. Braid, who had the honour of winning the gold medal and special prize presented by the captain, finished with a 78, and was closely followed by Mr. J. Nelson with a score of 80. The handicap prizes caused a keen competition. The silver medal was won by Mr. W. N. Firth with a score of 90, less 14=76. The following is the result of the prize-list:—Gold medal, Mr. J. Braid (scratch), 78; silver medal and 1st prize, Mr. W. N. Firth, 90, less 14=76; Mr. A. Struthers, 89, less 12=77; Mr. J. Braid (scratch), 78; Mr. J. Nelson (scratch), 80, and P. Whitton, 94, less 14=80, tie; Mr. W. Stewart, 85, less 4=81; Mr. J. W. Barclay, 89, less 8=81; Mr. E. Harvey, 93, less 12=81; and Mr. C. Macrae, 97, less 16=81, tie; Mr. J. Ford, 109, less 27=82; Mr. A. Elder, 93, less 9=84; Mr. W. Cunningham, 94, less 10=84; Mr. T. Brown, 96, less 12=84; and Mr. J. Smith, 108, less 24=84, tie; Mr. J. Harvey, 91, less 6=85; Mr. J. Grant, 96, less 11=85; and Mr. J. Hutchison, 97, less 12=85, tied for the last prize.



ABERDEEN.

Golfers were favoured with excellent weather here on Saturday, and some capital scoring took place over the Balgowrie links, in the competition for the Aberdeen Club's monthly scratch medal and the Davidson cup (handicap). There was a large turn-out of members, and a comparison of the cards handed in showed that Mr. Basil S. McLellan had won both prizes—the scratch medal with the excellent score of 84, and the cup with 84, less 4=80. The following are a few of the lowest scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. B. S. McLellan	84	4 80	Mr. R. D. Leslie	95	8 87
Mr. H. C. Hadden	91	10 81	Mr. Fred. McCrae	88	scr. 88
Mr. R. W. K. Bain	103	18 85	Mr. J. McK. Ferguson	87	+2 89
Mr. W. C. H. Jopp	92	6 86	Dr. David Littlejohn	95	6 89
Mr. C. F. Hayne	96	10 86	Dr. James Moir	95	6 89
Mr. C. F. Deans-			Dr. Joseph Ogilvie	97	6 91
Dundas	91	4 87	Mr. J. A. Montgomerie	101	10 91

A team of twelve men of the Victoria Club here journeyed to Peterhead on Monday, May 2nd—the Aberdeen spring holiday—to meet a similar number of the local players. The weather during the forenoon was delightful, but the sun was, if anything, too bright for good golfing. The greens and approaches were very keen, which handicapped the strangers to a somewhat considerable extent. Nevertheless, a good game was enjoyed, and the match upon the whole was a very close one. The following is the result:—

PETERHEAD.

VICTORIA (ABERDEEN).

PETERHEAD.		VICTORIA (ABERDEEN).	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. James Forrest	0	Mr. A. M. M. Dunn	6
Mr. J. Milne	0	Mr. Alexander Cooper	3
Mr. A. W. Robertson	0	Mr. L. Anderson	1
Mr. W. L. Murray	0	Mr. J. B. Banks	4
Mr. A. Philip	0	Mr. A. R. Williams	2
Mr. H. Martin	0	Mr. James Stewart	7
Mr. R. Martin	2	Mr. D. Milne	0
Mr. W. Mackay	3	Mr. J. A. Ross	0
Mr. P. Yule	3	Mr. James R. Smith	0
Mr. J. A. Fairley	2	Mr. George Souter	0
Mr. J. Gibb	0	Mr. George Anderson	0
Mr. R. Gray	0	Mr. J. H. Jamieson	8
Total	10	Total	31

The Victoria team won by 21 holes.

A large crowd witnessed the games during the day, and much interest was evinced in the competitions. The strangers during the day were handsomely treated by the members of the Peterhead Club, and their visit was much enjoyed.

ARDEN GOLF CLUB.

The May competition for the monthly cup of the above club was played off on Saturday, May 7th, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. M. C. Lord	104	25 79	Mr. J. A. Marigold	132	29 103
Mr. J. F. Wright	105	18 87	Mr. G. Zair	134	27 107
Mr. C. Airy	96	4 92	Mr. H. Margetts	133	25 108
Mr. F. A. Bainbridge	96	2 94	Mr. P. E. Ridge	139	30 109
Mr. H. Greenway	114	20 94	Mr. E. Bliss	148	30 118
Mr. R. G. Evered	121	26 95			

Several players made no return.

ANTWERP GOLF CLUB.

Last Saturday was quite a gala day on these links, when a team match was played against Brussels. It will be seen by the score below that the visitors suffered defeat. They, however, had their revenge in the afternoon in foursome play, Mr. Hope and his son beating Messrs.

Watson and Evan-Thomas by 8 holes; while Messrs. MacLean and Brooke, doing a record of 82, beat Messrs. Wyllie and Potter by 10 up. The Antwerp links are at present in magnificent order, the putting-greens being as true as a billiard-table. Much labour has evidently been expended on them, and the thanks of all golfers are due to the genial president, Mr. W. J. R. Watson, for developing the game in such a manner as he has done on a foreign soil.

Score:—

BRUSSELS.			ANTWERP.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Mr. Charles Hope	3	Mr. W. J. Watson	0		
Mr. F. J. Hope	3	Mr. L. Evan-Thomas	0		
Mr. D. MacLean	4	Mr. Potter	0		
Mr. Brooke	1	Mr. Wyley	0		
Mr. E. R. Holson	0	Mr. Vivian	6		
Mr. Richards	0	Mr. Proctor	2		
Mr. Mackenzie	1	Mr. Flemwell	0		
Capt. Reyntiens	0	Mr. Malcolm	0		
Mr. Scobell	0	Mr. Graham	7		
Mr. Conynghame Green	0	Mr. Moody	2		
	12				17

Majority for Antwerp, 5 holes.

ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday, the 7th inst., when a strong wind was blowing, and made good scoring difficult. Mr. H. Gwyn Jeffreys was the winner with the net score of 86. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. H. Gwyn Jeffreys	111	25 86	Mr. Ingram	B.	
Mr. Claud G. Salmon	102	12 90	Walker	122	25 97

No returns from Messrs. J. B. Pettit, G. H. Garrett, F. D. Bright, and John Fry.

BLACKHEATH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

In playing for the monthly medal on May 4th, the captain reduced her previous best (and the record) by 2 points, and returned a card containing five threes and but one 6. With a little more practice she will probably show how eighteen holes may be played in something less than 60. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mrs. Mackern	71	scr. 71	Mrs. Penrose	102	14 88
Miss Swinton	91	13 78	Miss Sheringham	116	24 92
Miss Farnall	88	9 79	Miss Wilkinson	99	4 95
Miss A. Bidwell	96	16 80	Miss M. Richardson	100	4 96
Mrs. Johnson	99	17 82	Miss Kernaghan	106	7 99
Miss D. Riddle	95	9 86	Miss A. Richardson	107	6 101
Miss Richardson	111	24 87			

BOWDON GOLF CLUB.

The fourth monthly competition for the club gold medal, to be played for in October next, was held on Saturday last, the 7th inst., on the links at Dunham Massey. Mr. F. Merriman, with a net score of 89, secured a place in the final competition for the medal, and also took first prize in the optional sweepstakes, the second prize being divided between Messrs. Turnbull, Ball, and W. G. Clegg, who each had net scores of 93.

The scoring was high, probably on account of the strong westerly wind.

The following, out of about 40 who competed, had scores below 110 net:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. F. Merriman	109	20 89	Mr. S. W. Gillett	106	6 100
Mr. T. S. Turnbull	113	20 93	Mr. W. Reid	137	36 101
Mr. G. Shorland Ball	118	25 93	Mr. W. S. Mainprice	124	22 102
Mr. W. G. Clegg	102	9 93	Mr. F. Platt-Higgins	124	20 104
Mr. D. MacIver	115	20 95	Mr. F. Faulkner	134	30 104
Rev. Wilson Cowie	107	11 96	Mr. J. B. Duncan	124	20 104
Mr. F. C. Morgan	99	3 96	Mr. Sidney Smelt	123	18 195
Dr. Denniston	114	16 98	Mr. T. W. Killick	143	36 107
Mr. E. Withington	122	23 99			

A competition, without handicap, for the championship of the club, will be held on Saturday, May 21st, open to all members. The player with the lowest score for thirty-six holes will be declared champion for 1892, and will be presented with a silver medal as a memento. It is hoped that a large number will compete.

BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB.

The tie in the open competition of this club between Messrs. J. W. Fowler and W. Rowlands, both members of the West Lancashire Club, on being played off, resulted in favour of Mr. Fowler (scratch), who again went round in 82.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., the three winners in the competitions for the Dorning silver bowl met for the purpose of finally contesting its

ownership. Mr. J. E. Pearson was the successful player, with 95, less 5=90; Mr. T. O. Clinning coming next with 117, less 20=97; and Mr. C. A. Colman being 121, less 20=101.

The final between the six winners of the ladies' competitions for the club prize was played on Thursday, the 5th inst., the winner being Miss Darwell. The following were the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Miss Darwell	130	45 85	Miss F. M. Coney	138	35 103
Miss M. Coney	114	18 96	Miss E. Mayall	119	15 104
Miss Coney	153	50 103	Miss Burton	115	10 105

BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the club was held at the Clarence Rooms, Hotel Metropole, on Thursday, 5th May.

Baron de Worms (the President) took the chair, and it was unanimously resolved, "That from the first January next the annual subscription of the club should be raised to two guineas per annum for all members."

Baron de Worms entertained the members of the committee to dinner on the same evening, at his residence, 27, Adelaide Crescent.

SPRING PRIZE MEETING.

The Spring Meeting commenced on Friday, May 6th. The weather was fine, but a strong cold north wind somewhat interfered with the players. In spite of this the returns were very good, some of the members showing form which they had never displayed before.

Captain Congreve, who is quite a novice at the game, carried off the Harvey Spiller cup and club prize, value £5, with 108, less 30=78. Mr. H. J. Percival scored a very popular win for the Knipe cup, with 95, less 16=79, and Messrs. A. J. Stanley and C. O. Walker divided the sweep.

The following is the full score for Friday:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Captain Congreve	108	30 78	Mr. W. W. Thompson	102	12 90
Mr. H. J. Percival	95	16 79	Mr. A. Radford	112	22 90
Mr. A. J. Stanley	90	8 82	Major Dudgeon	116	25 91
Mr. C. O. Walker	91	9 82	Mr. F. G. Sherlock	106	13 93
Hon. Ivo Bligh	90	7 83	Captain Richards	113	20 93
Mr. J. Brock	91	8 83	Mr. P. A. Willett	109	15 94
Mr. W. Carr	89	3 86	Mr. H. J. Pearson	110	16 94
Mr. H. W. Street	101	14 87	Mr. G. L. Denman	116	22 94
Mr. A. Denman	92	3 89	Mr. G. R. Burnett	117	20 97
Mr. T. S. D. Selby	105	16 89	Mr. C. E. Pearson	111	12 99

Twenty players made no return.

On Saturday, in lovely weather, the meeting came to a most successful conclusion. The Buckley Bowl Club prize, value £5, and Berens monthly medal were won by Mr. F. G. Horne with 96, less 17=79. Mr. W. Carr, with the fine return of 85, less 3=82, taking the first sweep. Mr. Carr also won the Nesham Bowl for the best gross aggregate score of the two days with 174.

The Sherlock cup for the best net aggregate score of the two days was won by Mr. A. J. Stanley, after a tie with Messrs. W. Carr, and C. O. Walker, at 168. The following is the score for Saturday:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. F. G. Horne	96	17 79	Mr. A. Denman	92	3 89
Mr. W. Carr	85	3 82	Rev. T. H. Belcher	99	10 89
Mr. S. S. Schultz	90	7 83	Mr. C. Graves	113	24 89
Mr. R. B. Reid	99	16 83	Major Marriott	106	16 90
Captain Richards	104	20 84	Mr. T. S. D. Selby	106	16 90
Mr. A. J. Stanley	94	8 85	Mr. F. Furze	110	20 90
Mr. F. L. Rawson	95	9 86	Mr. H. W. Street	105	14 91
Mr. C. O. Walker	95	9 86	Mr. J. H. Senior	113	22 91
Mr. F. E. Badham	102	16 86	Major Dudgeon	116	25 91
Hon. Ivo Bligh	94	7 87	Mr. C. G. Heath-		
Mr. W. W. Thomp-			cote	105	12 93
son	99	12 87	Mr. F. G. Sherlock	107	13 94
Mr. W. Keen	117	30 87	Mr. G. R. Burnett	114	20 94
Mr. E. F. S. Tyle-			Mr. J. Hinde Crouch	113	18 95
cote	95	7 88	Mr. J. Campbell	118	22 96
Mr. P. A. Willett	103	15 88	Mr. A. de Worms	129	30 99
Mr. H. J. Pearson	104	16 88			

Twenty-one players made no return.

The Nesham cup (for the best aggregate gross score)—Mr. W. Carr, 174.

The Sherlock cup (for the best net aggregate score—Messrs. A. J. Stanley, 168; W. Carr, 168; C. O. Walker, 168, tie.

On playing off, Mr. A. J. Stanley won with 88, less 8=80.

A Record.—On Thursday, Mr. Walter Carr, playing with Mr. Arthur Denman, broke the Amateur Record for the links, with a grand score of 78.

The following are the details:—

Out	5	5	4	3	5	6	4	5	3=40	} 78
In	3	3	4	6	4	4	4	5	5=38	

BOXMOOR GOLF CLUB, HERTS.

