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APRIL.

- April 28.—Royal Cromer Ladies: Monthly Medal.
April 28 & 29.—Minchinhampton: Spring Meeting.
Ealing: Spring Meeting; Annual General Meeting (5).
April 29.—Chester: Mr. Vivian's Prize.
Dumfries and Galloway: Monthly Medal.
Buxton and High Peak: Monthly Medal.
Royal Eastbourne: Monthly Medal.
Royal Dublin: The Black Watch Gold Medal.
Taplow: Monthly Medal.
Weston-Super-Mare: Monthly Medal.
Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.
Luffness: Hope Challenge Cup.
Warwickshire: Monthly Cup.
Huddersfield: Monthly Medal.
Birkdale: Captain's Cup.
Crookham: Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest: Gordon Cup; Captain's Prize;
Monthly Medal.
Ranelagh: Silver Medal.
Islay: Monthly Competition.
Sidecup: Monthly Competition.
West Lancashire: Spring Meeting.
Cinque Ports: Monthly Medal.
Wakefield: Charlesworth Cup.
Lanark: Monthly Medal.
West Cornwall: Monthly Medal.
Cheadle: First Summer Competition.
Alloa: Monthly Medal.

MAY.

- May 1.—Cambridge University: Linskill Cup and Pirie Medal.

- May 2.—Carnarvonshire: Monthly Medal.
May 2 to 4.—Minehead: Spring Meeting.
May 3.—Blackheath Ladies: Monthly Medal.
Alloa: Ladies' Competition.
Durham: Nine Winners' Cup.
May 4.—Tyneside: Medal Handicap.
Alloa: Club Prize.
Innerleven: Business Meeting.
May 4, 5, 6.—Richmond: Spring Meeting.
May 4 & 6.—Guildford: Spring Meeting.
May 5.—Tyneside: Jubilee Cross.
Innerleven: Wemyss Cup and Jackson Tankard.
Lanark: Half-Yearly Meeting.
Blackheath School Old Boys: At Blackheath.
May 5 & 6.—Brighton and Hove: Spring Meeting.
May 6.—Redhill and Reigate: Turner Bi-Monthly Medal.
Wimbledon Ladies: Mixed Foursomes.
Rochester v. Royal Engineers (at Higham).
Chester: Monthly Competition.
Woodford: Captain's Prize and Monthly Medal.
Wakefield: Inaugural Bowl.
Richmond: Monthly Medal.
Alloa: The Thomson Paon Trophy.
Lanark: Silver Cleek (under Handicap.)
Chester: Monthly Competition.
Royal Liverpool: Monthly Medal.
Edinburgh University: Challenge Cup.
Bowdon: Monthly Medal.
Disley: Sweep-stake.
Leicester: Monthly Competition.
Birkdale: Seventh Medal Competition.
Tooting: Monthly Medal.
London Scottish: Monthly Medal.
Aldeburgh: Monthly Medal.
May 9.—Amateur Championship at Prestwick.
Birkdale: Miss Burton's Ladies' Prize (Final).
Wimbledon Ladies: Second Class Competition.
May 10.—Royal Epping Forest: Aggregate Competition.
May 11.—Wimbledon Ladies: First Class Competition.
May 13.—Littlestone: Monthly Medal.
Chester: "Bogey" Competition.
Dumfries and Galloway: Silver Medal.
Guildford: Monthly Handicap.
Buxton and High Peak: Fortnightly Medal.
Leasowe: Monthly Medal.
Royal Dublin: Bar Cup.
Cumbrae: Monthly Medal.
Cheadle v. Bowdon (at Bowdon).
Richmond v. Rochester (at Richmond).
Weston-Super-Mare: Monthly Medal.
Seaton Carew: Monthly Handicap Competition.

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THE FUTURE OF THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

Although it is only a comparatively short period since the Open Golf Championship was played over the links at Muirfield, the forthcoming meeting at Prestwick has already become a matter of speculation, and, if we mistake not, of negotiation. Why the matter should thus early come under discussion is explained by the unusual circumstances under which the event of last year took place, and the undecided position in which it was left. The conditions of the contest of last year were marked by so wide a departure from those that had previously regulated the meeting, and have so unsettled traditional usage, that a good deal of anxiety exists as to the regulations that shall guide the management this year, and in future years.

The new *régime* inaugurated by the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, the result, partly of an expression of public opinion, and partly of fortuitous circumstances, was not an ordinary *régime*, but, whatever the intention may have been, applied only to that one occasion. The competition, as it took place, was arranged by the club in charge of it, solely on their own responsibility, and without consulting the other parties to the arrangement that had existed up to that time. There was no fixity of tenure, so to speak, and the club to whom it fell to make the arrangements for this year were left with a free hand. The Prestwick Club, to whom it falls to take charge of the meeting in the coming autumn, have accordingly to consider what are to be the conditions this year, and if necessary, for future years. They have to decide in the first place whether they will follow in the footsteps of their immediate predecessors in office and arrange on the plan of last year, or revert to the old system. There seems to be a general belief that the Open Championship has hitherto been conducted under a set of rules to which the clubs concerned were bound to conform, unless they were modified or revised by resolution of the parties collectively. This is to some extent a mistake. For twenty years the meeting was conducted by the three clubs responsible for its continuance, under no written constitution that was binding, but under a tacit agreement that was pretty closely adhered to. That this was so is clear from the action of the Honourable Company, and it was reserved for that club to take revolutionary steps which made the meeting of last year so widely different from preceding meetings. The events that led up to those changes are so well known, that it is needless to go over them further than to briefly remind those interested that the competition was expanded, or the existing order departed from, mainly in four directions; in the extension of the competition from one day to two days; in the imposing of an entrance fee—both changes advocated by golfers in general; in the transference of the contest to a new green, which was incidental; and, as affecting the professionals, in a large addition to the prize money, which addition, although it was advocated by all golfers, was also to some extent incidental, being prompted by the action of the Musselburgh Golfers. The three changes principally affecting the contest, *viz.*, the extension to two days, the entrance fee, and the increase in the prize money, formed the foundation upon which it has been generally agreed the Championship should be based. That has hardly been questioned, and the only defect in the arrangement is that it was not made permanent. It seems somewhat unfortunate that the Honourable Company should have acted to the ignoring of the existing agreement, and that the innovations they introduced, desirable as they are, were only temporary; but what looks like a misfortune may in the end prove a blessing.

In the meantime the onus has been thrown upon the Prestwick Club this year of taking upon themselves (1) to revert to the old scheme; (2) to follow upon the lines of last year's competition; or (3) to take steps to place the conditions of last year's competition, with certain modifications, on a permanent footing. It is generally conceded that the last arrangement is the desirable one in the interests of golfers, and especially in the interests of professional golfers. The question comes to be, How are the Prestwick Club likely to be affected by the present position of matters, brought about by last year's events? Are they likely to adopt in the main the conditions of last year, and set about making them lasting? It is this question that is agitating the minds of golfers at this juncture. There is some reason to believe that the Prestwick Golf Club are not disposed to stand still in the matter, but are inclined to move in the direction of adopting in their essentials the conditions under which the contest took place at Muirfield, and to make those conditions the basis of an established scheme. And, as this club were the originators of the Open Championship contest, the initiative in such a movement would come with appropriateness and with weight from such a quarter. But it is needless to point out that there are difficulties in the way. To bring about such an established

scheme would necessitate the still further expansion of the scope of the contest, and this would mean the still further revolutionising of the conditions.

There is a pretty widespread desire on the part of golfers across the border that the Open Championship should not be confined to links in Scotland, but should, as the Amateur Championship is, be played also on links in England. There appears also to be a general feeling north of the Border that this desire has come to be a reasonable one. Moreover, the carrying-out of the contest on any proposed extended basis, involves a possible annual expenditure that no single club ought to be called upon to face alone. The alternative to burdening any single club with an outlay probably amounting to over £100, is to enlist the active interest and co-operation of as many clubs as may be disposed to take part in a revised scheme. Such a movement, if carried out, would involve the departing altogether from the arrangement under which the contest has been managed by the Prestwick Club, the Royal and Ancient Club, and the Honourable Company's Club, in triennial rotation, and under which it has been played over their respective links. Instead of continuing the existing triumvirate system of government, the government would require to be made in a manner representative; and the qualification for representation would have to be a money qualification. In other words, the clubs would be invited to subscribe to the expenses of the Championship, in return for which they would have a voice in the arrangements. Along with this there would require to be, in all likelihood, a rearrangement of the links, over which the event is to take place, this rearrangement of the links to include links on both sides of the Border. In this direction it is to be hoped the Prestwick Club will move; and as there is now nothing to bind the club to the old order of things, there is now nothing to prevent it from adopting measures to ascertain the feelings of golfers as represented by their clubs on both sides of the Border, and to elicit an expression of their opinion on this important matter. Some of the best golfers, both amateur and professional, are located in England, and as English golfers were the originators of the Amateur Championship, which is played on both sides of the Border, they are entitled, if they desire it, to have a voice in the management of the open event. There is little doubt that in the end a joint management will take the place of that which has subsisted in the past, and when the existing unsettled position of matters is taken into account, the present moment seems opportune for bringing about the dual control. English golfers, since they have taken to the game, have shown no lack of enterprise in the encouragement of Golf, and there is little doubt that they would at once take up such a scheme as that hinted at above, a scheme which would be almost certain to meet with the approval of the general body of golfers. It is greatly to be hoped, therefore, that the premier club of the West of Scotland will take the initiative in this matter, with a view to placing the Open Championship on that more elevated platform which it seeks to rise to.

J. MCBAIN.

ELECTRIC CLUB.—The monthly medal and spring prize competition of the above club was held over the Braids. The green was in perfect condition and the weather fine, but a high westerly wind somewhat disturbed calculations. The following were the prize-winners:—Medal and 1, Mr. A. Scott, 101, less 25=76; 2, Mr. W. Lawrie, 93, less 12=81; 3, Mr. J. Bell, 82, scratch=82; 4, Mr. J. Johnston, 86, less 3=83; 5, Mr. T. Smith, 92, less 9=83; 6, Mr. J. M'Cormick, 103, less 20=83—tie; 7, Mr. G. Herschell, 109, less 25=84; 8, Mr. W. Watt, 101, less 14=87; 9, Mr. A. Fraser, 95, less 7=88; 10, Mr. D. Moore, 113, less 25=88—tie. A consolation prize, confined to members with a handicap of 20 and over, who were not in the ordinary prize list, was tied for by Messrs. T. Armstrong and T. Miller at 90 net. The above club held their competition for the gold charm (confined to medal winners of the past year) over the Braids, on the 21st. The weather was fine and the course in splendid condition. Mr. Mark Adams was the winner with a net score of 88.

CLIFTON BANK SCHOOL, ST. ANDREWS.—Spring medal presented by Mr. W. Matheson. Eight scratch couples entered, the medal being won by George J. C. Watson. First round—R. Callander beat W. Primrose by 6 up and 5 to play; J. Key beat T. Longmuir by 6 up and 4 to play; W. Caverhill beat G. Todd by 7 up and 6 to play; H. M. Ballingall beat J. Allan by 8 up and 7 to play; G. J. C. Watson beat A. F. Henderson by 6 up and 6 to play; E. C. Somner beat H. F. Henderson by 1; A. H. Wood beat W. Todd by 1; W. R. M'Creath beat J. M'Creath by 7 up and 6 to play. Second Round—Key beat Callander by 2; Ballingall beat Caverhill by 3 up and 2 to play; Watson beat Somner by 2 up and 1 to play; Wood beat M'Creath by 5 up and 4 to play. Third Round—Key beat Ballingall by 4 up and 3 to play; Watson beat Wood by 8 up and 6 to play. Final Round—Watson beat Key by 2 up and 1 to play.

THE LADIES' GOLF UNION.

As announced some weeks ago, a meeting of members of several of the best known ladies' Golf clubs of the United Kingdom was held on Wednesday, the 19th April, at the Grand Hotel, London, to found a Ladies' Golf Union. The following clubs were represented at a well-attended meeting of those interested in the success of the project:—Great Harrowden Hill—Miss L. C. Colman. St. Andrews—Miss Francis Grainger, Miss Agnes Grainger, Miss G. Bruce Johnston, Miss E. Bruce Johnston, and Miss Murray Honey. Barnes—Miss Gow and Miss Barclay Brown. Eastbourne—Mrs. Thornhill. Blackheath—Mrs. Mackern and Miss Knapping. Southdown and Brighton—Mrs. Gordon Dill and Miss Blanche Martin. Hollywood—Mrs. White and Miss Kyle Knox. Minchinhampton—Mrs. Davies. Ashdown Forest—Miss Andrews and Mrs. F. Lucas. Wimbledon—Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Willock, Mrs. Foster, Miss L. Thomson, Miss Frere, and Miss Issette Pearson. Lytham and St. Anne's—Mr. Talbot Fair.

It was proposed by Mr. Norman Foster, and seconded by Mr. Talbot Fair, and carried unanimously, "That Mr. Laidlaw Purves take the chair."

Mr. Purves then read a list of the clubs who had signified their approval of the proposed Union, viz.:—Ashdown Forest, Barnes, Eastbourne, East Sheen, Great Harrowden, Great Yarmouth, Lytham and St. Anne's, Minchinhampton, North Berwick, North Warwickshire, Portrush, Royal Belfast, St. Andrews, Southdown and Brighton, and Wimbledon.

Mr. Laidlaw Purves, who presided, said,—Before entering into the formal business of the meeting, I wish to welcome cordially the club delegates, who, at some trouble and expense, have come here to-day at the invitation of the Wimbledon Ladies' Golf Club. I have noticed in the correspondence relating to golfing matters, which appears in the journals, that it is the opinion of some correspondent—a male correspondent, I regret to say—that "woman is incapable of a matured and seasoned interest in Golf." But your presence here to-day as delegates from Ladies' Golf Clubs throughout the United Kingdom refutes the calumny, and shows an interest in the welfare of present and future golfers which has not been evinced by the majority of the other sex. (Applause.) In this matter, women are certainly in the van, and, in my opinion, very properly so, as by this means they foster this great aid to health and happiness. (Hear, hear.) When the members of the Wimbledon Ladies' Golf Club sent out their proposal that a Golf Union should be established, they showed a most commendable foresight. For, as ladies' clubs are now forming in numbers over the country, there is no doubt that inter-club matches, even international matches and championships will be instituted, and then, without such a Union, the chaotic conditions will arise which exist in the male golfing world, viz., an oligarchy of each local club ruling over its own individual members, and a great oligarchy of an ancient and therefore venerated club, ruling over the golfing world. To prevent such unsatisfactory conditions in the ladies' golfing world the present meeting has been called. To abolish such an oligarchy as far as possible, and to establish in its stead an authority which shall be thoroughly representative of all ladies' Golf clubs, and so give these clubs an opportunity of legislating in regard to the rules under which they desire to play, are objects of the promoters. If, by the formation of this union, you can remove some of the disagreements existing between clubs as to the rules you will not have met in vain. If you can persuade clubs to revert to the old Scottish game as it existed before the innovations introduced by St. Andrews during the last twenty years, you will have achieved a large amount of success. If you can introduce a uniformity of rules you will confer an incalculable boon on future golfers.

This uniformity of golfing rules, although the great object, is not by any means the only duty which a Golfing Union should undertake. There exists at present the great difficulty of handicapping—the *bête noir* of committees—which is constantly causing such heartburnings among young players, and giving secretaries and handicapping committees an immensity of trouble. By the adoption of some system which had received the sanction of the clubs belonging to the Union, and was therefore recognised as the seemingly best method of handicapping, we should at least obtain a fairer method of handicapping in the competitions which would be common to all. Having agreed to one system of handicapping, the secretary would obtain from all the clubs a list of the handicaps of the members founded on that system, and would send copies of such lists to all the clubs, so that the handicapping committee of each club could at once, on the advent or return of any member to

their green, place the golfer in her proper position on their list; and at the competitions open to all the clubs, each player would find herself at once in the running; nor would the variations in the courses prevent this, as by each club having calculated the par of its own green by the same method previously agreed upon, the scratch scores of each green would give the guide for the proportions of handicap to be allowed in match and medal play on the different greens.

By such a union arrangements could be much more easily made for interclub matches, international matches, and the great Champion meetings, which are sure to come about; meetings could be made at times convenient for the majority, and so that important meetings did not clash with each other. With the present variations of rules and systems of handicapping, great interclub handicap competitions are almost impossible; but, with a uniformity on these points, I see no reason against a great golfing week being instituted, in which not only the cracks would have an opportunity of gaining honours, but also the handicap players, who, at present, have no honours offered them apart from those in their own particular clubs. I deprecate the exaggerated amount of prize-giving at present in vogue, and think a golfing week once a year, in which honours open to all classes of players, consisting of a championship, a handicap scoring competition, and handicap match, tournaments for single players and club representatives, might diminish the amount of prize competitions on the home greens.

As a tribunal and court of reference on points of uncertainty, the Union would be an authority for which all affiliated club committees would be thankful. It would form a check on innovations, which are at present rife in Scotland as well as in England, such as the use of croquet mallet clubs, hammers, and pendulum putters, which no single club has hitherto, so far as I know, had the courage to exclude from its green, but the uses of which are, as George Glennie would have said, "no golf, but only monkey tricks." (Laughter.) It would form a central authority, consisting of a representative council, to promote the interests of Golf in general, the regulation of all that concerns the game, the enlightening of public opinion on the game, and the protection to some extent of the rights of golfers on greens on which such assistance might be useful.

The progress of your Union may be slow, but I cannot but think that the more your objects are ventilated, the more will they commend themselves to the great golfing world which is arising, and the greater will be the gratitude which will be accorded to you as those who have brought the project within a measurable distance of success. (Cheers.)

Mr. Cameron proposed, and Mr. Grainger seconded, that "In the interests of Golf it is desirable that a Union of the Ladies' Golf Clubs of the United Kingdom be, and is hereby formed, and shall be called the 'Ladies' Golf Union.'"

Mr. Talbot Fair, representing Lytham and St. Anne's, asked for information regarding the *locale* of the Union's meetings, and the greens on which the championship should be played; and after some discussion was decided that "As the Lytham and St. Anne's club had already made arrangements, the first championship of the Ladies' Golf Union should be held on the Ladies' links at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea on the 13th, 14th, and 15th of June next."

The motion as proposed by Mrs. Cameron was then put to the meeting and carried *nem con*.

Mrs. Mackern proposed, and Miss L. Thomson seconded, "That the Union shall consist of a Council, which shall include a President, four Vice-Presidents, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, and representative members from the clubs composing the Union." Motion carried.

Mrs. Thornhill, proposed and Miss A. Grainger seconded, "That a lady (to be named hereafter) should be President of the Union." Not carried.

Mrs. Norman Foster proposed, and Mrs. Davies seconded, "That the following gentlemen be Vice-Presidents of the Union." Carried, subject to their acceptance of office:—Mr. W. Laidlaw Purves, England, South; Mr. Talbot Fair, England, North; Mr. H. S. C. Everard, Scotland; Mr. T. Gilroy, Ireland.

Messrs. Purves and Fair thanked the meeting for the honour proposed and agreed to act.

It was proposed by Miss Martin, and seconded by Miss Gow and carried, "That Miss Issette Pearson be Hon. Secretary of the Union." Miss Pearson accepted office.

It was proposed by Mrs. Foster, and seconded by Miss L. Thomson, and carried, "That Miss Blanche Martin be Hon. Treasurer of the Union." Miss Martin agreed to act.

The Chairman then proposed:—"That the Council shall organise meetings to be held in London, and make arrangements under which:—(a) Local clubs can be affiliated to the Union, and the powers of voting of clubs so affiliated; (b) The entrance-fees and annual subscriptions to be paid by associated clubs; (c) The laws under which the clubs so affiliated shall play; (d) Arrangements for advising the secretary of different clubs of the handicaps of all members of the clubs; (e) Arrangements for holding a yearly Championship, open to all lady golfers.

Mr. Talbot Fair suggested fixing places of Championship

alternately in the three Kingdoms. Mr. Franklin-Adams proposed that there should be an Annual Championship held by the Union. This was seconded by Miss Agnes Grainger, and carried unanimously.

A sub-committee of the following members of the Union, five to be a quorum, was appointed to make all necessary arrangements for the next meetings of Council and Union in London:—Mrs. Cameron, Wimbledon; Mrs. Thornhill, Eastbourne; Mrs. G. Dill, Southdown and Brighton; Miss A. Grainger and Miss Bruce Johnston, St. Andrews; Mrs. Hermon, Lytham and St. Anne's; Mrs. Mackern, Blackheath; Mrs. Lucas, Ashdown Forest; Mrs. White, Holywood; Mrs. Mann, Portrush. The vice-presidents and hon. secretary and hon. treasurer, *ex officio*.

The value of the challenge cup being discussed, Mrs. Cameron proposed, and Mrs. White seconded, and it was carried, that 50 guineas be sufficient for the trophy. Mr. Talbot Fair, on behalf of the Lytham and St. Anne's Club, offered £10 10s. Mr. Franklin-Adams, on behalf of the Wimbledon Ladies' Golf Club, also offered £10 10s.

Miss Blanche Martin then proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was seconded by Mr. Talbot Fair, and carried by acclamation.

GULLANE CLUB.—The members of this club held the opening match of the season (handicap) on Saturday, on Gullane links. There was a large turn-out of players, the weather being splendid and the green in magnificent order. The course was twelve holes. The prize was a handsome time-piece, winners of ties receiving a ball. The final was not played off, and will probably be decided during the week. The scores were as under:—First Ties.—Mr. J. A. Robertson, Edinburgh (4), beat Mr. W. M'Intosh, Edinburgh (2), by 5; Mr. A. D. Smith, Edinburgh (4), beat Mr. H. Parker, Edinburgh (3), by 1; Mr. L. Bilton, Edinburgh (3), beat Mr. D. Brown, Edinburgh (1), by 4; Mr. W. Morrison, Edinburgh (6), beat Mr. W. Palmer, Dirlerton (7), by 2; Mr. R. W. Robertson, Edinburgh (2), beat Mr. T. D. Thomson, Eastcraig (4), by 5; Mr. G. R. Turnbull, Edinburgh (5), beat Mr. H. M. Turnbull, Edinburgh (4), by 2; Mr. J. C. Law, Edinburgh (2), beat Mr. T. Binnie, Saltcoats (1), by 6; Mr. A. Melrose, Edinburgh (3), beat Mr. W. T. Armour, Edinburgh (scratch), by 1; Mr. F. Wallace, South Belton (2), beat Mr. T. Millar (6), by 2; Mr. H. Wakelin, Edinburgh (4), beat Mr. J. Williamson, Edinburgh (3), by 2; Mr. W. G. Croal, Edinburgh (1), beat Mr. W. M'Leish, Edinburgh (2), by 2; Mr. A. B. Thomson, Edinburgh (4), beat Mr. J. C. Millar, Edinburgh (4), by 4; Mr. A. Murray, Gullane (scratch), beat Mr. R. J. Pringle, Edinburgh (2), by 3; Mr. O. Thomson, Edinburgh (scratch), beat Mr. Taylor, Edinburgh (1), by 1; Mr. J. D. Paterson, Edinburgh (2), beat Mr. W. M'Gregor, Edinburgh (6), by 3; Mr. J. Stewart, Edinburgh (scratch), beat Mr. D. N. Cotton, Edinburgh (2), by 2; Mr. F. V. Hagart, Edinburgh (scratch), beat Mr. J. M'Kay, Edinburgh (4), by 1; Mr. A. M. Ross, Edinburgh (scratch), beat Mr. D. M'Laren, Edinburgh (scratch), by 3; Mr. M. Brown, Musselburgh (scratch), beat Dr. Alexander, Edinburgh (3), by 1; Mr. R. M'Gowan, Edinburgh (3), beat Mr. J. Stuart, Edinburgh (3), by 6; Mr. A. Dryborough, Edinburgh (3), beat Mr. J. R. Peplow, Edinburgh (4), by 3; Mr. J. Law, Edinburgh (5), beat Mr. W. M'Lennan, Dalkeith (3), by 2; Mr. W. N. Millar, Edinburgh (3), beat Mr. C. W. M'Kinlay, Edinburgh (scratch), by 4; Mr. W. White, Edinburgh (4), beat Captain Stott, Dumfries (scratch), by 1. Second Ties.—Mr. J. A. Robertson beat Mr. A. D. Smith by 4; Mr. A. W. Robertson beat Mr. G. M. Turnbull by 4; Mr. A. Melrose beat Mr. J. C. Law by 1; Mr. L. Bilton beat Mr. F. Wallace by 3; Mr. W. G. Croal beat Mr. H. Wakelin by 1; Mr. A. Murray beat Mr. A. B. Thomson by 1; Mr. J. Paterson beat Mr. O. Thomson by 4; Mr. F. V. Hagart beat Mr. J. Stewart by 1; Mr. A. M. Ross beat Mr. M. Brown by 1; Mr. R. M'Gowan beat Mr. A. Dryborough by 3; Mr. James Law beat Mr. W. M. Millar by 7; Mr. W. White beat Captain Stott by 3. Third Ties.—Mr. L. Bilton beat Mr. J. A. Robertson by 1; Mr. A. Melrose beat Mr. A. W. Robertson by 3; Messrs. W. G. Croal and A. Murray tied twice; Mr. A. M. Ross beat Mr. R. M'Gowan by 2; Mr. J. Paterson beat Mr. F. V. Hagart by 1; Mr. James Law (retired) beat Mr. W. White by 6. Fourth Ties.—Messrs. A. Melrose and L. Bilton tied; Mr. J. Paterson beat Mr. A. M. Ross by 1. On playing off-tie, Mr. A. Melrose beat Mr. L. Bilton by 4 and 3 to play.