The monthly sweepstakes for members was held on Saturday, the 30th April, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Rev. P. S. Ward	110	7 103	Mr. C. L. M. Pearson	119	5 114
Mr. F. Cornwell	128	23 105	Mr. J. B. Wildman	126	10 116
Mr. M. S. Ward	128	20 108	Mr. W. H. Macintosh	137	12 125
Mr. F. Basset	131	23 108			

Others made no return.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

Linskill cup and Pirie medal.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. C. J. Dunlop	84	14 70	Mr. H. Parker	86	4 82
Mr. C. E. Marriott	84	12 72	Mr. C. Pigg	87	5 82
Mr. J. B. Whitelaw	81	6 75	Mr. E. L. Evans	102	20 82
Mr. A. M. Joshua	81	5 76	Mr. R. A. Nicholson	83	scr. 83
Mr. C. E. Hambro	80	3 77	Mr. J. C. Muir	97	12 85
Mr. H. Philipps	102	25 77	Mr. W. Hartree	94	8 86
Mr. I. H. Maxwell	86	8 78	Mr. C. R. Hulbard	104	15 89
Mr. J. R. Laurie	90	12 78	Mr. J. Gorlich	115	26 89
Mr. J. H. Percival	98	20 78	Mr. H. Davidson	122	30 92
Mr. W. Watson	94	14 80	Mr. H. P. Mason	113	20 93
Mr. E. C. P. Boyd	81	scr. 81			

Several gave no return. There was a large entry. Pouring wet day. Mr. Hambro won the Linskill cup, and Mr. Dunlop the Pirie medal. A meeting was held in the evening at the town rooms, 5, St. Mary's Passage. Officers for next term:—Mr. C. Pigg (president), Mr. J. L. Low (captain), Mr. W. T. Linskill (hon. sec.), and Mr. R. C. Burrows (treasurer).

CARNARVONSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The above club held their first spring meeting on their prettily situated links near Conway, during the first week of this month. The usual monthly medal was competed for on Tuesday, 3rd inst., in terribly wet and blustery weather, the result being as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. C. A. Hartley	105	22 83	Mr. E. A. Young	100	8 92
Mr. F. E. Woodhead	94	10 84	Mr. Harold Smith	110	7 103
Mr. G. H. Healy	113	22 91	Mr. John Powers	113	10 103

* Winner.

Mr. Albert Wood and Mr. A. L. Woodhead retired.

On the following day (Wednesday) the "Bogey Man" challenge cup, presented by Mr. E. A. Young, was competed for. The wind blew very strongly from the East, giving the "Bogey Man" such an advantage, that he beat all his competitors. Mr. C. A. Hartley, although his handicap was reduced 4 points, came in a winner with 2 holes down, the full result being as follows:—

	Strokes.	Holes.
*Mr. C. A. Hartley	18	2 down.
Mr. E. A. Young	8	4 "
Mr. F. E. Woodhead	7	3 "
Mr. Harold Smith	7	5 "
Mr. W. Hillman	10	6 "
Capt. Lempriere	25	7 "
Mr. A. L. Woodhead	14	7 "
Col. Marshall	20	9 "
Dr. F. Smith	10	10 "
Mr. J. E. Fincham	30	10 "
Mr. John Powers	10	11 "
Mr. A. Wood	20	12 "

* Winner.

Mr. G. H. Healey, Rev. Jenkins, and Mr. O. S. Pilkington retired.

On Thursday the weather was all that could be desired, and some very exciting foursome matches were played off. The handicapping proved to be as correct as it is possible to make it, all the matches being decided on the very last putt, except in one case. In fact, the match between the brothers Woodhead and Mr. Young and his partner, Mr. Hartley, finished up all even, and had to be decided by playing an extra hole, which fell to the former couple, who also proved the winners in the final.

First Round.—Messrs. E. A. Young and C. A. Hartley, Messrs. H. Smith and G. H. Healey, Messrs. A. Wood and J. E. Fincham, byes; Messrs. F. E. Woodhead and A. L. Woodhead beat Dr. Smith and Mr. W. Hillman by 1 hole.

Second Round.—Messrs. F. E. Woodhead and A. L. Woodhead beat Messrs. E. A. Young and C. A. Hartley by 1 hole; Messrs. H. Smith and G. H. Healey beat Messrs. Albert Wood and J. E. Fincham by 2 holes.

Final Round.—Messrs. F. E. Woodhead and A. L. Woodhead beat Messrs. H. Smith and G. H. Healey by 1 hole.

On the Friday a very pleasant team match was played against eleven members of the Chester Golf Club, who reached Conway about 11.30,

and were driven to the club-house at once. The subjoined scores show that the young Welsh club could more than hold its own, and won by fifteen holes. Messrs. F. E. Woodhead and E. A. Young, in particular, played very fine games for the Home team, and were well supported by the whole team. The two teams and their respective scores were as follows:—

CARNARVONSHIRE.		CHESTER.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. Harold Smith ...	... 0	Mr. G. H. Reynolds ...	... 1
Mr. F. E. Woodhead...	... 8	Mr. H. Mayhew ...	... 0
Mr. E. A. Young ...	... 4	Mr. H. F. Birley ...	... 0
Mr. W. Hillman ...	... 1	Mr. H. G. Stock ...	... 0
Dr. F. Smith ...	... 0	Mr. G. W. Hayes ...	... 3
Mr. J. O. Williams ...	... 0	Mr. E. Massie...	... 1
Mr. A. L. Woodhead...	... 2	Mr. W. Hayes... ..	... 0
Mr. C. A. Hartley ...	... 0	Capt. Young ...	... 3
Mr. Albert Wood ...	... 0	Capt. Drummond ...	... 1
Col. Marshall ...	... 2	Mr. Wilkinson...	... 0
Mr. G. H. Healey ...	... 7	Mr. J. H. Massie ...	... 0
	24		9

Majority in favour of Carnarvonshire, 15 holes.

On Saturday the meeting terminated with a team match of nine a-side against the Rhyll Golf Club, and the home team carried everything before them, winning by forty-seven holes. The weather was again perfect. Scores:—

CARNARVONSHIRE,		RHYLL.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. Harold Smith ...	... 2	Mr. H. Mayhew ...	... 0
Mr. F. E. Woodhead ...	... 10	Mr. H. W. Hind ...	... 0
Mr. E. A. Young ...	... 2	Mr. H. F. Birley ...	... 0
Dr. Smith ...	... 0	Mr. H. G. Stock ...	... 1
Mr. A. L. Woodhead ...	... 10	Mr. W. Williams ...	... 0
Mr. C. A. Hartley ...	... 3	Lieut. Roe-Browne ...	... 0
Col. Marshall ...	... 4	Col. Mainwaring ...	... 0
Mr. Albert Wood ...	... 8	Mr. J. Briscoe...	... 0
Mr. G. H. Healey ...	... 9	Mr. G. Francis ...	... 0
	48		1

Majority in favour of Carnarvonshire, 47 holes.

Return matches will shortly be arranged, to take place at Chester and Rhyll.

The links at Conway have been very much improved, and the visitors were so charmed that many of them put down their names for election next month. No doubt the Carnarvonshire Club will soon become one of the most popular, and have to increase the accommodation at their club-house, or remove to a larger house. The hon. secretary will be pleased to give any information asked for as to the links, &c.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE GOLF CLUB.

The ninth competition of the sweepstakes in connection with the above club was held on Saturday afternoon. There were ten entrants, but only eight made returns. The ground was very hard, and this fact, in addition to the strong wind, made good play difficult. Mr. J. Wilkin proved the winner with 86, which, considering the disadvantages with which he had to contend, was a good score. The following are the results of the competition:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. Wilkin ...	96 10 86	Mr. W. Percy ...	126 32 94
Mr. J. R. Bolton ...	106 18 88	Mr. S. Baker ...	114 20 94
Mr. A. Hardwicke...	99 10 89	Mr. W.G. Richardson	123 24 99
Mr. R. Sanderson ...	101 10 91	Mr. G. W. Williams	103 3 100

Messrs. J. W. Wood and R. Thompson retired.

The new club-house adjacent to the old mill in Claremont Road is rapidly nearing completion, and will be ready at an early date. The proposed working men's club is meeting with great favour, and already several have signified their willingness to join. Those who wish to become members are asked to forward their names to T. Fernie, the club professional, 30, Claremont Road, so that a meeting can be called to consider the formation of a club.

CLAPHAM COMMON GOLF CLUB.

The Cronin monthly handicap medal competition took place on Thursday, May 5th, with the following results:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. T. C. Last ...	99 23 76	Mr. G. H. Gill ...	107 16 91
Mr. E. J. Hunt ...	99 16 83	Mr. J. W. Grover...	107 16 91
Mr. J. Taylor ...	92 8 84	Mr. A. T. Ransome.	111 18 93
Mr. E. L. Arnold ...	105 20 85	Mr. D. F. Russell...	109 16 93
Mr. J. W. Pace ...	104 18 86	Mr. J. B. Wood ...	100 6 94
Mr. J. Millar ...	107 20 87	Mr. T. R. Pace ...	110 14 96
Mr. T. Ravenhill ...	110 22 88	Dr. G. S. Woodhead	120 18 102

Mr. G. Hopgood no return.

DISLEY GOLF CLUB.

The spring meeting was held on May 7th, when the President's cup was competed for. There was a large number of entries, but a strong wind in the afternoon considerably handicapped a number of the players. The following were the best scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. C. Garrett...	102 13 89	Mr. T. C. Norris ...	112 16 96
Rev. J. H. Bourne...	96 5 91	Mr. H. D. Tonge...	109 10 99
Mr. G. C. Greenwell	96 3 93	Mr. T. H. Mills ...	111 12 99
Mr. W. Bell ...	94 scr. 94	Mr. H. Liebert ...	117 18 99
Mr. G. J. Hutton ...	106 10 96	Mr. J. Murray ...	125 25 100

The first four will play off for the cup under match rules.

The singles tournament competition for the Hutton shield was brought to an end recently, the final tie being won by Mr. T. A. Yates.

The final competition for the winter handicap medal took place on April 30th, and was won by Mr. J. D. Milne with the score of 99 gross.

During a private match played recently, Mr. W. Bell established a new record for the green, going round the eighteen holes in 80—first round 38 (also a record), second round 42.

DURHAM GOLF CLUB.

The fourth competition for the Osborn cup was played on Wednesday, May 4th. Mr. O. B. Cluff was the winner with an excellent net score of 86. Fine weather prevailed, and the greens, under the care of David Walker were in excellent order. The following are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. O. B. Cluff ...	111 25 86	Dr. E. S. Robson...	105 5 100
Mr. B. T. Walter ...	122 28 94	Mr. G. C. Roberts	118 17 101
Mr. G. B. Randolph	120 25 95	Mr. T. W. Cluff ...	126 25 101
Dr. O. F. N. Tread-		Mr. W. Oldham ...	129 27 102
well ...	93 +5 98	Mr. A. Hutchinson	123 20 103
Mr. F. J. Roberts...	138 40 98	Mr. M. L. Roberts	148 35 113

FOLKESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly handicap and Morris cross was played for on Tuesday, 3rd inst., and the Ladies' handicap and Edwards prize on Wednesday, 4th.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. Jeffery ...	95 14 81	Captain Conwy ...	126 30 96
Captain Eccles ...	102 10 92	Mr. Scanlan ...	111 14 97
Mr. A. Paine ...	106 14 92	Major Harding ...	102 4 98
Colonel Jee ...	112 18 94	Mr. Richards ...	128 27 101
Major Willie ...	119 24 95	Mr. Morris ..	120 18 102
Mr. Riley ...	120 25 95	General Williams ...	136 30 106
Mr. Noel ...	122 27 95	Mr. Seymour ...	138 30 108

* Winner of the Morris cross.

Several others made no return, or were over 100 net.

Ladies' handicap:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Miss B. Wood ...	67 8 59	Miss B. Edwards ...	102 27 75
Miss Eccles ...	76 15 61	Miss Alice Eccles ...	86 10 76
Miss Augusta Eccles	71 8 63	Miss P. Jeffery ...	96 20 76
Miss Edwards ...	72 8 64	Miss Jeffery...	99 20 79
Miss D. Jeffery ...	83 15 68	Miss Webster ...	105 25 80
Miss L. Wood ...	93 20 73		

* Winner of Edwards prize.

FORFARSHIRE.

On the 4th inst. the members of the Montrose Victoria Club competed for the spring medal. A strong north-easterly wind was blowing, which prevented low scoring. About thirty players started, and the medal was won by Mr. R. R. Balfour, captain of the club, with the creditable score of 87. The prize for the lowest score was also won by Mr. Balfour. The first sweepstake was won by Mr. C. R. Murray, who came in at 89, his number; the second by Mr. Walter Mitchell, 1 above; and the third by Mr. W. F. Melvin, 3 above.

The second of the monthly Wednesday competitions in connection with the Broughty Club took place at Monifieth on the 4th inst., when a neat gold pendant presented by a member, and several club prizes were played for. There was a large turn-out, between thirty and forty members starting. A stiff breeze from the eastward told against the outward scores. The best records made were—Mr. James Bowman, 95; Mr. Thomas Drimmie, 97; Mr. James Ross, 97. The winner of the pendant, which goes to the player who comes most below his average, was Mr. John Smart, with a score of 109, being 11 below. The winners of prizes and sweepstakes were as follows:—First-class—Scratch and average, Mr. James Bowman, 95, 1 below. Second-class—Scratch (tie), Mr. Thomas Drimmie and Mr. James Ross, 97 each. Average—Mr. R. B. Smith, 105, 10 below; 1st sweepstake, Mr. John Smart, 109, 11 below; 2nd, Mr. R. B. Smith, 105, 10 below; 3rd and 4th (tie), Mr. James Ross, 97, and Mr. W. C. Laird, 103, both 9

below; 5th (tie), Captain Croudace, 102, and Mr. James Ireland, 112, both 8 below.

A foursome was played over the Arbroath Golf course at Elliot on Tuesday evening, 3rd inst., between Messrs. Scott (Carnoustie) and Greig (Arbroath) and Messrs. Munro (Carnoustie) and Doig (Arbroath). The weather was unpropitious, a strong wind blowing from the north-east, making low scores an impossibility. The greens, however, were in first-class condition. At the turn the match stood—Scott and Greig 1 up. On the return journey the fates seemed to be against Munro and Doig, they having lost five holes in succession. The next two holes were halved at 4 and 6 respectively, while the seventeenth hole went to Scott and Greig. The last hole, however, went to Munro and Doig at 6 against their opponents' 7. The match thus ultimately finished with Scott and Greig 6 up.

A meeting of the Dalhousie Club was held in Lamb's Hotel last Friday night, Mr. Prain, captain of the club, in the chair. Five new members were admitted. Several alterations were made in the rules, and office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year, viz.:—Mr. R. B. Sharp, captain; Mr. D. M'Intyre, hon. secretary and treasurer; Messrs. H. M. Robinson, P. C. Scott, and R. B. Thomson, members of council. Votes of thanks to the retiring captain and councillors and the chairman were unanimously agreed to.