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The first meeting of the Ladies' Golf Union took place at the Grand Hotel, Trafalgar Square, on April 19th, at 2.30. Miss Issette Pearson, Mrs. Foster, and Mrs. Cameron, from Wimbledon, received the delegates, and carried out the arrangements in the most comfortable and business-like manner. Miss Fitz Roy, of Great Yarmouth, sent a letter of regret for her non-attendance. The ladies were fortunate in securing the services of Mr. W. Laidlaw Purves, of Wimbledon, than whom, as Mr. Franklin Adams justly remarked, no golfer is more experienced, respected, or popular, and he was very wisely and unanimously elected chairman of the meeting. The first motion put and carried was that a Union be formed, which shall be representative of all ladies' Golf Clubs which shall desire to be affiliated thereto, for the purposes of establishing uniform rules, to be applied in all cases of dispute; for the promotion of inter-club and international matches, and for instituting a uniform basis of handicapping, as well as for the establishment of an Open Championship. Mr. Laidlaw Purves, in his clear and able speech, set forth the advantages that would be gained by a thoroughly representative ladies' Golf Union. Golf would be established among ladies in its original Royal and Ancient form; all modern spurious and base imitations of the game would be driven ignominiously from the field. By enlarging the principles of handicapping and by interchange of the scratch scores on various greens it would be possible to establish a system of handicaps, which could be made relative to players on all links. He felt certain that the more the objects of the Ladies' Union were ventilated, the more all ladies' Golf Clubs would feel the importance of being affiliated to the Union. The ladies have made a move in the right direction, and are heading a much needed and most useful reform. It was decided that the president should be a lady, but it was not decided to whom the invitation should be addressed. Miss Blanche Martin, of the Southdown and Brighton Ladies' Club, was elected hon. treasurer of the Union, Mrs. Mackern having been unable to undertake that office. Miss Martin hopes, however, that when the Ladies' Golf Union shall be firmly and finally established some gentleman will undertake the hon. treasurer-ship, as she feels that the financial department is one which will be best governed by the male supporters of the Ladies' Golf Union.

The greatest difficulty (or, as Mr. Purves called it, the bomb-shell) of the meeting was the question of the Open Championship, as already advertised by the Lytham and St. Anne's Ladies' Club, previous to receiving notices respecting the formation of the Ladies' Golf Union. Clearly there could not be two Championships. Mr. Talbot Fair treated the difficulty in a fair and courteous spirit. On behalf of the Lytham and St. Anne's Club, he declared that he wished in no way to clash with the work of the Union. Finally, after speeches by Mr. Talbot Fair, Mr. Purves, and Mr. Franklin-Adams, it was decided that the Ladies' Golf Union should take up the management of the Championship; that it should, by subscriptions, purchase a cup, not exceeding £50 in value, the winner of which should be the Champion for the year. Mr. Talbot Fair, on behalf of the Lytham and St. Anne's Ladies' Club, and Mr. Franklin-Adams, on behalf of the Wimbledon Ladies' Club, each promised a subscription of £10 towards this object. There are

many ladies' clubs which have but a very small reserve fund, but who would like to show their interest in the scheme; it must therefore be understood that the smallest subscriptions will be received as gratefully as the larger subscriptions in such cases. All subscriptions should be sent to Miss Blanche Martin, Hon. Treasurer Ladies' Golf Union, 35, Brunswick Square, Brighton. It was further arranged that the contest for the Championship should take place this year on the Ladies' links at Lytham on the same days (June 13th, 14th, and 15th), as arranged by that club, and under the same rules. The annual subscription which shall be paid by each club towards the expenses of the Union must be decided according to the number of clubs which shall join the Union. It is to be hoped that every ladies' club of importance and energy will intimate to the Hon. Secretary their willingness to be affiliated to the Union.

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Owing to a printer's error in the advertisement of the patent Golf club bag, manufactured by Mr. David Stocks, Niddry Street, Edinburgh. The price was erroneously given as 5s. for gentlemen, and 3s. for ladies. The price should have been 15s. and 13s. respectively. We regret the error, and trust that Mr. Stocks has not suffered inconvenience thereby, for, of course, such a good club bag as is sent out by him could not be obtained for the small price stated.

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Among those who will take part in the Amateur Championship meeting at Prestwick, are the two Champions, Mr. John Ball, the Amateur Champion, and Mr. H. H. Hilton, the Open Champion, both representatives of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club. Mr. Ball is familiar with the Prestwick round, and has indeed reason to have pleasant reflections as to his experience there, for it was at Prestwick—in 1888—that he won his first Championship honours and carried off Open Championship honours two years later. To Mr. Hilton, on the other hand, the links are a *terra incognita*. He has never been there, nor, so far as we are aware, on any links in the West of Scotland.

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To those who propose being at Prestwick for the purpose of taking part in the Championship contest, and who, like Mr. Ball, took part in the last event there, it cannot fail to be of interest to know that some alterations in the way of making the round more difficult, have recently been made on the links. At the eighth hole two sand bunkers have been put down. One of these, about twenty yards long, can only affect a topped shot from the tee, but the other a little short of, and covering the whole of the putting green, is of much more importance, more especially as two long shots are necessary to reach the green. To the left of the direct course, going to the ninth hole, and about the length of a fair drive from the tee, a new bunker has been formed. From the natural inclination of the ground being in the direction of this hazard, the competitor will do well to be very careful about hooking his tee shot here. Coming to the tenth hole, he will find the bunker at the division of the two fields considerably enlarged, and the tee shot will require to be well judged. These alterations are part of a more extended scheme, which has not yet been completed farther than as indicated above, with the exception of the enlargement of the bunker over the Alps, short of the putting-green at the seventeenth hole.

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A St. Andrews caddie, who recently returned from a trip to Cannes and other links on the Mediterranean, was asked how Golf was played there. "Gowf!" he said. "It's no' gowf ava. They pit on red coats—the ladies too—and ca' it Gowf; and they're aye claimin' the hole, and says its their rules."

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The *Edinburgh Evening Dispatch*, which devotes special attention to the interests of golfers, has taken up the proposed extension of Musselburgh Golf course, and if the same success attends its efforts as in the case of the Braids, we may expect to hear of the early success of the movement. Instead of the scheme for annexing the Fisherrow links, it has been suggested that the number of holes might be got by acquiring the brick-work and adjoining parks to the south-east of the present

links. This would entail twice crossing the road, which makes a serious double break in the circuit. Certainly the occasion is opportune for pushing the subject when the whole question of the future of the links is now up for settlement.

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Golfers and others, who care to read about old families and incidents connected with Musselburgh, will find much both to interest and amuse them in a volume recently published by Douglas, entitled "Reminiscences connected chiefly with Inveresk and Musselburgh, and Sketches of Family Histories," by the Rev. W. H. Langhorne, M.A., Cantab. There is more of family gossip than of Golf in the volume, but here and there the game crops up, as when, in speaking of the late senior Dr. Sanderson, the writer says:—"He was an excellent golfer, and curler, and whist player; but woe betide his partner on the links if he missed the hole when he ought to have putted the ball in, especially if his side was 'dormy.'"

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It is curious, alongside of the present Town Council's laudable endeavours to have the links conserved and put in order, to read the following about Dr. Sanderson and a former Musselburgh Council from the same volume:—"One conspicuous benefit he conferred upon the locality consisted in his successful opposition to the feuing of certain parts of the links, which was at that time being urged, with the view of replenishing the municipal finances; for, as he pointed out, such a process would be like killing the goose that laid the golden eggs, for the links being the greatest attraction to the town, their curtailment would injure its prosperity." Even more apparent now is the wisdom of the worthy doctor's utterance. He was feted by the Honourable Company for his action at the time, and in all time Dr. Sanderson's name should be held in remembrance as one of Musselburgh's greatest benefactors.

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A new firm of club-makers from the establishment of Willie Park—viz, Messrs. J. and D. Clark—have set up at Musselburgh in time for the extension of the green, and the development of trade by the banks of the Esk. They announce their clubs as "the best in the market," which is saying much, to begin with.

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So far as the scoring for the club gold medal on Thursday would indicate, there is little hope that any member of the local club will shine at the Championship meeting at Prestwick next month. Mr. A. R. Paterson did not get below 90, and Mr. F. A. Fairlie, who has plus 2 on his back, only managed an 89. The 84 of Mr. R. N. Fairlie, which won the medal, was a good performance; but, in view of the Championship, something better was expected to come out of the meeting.

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The golfing authorities of Leven (Fife) have raised the charge per day to outsiders from 6d. to 1s., a very sensible rise. Per week, as before, the charge is 2s.; per month, 5s.; per year, 10s. The Innerleven, Leven Thistle, and Lundin Clubs go free, as they keep up the course, on the present excellent condition of which they are to be congratulated.

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There has been quite a run upon the houses at Gullane available for the summer season, and every available place seems already to be taken up. No doubt the prospect of a railway has made many anxious to have a last holiday at the old place, before the shriek of the whistle disturbs the quietude.

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Some fine play was made by the young players of "Ye Monks of Ye Braids," who spent their spring holiday on Archerfield links, and signalised their first play over the green, by scores of 82, 83 and 84, made respectively by Mr. J. Livingstone, jun., Mr. J. Paterson, and Mr. C. G. Crease.

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Anderson's new patent, noticed by us in a recent number, is meeting with much approval, and we understand that the demand is far beyond the supply. The club-makers have tried a strike on a small scale, which has not facilitated matters.

Golf has now taken such a hold of the English nation, that instead of being personified under *John Bull* it has been suggested that the name should now be *John Bull-ger*.

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In an interesting work of travel entitled "Where Three Empires Meet," and recently published, Mr. E. F. Knight, the author, gives a description of his sojourn in Kashmir, and of Ladak, the supposed home of the Mahatmas, where women have three husbands, and praying is carried on by machinery. In the course of his narrative, Mr. Knight mentions that having picked up a little knowledge of Golf, he and his brother officers amused themselves in the intervals of campaigning against the native tribes by laying out links on the roof of the world, on the border lines where the mighty empires of Great Britain, Russia and China meet.

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A new club has been formed under the name of the Blackheath School Old Boys Golf Club. The membership numbers about 50, and includes the names of players like Mr. F. S. and G. Ireland, Mr. A. Schacht, Mr. R. Whyte, Mr. A. Sinclair, Mr. W. E. Hughes (captain of the Royal Blackheath), Mr. E. M. Protheroe, Mr. W. H. Richardson and others. The club is to consist of old boys of the Blackheath Proprietary School, and of gentlemen who are or have been connected with the management of the school either as masters or members of the school committee. There will be no links attached to the club, the members being dependent on the kindness of existing clubs for the use of the green to hold competitions. The first competition is on May 5th, over the Blackheath course.

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A correspondent writes:—"A schoolboy friend of mine, whose knowledge of Golf is very limited, but who is enthusiastic, although he still calls clubs 'sticks,' was out riding round Eltham the other morning. I asked him whether he saw the Golf links, and what he thought of them. 'Oh! rotten; there's a *stinnie* right in the middle of 'em—right in front of a hole.' I believe he meant *bunker*."

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A party of Dumfries gentlemen have resolved to form a new course on the foreshore of the Solway at Ruthwell, in consequence of the extent to which the Kingholm course at Dumfries is now crowded, particularly on Saturdays. A new club has also been formed at Thornhill, and it is intended to form a course near to the railway station.

HARRISON CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The members of this club, to the number of eighteen, journeyed to Stirling on Monday, the 17th, to play their usual spring holiday competition for prizes. The weather, though dull, fortunately remained fair for the most part and the fine greens of the course were in splendid condition. On cards being handed in, it was found that the prize-winners were:—1st, Mr. W. M'Queen Smith, with a scratch score of 88; 2nd and 3rd, Mr. A. "Alexander," 90, scratch, and Mr. A. M'Farlane, 104, less 14=90, tie; 4th, Mr. T. S. Smith, 107, less 16=91; 5th, Mr. J. C. Bell, 108, less 15=93; 6th, Mr. W. M'Currach, 109, less 14=95; 7th and 8th, Mr. A. Tait, 107, less 9, and Mr. J. Lamb Smith, 110, less 12=98, tie. The decision of the ties showed that Mr. A. M'Farlane secured second prize, Mr. A. "Alexander" third, Mr. A. Tait seventh, and Mr. J. L. Smith eighth. The competitors, with several friends, dined at the Royal Hotel, and in the afternoon a sweepstake competition was entered into, with the following result:—1st, W. M'Currach, 102, less 14=88; 2nd, Mr. A. M'Farlane, 108, less 14=94; 3rd and 4th, Mr. A. "Alexander," 95, scratch, and Mr. G. Ross, 111, less 16=95; 5th, Mr. A. Tait, 105, less 9, and Mr. S. Mackenzie, 108, less 12, each 96. The second competition for the season, in connection with the monthly medal, was held on the 21st, when Mr. S. Mackenzie became winner with a score of 46, less 5=41. The next best scores were:—Mr. W. M'Currach, 48, less 5, and Mr. A. Thomson, 49, less 6—each 43; Mr. J. C. Bell, 51, less 6=45; Mr. J. Scott, 53, less 7, and Mr. C. Nisbet, 56, less 10—each 46; Mr. J. Allan, 52, less 5, Mr. R. Coutts, 52, less 5, and Mr. O. W. Howie, 57, less 10—each 47; Mr. W. M'Queen Smith, 48, scratch; and Mr. A. M'Farlane, 54, less 6=48. Twenty-three members competed.



THE "GENTLEWOMAN'S" GOLF COMPETITION.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—You have been so kind as to mention this competition with encouragement and good wishes, for which I thank you. I would like to say that I have had three objects in view in proposing such a competition. A championship for ladies is a difficult and delicate matter, as was shown by the opinions expressed by various leading lady-golfers at the Ladies' Golf Union meeting last week. My wish was to try the effect of a competition in which ladies were playing on their home greens quietly, and without excitement or publicity. This was my first object. Secondly, I hoped that such a competition would enable us to arrive at the relative scores of various greens, and so further the work of establishing relative handicaps, which will be of great value when pitting the players in inter-club matches against one another.

Thirdly, I hoped this competition would induce players to abandon all reliance on their handicaps as aids to prize-winning. The difference in the difficulties of the links is the crux of the competition. But, for eighteen months past, I have kept a record of the best gross scores published in the medal play of the various ladies' clubs, and it is very curious how close are the aggregates of the best lady-players.

The competition is an experiment, much of the success of which depends on the spirit with which it is met. It is undertaken with a desire to further the best interests of Golf among ladies; and I take it that Golf is the game which above all others has been, or ever will be, played most successfully by ladies.

There is an old familiar saying, "Nothing venture, nothing have;" let each lady-golfer apply it to this competition. Those who do not gain prizes, or mention, will at least have improved their play in endeavouring to return good gross scores, irrespective of handicaps.

If the competition is given a fair trial, the result will enable golfers of experience to improve, modify, and amend the scheme for a future competition. It is only the beginning of a competition which, if cordially received, as it has been, may develop into a more important and interesting annual contest.

I am, Sir, &c,

BLANCHE MARTIN,

Hon. Sec. Southdown and Brighton Ladies' Golf Club.
Hon. Treasurer Ladies' Golf Union.

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ABERDEEN.

Taking advantage of their spring holiday on Monday, the 17th inst., a team from the Montrose Mercantile Club visited Aberdeen on that day, and played the Victoria Club here over the eighteen-hole course on the Old Town links. The weather was cold and windy, and not very favourable for good scoring, but nevertheless, as will be seen below, some very good individual scores were returned. Upon the conclusion of the match the members of both clubs dined together in Mr. Mollison's restaurant, where, under the chairmanship of Mr. MacLennan (the Victoria captain), a couple of hours were passed very pleasantly. The following is the result of the match by holes:—

MERCANTILE.		VICTORIA.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. G. Cobb	0	Mr. A. M. M. Dunn	1
Mr. J. Findlay (83)	3	Mr. L. Anderson (86)	0
Mr. G. M'Intosh (82)	6	Mr. A. M'Connachie (88)	0
Mr. J. Hampton	0	Mr. A. Cooper	3
Mr. E. M'Donald	2	Mr. A. Mitchell	0
Mr. G. Croall	0	Mr. D. J. Innes	3
Mr. D. Wyllie	3	Mr. W. H. Reid	0
Mr. J. Hardie	0	Mr. J. B. Banks (83)	11
Mr. A. Wilson	0	Mr. J. Russell (83)	9
Mr. D. C. Clark	1	Mr. A. R. Williams	0
Mr. T. Robertson	0	Mr. D. B. Leslie	9
Mr. J. A. Henry	0	Mr. R. Anderson (2)	2
Mr. D. Mackie	0	Mr. G. Mortimer	5
Mr. W. A. Burgess	0	Mr. A. D. Leiper	1
Mr. W. Jack	0	Mr. W. Bowman	0
Mr. J. Scott	0	Mr. C. Robertson	0
	15		44

Majority for Victoria, 29 holes.

The members of the Victoria Club competed on Wednesday and Saturday, the 19th and 22nd inst., over the eighteen-hole course on the Old Town links, for Messrs. Robertson and Duncan's prize. The prize, which is played for under special handicap, called out a fairly large field of competitors, and some very good cards were handed in. A comparison of these showed that the competition had resulted as follows:—1st, Mr. J. Rennie, 89, less 8=81; while Mr. A. M. M'Connachie (scratch), 82, and Mr. W. Argo, 91, less 9=82, have a tie to play off for second and third places. The following are a few of the lowest scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. Rennie	89 8 81	Mr. A. Cooper	89 2 87
Mr. A. M'Connachie	82 scr. 82	Mr. T. MacLennan	93 6 87
Mr. W. Argo	91 9 82	Mr. J. Hazelwood	94 7 87
Mr. J. Russell	86 3 83	Mr. G. Mortimer	95 4 91
Mr. W. Bowman	91 8 83	Mr. D. Jessiman	99 7 92
Mr. R. Anderson (2)	89 4 85	Mr. J. A. Ross	98 5 93
Mr. A. M. M. Dunn	86 scr. 86	Mr. A. Mitchell	96 2 94
Mr. L. Anderson	86 scr. 86		

Over the same course the members of the Bon-Accord Club competed on Saturday for their captain's prize. The competition resulted in a tie for first place between Messrs. J. Cameron, 97, less 12=85; J. Florence, 91, less 6=85; and A. Smart, 93, less 8=85. The following were next in order:—Messrs. W. Smart, 88; J. W. Murray, 90; J. Ogilvie, 93; G. Dunn, 94; and H. Glass, 96.

HUNTLY v. ABERDEEN (SCRATCH).—A match between these teams was played at Huntly on Saturday. The weather was all that could be desired, and a capital day's play took place. The result, which was a decided victory for the home team, was as follows:—

HUNTLY.

ABERDEEN.

	Hol		Holes
Mr. B. Nicholls	8	Mr. A. Wilson	0
Mr. R. A. S. Dewar	0	Mr. A. J. Brander	0
Mr. R. H. N. Sellar	13	Mr. J. S. Butchart	0
Rev. D. M'Ross	8	Dr. Angus	0
Mr. G. Stodart	0	Mr. H. Peterkin	7
Mr. J. N. Sellar	5	Mr. W. Bain	0
Mr. H. E. Spence	13	Mr. D. M. A. Chalmers	0
	47		7

ARDEER SPRING MEETING.

The spring meeting of the Ardeer Golf Club was held over the links at Stevenston, on Saturday, and the event was attended with very fine weather. The only business of the meeting was a competition for a series of prizes presented by the club and the captain, Mr. Z. John Heys. Recently considerable alterations have been made on the links, with a view principally of obviating the necessity of crossing the line of play at two points. The effect of the changes has been to do away with this objectionable feature of the round, and this has been brought about by taking in some new ground, and by making two new putting-greens. The first three holes are substantially the same as before, but from this point, instead of going straight forward across the burn to the Pit hole, the line of play is across the burn to the left, and a single good stroke takes the player on to one of the new putting-greens. The line to the next hole, and the putting green are also entirely new, and a single stroke from the tee may land the globe on the green. The sixth hole is what used to be the eighth, over a new route. From this point the play is to the Pit hole, which used to be the fourth. The next hole, previously the fifth, is unchanged, except that it is now the eighth hole; and the ninth hole is from this point across the burn to the club-house. The round is about as long as it was before, and is an obvious improvement on the old round, if only that it does away with the eighth hole, which necessitated the crossing of the burn twice with the tee shot, with the chance of playing the same shot into the burn at another point beyond the green.

As was to have been expected, the scoring was below the average, and the lowest scratch score, that of Mr. R. Adam, 81, is two strokes below the lowest it has been at any of the principal meetings for some years. As heretofore, the players were despatched in two sections, according to handicap, and the results were as undernoted:—

First class:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. James Colville	84	9 75	Mr. Robert Adam	81	scr. 81
Mr. H. M'Farlane	89	11 78	Mr. R. R. Main	92	11 81
jun.	89	11 78	Mr. W. Cunningham	89	6 83
Mr. Stuart Foulis	90	10 80	Mr. H. Colville	95	11 84

Second class:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. Yule Mackay	89	14 75	Mr. H. Osborne	98	14 84
Mr. Jas. Macintosh	91	14 77	Mr. W. Stewart	105	20 85
Mr. Jas. Donaldson	95	14 81	Mr. A. J. Annan	103	17 86
Mr. James Paton	102	20 82	Mr. W. Annan, jun.	108	19 89
Mr. A. K. Murray	97	13 84			

A prize for the longest drive was won by Mr. R. Adam, who drove 191 yards, Mr. M. P. Fraser being second with a drive of 180 yards.