The Dalhousie Club spring competition for the club and Moir medals, came off on the Carnoustie links on Saturday. The course was in capital order, and sixty-six players took part. After an excellent afternoon's play, it was found that three players had tied—viz., Messrs. C. G. Gilroy, A. F. Macfie and David Lamb, each of them having scored 88 strokes. On the tie being played off, Mr. Macfie gained the club medal, and Mr. Lamb the Moir medal. Amongst the best scorers were:—Mr. R. B. Sharp, 89; Mr. J. Melville, 90; Mr. Robert Keay, 91; Mr. H. B. Gilroy, 91; Mr. W. Scott, jun., 93; Mr. D. Scott, jun., 94; Mr. J. Cunningham, jun., 94; Mr. W. R. Sharp, 95; Mr. John Sharp, jun., 95; Mr. W. Gibson, jun., 95; Mr. H. M. Robinson, 95; Mr. W. Anderson, 95.

The members of the Montrose Mechanics' Club, completed for their Albert medal on Saturday. The weather was changeable, and the shifty wind proved somewhat troublesome. Mr. W. Cobb, with the score of 83, won the medal, and the winners of the sweepstakes were:—Mr. James Wishart, 90, 2 above; Mr. Alex. Cobb, 91, 3 above; Mr. James Pairman, 93, 3 above; Mr. John Young, 94, 3 above; Mr. William Nicoll, 96, 3 above; Mr. George M'Intosh, 85, 5 above.

The spring meeting of the Scotsraig Club, Tayport, was held on Saturday, when there was a large turn-out of members to compete for the Scotsraig silver medal (scratch) and Newport and Wizard medals (handicap). The result was as follows:—Winner of the Scotsraig medal, Mr. Sim, 86 (scratch); winner of the Newport medal, Mr. R. Law, 93, less 12=81; Messrs. Sim and Millar tied for the Wizard medal with 84 each, deducting allowance. The next best were:—Rev. C. Halliday, 87, less 2=85; Mr. J. Eadie, 105, less 18=87; Dr. J. Orr, 93, less 4=89; Mr. A. Thomson, 90 (scratch); Mr. A. Melville, 96, less 6=90; Mr. G. Bell, 106, less 16=90; Mr. W. Hogg, 95, less 2=93; Mr. W. Davidson, 103, less 10=93; Mr. G. D. White, 107, less 14=93; Mr. J. Inch, 108, less 12=96; Mr. W. Smith, 103, less 6=97; Mr. C. Riddell, 113, less 16=97; Mr. W. Hutcheon, 108, less 10=98; Mr. W. Ritchie, 113, less 14=99; Mr. J. M. Scott, 118, less 18=100.

GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB.

The spring meeting was held on Thursday and Saturday last. Considering that no appreciable amount of rain had fallen on Merrow Downs for three months the course was in good order, but naturally the greens were rather tricky. Two new greens were opened for the meeting, and the contrast between the imported turf on these greens (the ninth and fourteenth) and the other natural greens was very marked, and rather puzzling.

On Thursday the only prize was the spring (silver) medal, played under handicap. The scoring was very level, no exceptional scores being returned, and the result was a tie between Col. W. Pott and Mr. J. Kenrick. The first optional sweepstakes went to Mr. A. H. Mathison, and the second to Mr. A. Bovill. The tie for the "Bogey" competition at the Easter meeting was decided in the afternoon, Mr. C. A. Woodhouse securing the reading-lamp presented by Mr. C. E. Nesham, M. H. H. Playford taking the second prize, a dozen balls, also presented by Mr. Nesham.

The events for decision on Saturday were the Duncan challenge medal (scratch), a handicap prize, and an aggregate prize (handicap) for the two days' play. The handicap prizes were all limited to 18 strokes for a handicap. About seventy players started. The day was very fine, but owing to the absence of rain it looked as though the greens would be more difficult than on Thursday, but the scores returned did not bear this out. Mr. A. A. Cammell was the hero of the day, as his fine round of 82 reduced the record of the green by no less than five strokes, and won for him the Duncan challenge medal,

and the honour of playing from scratch in future. About this time last year Mr. Cammell established a record for the green with a score of 83, but since then the course has been altered and made at least four strokes harder. Mr. D. L. Poole won the handicap prize with a net score of 80, and the aggregate with a score of 170. The general meeting of the club was held in the afternoon, when Mr. J. A. Ross was elected captain for the year. The balance-sheet showed a balance of £525 for the year, and was considered satisfactory, and a vote of thanks was passed to the building committee for the club-house, where Mrs. Pinkerton, as stewardess, manages to make members very comfortable. Mr. A. A. Cammell's record was made up as follows:—

Out	...	...	5	5	3	4	5	4	4	3	5=38.
In	...	...	5	3	5	6	5	4	5	6	5=44.

Scores, Thursday, 5th May. The spring (silver) medal:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.						
Mr. J. Kenrick	...	90	4	86	Mr. H. L. Forbes...	101	8	93	
Col. W. Pott	...	99	13	86	Mr. C. H. Parry	...	111	18	93
Mr. A. H. Mathison	...	97	10	87	Mr. H. T. Cattle...	...	106	12	94
Mr. A. Bovill	...	98	10	88	Mr. L. Howell	...	109	15	94
Mr. D. L. Poole	...	98	8	90	Mr. B. Howell	...	98	3	95
Mr. W. D. Marshall	...	99	9	90	Capt. the Hon. A. R. Hewitt	...	102	7	95
Mr. J. F. Newton	...	105	15	90	Mr. C. A. Woodhouse	...	107	12	95
Mr. C. E. Nesham	...	93	2	91	Mr. G. H. Trollope	...	114	18	96
Mr. H. Blackett	...	100	9	91	Mr. G. W. Duncan	...	110	12	98
Mr. A. A. Cammell	...	94	2	92					
Mr. G. E. Tabor	...	104	12	92					

The others were over 100, or made no return.

Saturday, 7th May. The Duncan challenge medal:—Mr. A. A. Cammell, 82; Mr. D. L. Poole, 88; Mr. W. D. Marshall, 92; Mr. C. E. Nesham, 94; Mr. G. E. Tabor, 94; Capt. the Hon. A. R. Hewitt, 98; Mr. J. Kenrick, 99; Mr. R. Howell, 99; Mr. H. Paine, jun., 99; Mr. G. H. Longman, 99.

May 7th. Handicap prize:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.						
Mr. A. A. Cammell	...	82	2	80	Mr. C. E. Nesham	...	94	2	92
Mr. D. L. Poole	...	88	8	80	Mr. H. L. Forbes	...	100	8	92
Mr. G. E. Tabor	...	94	12	82	Mr. A. Bovill	...	102	10	92
Mr. W. D. Marshall	...	92	9	83	Mr. C. A. Woodhouse	...	104	12	92
Mr. E. S. Trouncer	...	103	18	85	Mr. T. Bett	...	104	12	92
Mr. C. H. Parry	...	103	18	85	Mr. W. P. Trench	...	105	13	92
Mr. A. W. Maitland	...	101	14	87	Col. W. Pott	...	104	12	92
Mr. H. Paine, jun.	...	99	12	87	Mr. R. Case	...	110	16	94
Mr. W. Du Buisson	...	105	16	89	Mr. J. Kenrick	...	99	3	96
Mr. E. W. Sargeant	...	107	18	89	Mr. J. H. Bovill	...	105	9	96
Mr. R. Howell	...	99	9	90	Col. G. Lamb	...	105	9	96
Mr. L. Howell	...	105	15	90	Mr. T. Du Buisson	...	114	18	96
Mr. T. Ramsbotham	...	108	18	90	Mr. W. J. Perkins	...	115	18	97
Capt. the Hon. A. R. Hewitt	...	98	7	91	Mr. G. H. Longman	...	not hepd.	99	
Mr. H. T. Cattle	...	103	12	91					

Aggregate (handicap):—

Mr. D. L. Poole	...	90	80	170	Mr. C. E. Nesham	...	91	92	183
Mr. A. A. Cammell	...	92	80	172	Mr. L. Howell	...	94	90	184
Mr. W. D. Marshall	...	90	83	173	Mr. H. L. Forbes	...	93	92	185
Mr. G. E. Tabor	...	92	82	174	Mr. H. T. Cattle	...	94	91	185
Col. W. Pott	...	86	91	177	Capt. the Hon. A. R. Hewitt	...	95	91	186
Mr. C. H. Parry	...	93	85	178	Mr. C. A. Woodhouse	...	95	92	187
Mr. A. Bovill	...	88	92	180	Mr. T. Bett	...	95	92	187
Mr. J. Kenrick	...	86	95	181					
Mr. W. Du Buisson	...	93	89	182					

HUNSTANTON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Monday, May 2nd. The weather was windy, and wet in the forenoon, which made the scoring somewhat high. The following were the scores under 100:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.						
Mr. J. C. Morgan-Brown	...	91	10	81	Rev. H. D. Barrett	...	112	18	94
Mr. J. W. M. Palk	...	118	25	93	Mr. Holcombe	...			
Rev. G. T. Thompson	...	118	24	94	Ingleby	...	107	8	99

GULLANE CLUB.—The final round in the hole competition of the Gullane Club (which was not overtaken on Saturday, the 23rd ult.,) took place on the 25th ult. between Mr. R. M'Gowan (3) and Mr. T. Lugton, jun. (scratch.) A short round of twelve holes was played, and the result was a victory for Mr. Lugton by 3 holes. The weather was showery, with a stiff breeze blowing. The prize won by Mr. Lugton consists of a handsome afternoon tea-set.

ILKLEY GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was competed for on the above links on Saturday last. Only fourteen cards were handed in, half a gale of wind spoiling the returns of a large number of players. Mr. A. J. C. Stanfield, of the Wakefield Golf Club, was winner of the medal and first optional sweepstake.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. J. C. Stanfield	109	18	91	Mr. J. Cooper Shaw	122	20	102
Mr. A. L. Booth	119	27	92	Mr. T. A. Carpenter	143	36	107
Mr. P. N. Lee	104	10	94	Mr. L. Glyde	148	36	112
Mr. F. H. Howson	126	30	96	Mr. W. F. Potter	133	20	113
Mr. D. F. Douglas	120	20	100	Mr. J. C. Sykes	156	40	116
Mr. S. Meredith	141	40	101	Mr. N. C. Sayers	156	40	116
Mr. B. Hirst	122	22	102				

No returns, or over 116, from fourteen others.

The final round for the Buckley cup presented to the club by Mr. W. E. Buckley, of Southport, was concluded on Saturday, when Dr. Bampton, (40,) beat Dr. McDowall, (20,) after a close contest, an extra round of nine holes having to be played, the first round resulting in a halved match. Turnbull, the new assistant professional, last week broke the record of the links in a friendly game with a member, with the splendid score of 38 for the nine holes, the previous best score having been 40, made by Messrs. Geo. Kay and H. Hilton, of Hoylake. Full returns below :—

First Round.—Mr. D. F. Douglas beat Mr. F. R. Kitson; Mr. A. L. Booth beat Mr. A. D. Stuart; Dr. Bampton beat Mr. W. H. Scott; Mr. A. W. Godby beat Rev. G. H. Frodsham; Mr. F. H. Howson beat Mr. W. E. Scharff; Mr. W. F. Potter beat Mr. R. G. Scott; Mr. L. Glyde beat Mr. A. Irwell; Mr. H. Spark beat Mr. F. Trisham; Mr. C. Broadwood beat Mr. P. N. Salmond; Mr. T. A. Carpenter beat Mr. B. Hirst; Mr. H. W. Wild beat Mr. Salmond; Dr. McDowall beat Mr. P. N. Lee; Mr. Frank Lee beat Mr. A. J. C. Stanfield; Mr. F. Steinthal beat Mr. J. E. Mammatt; Rev. Irton Smith, a bye.

Second Round.—Mr. W. F. Potter beat Mr. C. Broadwood; Dr. Bampton beat Rev. Irton Smith; Mr. A. W. Godby beat Mr. L. Glyde; Mr. F. H. Howson beat Mr. D. F. Douglas; Mr. A. L. Booth beat Mr. Frank Lee; Dr. McDowall beat Mr. T. A. Carpenter; Mr. H. W. Wild beat Mr. H. Spark.

Third Round.—Mr. F. H. Howson beat Mr. H. W. Wild; Dr. McDowall beat Mr. A. W. Godby; Mr. A. L. Booth beat Mr. W. F. Potter; Dr. Bampton, a bye.

Fourth Round.—Dr. Bampton beat Mr. A. L. Booth; Dr. McDowall beat Mr. F. H. Howson.

Final.—Dr. Bampton beat Dr. McDowall.

KENILWORTH GOLF CLUB.

A prize (a silver-plated inkstand), presented by Mrs. Smith-Turberville, was played for under handicap against "Mrs. Bogey," by the ladies of the club, on Thursday last, and from the following return it will be noticed that not only did Mrs. Frank Smith (playing from scratch) win very easily, but at the same time established a record for these links. Score appended, with Mrs. Frank Smith's figures in detail :—

	H'cp.	Holes.	Bogey.
Mrs. Frank Smith	scr.	16	0
Miss O. M. Allen	22	2	0
Miss L. Sidebottom	23	0	2
Miss Jones (Vicarage)	38	0	4
Miss E. Middleton	11	0	4
Miss M. Verrall	19	0	5

Mrs. W. H. Mitchell (15), Miss H. Middleton (20), Miss B. Jepson, (30), Miss G. Jepson (26), Miss Clarke (40), and Miss M. Sidebotham (38), no return. Mrs. Frank Smith's figures were :—

1st Round...	6	5	7	3	5	5	4	6	4=45	} 92
2nd Round...	5	5	6	7	5	5	4	6	4=47	

LANARK GOLF CLUB.

The Lanark Golf club held its spring meeting on Friday and Saturday of last week. Perfect weather favoured the opening, but the bright sunshine during the day following the severe nightly frosts (7 deg. on the morning of the 6th) made the greens, which were otherwise in excellent order, just a trifle too keen. The advertised prizes on Friday were the Hutchinson cross (scratch) and the Forrest cup and gold ball (handicap). Just before the start Mr. G. H. Gibson Carmichael presented a large silver bonbonniere as another handicap prize to be competed for annually, on the first day of this meeting, with the object of increasing the number of recorded scores. Two rounds of the green were played—twenty-eight holes in all—and when cards were handed in it was found that the scratch prize had been gained by the secretary, Mr. Jas. Arthur Vassie, with 126. Mr. G. H. Gibson Carmichael came next with 128. The Forrest cup was gained by Mr. G. H. Gibson

Carmichael with 128, less 17=111. The Gibson Carmichael bonbonniere was gained by Mr. J. M. Davidson with 139, less 20=119. Mr. Adam Paterson tied for the gold ball, with 148, less 28=120, with Mr. Jas. Arthur Vassie's 126, less 6=120, and on playing off the tie Mr. Adam Paterson gained the third prize.