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, April 22nd, a handicap competition was held for prizes given by Mrs. Fisher, of the Grove, Tooting Bec. First prize, value £2; second, silver cream jug, for members with handicap 9 and under:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Miss E. B. Curtis	88 4 84	Miss Andrews	92 +3 95
†Mrs. M. Stewart	93 5 88	Miss Birch	96 scr. 66
Mrs. C. Green	98 6 92		

* First prize. † Second prize.

Prize, value £2. 2s., for members with handicaps over 9:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mrs. Francis Lucas	109 20 89	Miss Lee	116 16 100
Miss Moor	118 25 93	Mrs. Astbury	133 25 108
Miss S. Green	120 25 95		

No returns from Miss A. Hurst-Wright, Miss Riddle, and Mrs. Hyde.

MACHRIHANISH SPRING MEETING.—The competition took place on the 21st. Result:—Medallist, Mr. James Lyon, 86. Handicap scores:—Mr. Charles G. Maxtone, 101, less 25; Mr. Dan Greenlees, 86, less 3; Mr. David Colville, 102, less 15; Mr. A. H. Duncan, 104, less 15; Mr. J. H. Smith, 100, less 10; Mr. James Lyon, 85, plus 5.

BELTON PARK (GRANTHAM) v. LINCOLN.

The return match between these clubs was played at Lincoln on Thursday, the 20th inst., and resulted in a victory for the visitors by two holes :—

BELTON PARK.		LINCOLN.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. F. W. Thompson...	... 0	Mr. H. Ellison ...	... 0
Mr. C. A. Young ...	... 1	Mr. H. N. Sutton ...	... 0
Mr. C. G. E. Welby ...	... 0	Mr. H. A. Hutton ...	... 4
Mr. T. S. Pearson-Gregory ...	... 11	Mr. A. H. L. Melville ...	... 0
Rev. E. M. Clements...	... 0	Mr. R. Swan 6
Rev. E. A. Gillett 3	Mr. E. E. Twiss 0
Mr. B. C. Thomson 0	Mr. F. H. Hutton 3
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	15		13

BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday last the Birkdale Golf Club held their third annual open competition. The handicap was limited to 18, and the entries were confined to members of Lancashire clubs. The prize, a handsome silver beaker, was this year carried off by a member of the home club, the Rev. H. J. Bryan, with the score of 93, less 18=75, a very creditable one for a gentleman who has only taken up the game within the last year. Scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Rev. H. J. Bryan ...	93 18 75	Mr. G. Crowther ...	99 8 91
Mr. W. E. Buckley ...	97 16 81	Mr. F. E. M. Dixon, Formby ..	92 scr. 92
Mr. C. Stoddart, West Lancashire..	98 15 83	Mr. D. C. Anderson, Southport ...	110 18 92
Mr. J. E. Pearson...	86 2 84	Mr. M. Rollo, West Lancashire ...	102 9 93
Mr. F. Harrison, West Lancashire..	90 6 84	Mr. W. Bowker ...	111 18 93
Capt. Chamier, West Lancashire ...	92 8 84	Mr. F. Baker ...	104 8 96
Mr. G. D. S. Crowther	90 4 86	Mr. J. F. Conolly...	106 12 94
Mr. W. W. P. Shatwell	96 10 86	Col. Rooke, West Lancashire ...	109 8 101
Mr. H. B. Barlow, Southport ...	100 14 86	Mr. A. H. Downing	119 18 101
Mr. W. J. Drewett.	102 14 88	Mr. W. H. Harrison, St. Anne's ...	114 8 106
Mr. H. Liebert ...	95 6 89		
Mr. E. Hewer, Formby	92 1 91		

Mr. W. E. Buckley took the first sweepstake, Mr. C. Stoddart the second, and Mr. J. E. Pearson the third. The last-named gentleman has scratched to Mr. W. J. Drewett in the last tie of the Pearson prize. Mr. W. J. Drewett is now, therefore, the possessor of this trophy. He has also defeated Mr. F. Baker in the final tie for the Crowther prize.

BLACKHEATH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A prize given by Miss Sheringham was won on Wednesday, April 19th, by Miss Loveless, who ran away from the field by means of a 38 for the second round. The putting is, of course, difficult at present, owing to the hard, dry ground; but the course is, perhaps, correspondingly easy in other ways. Scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Loveless ...	81 14 67	Mrs. Meredith ...	82 4 78
Miss M. Sillar ...	95 24 71	Miss Kernaghan ..	90 11 79
Miss A. Bidwell ...	87 14 73	Mrs. Osmond ...	96 16 80
Mrs. McArthur ...	90 17 73	Mrs. Mackern ...	81 scr. 81
Miss H. Bidwell ...	96 23 73	Mrs. Whyte ...	105 24 81
Miss Knapping ...	96 23 73	Mrs. Penrose ...	92 10 82
Mrs. Charles ...	99 24 75	Miss Gahan ...	102 20 82
Miss Richardson ...	100 24 76	Miss M. Smyth ...	96 13 83
Miss Swinton ...	93 16 77	Mrs. Laird ...	108 20 88
Mrs. F. S. Ireland..	95 18 77	Mrs. W. C. Johnson	108 14 94

BOLTON GOLF CLUB v. ROCHDALE GOLF CLUB.

Played on the Rochdale links on Saturday. Scores :—

ROCHDALE.		BOLTON.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. G. Kemp ...	... 1	Mr. Harry Broadbent...	... 0
Mr. E. B. Petrie ...	... 0	Mr. T. H. Rushton ...	... 6
Mr. W. T. Petrie ...	... 0	Mr. F. Topp ...	... 2
Mr. W. A. Scholes ...	... 0	Mr. N. Johnson ...	... 8
Mr. J. Broadbent ...	... 1	Mr. A. Entwisle ...	... 0
Mr. R. G. Heape ...	... 0	Dr. Flitcroft ...	... 1
Mr. S. M. Stevens ...	... 6	Mr. L. Johnson ...	... 0
Mr. G. D. McLennan	... 0	Mr. Percy Musgrave ...	... 1
Mr. L. A. Porritt ...	... 0	Mr. T. H. Fallows ...	... 5
	—		—
	8		23

Bolton winning by 15 holes.

BOWDON GOLF CLUB.

A match was played on Thursday, 20th April, on the links of the Bowdon Golf Club, at Dunham, between the Home Club and Disley. The Bowdon Club secured a win by the substantial majority of 13 holes, only losing 3 out of the ten matches played. The weather was magnificent, and the course in fine order, although the putting-greens were distinctly difficult, on account of the long drought. Several of the matches were very close and hardly contested, notably those between Messrs. H. Holden, Rev. T. Pym Williamson, and Mr. S. W. Gillett for Bowdon, and Messrs. R. W. Hutton, T. G. Yates, and T. S. Turnbull, for Disley respectively.

BOWDON.		DISLEY.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. H. Holden ...	... 0	Mr. R. W. Hutton ...	... 1
Mr. F. C. Morgan ...	... 4	Mr. W. Bell ...	... 0
Mr. W. G. Clegg ...	... 3	Mr. A. B. Scholfield ...	... 0
Mr. A. G. Hogg ...	... 2	Mr. H. Liebert ...	... 0
Rev. T. Pym Williamson	... 1	Mr. T. G. Yates ...	... 0
Mr. S. W. Gillett ...	... 0	Mr. T. S. Turnbull ...	... 0
Mr. G. S. Ball... ..	... 0	Mr. H. D. Tonge ...	... 3
Mr. C. H. Wolff 2	Mr. J. A. Hutton 0
Mr. E. Withington 9	Rev. E. S. Satterthwaite	... 0
Mr. H. F. Ransome 0	Mr. R. C. Hutton 4
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	21		8

CHEADLE GOLF CLUB.

CHEADLE v. DISLEY.

The first match between these clubs was played on Saturday over the Cheadle links, the match being two rounds of the course, i.e., 24 holes. Although Cheadle won six out of the ten matches played, they were only one hole up at the finish. Scores :—

CHEADLE.		DISLEY.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. R. H. Prestwich ...	... 3	Mr. R. W. Hutton ...	... 0
Mr. J. Merry ...	... 1	Mr. W. Bell ...	... 0
Mr. D. H. Greenwood ...	... 0	Mr. T. G. Yates ...	... 4
Mr. F. Bindloss ...	... 7	Mr. H. D. Tonge ...	... 0
Mr. J. D. Milne ...	... 0	Mr. J. A. Hutton ...	... 10
Mr. C. D. Milne ...	... 0	Mr. R. C. Hutton ...	... 5
Rev. F. A. Macdona ...	... 4	Rev. E. T. Satterthwaite	... 0
Mr. J. M. Eaton 0	Mr. E. G. Hutton 0
Mr. J. H. Milne 4	Mr. T. C. Norris 0
Mr. H. Mosley 1	Mr. G. N. Cameron 0
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	20		19

CHELTENHAM v. STOWELL PARK.

Played on the Stowell Park links on April 15th. Scores :—

CHELTENHAM.		STOWELL PARK.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. S. Ryland ...	... 0	Earl of Eldon ...	... 3
Mr. M. Tayler...	... 0	Hon. E. S. Scott ...	... 0
Major Young ...	... 0	Mr. G. Goodeve, jun...	... 3
Colonel Hume... ..	... 0	Hon. O. Scott... ..	... 10
Mr. C. Turnbull ...	... 0	Lady M. Scott... ..	... 12
Mr. F. Longe ...	... 0	Mr. H. E. Rose ...	... 8
Mr. G. C. Jobling ...	... 0	Mr. W. H. Kaye ...	... 2
Mr. F. W. Butt ...	... 0	Hon. D. Scott ...	... 6
Mr. W. D. Challice 1	Mr. G. W. Goodeve 0
Mr. J. L. Tickell 0	Colonel Wynter 0
Mr. J. Lockhead 0	Lady L. Scott 10
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	1		54

COVENTRY LADIES' GOLF CLUB v. ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA LADIES.

On Friday April 21st, a match was played between these two clubs on the Ladies' links at Coventry, which comprise a thoroughly sporting little course, full of pitfalls for the unwary, situated on Whitley Common, the opposite side to the gentlemen's links; and resulted in a win for the home team of thirty-two holes :—

COVENTRY.		LEAMINGTON.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss N. Verrall...	... 3	Miss Saunders...	... 0
Miss E. Hart ...	... 5	Miss M. Saunders ...	... 0
Miss Hart ...	... 4	Miss Craddock... ..	... 0
Miss J. Waters... ..	... 4	Miss N. Saunders ...	... 0
Miss E. Rotherham ...	... 10	Miss M. Mitchell ...	... 0
Miss Gardiner... 0	Mrs. Gaitskill 2
Miss Hill 3	Miss Vinning 0
Miss A. Rotherham 5	Miss Oldfield 0
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	34		2

COUNTY DOWN GOLF CLUB.

Lowry-Corry cup, captain's prize, and monthly medal. There was a large turn-out of players at Newcastle on Saturday, when the above-mentioned prizes were competed for. The weather was very sultry, but the green was in perfect order, notwithstanding the prolonged drought. Mr. G. M. Shaw won the Lowry-Corry cup and the first-class medal, and qualified for the final for the captain's prize. Mr. W. A. Taylor, a rapidly-improving player, won the second-class medal, and also qualified for the captain's prize. The following are the net scores of 100 and under returned:—

First class.—			
	Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. M. Shaw ...	88 6 82	Mr. Geo. Combe ...	96 scr. 96
Mr. T. Dickson ...	91 4 87	Mr. H. Herdman ...	110 14 96
Mr. J. H. Pigot ...	98 6 92	Mr. E. J. Maguire ...	108 11 97
Mr. W. J. Martin ...	109 15 94	Mr. H. P. Hill ...	115 15 100
Mr. H. F. Johnston ...	101 6 95		

Second class.—			
	Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. A. Taylor ...	113 25 88	Mr. R. McIlwaine ...	126 30 96
Mr. J. N. R. Pine ...	109 20 89	Mr. F. L. Heyn ...	130 30 100
Mr. H. C. Kelly ...	116 20 96		

DINARD GOLF CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

Club Challenge Cup, April 10th.

	Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Col. Dansey ...	104 16 88	Mr. A. M. Elton ...	113 12 101
Mr. G. Marshall ...	116 27 89	Col. Domville ...	121 16 105
Mr. M. Edye ...	104 8 96	Mr. C. Powell ...	117 12 105
Col. Garnett ...	114 16 95	Mr. R. Lubbock ...	131 25 106
Mr. J. Forster ...	129 30 99	Mr. A. Lubbock ...	95+12 107
Sir G. Duntze, Bart. ...	105 6 99	Mr. H. Kirby ...	130 22 108

Mrs. Edye's prize, April 11th.

	Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. B. Lubbock ...	99 16 83	Col. Dansey ...	110 12 98
Mr. G. Marshall ...	112 25 87	Mr. J. Bateson ...	105 6 99
Mr. A. Lubbock ...	81+12 93	Mr. W. Harrison ...	115 16 99
Hon. A. R. Hewitt ...	90+4 94	Sir G. Duntze, Bt. ...	105 6 99
Mr. C. Powell ...	106 12 94	Mr. R. Lubbock ...	126 25 101
Mr. T. Ramsbotham ...	99 4 95	Col. Domville ...	121 16 105
Col. Garnett ...	113 16 97	Mr. C. Gilbert ...	117 12 105
Col. Kennard ...	94+4 98		

Dinard cup, April 12th:—

	Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. Kirby ...	111 22 89	Mr. R. Lubbock ...	126 25 101
Col. Garnett ...	106 16 90	Col. Domville ...	118 16 102
Mr. J. Bateson ...	100 6 94	Mr. S. W. Pomeroy ...	125 23 102
Sir G. Duntze, Bart. ...	101 6 95	Mr. C. Powell ...	116 12 104
Mr. A. M. Elton ...	111 12 99	Mr. A. Lubbock ...	93+12 105

Mrs. Spencer Chapman's prize, April 12th.—

	Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. Harrison ...	98 16 82	Mr. J. Forster ...	133 30 103
Col. Dansey ...	106 12 94	Mr. J. Bateson ...	110 6 104
Col. Garnett ...	112 16 96	Mr. H. Kirby ...	124 18 106
Mr. C. Powell ...	109 12 97	Mr. R. Lubbock ...	131 25 106
Mr. A. M. Elton ...	111 12 99	Mr. A. B. Lubbock ...	114 8 106
Sir G. Duntze, Bart. ...	106 6 100		

Col. Kennard's prize, April 13th:—

	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Hon. A. R. Hewitt and Miss Edye ...	110 4 106
Mr. T. Ramsbotham and Miss D. Edye ...	119 12 107
Mr. J. Forster and Miss J. Fountaine ...	132 25 107
Mr. W. Harrison and Miss Collingwood ...	121 12 109
Mr. A. Lubbock and Mrs. Laurie ...	110 scr. 110
Mr. H. Kirby and Miss Blackwood ...	136 24 112
Mr. C. H. Bill and Mrs. Candy ...	140 25 115
Mr. C. Gilbert and Mrs. S. Chapman ...	137 17 120
Mr. P. Richardson and Miss Richardson ...	131 10 121
Col. Forbes and Miss H. Laurie ...	148 24 124
Col. Garnett and Miss G. Edye ...	139 14 125
Col. Kennard and Miss Moffat ...	136 10 126
Mr. A. B. Lubbock and Miss Ramsbotham ...	142 16 126
Mr. J. Bateson and Mrs. Lubbock ...	142 16 126
Mr. M. Edye and Miss Pomeroy ...	137 9 128

Five other couples competed.

Men's foursomes, April 14th:—

	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Col. Kennard and Mr. A. M. Elton ...	99 3 96
Messrs. A. Lubbock and R. Lubbock ...	104 6 98
Col. Forbes and H. Kirby ...	123 23 100

	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Col. Dansey and Sir George Duntze, Bart. ...	111 8 103
Messrs. C. H. Bill and M. Edye ...	119 15 104
Col. Donville and Col. Garnett ...	119 15 104
Messrs. T. Ramsbotham and S. W. Pomeroy ...	117 13 104

Bogey competition, April 15th:—Col. Kennard, tie; Sir George Duntze, Bart., 1 down; Mr. A. Lubbock, 2 down; Mr. W. Harrison, 4 down; Mr. R. Lubbock, 4 down. Ten others players competed.

Ladies' challenge cup, April 11th.—

	Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Edye ...	102 8 94	Mrs. Laurie ...	117 12 105
Miss Fountaine ...	107 8 99	Miss D. Edye ...	117 8 109
Mrs. Candy ...	112 12 100	Miss Elton ...	121 10 111
Miss E. Richardson ...	103 scr. 103		

Nine other players competed.
Ladies' Foursomes, April 12th.—

	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Miss Richardson and Miss F. Candy ...	107 5 102
Mrs. Elton and Miss Edye ...	113 5 108
Mrs. Laurie and Miss B. Moffat ...	122 8 114
Miss Richardson and Miss Blackwood ...	115 scr. 115
Miss Ramsbotham and Miss Fountaine ...	126 6 120
Miss Collingwood and Mrs. Candy ...	130 7 123
Miss Pomeroy and Miss H. Marshall ...	129 5 124

Mrs. Duffin's prize, April 14th.—

	Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss B. Moffat ...	108 13 95	Miss D. Edye ...	113 8 105
Miss Edye ...	102 4 98	Mrs. Candy ...	119 12 107
Miss Richardson ...	101 scr. 101	Mrs. Elton ...	122 11 111
Mrs. Spencer Chapman ...	113 10 103	Miss G. Edye ...	116 4 112
Miss Forbes ...	109 5 104	Miss J. Fountaine ...	120 8 112
Miss H. Laurie ...	114 10 104	Miss H. Marshall ...	132 14 118
		Miss F. Candy ...	139 20 119

Several players made no return.

DIDSBURY GOLF CLUB.

This club's spring meeting was held on Saturday, the 22nd inst., in brilliant sunshine; but a stiff cross wind and the hard nature of the greens, owing to the long dry weather, were against very low scoring. At 1.45 a photographic group was taken of some thirty members then on the ground, and immediately after the draw took place, and the first couple were away by two o'clock. The captain of the club, Mr. H. Ross Coubrough, scored a popular win for the Houldsworth challenge gold medal with the scratch score of 91; but this hardly represents this gentleman's best form. The hon. secretary, Mr. J. G. Fleming, took the captain's prize for best card under ordinary club handicap, with 95, less 18=77. Messrs. E. A. Russell and W. W. M. Allen tied for the second and third handicap prizes, and on playing off Mr. Russell won. The optional sweep was taken first by Mr. Fleming, second divided by Messrs. Russell and Allen. Mr. F. D. Smith won the hon. treasurer's prize, played for by the six winners of the winter competition, with 87 net. The following members returned cards showing under 95 net:—

	Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. G. Fleming ...	95 18 77	Mr. W. Cownie ...	108 18 90
Mr. E. A. Russell ...	108 25 83	Mr. W. Higginbottom ...	115 25 90
Mr. W. W. M. Allen ...	103 20 83	Mr. G. Haig ...	100 8 92
Mr. W. C. Adamson ...	95 11 84	Mr. J. W. Hulse ...	116 24 92
Mr. R. G. Adamson ...	102 18 84	Mr. A. Cunningham ...	119 27 92
Mr. H. Ross Coubrough ...	91 6 85	Mr. A. Galbraith ...	111 18 93
Mr. W. V. Molesworth ...	111 26 85	Mr. M. Bythway ...	113 20 93
Mr. M. A. Bennett ...	111 26 85	Mr. A. L. K. Gilchrist ...	106 12 94
Mr. F. D. Smith ...	112 25 87	Mr. W. H. Young ...	112 18 94
Mr. A. Lyall ...	111 22 89	Mr. A. Mirlees ...	113 18 95
Rev. J. G. Denison ...	93 3 90	Mr. T. H. Core ...	118 23 95

Messrs. Breslauer, Riddell, Dorrington, Orr, and others, either made no return or were above 95.

EAST SHEEN v. BARNES LADIES.

A match was played between the above clubs at East Sheen on Saturday, 20th April, with the following result:—

EAST SHEEN.		BARNES.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mrs. Routh ...	0	Miss M. Dickie ...	1
Miss Penrhyn ...	0	Miss Connell ...	1
Mrs. Marson ...	0	Miss Gow ...	1
Miss M. Weston ...	0	Miss Barclay Brown ...	1
Miss Sinclair ...	1	Miss Gay ...	0
	1		4

EAST SHEEN LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday April 15th, a mixed foursome competition was held, which resulted in a tie between the first three couples:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. Routh and Miss A. Cholmeley	98	14	84
Major Welman and Mrs. Routh... ..	98	14	84
Mr. A. and Miss C. V. Leicester Penrhyn	113	29	84
Mr. Crichton and Miss E. Sinclair	110	18	92
Mr. and Mrs. Marson	130	30	100
Mr. F. and Miss M. Weston	130	28	102
Mr. and Miss C. M. L. Leicester Penrhyn	130	25	105
Mr. P. J. Hornby and Miss C. G. L. Leicester Penrhyn	141	35	106

EAST ESSEX GOLF CLUB v. BRAINTREE GOLF CLUB.

A match was played on the 22nd inst., on the links of the East Essex Club. After a pleasant game Braintree won by 2 holes, as under:—

EAST ESSEX.		Holes.	BRAINTREE.		Holes.
Mr. Morton	0		Mr. Holmes	9	
Mr. Vaizey	0		Mr. Pakenham	6	
Mr. Lawrie	0		Mr. Cunningham	6	
Miss Harris	3		Mrs. Pakenham	0	
Miss Morton	4		Miss Savill	0	
Miss Vaizey	12		Miss Knobel	0	
	19			21	

EALING GOLF CLUB.

The last monthly medal competition of the year was held on these links on Saturday, the 15th April, in beautiful weather, the greens and course generally being very fast, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. F. Yeo	93 16 77	Col. Parker	106 18 88
Mr. J. Rogers	94 14 80	Major Maule	109 20 89
Mr. J. Ryan	103 20 83	Mr. C. M. Bayfield. 113 24 89	
Mr. H. Pegg	102 18 84	Mr. J. A. Macdonald 91 scr. 91	
Mr. C. H. Martin... ..	87 2 85	Mr. R. H. Woodhouse 103 12 91	
Mr. A. Riside	102 17 85	Mr. A. Young	113 22 91
Dr. E. Farr	96 10 86	Dr. J. Farr	107 15 92
Mr. J. Pritchard	110 24 86	Mr. E. G. Hamilton 117 24 93	
Mr. W. S. Hargreaves 105 18 87		Mr. G. C. Fryer	118 24 94
Major Bowhill	109 22 87	Mr. A. J. Law	123 24 99
Mr. Cyril Plummer 88 scr. 88			

The remaining scores were either over 100, or no returns made.

The ladies' monthly medal competition was held on Friday, the 14th of April. The medal was won by Mrs. E. G. Hamilton, from scratch, with a score of 104 for the eighteen holes. Mrs. Walter Bartlett coming next with a scratch score of 114.

EDINBURGH "EVENING DISPATCH" TOURNAMENT.