On Saturday there was a large turn-out of starters, but there was a sad falling-off in the weather. A perfect tempest from the west raged all day, and was no doubt the cause of the small number of scores recorded. The prize for this day was the silver cleek (played under handicap) presented by the golfers among the officers of the Highland Light Infantry, who for some years have encamped during the summer on part of the Muir. After the twenty-eight holes were played the following cards were handed in, and it will be seen that Mr. Adam Paterson gained the cleek with a net score of 121. His was the last couple to come in, and it was scarcely expected that in such weather Mr. J. M. Davidson's 122 net would be beaten.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Mr. Adam Paterson	149	28	121	Mr. G. H. Gibson		
Mr. J. M. Davidson	142	20	122	Carmichael	148	10
Mr. Horn	132	9	123	Mr. Stodart	165	25
Mr. Jas. Annan	140	16	124	Mr. Paterson	155	13
Rev. T. D. Miller	131	7	124	Mr. D. M. Cassels	162	20
Mr. Haddow	132	6	126	Mr. T. Watson, jun.	164	18
Mr. John Stodart	141	10	131	Mr. W. L. Hatrick	185	Not hep.
Mr. W. Davidson	146	14	132			

LITTLEHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.

A silver cup, presented by Mr. G. S. Constable, to be played for half-yearly, by holes or match play, and to become the property of the member who shall win it three times, not necessarily in succession, was won for the first time by Mr. Arthur Holmes after a most exciting final heat with Mr. A. J. Constable, who takes half the entrance fees as consolation. There were fourteen entries.

Mr. G. E. Wellesly's cup, 27th April :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Mr. E. C. R. Goff	92	5	87	Mr. H. E. Harris	115	20
Mr. C. Farmer	93	5	88	Mr. J. Horn	105	8
Mr. A. J. Constable	101	11	90	Mr. A. Holmes	110	11
Mr. H. Hildebrand	110	18	92	Mr. J. C. Constable	125	20
Mr. R. Holmes	104	10	94			

R. A. Blagden no return.

Mr. Goff's medal, 28th April :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Mr. B. Thompson	100	9	91	Mr. A. Holmes	109	11
Mr. E. C. R. Goff	95	4	91	Mr. R. Holmes	112	10
Mr. J. Horn	104	8	96	Mr. A. J. Constable	113	11

Mr. R. A. Blagden, no return.

The President's cup, 29th April :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Mr. D. Munro	106	20	86	Mr. J. C. Constable	111	20
Mr. A. Holmes	98	11	87	Mr. C. Farmer	98	5
Mr. J. Horn	95	8	87	Mr. C. Bartlett	111	13
Mr. A. G. Constable	100	11	89	Mr. R. Holmes	110	10
Mr. N. Grayburn	110	20	90	Mr. H. Hildebrand	125	18

Mr. R. A. Blagden, no return.

Club sweepstake, 30th April :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.			
Mr. C. Farmer	91	5	86	Mr. H. Hildebrand	111	18
Mr. A. J. Constable	98	11	87	Mr. E. C. R. Goff	97	4
Mr. B. Thompson	96	9	87	Mr. R. A. Blagden	116	16
Mr. J. Horn	100	8	92			

LONDON SCOTTISH GOLF CLUB.

The monthly meeting for May was held at Wimbledon last Saturday. The following are the scores handed in :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.			
*Mr. Alex. Mackay	94	12	82	Mr. E. Lehmann	99	8
Mr. James Gow	88	5	83	Mr. H. E. Fisher	101	10
Mr. Kenneth B. Brown	87	2	85	Mr. W. W. Slater	109	18
†Hon. P. Wyndham	110	25	85	Major Lindsay	98	6
†Mr. G. G. Kennedy	110	25	85	Mr. A. Tait	104	12
Mr. A. Anderson	90	scr.	90	Mr. P. Bonthron	104	12
Mr. J. A. Greig	95	5	90	Mr. T. R. Pinkerton	93	+2
Mr. D. Strahan-Smith	98	8	90	Mr. Jas. Mortimer	116	21
Mr. S. C. Pegg	102	12	90	Mr. Jas. Armstrong	111	15
				Mr. James Watson	120	18
				Mr. Alex. Taylor	125	18

* Winner of medal. † Tied for Lumsden medal, second class.

Eighteen members made no return.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

FINAL FOR THE EX-CAPTAIN'S LADIES' PRIZE.

Wednesday, the 14th inst., was the day appointed for the final competition for the prize presented to the lady-subscribers of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club by the ex-captain of the club—the Rev. W. G. Terry. The winners of the four previous competitions were:—Miss E. Terry, St. Anne's; Miss M. Lythgoe, St. Anne's; Miss A. H. Thompson, St. Anne's; and Miss M. Cunliffe, Lytham. At the final competition on Wednesday only three ladies played, Miss A. H. Thompson being away from home. There was a special handicap for the day. The prize, which consisted of a pair of very handsome silver-backed hair brushes, was won by Miss M. Cunliffe, Lytham, the scores, twice round the ladies' links, being as follow:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Miss M. Cunliffe, Lytham ...	104	14	90
Miss E. Terry, St. Anne's ...	106	4	102
Miss M. Lythgoe, St. Anne's ...	99	+4	103

The day was as fine and sunshiny as could have been wished for, but there was a north-easterly breeze, cold enough for February. A considerable number of ladies were present on the links to witness the play.

THE DAWSON CUP.

On Saturday last the first of six monthly competitions (and a final) for a handsome silver cup presented by Mr. R. A. Dawson, Lytham, was played by the members of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club, at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, and forty-nine players went out. The best gross scores of the day were:—Mr. W. Newbigging, St. Anne's, 93; Mr. A. H. Doleman, South Shore, 94; Mr. J. M. Rea, St. Anne's, 94; Mr. J. Talbot Fair, Lytham, 98; Mr. C. W. Fisher, Blackpool, 98; Mr. J. Buckley, Norbreck, 99. The best net scores were:—Mr. W. Newbigging, 93, less 8=85, and Mr. C. W. Fisher, 98, less 13=85 (being a tie for the win); Mr. J. Buckley, 99, less 13=86; Mr. J. Talbot Fair, 98, less 11=87; Mr. J. H. Hutton, Bolton, 102, less 15=87; Mr. J. M. Rea, 94, less 6=88; Mr. F. H. Smith, Bolton, 102, less 14=88. The first and second optional sweepstakes were divided between Mr. W. Newbigging and Mr. C. W. Fisher, and the third was won by Mr. J. Buckley. The weather was fine and the wind not too strong; altogether a very enjoyable day for Golf. The full return was as follows:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. W. Newbigging, S. Anne's ...	93	8	85
Mr. C. W. Fisher, Blackpool ...	98	13	85
Mr. James Buckley, Norbreck ...	99	13	86
M. J. Talbot Fair, Lytham ...	98	11	87
Mr. J. H. Hulton, Bolton ...	102	15	87
Mr. J. Marcus Rea, St. Anne's ...	94	6	88
Mr. F. H. Smith, Bolton ...	102	14	88
Mr. A. Tod, St. Anne's ...	107	18	89
Mr. E. Harrison, St. Anne's ...	107	17	90
Mr. A. H. Doleman, South Shore ...	94	3	91
Mr. G. Haig, Manchester ...	101	9	92
Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft, St. Anne's ...	104	12	92
Mr. H. M. Ormsby, South Shore ...	109	17	92
Mr. T. Baxter, St. Anne's ...	109	17	92
Mr. T. H. Miller, Singleton Park ...	110	16	94
Mr. A. H. Kay, Bury ...	112	18	94
Mr. J. F. Pearson, St. Anne's ...	112	18	94
Mr. James Mellor, Fallsworth ...	114	20	94
Rev. J. G. Denison, Church ...	101	5	96
Mr. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's ...	103	7	96
Mr. J. A. Tweedale, Wilmslow ...	108	12	96
Mr. Fred H. Smith, Manchester ...	105	8	97
Mr. H. Gregg, Belfast ...	104	6	98
Mr. S. Fisher, South Shore ...	113	15	98
Mr. J. Bradbury, South Shore ...	115	14	101
Rev. A. T. Davidson, Scorton ...	119	18	101
Mr. F. Topp, Bolton ...	117	15	102
Mr. E. M. Whipp, St. Anne's ...	124	17	107

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

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MINCHINHAMPON GOLF CLUB.

The spring meeting of this club was held on Friday and Saturday, 29th and 30th ult., when a large number of members were present. The weather being favourable for the game, the players ran one another very closely, causing not a little excitement as to the results. Below are the principal scores:—

Silver challenge bowl and silver challenge goblet:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. A. S. Winterbotham ...	85	7 78	Mr. W. Margetson ...	109	18 91
†Mr. J. M. Cripps ...	96	9 87	Mr. W. Davies ...	111	20 91
‡Rev. E. H. Hawkins ...	89	7 82	Mr. H. V. Woollright ...	111	18 93
§Mr. A. S. Archdale ...	96	10 86	Mr. R. Lewis Grist ...	106	12 94
Mr. C. Harding ...	107	20 87	Mr. R. Brodie ...	114	20 94
Mr. Lawrence Grist ...	100	12 88	Mr. R. T. Coombe ...	107	12 95
Mr. W. A. Lucy ...	102	14 88	Mr. E. Henry ...	119	20 99

* First Gross. † Second Gross. ‡ First Net. § Second Net.

The following members, whose scores were 100 or over, also competed:—Messrs. W. H. Dickinson, C. A. Gillanders, G. S. Layard, H. E. D. Norris, F. K. Pets, and E. N. Witchell.

MEMBERS CLUB PRIZE:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. W. W. Chamberlain ...	102	25 75	Mr. G. H. W. Miller ...	111	22 99
†Mr. J. Ruegg ...	107	25 82	Mr. A. R. Grieve ...	116	25 91
‡Mr. F. Winterbotham ...	107	22 85	Mr. J. Bryan ...	120	25 95
§Mr. F. A. Chambers ...	108	23 85	Mr. J. T. Woollright ...	122	25 97
Mr. L. D. Winterbotham ...	114	25 89	Mr. G. Sotheron Estcourt ...	122	24 98
			Mr. A. E. Smith ...	122	23 99

* First. † Second. ‡ Tied for third.

The following members whose scores were 100 or over also competed:—Messrs. C. Harding, J. Johnstone, R. N. Kingscote, J. Margetson, jun., W. P. Niblett, W. B. Wood, and Colonel Pierce Taylor.

Open club prize:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Rev. E. H. Hawkins ...	83	7 76	Mr. J. Margetson, jun. ...	115	25 90
†Mr. A. S. Winterbotham ...	86	7 79	Mr. A. R. Grieve ...	116	25 91
‡Mr. W. A. Lucy ...	93	14 79	Mr. W. Davies ...	111	20 91
Mr. R. L. Grist ...	94	12 82	Mr. A. S. Archdall ...	102	10 92
Mr. L. Winterbotham ...	108	25 83	Mr. W. J. Ruegg ...	117	25 92
Mr. J. Bryan ...	108	25 83	Mr. E. Henry ...	112	20 92
Mr. C. A. Gillanders ...	92	7 85	Mr. J. M. Cripps ...	102	9 93
Mr. L. Grist ...	97	12 85	Mr. C. Harding, jun. ...	114	20 94
Mr. F. A. Chambers ...	109	23 86	Mr. W. Margetson ...	112	18 94
Mr. H. V. Woollright ...	105	18 87	Mr. H. E. D. Norris ...	108	10 98

* First.

† Tied for second.

The following members, whose scores were 100 or over, also competed:—Messrs. R. Brodie, R. F. Coombe, G. Sotheron Estcourt, R. N. Kingscote, G. H. W. Miller, F. K. Peto, C. Ritchie, J. T. Woollright, E. N. Witchell, W. B. Wood, and Col. Pierce Taylor.

Ladies' silver challenge cup and club prizes, and challenge gold brooch:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mrs. Pierce Taylor ...	88	9 79	Miss Maud Henry ...	92	2 90
†Miss H. Ridding ...	89	6 83	Miss Nicol ...	100	10 90
Miss Phillips ...	92	8 84	Miss Dickinson ...	108	18 90
‡Miss Lena Tomson ...	85	scr. 85	Miss Dawkins ...	91	scr. 91
Miss Golightly ...	94	8 86	Miss A. L. T. rake ...	100	8 92
§Miss Issette Pearson ...	84	+3 87	Mrs. W. Dav ...	99	6 93
Miss J. Golightly ...	93	5 88	Mrs. Camero ...	105	12 93
Miss E. F. Guise ...	108	20 88	Miss Denne ...	107	13 94
Mrs. A. Hoare ...	102	14 88	Miss O. Henry ...	100	6 94
Mrs. Henry ...	105	16 89	Mrs. Denison ...	105	9 96
			Miss G. V. Guise ...	108	10 98

* First net. † Second net. § First gross. ‡ Second gross.

The following members whose scores were 100 or over also competed:—Miss Henry, Mrs. Lynch Blossie, Miss Ridding, and Miss Woollright.

Ladies' club prizes:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Miss Birchall ...	116	30 86	†Miss Ancrum ...	124	30 94
†Mrs. Storry ...	113	21 92	‡Miss Johnstone ...	124	30 94

* First. † Second.

‡ Tied for third.

The following members, whose scores were 100 or over, also com-

peted:—Miss Edith Davies, Miss Luce, Miss J. B. Luce, and Mrs. A. E. Smith.

Miss Ancrum won third prize, on playing off with Miss Johnstone.

Ladies challenge foursome:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
* Mrs. Story and Miss Edith Davies	109 25½ 83½	Miss Phillips and Miss Isette-Pearson	92 2½ 89½
† Miss Henry and Miss Maude Henry	95 9 86	Miss Golightly and Miss G. V. Guise	98 7½ 90½
Miss Dawkins and Miss Drake	91 4 87	Miss Henry and Miss Olive Henry	101 6 95
Miss Dickinson and Miss Denne	103 15½ 87½	Miss H. Ridding and Miss Woolright	108 12 96
Mrs. Cameron and Miss Lena Tomson	94 6 88	Mrs. A. E. Smith and Miss Luce	125 27½ 97½
Miss Ancrum and Miss Birchall	118 30 88		

* First. † Second.