The inter-club tournament for the *Evening Dispatch* trophy was brought to a close on Saturday, when the Carlton and Viewforth teams played the final round. Beautiful weather favoured the conclusion of the competition, and the game was witnessed by a crowd of spectators which numbered fully 3,000. In the first foursome, Mr. W. B. Taylor and Mr. T. T. Gray were the Carlton representatives, and they had to do battle with Mr. J. M'Nab and Mr. T. G. Buchan of the Viewforth. The Carlton stood three holes down on the first match. The scores in this case were:—

Messrs. M'Nab and Buchan:—										
Out ...	4	3	5	5	4	4	4	5	5=39	} 77
In ...	4	4	5	4	5	4	4	4	4=38	
Messrs. Taylor and Gray:—										
Out ...	7	4	5	6	4	5	3	5	5=44	} 83
In ...	6	4	4	5	4	5	4	4	3=39	

The second foursome proved a most interesting match, and the play was watched with the closest attention by a large crowd, which perceptibly increased as the game progressed. In this foursome the Viewforth Club was represented by Mr. J. A. Stewart and Mr. H. J. Harrison, and the Carlton by Mr. John Taylor and Mr. G. W. S. Paterson. The trophy fell to the Viewforth by one hole. The result was received with great enthusiasm by the Viewforth supporters, and the victors were warmly congratulated on all hands. The details of the round were:—

Messrs. Stewart and Harrison:—									
Out ...	3	6	6	5	5	4	5	6=46	} 84
In ...	4	4	4	5	4	4	6	4		3=38
Messrs. Taylor and Paterson:—									
Out ...	4	3	4	7	6	4	4	5=41	} 79
In ...	4	3	4	6	4	4	5	4		4=38

The presentation of the trophy took place at the starting-point, in presence of the great crowd which had witnessed the exciting close of the match so eagerly. Bailie M'Donald congratulated the Viewforth team on their success, and amid hearty cheers the trophy was formally handed over to Mr. Marr, the captain of the winning club, who, in replying, commented on the closeness of the struggle which had resulted in a victory for their team. The Viewforth representatives then came forward, and the gold pendants, which go to the winners, with the accompanying badges, were pinned on their coats by Miss Geraldine Boyd. A hearty vote of thanks was afterwards given to Bailie M'Donald, on the motion of Mr. Learmonth, ex-captain of the Viewforth Club, and the large crowd dispersed about half-past five o'clock. The winners, in addition to the gold pendants, receive Messrs. Goudie's prize—a patent club bag—and the Carlton team win the "Abbotsford" prize of four clubs, presented by Mr. J. B. Strachan. A prize of six balls given by a gentleman for the team which defeated its opponents by the greatest number of holes was won by the Teachers, who beat the St. Andrews by 15 holes. In the evening a meeting of club secretaries was held in the Café Royal, Register Street, to consider a proposal by the Thistle Club to alter the first of the rules governing the tournament. There was a good attendance, and the chair was occupied by Mr. Peter Seton (Stockbridge). It was explained by Mr. Smith, the captain of the Thistle Club, that the object aimed at in the proposal was to prevent, so far as possible, clubs "poaching" upon other clubs in order to strengthen their teams—in other words, to prevent clubs getting together four players to represent them in the tournament who were not really *bonâ-fide* members of the clubs for which they played. After a good deal of discussion the meeting unanimously agreed, on the motion of Mr. F. Mathie (Warrender), to alter the existing first rule as follows:—"That the competition be open to amateur members of all Edinburgh and Leith clubs—each club to be represented by four players, who must have been members of the club for which they have entered for six months prior to the competition, and have taken part in any competition of their club held during these six months; any exceptional circumstances connected with the latter qualification to be decided by the tournament committee."

FORFARSHIRE.

On the occasion of the annual spring holiday in Montrose a special competition was held last week among the members of the Mercantile Club for money prizes. A strong south-easterly wind and the cold was against good scoring. Special prize for lowest score on the green tied for by Mr. William Valentine and Mr. E. M'Donald at 91. Other prize-winners were:—First class: Mr. J. E. Pairman, 92, 5 above; Mr. A. Paterson, 93, 6 above; Mr. R. Cobb, 93; Mr. D. Stott, 99, each 10 above. Second class: Mr. A. M'Leod, 95, 4 above; Mr. George Neilson, 106, and Mr. A. M'Lean, 104, each 6 above; Mr. J. Young, 98; Mr. J. Hogg, 99; and Mr. A. Graham, 104, each 7 above; Mr. A. Cook, 100; Mr. J. Falconer, 101; and Mr. Walter Nicol, 105, each 8 above. Third class: Mr. John Low, 107, 1 above; Mr. George P. Sheret, 112, and Mr. J. R. Carnegie, 107, each 2 above. The members of the Victoria Club held a competition against "Colonel Bogey," when the following were the winners of the sweepstakes:—Messrs. D. M'Kenzie, H. W. Thomson (scratch), James Lessels, John Wood, J. R. Pullar, and six tied for next place.

The spring competition of the members of the Montrose Royal Albert Club was held on Monday. The day was warm and the greens in capital order. Previous to the competition the following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing season:—The Hon. Viscount Arbutnot, captain; Dr. Stone, secretary; Mr. A. Dickson, treasurer; and Messrs. A. R. Duncan (of Sunnyside), W. M. J. Paton, and D. D. Campbell, council. Mr. W. M. J. Paton won the medal with a score of 86, and the next best scores were:—Lieut. Gardener, 87; Mr. Smith, 89; and Mr. R. C. H. Millar, 93. In the afternoon two ties in the first round of the Foote-Millar handicap cup were played, when Mr. W. M. J. Paton beat the Rev. T. A. Cameron by 2 up and 1 to play; and Mr. R. C. H. Millar beat Mr. D. T. Campbell by 1 hole. Mr. Paton's score in the afternoon was 81.

The first of a series of monthly competitions among the members of the Montrose Royal Albert Club came off on the 21st inst. The weather was fine, and the greens in excellent condition. The first prize was won by Mr. R. C. H. Millar with a score of 91, less 10, and the second prize went to Mr. R. H. Millar with a score of 92, less 8. Mr. R. H. Millar beat Mr. Duncan, of Sunnyside, by 4 holes in the first round of the competition for the Foote-Millar handicap cup.

The second competition for the Arbroath shopkeepers' gold badge was played on the Elliot course, with the following results:—Mr. John Chisholm (8 below), 4 points; Mr. James Smith (7 below), 3 points; Mr. George Milne (4 below), 2 points. The other players, fourteen in number, receive one point each. Only two members, Mr. James Doig (97), and Mr. James Smith (98), were below 100.

The third round in the contest for the championship and challenge cup of the Monifieth Club was played on Saturday afternoon in very pleasant weather. There were only eight couples who had survived

the former heats, and the matches in several instances were of a very close and interesting nature. Result:—Mr. John Hendry beat Mr. David Anderson (Grange) by 2 holes; Mr. J. M. Walker beat Mr. Edward Shield by 3 holes; Mr. George Davidson beat Mr. Harry Christie by 2 holes; Mr. David Dargie beat Mr. D. L. Low by 7 holes; Mr. William Lorimer beat Mr. James Low by 15 holes; Mr. J. C. Burns beat Mr. George Pearson by 4 holes; Mr. George Wright beat Mr. Alexander Osler by 5 holes; Mr. George Fox beat Mr. Alexander Osler by 5 holes; Mr. George Fox beat Mr. Alexander Bowman by 2 holes. Mr. David Dargie played a fine round, his score being 77.

On Saturday the competition for the gold and silver crosses of the Montrose Mechanics' Club took place in fine weather. The gold cross was tied for by Mr. A. M'Lean, 99; Mr. A. Wilkinson, 96; and Mr. G. M'Intosh, 83, each 3 above. The silver cross was won by Mr. D. Cobb at 88, 2 above.

The members of the Dundee Advertiser Club held a competition on Monifieth links on Saturday. The best scores were:—Messrs. William Still, 81; Alexander Buchan, 93; William Cromb, 93; Alexander Bowman, 95; John Macrae, 96; John Inglis, 96; Thomas Knox, 97; Mr. James Clark, 98; Jacob Clark, 99.

GUILDFORD v. ROYAL ASCOT.

Played at Guildford on Saturday, April 22nd. The course was hard as iron, and it was very difficult to guess where the ball would stop. The visitors did not bring their full strength, and failed to win a match, though in most cases the matches were closely contested:—

ROYAL ASCOT.		GUILDFORD.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. F. G. Tait...	o	Mr. S. Mure Ferguson	2
Mr. F. J. Patton	o	Mr. W. Carr	6
Capt. R. D. Whigham	o	Mr. B. Howell	2
Mr. C. E. Cottrell	o	Mr. H. H. Playford	2
Mr. H. Blackett	o	Mr. J. A. Ross (captain)	o
Mr. H. Sawyer (captain)	o	Mr. D. L. Poole	1
Mr. F. Liddell	o	Mr. H. L. Forbes	5
Mr. G. Liddell	o	Mr. L. R. Erskine	o
Mr. H. Eden	o	Mr. W. D. Marshall	3
	o		21

Majority for Guildford 21 holes.

HUDDERSFIELD GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday last two competitions were brought to a conclusion on the Fixby course. The first of these was a scratch competition for a prize—a handsome loving cup—offered by the captain of the club. The conditions were two rounds of the links (thirty-six holes), the lowest aggregate to win. There were sixteen entries, but only six returns. General low scoring had been anticipated, but, notwithstanding the fine weather and apparently excellent condition for good play, only three or four of the returns were at all up to the players' known form. Bad putting made the winner's score worse than it should have been, and a couple of bad holes spoilt Mr. Lumsden's second round. The following were the returns made:—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Total.
Mr. F. E. Woodhead	86	85	171
Mr. F. Lumsden	81	91	172
Mr. A. E. Learoyd	94	91	185
Mr. C. B. Knight	102	93	195
Mr. G. S. Brooke	105	95	200
Rev. J. T. Taylor	101	103	204

Mr. Woodhead holds the cup for the year, and wins outright the gold memento medal given by Mr. L. Middlemost

The second competition was for a handsome silver medal, offered by Mr. J. Hordern, for competition by those players who had not completed the round of eighteen holes in less than 120 strokes. Only four entries were made, and the two rounds were played on April 15th and 22nd respectively. Mr. F. A. Brooke, with a rather long handicap, came in an easy winner:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. F. A. Brooke	278	60	218	Mr. Alfred Armitage	283	12	271
Rev. E. N. Langham	234	scr.	234	Mr. J. J. Booth	285	scr.	285

On Friday and Saturday, Mr. H. H. Hilton, the holder of the Open Championship, paid a visit to the links of the Huddersfield Club, as the guest of Mr. H. Huth, the captain. On Friday he played several rounds of the course to familiarise himself with it, and to prepare for a match with Herd, one of the three runners-up at the Championship meeting, on the Saturday. This match was one of thirty-six holes, and attracted quite a considerable following. It was very well contested throughout. Herd led by one hole at the end of the first round, and finally won the match by the odd hole. Mr. Hilton's performance

on a strange green, and one so entirely different from any on which he has been accustomed to play, was considered a very fine one, his putting particularly being a fine feature on greens rendered somewhat rough by the continued dry weather. Mr. Hilton expressed himself as greatly pleased with the course.

KETTERING v. ST. NEOTS.

Played at Kettering April 22nd. The home team won by 6 holes.