The following members whose scores were 100 or over also competed: Mrs. Denison and Mrs. Pierce Taylor, Mrs. W. Davies and Mrs. Lynch-Blosse, and Miss Golightly and Mrs. A. Hoare.

Foursome prizes:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
* Mr. A. R. Grieve and Mr. L. D. Winterbotham	108 25 83	Mr. R. Lewis Grist and Mr. F. A. Chambers	107 17½ 89½
† Mr. W. J. Ruegg and Mr. W. W. Chamberlain	109 25 84	Mr. Lawrence Grist and Mr. H. V. Woolright	105 15 90
Mr. W. Davies and Mr. C. Harding	107 22½ 84½	Mr. A. Archdale and Mr. E. N. Witchell	111 15 96
Mr. W. A. Lucy and Mr. C. A. Gillanders	96 10½ 85½	Mr. J. Johnstone and Mr. J. Margetson, jun.	124 25 99
Rev. E. H. Hawkins and Mr. A. S. Winterbotham	95 7 88		

* First. † Second.

The following members, whose scores were 100 or over also competed:—Messrs. G. Sotheron Estcourt and C. Ritchie; C. Harding and R. N. Kingscote; R. Brodie and C. Harding, jun.; R. T. Coombe and H. E. D. Norris; A. E. Smith and J. E. Falconer, and W. H. Dickinson and E. S. Layard.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's foursome prizes:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
* Miss Woollright and Mr. J. Margetson, jun.	126 21½ 104½	* Miss O. Henry and Mr. A. S. Winterbotham	111 6½ 104½

* Tied.

The following members also competed:—Miss Dickinson and Mr. G. S. Layard, Mrs. Dickinson and Mr. W. H. Dickinson, Mrs. W. Davies and Mr. J. T. Woollright, Mrs. Storry and Mr. H. V. Woollright, Mrs. Pierce Taylor and Mr. L. D. Winterbotham, Miss J. Golightly and Col. Pierce Taylor, Miss Henry and Mr. H. E. Norris, Mrs. Henry and Mr. R. T. Coombe, Mrs. Denison and Mr. E. P. Little, Miss H. Ridding and Mr. W. A. Lucy, Miss Johnson and the Rev. E. H. Hawkins, Miss Denne and Mr. W. Davies, Miss Maud Henry and Mr. G. Sotheron Estcourt, Miss Golightly and Mr. C. Ritchie.

Miss Woollright and Mr. J. Margetson, jun., won first prize on playing off with Miss O. Henry and Mr. A. S. Winterbotham.

MELBOURNE GOLF CLUB.

The final round for Colonel Freeman's prizes was played on Saturday, March 26th, and resulted in the first prize (a trophy, value five guineas) falling to Professor Orme Masson, with a tie for the second and third prizes (value three and two guineas respectively) between the captain of the club (Mr. J. M. Bruce) and Mr. L. K. S. Mackinnon. This tie was played off on Saturday last, when the captain won second place with a score of 104, less 9=95, against Mr. Mackinnon's 114, less 14=100. The aggregate scores for the two rounds were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Professor Masson	189 6 183	Dr. Payne	216 18 198
Mr. J. M. Bruce (capt.)	203 18 185	Dr. Parkinson	246 48 198
Mr. L. K. S. Mackinnon	213 28 185	Mr. Hugh Conley	240 40 200
Mr. H. G. Callaway	212 26 186	Mr. T. Brentnall	233 32 201
Mr. T. J. Finlay	213 18 195	Mr. J. Turnbull	202 scr. 202
		Mr. A. Laing	251 36 215

Several others made no returns.

NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly challenge medal was played for on Saturday, May 7th, on Biggleswade Common. The following scores were handed in. Eighteen holes:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Howard Whitehead	111 24 87	Mr. H. Lindsell	129 30 99
Mr. J. Hughes	94 6 88	Mr. J. G. Duberly	111 10 101
Mr. A. C. McNish	99 10 89	Mr. A. J. Richardson	122 20 102
Mr. J. Conder	117 24 93	Mr. A. K. Lindsell	132 30 102
Mr. H. Mann	98 4 94	Mr. E. A. Dyer	134 30 104
Mr. R. Hughes	102 8 94	Dr. Good	115 10 105
Mr. A. B. Brackenbury	108 10 98		

NOTTINGHAM v. CHARNWOOD.

This match was played on Bulwell Links on Thursday, the 5th May, and resulted in a win for the Nottingham team by 7 holes. The visitors were disappointed by several of their men not turning up; but those who did played capital Golf, and it was only very steady play on Mr. Davidson's part that turned the scale materially in favour of the home team. Mr. H. Broadhurst, the M.P. for West Nottingham, represented his constituency. The following are the particulars:—

CHARNWOOD.		Holes.		NOTTS.		Holes.	
Mr. C. T. Parker	...	0		Mr. H. Broadhurst, M.P.	...	0	
Rev. C. R. Faithfull	...	1		Mr. J. Doleman	...	0	
Col. Dashwood	...	0		Mr. S. Davidson	...	7	
Mr. G. P. Braund	...	0		Mr. J. Hall	...	1	
							8

Majority for Nottingham, 7 holes.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY v. CHELTENHAM.

Played at Oxford on Tuesday, May 3rd, and resulted in an easy victory for the home team. Scores:—

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.		Holes.		CHELTENHAM.		Holes.	
Mr. H. T. Knight	...	2		Mr. C. Tillard	...	0	
Mr. W. D. Davidson	...	8		Mr. H. B. Todd	...	0	
Mr. H. Nicholls	...	8		Mr. H. B. Cardew	...	0	
Mr. F. H. Stewart	...	6		Mr. A. A. Bourne	...	0	
Mr. L. Armitstead	...	7		Mr. F. Ker	...	0	
Mr. F. H. Campion	...	5		Col. Hume	...	0	
Mr. J. G. Smith	...	4		Viscount Encombe	...	0	
Mr. J. A. Moncrieff	...	5		Mr. G. W. Blathwayte	...	0	
			45				0

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.

The extra holes which have been in preparation for some time past were first used on Saturday last, for the competition for the Turner medal, which was also the first of the six days for the aggregate prizes and silver iron. They are of quite a different character to any of the other holes, include two really long holes, and besides completing the round of eighteen holes and relieving crowding, were universally admitted by players to be a most welcome addition to the course. A gusty wind and the novelty of the new holes caused scoring generally to rule somewhat high, but Mr. Eames' round must be considered a very meritorious performance. The best returns were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. J. Eames	91 5 86	Mr. John Aste	115 18 97
Mr. F. C. Milford	98 10 88	Mr. G. Spurling	110 12 98
Mr. F. Aste	112 18 94	Mr. F. H. Colam	114 16 98
Mr. F. P. Browne	110 14 96	Mr. W. B. Avery	115 16 99
Mr. T. P. Shepherd	114 17 97		

Twenty-one competitors over 100, or no return.

W. H. Tucker (a nephew of Tom Dunn) has taken up his duties as professional to the club.

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The second competition for Mr. Wilson's prize took place on Saturday. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Morris	106 35 71	Miss Saunders	88 scr. 88
Mrs. Culshaw	115 35 80	Miss N. Saunders	90 2 88
Miss N. Saunders	87 5 82	Miss Vinning	102 12 90
Mrs. Gaitskell	95 13 82	Miss Nicholson	129 35 94
Miss Craddock	88 1 87	Miss G. Stanger	
Miss Mitchell	104 17 87	Leathes	101 4 97

Miss C. Allen and Miss Wall made no returns.

ROCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

Rochester v. Barham Downs, played at Barham on the old racecourse, on Thursday, May 5th.

ROCHESTER.		BARHAM DOWNS.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. A. Schacht	...	Capt. Tattersall	...
Lieut.-Col. Langdon	...	Captain Austin	...
Mr. C. Lake	...	Rev. C. H. Cotes	...
Mr. K. Macdonald	...	Mr. F. W. Morris	...
Mr. A. C. Sealy	...	Gen. Sir B. Edwards	...
Mr. G. K. Anderson	...	Mr. H. G. Alexander	...
	20		2

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was competed for on Tuesday the 3rd instant by twenty-three players. The day opened rough and rainy, but improved considerably, and the afternoon was a perfect one for the game. Mr. W. O. S. Pell and Mr. F. S. Ireland each returned the fine gross score of 114. Mr. Ireland, who played in the forenoon, had much worse weather to encounter than Mr. Pell, who started after one o'clock. Details of the play:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. O. S. Pell	114 2 112	Mr. G. H. Freen	146 23 123
Mr. F. S. Ireland	114 scr. 114	Mr. C. B. Lindsay	154 28 126
Rev. J. H. Ellis	129 12 117	Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote	133 6 127
Mr. J. G. Gibson	121 2 119	Mr. A. Schacht	132 5 127
Mr. R. Winch	144 25 119	Mr. W. G. Kentish	149 21 128
Mr. H. Gillon	120 scr. 120	Mr. E. Pinkerton	140 10 130
Mr. H. H. Turner	125 5 120	Mr. W. Morris	145 13 132
Mr. G. C. Snelling	144 23 121	Lieutenant A. E.	
Mr. W. E. Hughes	128 6 122	Poland, R. N.	163 18 145
Mr. A. L. Roper	136 14 122	Rev. F. W. S. Le	not hdcp.
Mr. Robert Whyte	125 2 123	Lièvre	...
Dr. P. C. Scott	144 21 123		

No return from Messrs. C. M. Baker and R. M. Richardson.

ROYAL DUBLIN GOLF CLUB.

The club had a large turn-out of members on Saturday to compete for the Black Watch gold medal, one of the most coveted trophies in the club. The medal was presented in 1888, by the officers of the Black Watch, then stationed in Dublin, almost all of whom were keen golfers, to be competed for annually by strokes under handicap limited to 25. No complaint could be made of the weather which was very fine, and although there was a fairly strong wind blowing across the links, it did not to any extent interfere with the scoring. The recent rain has brought on the greens wonderfully, and on Saturday they were in very fine order; in fact the links at Dollymount, taking them as a whole, would hold their own with any others.

On examining the scoring cards, it was found that Messrs. Keating and T. Stewart had tied for the medal with 76 net. Mr. D. M. Wilson running them very close with 77. The tie will be played off next Saturday. The following were the scores handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. Keating	99 23 76	Mr. H. J. Daly	104 18 86
Mr. T. Stewart	101 25 77	Mr. D. F. Moore	108 22 86
Mr. D. M. Wilson	91 14 76	Mr. G. M. Knox	112 25 87
Mr. R. H. Moore	95 15 80	Mr. M. O'Connor-	
Mr. G. C. May	94 12 82	Morris	103 15 88
Mr. G. C. Green	95 13 82	Mr. J. Bristowe	113 25 88
Mr. V. Kyrke	69 17 82	Mr. W. H. Dodd,	
Hon. H. R. Baillie-		Q. C.	112 22 90
Hamilton	107 25 82	Mr. J. J. R. Law	115 25 90
Dr. A. Fraill	97 14 83	Mr. E. O'Farrell	115 19 96
Mr. J. Brown	101 17 84	Mr. C. M. Ross	116 18 98
Mr. H. C. Hart	109 25 84	Mr. Hume-Hender-	
Mr. J. H. Pigot	94 9 85	son	125 20 105
Mr. A. L. Figges	99 14 85	Mr. H. McKean	137 25 112
Mr. J. Davidson	110 25 85		

On next Saturday the half-yearly competition for the Bar cup will take place.

The club have just received a very valuable addition to their prize list in the form of a very handsome silver cup presented by the officers of the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards. No date has yet been fixed for the first competition, but it will probably take place next month.

AYTON GOLF CLUB.—The spring competition of this recently-formed club was held on Thursday afternoon, the 28th ult., when the challenge medal presented by Mr. Alexander Wood, of Dunbar, was played for. On scoring cards being handed in, the winner was found to be Mr. W. P. Wilson, with a score of 67. The sweepstakes being won by Mr. John Davidson, 61; Sir Walter Simpson, 67; Mr. Cameron, 71; Mr. Livingston, 72; Mr. Logan, 72.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

Saturday, May 7th. The monthly prize:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
* Captain Sumner,		Major Richardson,	
P. W. V. ...	89 7 82	P. W. V. ...	107 18 89
* Mr. M. Nixon	92 9 83	Major Scott, R. A.	90 scr. 90
Mr. A. E. Walker	87 2 85	Mr. R. C. Hodder	98 8 90
Lieut.-Col. Mayne	93 8 85	Mr. S. R. Robin	88 +3 91
Mr. R. R. Renton	89 3 86	Mr. H. P. H. Spencer	96 3 93
Mr. C. C. Renton	92 6 86	Mr. W. H. Monckton	110 17 93
Mr. J. R. Broun	95 9 86	Mr. A. G. Robertson	110 17 93
Mr. J. B. Craigie	91 4 87	Mr. G. Hornby	90 +4 94
Mr. T. W. Barker	95 6 89	Col. P. Robin	113 18 95
		Capt. Robin	100 4 96

* Divided sweepstakes.

Several players made no return.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

The spring meeting of the above club was continued at Hoylake on Wednesday, the 4th May, two prizes being given by the club for competition amongst the members receiving from 15 to 30 in the handicap. The day was fine, but a fresh north-westerly breeze intererled somewhat with the players. Twenty-nine couples competed, and, on the returns being made up, it was found that Mr. R. H. Blain, with a score of 102, less 20=82, had won the first class handicap prize, and Mr. G. F. Milligan, with 102, less 17=85, the second.

The first sweepstakes was won by Mr. R. H. Blain, the second and third being divided between Messrs. R. C. Beazley and H. R. Robertson. The result of the play was as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. H. Blain	102 20 82	Mr. St. Clare Byrne	116 21 95
Mr. G. F. Milligan	102 17 85	Mr. R. B. Gardner	120 25 95
Mr. R. C. Beazley	103 17 86	Mr. H. K. Layborn	114 18 96
Mr. H. R. Robertson	108 22 86	Mr. John White	120 24 96
Mr. John Stewart	110 23 87	Mr. H. S. Bower	115 18 97
Mr. R. W. Menner	117 30 87	Mr. W. S. Harris	115 18 97
Mr. Theo. Turpin	114 25 89	Mr. D. C. Scott	115 18 97
Mr. J. A. Fisher	119 30 89	Mr. A. C. Jones	116 18 98
Mr. K. D. Dalglish	107 17 90	Mr. J. Moore	118 19 99
Mr. R. L. Dalglish	108 18 90	Mr. H. Owen	118 18 100
Mr. C. Nigel Stewart	116 25 91	Mr. H. J. Houghton	130 30 100
Mr. R. A. Woods	121 30 91	Mr. Wm. Barker	127 26 101
Mr. J. K. Housden	108 16 92	Mr. J. G. Rodger	118 16 102
Mr. N. Darbyshire	110 18 92	Mr. F. Holroyd	124 22 102
Hon. C. H. Vivian	112 20 92	Mr. A. J. Mead	129 25 104
Mr. W. Gardner	118 25 93	Mr. J. H. Silverbach	128 19 109
Mr. Jas. Macdonald	124 30 94	Mr. H. E. Wild	144 30 114
Mr. Alfd. Huntington	113 18 95	Prof. H. A. Strong	119 not hcp'd

Twenty competitors made no return.

Friday, May 6th, brought the spring meeting to a close. Two prizes, the gift of the club, were again played for by those members receiving 15 to 30 in the handicap. The day was very fine. Twenty-five couples competed, the result being that Messrs. Robt. L. Dalglish and F. Holroyd tied for the prizes, with their respective net scores of 81. The same two gentlemen divided the first and second sweepstakes, the third being won by Mr. W. W. Sandbrook. The result of the play was as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. L. Dalglish	99 18 81	Mr. C. Nigel Stewart	119 25 94
Mr. F. Holroyd	103 22 81	Mr. Theo. Turpin	120 25 95
Mr. W. W. Sand-		Mr. G. N. Francis	114 18 96
brook	106 24 82	Mr. E. A. Beazley	118 22 96
Mr. H. B. Steel	105 18 87	Mr. J. B. Thomson	126 30 96
Mr. J. K. Housden	104 6 88	Mr. J. G. Smith	115 18 97
Mr. A. St. Clare		Mr. John Stewart	120 23 97
Byrne	107 18 89	Mr. John White	121 24 97
Mr. J. Moore	108 19 89	Mr. H. Keef	116 18 98
Mr. G. D. Wilson	109 20 89	Mr. D. C. Scott	116 18 98
Mr. K. D. Dalglish	107 17 90	Mr. Jas. B. Lloyd	118 20 98
Mr. A. C. Jones	108 18 90	Mr. W. H. Legge	125 25 100
Mr. R. C. Beazley	106 15 91	Mr. Harold Janion	119 16 103
Mr. C. B. Taylor	109 16 93	Lieut.-Col. H. A.	
Mr. J. G. Rodger	109 16 93	Burton	129 23 106
Mr. R. B. Gardner	118 25 93	Mr. Geo. Wild	124 16 108
Mr. G. F. Milligan	109 15 94	Mr. C. Grayson	128 not hcp'd
Mr. W. S. Patterson	112 18 94		

Eighteen competitors made no returns.

The monthly medal and optional subscription prizes, all under handicap, were competed for at Hoylake last Saturday, in lovely weather. A fresh north-westerly breeze predominated in the forenoon, which moderated as the day advanced. There was a large muster of players, some thirty-six couples competing. The result proved that the

medal had been tied for by the Hon. C. H. Vivian and Mr. R. W. Menneer, with their respective net scores of 81, the Hon. C. H. Vivian securing also a win in for the second class optional subscription prize, Mr. R. W. Menneer not having entered. A win in for the first optional subscription prize was secured by Mr. H. A. Farrar, with his score of 88, less 2=86. The first sweepstakes were won by the Hon. C. H. Vivian, the second by Mr. John Moore, and the third by Mr. J. K. Housden. The result of the play was as follows:—

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

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. H. A. Farrar...	88	2	86	Mr. H. J. Simpson	104	10	94
Mr. Edw. Whineray	92	5	87	Mr. John Wilkie	105	12	94
Mr. F. W. Carson	103	14	89	Mr. John Ball	97	2	95
Mr. John Graham	101	11	90	Mr. J. H. Wild	104	9	95
Mr. C. T. Dixon	103	13	90	Mr. A. G. Steel	107	12	95
Mr. Chas. Hutchings	89	+2	91	Mr. H. E. B. Harrison	109	14	95
Mr. H. C. R. Sievwright	94	3	91	Mr. C. Phillips	109	14	95
Mr. John Farrar	101	10	91	Mr. A. H. Crossfield	102	6	96
Mr. W. H. Wilson	103	12	91	Mr. Thos. Owen	107	10	97
Mr. A. H. Higgins	95	4	92	Potter	107	10	97
Mr. Jas. B. Fortune	98	6	92	Mr. S. Gibson Sinclair	111	14	97
Rev. A. H. King	104	12	92	Mr. J. H. Knight	105	7	98
Mr. John Ball, jun.	84	+9	93	Mr. Chas. Holt	109	11	98
Mr. T. W. Crowther	95	2	93	Dr. P. Davidson	102	3	99
Mr. Jas. Fairclough	98	5	93	Mr. R. L. Dalglish	112	12	100
Mr. A. Lawson	105	12	93	Mr. P. J. Pringle	105	6	100
Mr. C. J. Crowther	103	10	93				
Mr. F. P. Crowther	94	scr.	94				

Seven competitors made no returns.

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

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Hon. C. H. Vivian	101	20	81	Mr. St. Clare Byrne	115	21	94
Mr. R. W. Menneer	111	30	81	Mr. Andrew Stuart	116	22	94
Mr. John Moore	101	19	82	Mr. George Wild	111	16	95
Mr. J. K. Housden	100	16	84	Mr. W. W. Sandbrook	115	19	96
Mr. E. H. Higgins	102	17	85	Mr. C. B. Hall	122	25	97
Mr. A. C. Jones	108	18	90	Mr. Charles Todd	113	15	98
Mr. E. A. Beazley	113	22	91	Mr. R. B. Gardner	124	25	99
Mr. H. W. Abernethy	107	15	92	Mr. H. S. Bower	118	18	100
Mr. Theo. Turpin	117	25	92	Mr. W. S. Patterson	118	18	100
Mr. R. C. Beazley	108	15	93	Mr. J. F. Ellison	125	25	100
Mr. J. G. Rodger	109	16	93	Mr. G. F. Milligan	119	15	101
Mr. G. N. Francis	111	18	93	Mr. Geo. Stone	118	not hc'p	
Mr. Herbert Reef	111	18	93	Mr. Edwd. Massie	123	not hc'p	
Mr. F. S. Cochrane	115	22	93				

Six competitors made no returns.

The tie for the club handicap prize at the spring meeting, on Wednesday, the 27th April, between Messrs. H. A. Farrar and A. H. Higgins was decided by the above medal round, and resulted in Mr. Farrar winning the prize.

The tie for the two prizes given by the club on Friday, the 6th May competition, was also played off, the issue being that Mr. Robert L. Dalglish won the first, and Mr. F. Holroyd the second.

ROYAL EPPING FOREST GOLF CLUB v. WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.

A match between these clubs (fourteen a-side) was played on Saturday last at Bushey, in which the Royal Epping Forest were the winners by 26 holes. Scores:—

ROYAL EPPING FOREST.		WEST HERTS.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. J. W. Greig	9	Mr. J. G. Glover	0
Mr. J. Gould Smith	0	Mr. R. S. Clouston	3
Mr. W. M. Rhodes	6	Mr. A. B. Chalmers	0
Mr. W. Noakes	0	Mr. A. H. Wallace	1
Mr. J. G. Gibson	0	Mr. A. Melville	4
Mr. S. R. Bastard	7	Mr. T. Burrell Bewick	0
Mr. C. C. Greig	8	Mr. B. M. Barton	0
Mr. S. N. Dimbleby	6	Mr. R. Frank	0
Mr. G. F. Ruck	0	Mr. H. J. Cottam	1
Mr. G. F. Sanders	1	Mr. G. F. Pearson	0
Mr. J. Walker	0	Mr. O. W. F. Hill	4
Mr. J. M. Kerr	0	Mr. A. F. Denniston	2
Mr. F. F. McKenzie	0	Mr. W. Wilson	2
Mr. J. W. James	6	Mr. D. Scholes	0
	43		17

THE EDINBURGH LIFE GOLF CLUB.—The annual competition for president's medal and other prizes was held over Dunbar links on the 2nd inst., with the following result:—Winner of president's medal and special prize presented by Mr. J. G. Manford, Mr. Richmond Whytt; Mr. James Biggar; Mr. F. N. Boyd.

SOUTHDOWN LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A prize meeting will be held at the Southdown Ladies' Golf Club on May 21st, for the following prizes, and with the arrangements as stated:—

1. A handsome gold curb-chain bracelet in case, presented by Miss Stedall for a handicap match. 2. A driver, presented by Colonel Street for the lady making the best drive. At 3.30 precisely. 3. A driver, presented by Messrs. Lunn and Co., of Oxford Circus, to the lady clearing the last bunker most successfully. Four shots allowed. The handicapping committee consists of:—Major Campbell, hon. treasurer; Colonel Street, Birchwood Grove; and Mr. A. Bridge, of Oldland.

STAINES GOLF CLUB.

The Sanger cup (under handicap) was played for on Saturday, 30th April, the winner being Mr. Frank King-Farlow. At the same time the silver clock (scratch), presented by Mr. Allan Hughes, was played for, the result being a tie between Mr. F. King-Farlow and Mr. W. G. Rigden. The following are the scores handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. F. King-Farlow	92	16	76	Mr. M. W. Mossop	95	12	83
Mr. W. G. Rigden	92	14	78	Mr. A. King-Farlow	96	12	84
Mr. G. J. Hunter	98	20	78	Mr. G. Struthers	108	22	86
Rev. F. C. Williamson	94	12	82	Mr. C. Fulton	99	12	87
Mr. A. Somervail	102	20	82	Mr. A. Hughes	100	12	88

SUTTON COLDFIELD GOLF CLUB

The annual prize meeting was held on the 29th and 30th of April last. The weather was favourable, but the scores returned by the players were high, a fact in part accounted for by the want of rain on the putting-greens.

Friday, April 29th.—Iron-club handicap:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. G. S. Albright	94	12	82	Mr. G. P. Peyton	118	27	91
Mr. T. G. Griffiths	105	23	83	Mr. J. H. Chavasse	107	15	92
Rev. H. E. Wilson	100	12	88	Capt. Helyar	111	19	92
Mr. W. E. Chance	102	14	88	Mr. F. H. Smith	119	26	93
Mr. P. A. Bourke	108	19	89	Major Lockyer	109	15	94
Mr. F. Rathbone	107	18	89	Mr. A. H. Griffiths	122	26	96
Mr. S. H. Knyvett	115	26	89	Mr. H. M. Eddowes	112	15	97

Saturday, April 30th.—Club handicap:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. H. Griffiths	105	26	79	Mr. P. A. Bourke	107	19	83
Mr. E. Lamb	105	25	80	Capt. Helyar	109	19	90
Mr. S. H. Knyvett	108	26	82	Mr. T. S. Eddowes	110	20	90
Rev. H. E. Wilson	96	12	84	Mr. F. H. Windr...	116	25	91
Mr. H. M. Eddowes	99	15	84	Mr. G. S. Albright	105	12	93
Mr. T. G. Griffiths	108	23	85	Major Lockyer	109	15	94
Mr. W. E. Chance	101	14	87				

Mr. A. H. Griffiths took the members' challenge cup, first prize in the club handicap, and the limit prize for those receiving twenty strokes and upwards. The Rev. H. E. Wilson took the silver medal for best gross score, the prize for best half-round, and the prize for the best gross aggregate made in the iron-club and club handicaps; Mr. G. S. Albright, first prize in the iron-club handicap; Mr. T. G. Griffiths, second prize in the iron-club handicap, and the prize for best net aggregate in the two competitions. Mr. E. Lamb took second prize in the club handicap, and Mr. G. P. Peyton secured the limit prize for those receiving twenty-seven strokes.

On Saturday evening the annual general meeting was held at the Royal Hotel. Several alterations were made in the rules, and the entrance fee was increased to £3 3s. The annual club dinner took place after the close of the meeting.

TORQUAY v. EXMOUTH.

This match was played over the Torquay course on May 3rd, and resulted in a victory for Exmouth. The greens were in excellent order, considering the dry weather of the last month. Subjoined are the scores:—

TORQUAY.		EXMOUTH.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Major Hardie	0	Mr. F. S. Bird	1
Mr. W. E. Norris	0	Mr. N. Chamberlain	6
Mr. N. Harvey	0	Mr. J. M. Cripps	10
General Knox-Gore	0	Captain Mackenzie Grieve	5
Mr. A. Knox-Gore	1	Mr. G. E. Pine Coffin	0
Mr. T. G. Harkness	0	Mr. H. A. S. Upton	8
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Total	1	Total	30

TENBY GOLF CLUB.

THE BARLOW CUP.

First Round.—Mr. G. S. Gulston (13) beat Captain Harrison (13), 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. H. T. Smyth (17) beat Lieut. Henderson (18), 5 up and 4 to play. All the other competitors had a bye.

Second Round.—Mr. T. A. Rees (7) beat Mr. W. H. Richards (13), 7 up and 6 to play; Colonel W. Lewes (18) beat Mr. L. R. Wood (13), 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. St. G. Caulfield (9) beat Mr. G. H. Logan (2), 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. G. S. Gulston (13) beat Captain Costley (16), 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. R. T. Dixon (7) beat Mr. H. T. Smyth (17).—Mr. Smyth retired. Colonel Lloyd (9) beat Mr. E. Kenworthy (18), 8 up and 6 to play. Mr. A. C. F. Evans (17) beat Colonel Voyle (13), 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. H. J. Allen (13) beat Mr. G. M. T. Smyth (scr.), 4 up and 3 to play.

Third Round.—Mr. Rees beat Colonel Lewes, 2 up and 1 to play. Mr. Caulfield beat Mr. Gulston, 2 up; Mr. Dixon beat Colonel Lloyd, 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. Evans beat Mr. Allen, 2 up and 1 to play.

Final.—Mr. Caulfield beat Mr. Evans, 1 up.

THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

This week the St. George's Golf Club have on their ground at Sandwick an array of amateur talent such as has seldom, if ever, been seen on an English links. On Tuesday the St. George's champion grand Challenge cup, open to all amateur members of any golf club, was played for, and on the three succeeding days the annual contest for the amateur championship was conducted. This is the first time that this championship has been played for so far south. Mr. Laidlay, the present champion, and Mr. John Ball and Mr. Horace Hutchinson, champions of previous years, are entered; but notable absentees are Mr. A. F. Macfie and Mr. Everard, who has unfortunately strained the muscle of an arm, and cannot play at all. The draw for the first round resulted as follows:—Mr. F. T. Welman (St. George's) and Col. A. M. Brown (Royal and Ancient); Capt. Austin (St. George's) and Mr. J. E. Laidlay (Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers); Mr. W. Ballingall (Dalhousie) and Mr. Donald Hodge (St. Andrews University); Mr. F. G. Tait (Royal and Ancient) and Mr. F. A. Fairlie (Prestwick); Mr. T. R. Mills (St. George's) and Mr. A. H. Crossfield (Royal Liverpool); Capt. W. H. Burn (Royal and Ancient) and Mr. W. F. Orr (Aberdeen); Mr. G. W. Brown (Royal Liverpool) and Mr. H. H. Hilton (Royal Liverpool); Mr. C. Plummer (St. George's) and Mr. F. S. Ireland (Royal Blackheath); Mr. James Fairclough (Royal Liverpool) and Mr. A. M. Ross (Tantallon, North Berwick); Mr. Garden G. Smith (Royal Musselburgh).

The above players drew "byes," and will not accordingly join the competition till the second round. Those who did not draw "byes," and who therefore take part in the first stage, are:—Mr. A. Wolfe-Murray (Royal and Ancient) and Mr. H. M. Braybrooke (Lytham and St. Anne's); Mr. D. Anderson (Panmure) and Mr. J. E. Oswald (Royal and Ancient); Mr. Leslie M. Balfour (Royal and Ancient) and Capt. Livingstone (Dalhousie); Mr. R. B. Sharpe (Royal and Ancient) and Mr. A. D. Blyth (St. George's); Mr. W. Bouch (Warwick) and Mr. W. E. Fairlie (Lytham and St. Anne's); the Hon. A. G. Grosvenor (St. George's) and Mr. B. Hall Blyth (Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers); Mr. John Ball, jun. (Royal Liverpool) and Mr. Alexander Stuart (Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers); Mr. J. G. Gibson (Royal Blackheath) and Mr. H. C. Blyth (St. George's); Mr. H. A. Farrar (Royal Liverpool) and Mr. S. Mure Ferguson (Royal and Ancient); Mr. F. G. Morris (Exmouth) and Mr. C. H. Smith (Leasowe); Mr. Stewart Anderson (Tantallon, North Berwick) and Mr. C. Thompson (St. George's); Mr. J. Cullen (Royal Liverpool) and Mr. N. R. Foster (St. George's); Mr. Horace G. Hutchinson (Royal North Devon) and Mr. C. E. Nesham (St. George's).

The field is one of forty-five players, being five less than at St. Andrews last year, and one more than at Hoylake in 1890. A special account of the match will be given in next week's issue.

WORCESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly meeting was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., when only thirteen players entered their names for the cup competition. It was a good golfing day, and the ground in capital condition, but coming so soon after the Easter meeting, it was hardly to be expected that there would be a large field. Subjoined are the returns sent in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. H. W. Buck...	95 15 80	Mr. J. Foord Kelcey	101 10 91
Mr. H. S. Romer ...	101 20 81	Dr. J. P. Bookless ...	103 12 91
Mr. G. S. Albright	100 17 83	Mr. J. W. Wilson...	112 20 92
Mr. F. Freeth ...	103 20 83	Mr. C. O. Trollope	109 15 94
†Mr. W. E. Paterson	90 6 84	Capt. G. S. Vale ...	107 12 95
Mr. L. S. Milward...	102 12 90	Mr. A. C. Cherry ...	113 16 97

* Wins monthly cup and junior medal. † Wins senior medal.

WEST DORSET v. WEYMOUTH AND DORCHESTER.

On Saturday, April 30th, a match was played at West Bay, on the links of the West Dorset Golf Club, between six representatives of the home team and six of the Weymouth and Dorchester Club. After a close fight the visitors won by 2 holes, as will be seen from the following scores:—

WEST DORSET.		WEYMOUTH AND DORCHESTER.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Rev. E. Templer ...	0	Mr. J. C. Heathcote ...	2
Mr. H. Stephens ...	0	Mr. H. Fraser...	2
Mr. T. Stephens ...	0	Mr. R. S. Eaton ...	7
Mr. J. Gundry...	4	Mr. R. M. Bridge ...	0
Mr. A. Stephens ...	2	Mr. H. R. Bennett ...	0
Mr. A. Whetham ...	3	Major Clapcott ...	0
	9		11

WEST LANCASHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The spring meeting of the above club took place on Saturday over the links at Hall Road, Blundellsands. The weather was, on the whole, favourable for Golf. Upwards of forty couples started, and on the returns being made up, it was found that Mr. H. H. Hilton had won the club gold medal with a score of 82. The next best scores were:—Mr. C. E. Dick, 84; Mr. J. W. Fowler, 87; Mr. R. Goold, 87; Mr. J. Hornby, 87; Dr. T. B. Grimdsdale, 88. The first handicap prize was won by Mr. F. T. Wright with the score of 89, less 8=81; and the second and third were tied for by Messrs. T. A. Kirkwood and C. A. Rawcliffe. The sweepstakes also went to the same gentlemen. Mr. F. Litchfield put in a win for the M'Laren cup, his aggregate score at last autumn meeting and this meeting being 165. This cup becomes the property of anyone winning it twice, but if not won before 1897 the six winners will play off. In the evening the members dined in the club-room, and Mr. T. R. Job was formally installed captain for the current year. The following are some of the returns:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. F. T. Wright ...	89	8	81	Mr. J. Ainsworth ...	104	18	86
Mr. T. A. Kirkwood	90	8	82	Mr. J. W. Fowler...	87	scr.	87
Mr. C. A. Rawcliffe	91	9	82	Mr. E. V. Crooks...	95	9	87
Mr. R. Goold ...	87	4	83	Mr. L. D. Stodart	88	1	87
Mr. C. E. Dick ...	84	scr.	84	Mr. C. C. Deane ...	91	4	87
Mr. R. D. Welsh ...	104	20	84	Dr. T. B. Grimdsdale	88	1	87
Mr. C. Y. C. Dab-				Mr. A. G. Rankine	94	7	87
barn ...	93	9	84	Mr. G. F. Smith ...	89	2	87
Mr. J. Hornby ...	87	2	85	Mr. F. E. M. Dixon	91	3	88
Mr. I. Luzmore ...	91	6	85	Mr. D. Inglis ...	109	21	88
Mr. W. F. Chadwick	93	7	86	Mr. L. S. M. Munro	93	5	88
Mr. H. Rowland ...	100	14	86	Mr. W. Potter ...	89	1	88
Mr. A. Chisholm ...	93	7	86	Mr. W. S. Taylor...	93	5	88
Mr. H. K. Layborn	104	18	86				

PRESTWICK.—On the 30th ult., the members engaged in a competition for the monthly handicap gold medal, when, with favourable golfing weather, there was a good number of players on the usual medal round of eighteen holes. The cards showed the following results:—Mr. R. B. Bryce, 108, less 27=81; Mr. Hickson Ferguson, 100, less 18=82; Mr. Patrick Davidson, 107, less 24=83; Mr. E. D. Prothero, 85, less 2=83; Mr. J. S. Higginbotham, 108, less 24=84; Mr. E. R. Fleming, 105, less 20=85; Mr. J. Knox, 112, less 24=88; Mr. W. Neilson, 97, less 9=88; Mr. J. E. Orr, 108, less 20=88; Mr. J. E. Dykes, 103, less 15=88; Mr. J. W. Neill, 103, less 14=89; Mr. J. Harry, 120, less 30=90. Two matches of interest were played during the week. Archie Simpson played the best of the balls of Messrs. J. Hunter and C. L. Randale, and suffered defeat by 5 up and 4 to play, the couple holing out in 76. Archie Simpson led Willie Fernie by 1 hole at the last green. The play was remarkably even throughout. Simpson was 2 up at the eighth hole, but this lead was reduced, and at the fourteenth, Fernie was 1 to the good, and at the Alps the game was all square, and 1 to play. The last hole, and the match fell to Simpson by a putt.

TYNESIDE GOLF CLUB.—The fifth round of the spring handicap tournament has been finished. The weather was all that could be desired from a golfer's point of view, and the course was in very fine order. A great amount of interest was taken in the proceedings. Mr. F. B. Dunford added to the list of surprises by defeating Mr. W. White by 4 and 3 to play. It was thought the latter should have won, but he did not play his usual steady game. Mr. Dunford played well, and the most important point of his game lies in his strong driving powers. Mr. J. L. Oliver, who had to concede to Mr. J. A. Hutton 4 holes' start, did not play up to his usual form the first half, only winning one hole, and was 3 down and 9 to play. But, coming away with one of those dashing games which distinguish his play so often, he took the next 7 holes right off, and won by 4 and 2 to play. It is only fair to say Mr. Hutton was not in his usual form, not having played since defeating Mr. Thomson a fortnight ago.

THE BORDER CHALLENGE TROPHY.—The annual competition for the Border Inter-Club Challenge Trophy, played for in rotation over the greens of the various Border clubs, was brought off on Saturday, the 30th ult., over the Melrose course. Additional interest was imparted to this year's competition from the fact that as Selkirk had twice previously secured the custody of the trophy, they had only to do so again in order to retain it as their own property. This they succeeded in doing, and thereby established their claim to the title of premier club in the South of Scotland, having won the trophy in each of the three years in which the competition has been in existence. In 1890, at Hawick, they carried it off with an aggregate of 920, and last year, at Innerleithen, with an aggregate of 907. Both these totals are more satisfactory than this year's, but on the present occasion the strong wind and the ticklish nature of the course had a good deal to do with the high aggregate of 932. The competing teams, as on previous years, were Selkirk, Melrose, Hawick, Innerleithen, and Kelso, and in accordance with the rules governing the competition, each club sent ten representatives, the club returning the lowest aggregate of strokes for the eighteen holes becoming the winner. The following are the details of the day's play:—Mr. W. W. Forsyth, Hawick, 102, against Mr. A. J. Lothian, Melrose, 99; Mr. W. H. Gray, Selkirk, 87, against Mr. F. T. Robertson, Melrose, 92; Mr. W. Pennycook, Melrose, 88, against Mr. A. Pott Stevenson, Kelso, 94; Mr. A. Yellowlees, Innerleithen, 97, against Mr. G. Wright, Selkirk, 96; Mr. R. Hardie, Selkirk, 90, against Mr. R. Michie, Hawick, 110; Mr. A. T. Simson, Melrose, 94, against Dr. Rutherford, Kelso, 93; Mr. A. D. Robson, Melrose, 89, against Mr. James Currie, Innerleithen, 101; Mr. Walter Rutherford, Kelso, 87, against Mr. A. Weir, Selkirk, 94; Mr. H. P. Huie, Kelso, 122, against Mr. R. Penman, Selkirk, 90; Mr. J. S. Smail, Innerleithen, 101, against Mr. W. M. Maxton, Kelso, 95; Mr. R. Watson, Melrose, 95, against Mr. J. M. Gunn, Innerleithen, 106; Mr. A. Robertson, Innerleithen, 90, against Mr. T. D. C. Smith, Kelso, 93; Mr. R. Lountain, Melrose, 87, against Mr. G. A. D. C. Ferguson, Innerleithen, 89; Mr. J. Connochie, Selkirk, 91, against Mr. Thomas Buckham, Hawick, 89; Mr. William Bertram, Innerleithen, 94, against Mr. D. C. Alexander, Selkirk, 96; Mr. William Bennett, Kelso, 93, against Mr. Walter Hume, Hawick, 103; Mr. J. Jamieson, Selkirk, 94, against Mr. T. S. Bogie, Melrose, 110; Mr. P. Cruickshank, Hawick, 96, against Mr. M. G. Thorburn, Innerleithen, 98; Rev. W. M. Warlow, Kelso, 97, against Mr. Thomas Hodgson, Hawick, 90; Mr. J. Thomson, Selkirk, 94, against Mr. James Barrie, Hawick, 90; Mr. William Lyon, Innerleithen, 103, against Mr. M. C. Hutchinson, Kelso, 121; Mr. G. H. Douglas, Hawick, 93, against Dr. Calvert, Melrose, 95; Dr. Barrie, Hawick, 95, against Mr. John Dickson, Melrose, 103; Mr. E. F. Cadell, Kelso, 111, against Mr. W. H. Robson, Selkirk, 100; Mr. R. Reyburn, Hawick, 105, against Mr. R. C. Smail, Innerleithen, 107.

EDINBURGH VIEWFORTH GOLF CLUB.—The first prize competition of the above club was played over the Braids course on the 27th ult. The putting-greens were heavy after rain, but some good scores were recorded. Mr. James M'Nab accomplished the round in 77, made up as follows:—5 3 3 5 2 5 4 4 6=37; 5 3 4 5 4 5 5 4 5=40, winning the first prize and silver medal. The other prize-winners were:—Mr. H. J. Harrison, 83, less 2=81; Mr. T. Hunter, 98, less 14=84; Mr. R. S. M'Nab, 89, less 5=84.

PERTH LICENSED VICTUALLERS' CLUB.—The spring competitions of this club have been finished. The six-round competition for the gold medal presented by Mr. P. Stewart, the captain, to be played for annually, was won by that gentleman himself from scratch. A four-round competition for a gold pendant presented by Mr. R. Grindlay, Queen's Hotel, resulted in favour of Mr. Dan Reid, with a score of 227 (less odds). Three sweepstakes were played for. The first was won by Mr. P. Stewart (scratch), with a score of 230; the second by Mr. D. Duff (less odds), 232; and the third by Mr. John Brown (less odds), 238.

DORNOCH.—In disagreeable windy weather the usual weekly competition was held on Saturday forenoon. There was a fairly good attendance, but the greens, which stand much in need of rain, were tricky, and difficult to hole out on. Mr. John Campbell put in a win with a scratch score of 88, and the following finished under the three figures:—Mr. Fowler, 91; Mr. Alexander Angus, 97, less 6=91; Mr. George Bridgeford, 98, less 7=91; Mr. W. Cameron, 95, less 3=92; Mr. J. Sutherland, 92, plus 3=95; Captain Leslie, 104, less 8=96; Dr. McLachlan, 108, less 12=96; and Bailie W. S. Fraser, 111, less 12=99.

STANDARD GOLF CLUB, EDINBURGH.—This club held its first meeting for the season at Gullane on the 2nd inst. Seven couples competed for the silver putter presented by the vice-president (Mr. Rolland) and other prizes, including two presented by the captain (Mr. R. Gibson), with the following result:—Mr. C. W. G. Browning, 94, scratch; Mr. J. M'ulloch, 91, plus 4=95; Mr. R. Gibson, jun., 102, less 2=100 and Mr. C. Stewart, 103, less 3=100, tie; Mr. W. E. Hunter, 103, scratch; Mr. G. Gloag, 117, less 14=103; Mr. G. M'Intosh, 109, less 6=103 and Mr. J. Hogben, 106, less 3=103, tie.

NORTH BERWICK (BASS ROCK CLUB).—On Saturday, the members of the Bass Rock Club held their monthly competition for the handicap trophy. There was a good muster of players. Mr. J. Mitchell proved the winner of the trophy with a net score of 83, less 2=81. The next best figures were:—Mr. John Forrest, 81, plus 1=82; Mr. G. S. Milne, 100, less 18=82; Mr. A. Hutchison, 92, less 8=84; Mr. A. Hogg, 92, less 4=88; Mr. F. Walker, 99, less 9=90; Mr. J. B. Maclachlan, 100, less 9=91; Mr. W. Merrills, 100, less 9=91. The lowest actual score, 81, was returned by Mr. Forrest. In deciding the tie for the allowance award, postponed from the recent half-yearly meeting, Mr. D. M. Jackson was successful, beating his opponent, Mr. J. Walker, by 89, scratch, against 99, less 9=90.

"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.—The above club had their first outing for the season on Saturday at North Berwick, and competed for a number of subscription and presented prizes. The greens were in fine condition, but a strong westerly wind baffled the competitors (most of whom were unacquainted with the course), and accounted for the scores being high. Prize winners:—Mr. J. Lawrie, 93, less 2=91; Mr. J. Pearson, 110, less 19=91 (tie); Mr. D. Coutts, 92, scratch; Mr. R. H. Thom, 99, less 7=92 (tie); Mr. T. Kinnear, 103, less 7=96; Mr. J. M'Intyre, 114, less 18=96 (tie); Mr. H. Neilson, 104, less 5=99; Mr. I. Mercer, 107, less 6=101; Mr. J. Frater, 114, less 12=102; Mr. D. Blair, 106, less 3=103.

BEARSDEN CLUB.—On Saturday the members of this club held their second monthly competition for Captain Lowrie's gold medal. Scores:—Mr. Alexander Bain, 106, less 24=82 (winner of the medal); Mr. W. J. Armstrong, 107, less 15=92; Mr. W. Smellie, 114, less 18=96; Mr. B. M. Whall, 114, less 18=96; Mr. J. C. Walker, 115, less 18=97; Mr. J. G. Currick, 122, less 24=98; Mr. D. A. Kirkwood, 112, less 14=98; Mr. S. Armstrong, 103, less 4=99.

EDINBURGH TEACHERS' CLUB.—The annual competition for the scratch gold medal, and the quarterly competition for medals and prizes (under handicap) took place over the Braids on Saturday. The force of the wind, added to the keenness of the greens, made low scoring very difficult. The gold medal—the premier honour of the club—was won by Mr. John King with 86, while Mr. J. C. Ross was a close second with 87. The handicap prizes fell to Mr. J. Andrew, 98, less 24=74, and Mr. William Mackay, 98, less 24=74, tie; Mr. William Burns, 95, less 20=75; Mr. A. R. Anderson, 88, less 11=77; Mr. C. Symington, 91, less 13=78.

BRUNTSFIELD ALLIED.—This club held their annual competition for gold medal (scratch) and handicap prizes over the Braids on Saturday. The weather was rather boisterous and the putting-greens very keen, which told against low scoring. The "blue ribbon" of the club and scratch prize was won by Mr. Thomas Aitken with a score of 81. The winners of the handicap prizes were as follows:—1st, Mr. John Munro, 103, less 28=75; 2nd, Mr. Thomas Aitken, 81, less 5=76; 3rd, Mr. J. T. Sharpe, 93, less 15=78; 4th, Mr. James Riddell, 90, less 10=80.

DUNFERMLINE.—The membership of the Dunfermline club has grown so much during the season that the management have been forced to double the course, and on Saturday the members had the opportunity of playing on a course of eighteen holes instead of nine. There was a large muster of members, and the first and second rounds of the Stewart and Wallace medals were decided. Results:—First round: Mr. J. W. Robertson and Mr. R. Husband beat Mr. W. Robertson, jun., and Mr. R. Stevenson by 1 up; Mr. B. M. Scott and Mr. G. Macpherson beat Mr. James Dick and Mr. John Fisher by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. A. B. Don and Mr. George Reid beat Mr. H. B. Ferrier and Mr. W. Morson by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. R. H. Robertson and Mr. R. B. Innes beat Mr. D. L. Ritchie and Mr. G. Anderson by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. George Tennant and Mr. J. C. Macbeth beat Mr. J. P. Anderson and Mr. R. Lockhart by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. Robert Reid and Dr. Dow beat Mr. J. T. Spence and Mr. W. Spedding by 2 up; Mr. W. M'Farlane and Mr. C. D. Allester beat Mr. James Mathewson and Mr. A. Wardrop by 1 up; Mr. W. Simpson and Mr. James Marshall beat Mr. W. Aikman and Dr. Fairlie by 3 up and 2 to play. Second round: Mr. R. Reid and Dr. Dow beat Mr. A. B. Don and Mr. George Reid by 2 up; Mr. G. W. Robertson and Mr. R. Husband beat Mr. D. M. Scott and Mr. G. Macpherson by 5 and 3 to play; Mr. R. H. Robertson and Mr. R. B. Innes beat Mr. G. Tennant and Mr. J. C. Macbeth by 2 up; Mr. C. D. Allister and Mr. W. M'Farlane beat Mr. W. Cowan and Mr. G. Honeyman by 3 up and 1 to play.

EDINBURGH CORPORATION GOLF CLUB.—The annual competition for the Slater trophy (open to members of the Town Council only) took place on the Braids on the 4th inst. in fine weather. The trophy was won by Councillor A. D. Mackenzie, whose score was 90, less 9=81. Additional prizes, being two dozen Golf balls presented by ex-Councillor Gibson and Mr. R. Stewart, S.S.C., were also played for. Councillor Macnaughton came in first with a net score of 90, and Bailie Macpherson second, with 89, plus 4=93. Councillor Mitchell Thompson took third prize with the net score of 94.

INTERESTING FOURSOME AT PERTH.—An interesting foursome was played on the North Inch at Perth, on the 3rd inst., between Mr. R. Hay Robertson, jun., and Rector Chambers and Messrs. John Marshall and L. Grant. At the start there was a strong feeling that Mr. Robertson and the Rector were the more powerful combination. As the match proceeded, however, their opponents played a magnificent game, and ultimately won by 4 up and 2 to play. The steadiness of the game of the winners may be understood when it is stated that of the seventeen holes constituting the match they took eight at four strokes each. Mr. Grant's play with his iron was very deadly.

GIRVAN GOLF CLUB.—This club has been engaged for the last fortnight playing off ties in a foursome competition for prizes. Twenty members entered. The final tie was played on Wednesday evening, Mr. Andrew Brown and the Rev. A. Brown playing against Mr. John Bryce and Dr. M'Dougall, the latter getting 4 from the former. The game ended in favour of the Messrs. Brown by 3 up and 2 to play.

STIRLING GOLF CLUB.—A handicap competition for a set of clubs and a dozen balls, presented by the ex-captain, Mr. W. Cowan Finlay, took place on the King's Park course on the 4th inst. There was a large turn-out of members. Best scores:—Mr. James Thomson, 94, less 8=86; Mr. R. A. Smith (scratch), 87; Mr. Charles Cochrane, 95, less 8=88; Mr. E. E. Cunliff, 98, less 8=90; Mr. P. Welsh, 96, less 6=90; Mr. Y. H. Todd (scratch), 90; Mr. W. Buntine, 101, less 10=91; Mr. Graham Paton, 98, less 6=92; Mr. W. Kennedy, 104, less 12=92; Mr. J. W. Campbell, 105, less 12=93; Mr. A. C. Buchanan, 103, less 10=93.

TYNESIDE CLUB.—The final for the spring handicap tournament took place over Ryton Willows on the 4th inst. The weather was very unfavourable for a good display of Golf; a strong east wind swept across the links, and it was exceedingly cold. Mr. Babington won a very close match by one hole, and a prize valued at £7 7s. Mr. Oliver also receives a prize valued at £2 2s. The following are the scores:—Mr. Babington, 89; Mr. J. L. Oliver, 93.

ROSSLYNLEE GOLF CLUB.—The spring meeting of this club was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., when there was a large turn-out of members. Besides handicap prizes and sweepstakes, the possession of the monthly medals was decided by best average. Mr. J. R. Blackwood won the scratch medal with an average of 94, and the Rev. H. Farquhar the handicap medal with 93. Mr. W. Urquhart being just one point more on the aggregate. The handicap prizes and sweepstakes were won as follows:—Mr. W. Urquhart, 95, less 8=87; Mr. Wm. Millar, 102, less 10=92; Mr. P. W. Adam, 110, less 18=92; Mr. J. R. Blackwood, scratch, 94; Dr. Mitchell, 124, less 30=94; Mr. Joseph Campbell, 125, less 30=95; Rev. H. Farquhar, 102, less 8=96; Mr. H. G. Thompson, scratch, 98; Rev. J. Loudon, 115, less 16=99; Major Sandford, scratch, 101. The course and greens were in good playing order, and the success of the club points to an eighteen-hole course being eventually resorted to, which will bring it considerably nearer the railway station.

AN OPEN COMPETITION FOR ISLAY.—The Lagavulin Golf medal, presented by Mr. Mackie, will be played for on the Islay Golf course on Thursday, 26th inst. The match will be scratch, and open to all comers. The course is much improved from play since the famous contest between Campbell and Fernie.

LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND GOLF CLUB.—This club held their first competition over Gullane links on the 2nd inst., when eight couples competed. The following were the best scores:—Mr. J. T. Paterson, 100, less 10=90; Mr. J. Sanderson, 91, scratch; Mr. A. Prentice, 120, less 27=93.

GLASGOW.—There were sixty-two couples of competitors on Saturday. Club medal:—Mr. J. Baird, 77, less 4=73; Mr. W. Milne, scratch, 76; Mr. J. R. Motion, scratch, 77; Mr. W. Doleman, scratch, 79. Wilson medal—Mr. W. M. Shanks, 85, less 9=76; Mr. R. R. Allan, 88, less 12=76; Mr. P. H. Miller, 90, less 10=80; Mr. A. W. Evans, 92, less 12=80. Scott medal—Mr. St. Blackley, 91, less 18=73; Mr. J. Currie, 91, less 18=73; Mr. H. Johnstone, 92, less 14=78; Mr. W. Smith, 96, less 18=78; Mr. J. T. Irvine, 94, less 15=79.

BRIDGE OF WEIR.—The members of this club on Saturday afternoon competed for the monthly gold medal. Result:—Mr. John Sangster, 94, less 16=78; Mr. Thos. Carruthers, jun., 89, less 8=81; Mr. W. N. Scott, scratch, 82; Mr. D. K. McLeish, 106, less 22=84; Mr. J. L. Wilson, 102, less 15=84.

GULLANE—DIRLETON CASTLE CLUB.—The annual spring competition of this club took place at Gullane on Saturday, when there was a fair turn-out of members. The competition was for the Weatherspoon medal and other club prizes. The green was in fine order, but owing to a strong wind the scores were not so low as they would otherwise have been. The following are the best scores:—Mr. J. Brotherston and Mr. D. Ritchie, 87 (tie); Mr. J. Lister, 88; Mr. C. Smith, 90; Mr. E. Fitzjohn, 91; Mr. A. Lister, 92.

EDINBURGH INSTITUTION F.P. GOLF CLUB.—The members of this club held their spring handicap competition over Musselburgh on Friday afternoon. The turn-out was satisfactory, sixteen couples starting, and considering the state of the green the scores were good. Mr. C. Keene, 89, less 4=85, Mr. J. L. C. Smith, 103, less 18=85, and Mr. D. Crawford, 103, less 18=85, tied for first, second, and third prizes; and Mr. "I. Sinclair," 90, less 2=88, and Mr. T. Ainslie, 102, less 14=88, tied for fourth prize.

TAIN.—The first stage of the monthly competition of the St Duthus Golf Club for the prizes presented by the captain, was played, under handicap, on Saturday. There was a fair attendance of players; but, on account of heavy showers of rain, the scoring was below the average. The best scores were:—Mr. Geo. M. Munro, coal merchant, Tain, 119, less 30=89; Mr. Wm. Cromb (scratch), 92; and Mr. James Munro, solicitor, Tain, 99, less 7=92.

KILMALCOLM.—Fine weather and a large field of players characterised the play at Kilmalcolm on Saturday, when the ties in the fourth round of the competition for Mr. Neil Robson's prize, and those in the semi-final round of the contest for Messrs. Cassels and Taylor's prizes were concluded. The results are as follows:—For Mr. Robson's prize:—Mr. John Sinclair beat Mr. T. B. S. Siers; Mr. W. Aikman a bye from Dr. Haig; Dr. Syme a bye from Mr. R. Cassels; Mr. J. A. Brown beat Mr. John Harrington; Mr. Nicol M'Nicol beat Dr. Stevenson; Mr. James Crawford beat Mr. John Crawford; Mr. Robert Barr beat Mr. John Miller; Mr. Alexander Anderson beat Mr. D. G. L. Maclure. For Messrs. Cassels and Taylor's prizes—Mr. John Sinclair beat Mr. Allan F. Duncan by one stroke; Mr. Robert Tannahill beat Mr. William Aikman by four strokes. Mr. Sinclair and Mr. Tannahill will now compete for first and second prizes.

Club Notices.

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THE NEW GROUND will be opened for play, as already announced, on the 21st inst., but the Committee have decided to postpone Prize Competitions until further notice, owing to the dry weather having delayed the completion of necessary work.

By order of the Committee,

J. DUTHIE MATTHEW, Secretary.

ELTHAM GOLF CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Links will be open for play on

SATURDAY, THE 21ST MAY,

for Members and their friends

Intending players are requested to communicate at once with H. Fitzjohn, the Greenkeeper, 7, High Street, Eltham, Kent, in order to facilitate the necessary arrangements for procuring caddies.

They are also desired to inform the Hon. Secretary if they wish for luncheon, which on that day will be specially provided in the proposed Club-House at a fixed tariff.

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