KETTERING.			ST. NEOTS.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Dr. Allison	1	...	Captain Kinloch	o	...
Mr. T. G. Fraser	5	...	Mr. A. C. McNish	o	...
Mr. A. C. Simmonds	o	...	Dr. Good	1	...
Dr. Lee	o	...	Mr. J. A. Ennals	4	...
Mr. H. A. Cooper	5	...	Mr. A. R. Bower	o	...
		II			5

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

In striking contrast to Saturday, so far as weather was concerned, the competitions on the second and concluding day of the annual spring meeting of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club took place on Monday, 17th, on the links at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea. Rain commenced in the afternoon of the previous day, and continued until about four o'clock on Monday afternoon, sometimes falling very freely, much to the discomfort of the seventy-five players who went out. The events were the ladies' gold medal (with gold memento) for the best scratch score, three handicap prizes, and the Terry silver claret jug (under handicap limited to 18 strokes) for the best net aggregate of the two days' play. Scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. Fred H. Smith, Manchester	97	8	89
Mr. A. Entwisle, Bolton	103	13	90
Mr. T. C. Midwood, Manchester	106	15	91
Rev. J. K. Jacques, St. Anne's	107	16	91
Mr. S. A. Hermon, St. Anne's	94	2	92
Mr. Thos. Muirhead, Bowdon	106	14	92
Mr. A. H. Doleman, South Shore	95	2	93
Rev. J. G. Denison, Church	97	4	93
Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton	92	+	94
Mr. A. H. Kay, Bury	111	17	94
Mr. G. H. Huthwaite, Barrow	111	17	94
Mr. F. C. Morgan, Manchester	99	4	95
Mr. W. Newbigging, St. Anne's	99	4	95
Mr. H. N. Brown, St. Anne's...	109	14	95
Mr. W. H. Harrison, Lytham	104	8	96
Mr. F. H. Stewart, Oxford	97	scr.	97
Mr. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's...	98	1	97
Mr. S. F. Butcher, Bury	106	9	97
Mr. J. A. Tweedale, Wilmslow	108	11	97
Mr. A. S. Bles, Manchester	112	15	97
Mr. J. E. Pearson, Liverpool...	101	3	98
Mr. A. B. Scholfield, St. Anne's	102	4	98
Mr. T. H. Miller, Singleton Park	105	7	98
Mr. G. Haig, Manchester	106	8	98
Mr. J. A. S. Fair, Lytham	109	11	98
Mr. D. Tonge, Disley	110	12	98
Mr. T. Baxter, St. Anne's	113	15	98
Mr. J. Craig, St. Anne's	118	20	98
Mr. W. E. Fairlie, Stockport...	94	+	99
Mr. J. Hornby, Liverpool	99	scr.	99
Mr. J. Eccles, jun., Ashton, Preston	102	3	99
Mr. C. G. D. Hoare, St. Anne's	102	3	99
Mr. P. Swanwick, Wilmslow	114	15	99
Mr. J. Corbett, Lowe, Liverpool	113	13	100
Mr. E. W. Hermon, St. Anne's	120	20	100

Mr. J. H. Smith, Manchester, won the first handicap prize. The second and third were tied for by Mr. T. C. Midwood and the Rev. J. K. Jacques, and will be played off. The first optional sweepstakes was won by Mr. A. Entwisle; the second by Mr. T. C. Midwood; and the third was divided by Mr. S. A. Hermon and Mr. T. Muirhead. The competition for the Terry silver claret-jug and memento was very closely contested, the following being the best net scores:—

	First Day.	Second Day.	Total.
Mr. H. N. Brown	87	95	182
Mr. J. F. Mugliston	81	102	183
Mr. A. S. Bles	87	97	184
Mr. S. A. Hermon	93	92	185
Mr. G. Haig	88	98	186
Mr. A. H. Doleman	95	93	188
Mr. J. A. Tweedale	91	97	188
Mr. A. Entwisle	98	90	188
Mr. A. H. Kay	94	94	188

Mr. H. N. Brown, St. Anne's therefore won the prize and memento. During the day, the tie for the second and third of Saturday's handi-

cap prizes was played off by Mr. H. N. Brown and Mr. A. S. Bles, the result being that the second prize was taken by Mr. H. N. Brown, with 109, less 16=93, and the third by Mr. A. S. Bles, with 112, less 18=94. At the conclusion of the day's play, the prizes were presented by Mr. J. Talbot Fair, the honorary secretary to the club, in the absence of the captain, Mr. J. Marcus Rea, who was still prevented by illness from being present. The two days' meeting was altogether most successful.

MID-SURREY GOLF CLUB.

Senior medal, April 15th :-

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. A. Radford ...	100	18	82	Mr. W. G. Hewitt ...	103 15 88
Mr. C. E. Allan ...	100	16	84	Mr. L. Chator ...	105 16 89
Mr. A. J. Eames ...	92	7	85	Mr. W. Dunn ...	110 18 92
Mr. S. F. Higgins ...	95	9	86	Mr. G. B. Hext ...	107 11 96
Mr. C. A. Gosnell ...	103	15	88	Mr. W. F. Harris ...	114 15 99
Mr. John Kerr ...	88	not h'cp.			

Junior medal :-

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. N. P. Bowyer ...	97	20	77	Mr. L. W. Evans ...	111 20 91
Mr. P. G. S. Payne ...	97	20	77	Mr. G. C. Haite ...	124 33 91
Mr. A. Reid ...	103	23	80	Mr. P. N. Pevine ...	115 23 92
Mr. F. E. Gripper ...	117	36	81	Mr. A. J. Wood ...	112 20 92
Mr. B. Parker ...	104	23	81	Mr. A. Pazey ...	122 27 95
Mr. B. B. Figgis ...	108	24	84	Mr. J. J. Bithell ...	123 27 96
Mr. J. S. Worthington ...	111	27	84	Mr. W. Parker ...	137 30 107
Mr. J. H. S. Lawton ...	122	36	86		

MINCHINHAMPTON v. STOWELL PARK.

Return match played on the Stowell Park links, on the 17th April. Eighteen hole course. Scores :-

MINCHINHAMPTON.		STOWELL PARK.	
Holes.	Holes.	Holes.	Holes.
Rev. E. H. Hawkins ...	0	Hon. E. Scott ...	5
Mr. Nicols ...	0	Mr. E. H. Buckland ...	4
Mr. C. Ritchie ...	0	Earl of Eldon ...	9
Mr. H. V. Woolright ...	0	Lady M. Scott ...	7
Mr. W. Davies ...	0	Mr. W. H. Kaye ...	4
Mr. W. Margetson ...	2	Hon. O. Scott ...	0
Mr. J. Johnston ...	0	Hon. D. Scott ...	8
Mr. J. Sotheron Estcourt ...	0	Mr. H. Rose ...	2
Mr. E. J. Davies ...	0	Mr. G. Goodeve, jun. ...	11
Mr. J. T. Woolright ...	0	Mr. G. W. Goodeve ...	4
Mr. E. Goodeve (subs.) ...	0	Hon. M. Scott ...	7
	2		61

The course, which consists of nine holes, was in good condition. The lowest returns hitherto sent in have been made by Mr. E. H. Buckland and by Hugh Kirkaldy, 38, for a round of nine holes.

MORECAMBE AND HEYSHAM GOLF CLUB.

The sixth, and what might be called the semi-final competition of this club, for the monthly prize, concluded on Saturday last, in perfect weather. On a return of cards it was found that Mr. C. E. Friend had proved the winner with a net score of 74, Captain Le Feuvre winning the first optional sweepstakes. The players who have put in a win for this prize, and who are eligible to compete in the final for same at the spring meeting on Whit-Monday, are :-First, Mr. W. Stewart (Lancaster) (scratch), 88; second, Dr. Glegg (Morecambe), 100, less 9=91; third, Mr. H. A. Paley (Lancaster), 114, less 35=79; fourth, Mr. R. Charnley (Heysham), 120, less 30=90; fifth, Mr. A. G. W. Howson (Morecambe), 116, less 40=76; sixth, Mr. C. E. Friend (Lancaster), 109, less 35=74. Appended are Saturday's scores :-

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. C. E. Friend ...	109	35	74	Mr. F. Bannister ...	114 25 89
Capt. Le Feuvre ...	90	9	81	Mr. W. Stewart ...	90 scr. 90
Rev. C. O. Gorton ...	118	35	83	Mr. S. M. Satter-	
Mr. C. T. Clark ...	118	35	83	thwaite ...	128 35 93

Messrs. H. A. Paley, C. E. Mason, R. Preston, J. W. Pickard, and A. I. Swift made no returns.

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Monday, April 17th, the club played the annual match v. Mr. Savile's team. After a long spell of dry weather, unhappily, when play began at 11 a.m., it was raining hard. However, in spite of the wet, five couples started. The players in the afternoon were more fortunate in regard to weather, as by three o'clock, the time fixed for play to recommence, the rain had ceased. The club this year, for the first time, played the gentlemen even, the result being a victory for Mr. Savile's team of 33 holes. A tea was to have been kindly given

on the ground that afternoon by Mrs. Edlmann, but, owing to the bad weather, it was adjourned to Kent House, where there was a large assemblage. Scores :-

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE LADIES.

MR. SAVILE'S TEAM.

Holes.		Holes.	
Miss A. Dawkins ...	0	Mr. Ashton ...	5
Miss A. Clarke ...	0	Mr. Latham ...	10
Miss E. Whieldon ...	0	Mr. Paterson ...	2
Miss Middleton ...	0	Mr. Wheble ...	0
Mrs. Hans Blackwood ...	0	Mr. Richardson ...	9
Mrs. Smith-Turberville ...	7	Mr. Perry ...	0
Miss Acheson Gray ...	0	Mr. Garnett ...	7
Miss Radcliffe ...	2	Mr. Latham, jun. ...	0
Miss W. Gibsone ...	0	Mr. Dyson ...	5
Mrs. Ashton ...	2	Mr. Savile ...	0
Miss Collis ...	0	Rev. H. Green ...	6
	11		44

On Friday, April 21st, a competition took place ("Bogey" score) for a travelling clock, kindly given by Mr. Broadhurst. The weather was perfect, and there was a large field, for whom a tea was most kindly provided by Mrs. Broadhurst. The result of the competition was as follows :-Miss W. Gibsone (14), 11 up; Miss M. Gray (20), 6 up; Miss Darlington (8), 5 up; Miss E. Whieldon (5), 4 up; Miss Middleton (6), 1 up; Miss E. Howe (16), 1 up; Mrs. Smith-Turberville (9), even; Miss Gray (11), even; Miss A. Clarke (2), 1 down; Miss H. Darlington (16), 2 down; Miss A. Dawkins (scratch), 3 down; Miss L. Darlington (6), 3 down; Miss Edlmann (11), 3 down; Miss Radcliffe (12), 3 down; Miss Collis (18), 3 down; Miss Gibsone (20), 3 down; Miss Chambers (12), 4 down; Mrs. Cross (26), 5 down; Mrs. Ashton and Miss Wolryche Stansfield, no returns.

NEW FOREST GOLF CLUB.

Ladies' handicap, fourteen holes, April 19th :-

	1st Round.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
	2nd	Round.			
Miss Mackay ...	49	53	102	20	82
Miss Bryan ...	48	51	99	12	87
Mrs. Peto ...	52	53	105	18	87
Mrs. Aitchison ...	44	52	96	5	91
Miss Austen ...	59	46	105	scr.	105
Miss V. Lushington ...	60	70	130	9	121
Miss Goldfinch ...	59	86	145	16	129

Miss Cameron, no return.

Gentlemen's handicap v. "Colonel Bogey" :-Mr. P. Crossley (14), 1 down; Mr. A. Goldfinch (7), 4 down; Lieut. P. de Crespigny, R.N. (3), 5 down; Mr. J. Bryan (11), 6 down; Capt. H. C. Aitchison, R.N. (14), 6 down; Mr. J. H. Howard (18), 7 down; Lieut. J. H. Goldfinch (3) 9 down.

PORTHCAWL GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday last, and resulted in a win for Mr. F. Milburn, with a net of 80. Below are the scores :-

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. F. Milburn ...	93	13	80	Mr. R. Crossland ...	108 13 95
Mr. H. J. Simpson ...	104	13	91		

And others, no returns.

PRESTWICK SPRING MEETING.

The spring meeting of Prestwick Golf Club took place on Thursday last week, and was attended with every circumstance that contributes to a successful meeting. The state of the weather, and the condition of the links, were all in favour of low scoring, if not of record scoring, and of giving each competitor the maximum value for his play. That there were no record medal scores, and that the scoring was even above the average must, therefore, be attributed to indifferent form on the part of the players.

At the annual business meeting with which the proceedings commenced, and which was largely attended, Sir W. Renny Watson was appointed captain for the year, and Mr. Harry Hart honorary secretary and treasurer. At eleven o'clock the first of thirty couples were despatched from the tee in the competition for the club medal, scratch, and the St. Andrews' cross, handicap. The seventh couple who went out, Mr. E. D. Prothero and Mr. W. N. Scott, attracted a large following, principally in view of the fine form that the former had been displaying for a week previously. Mr. Prothero began well, and with a 4 and a 3 to start with, ought to have come in, as he had repeatedly done before, with a total of not over 80. His putting was, however, not equal to his game through the links, and it may be said that he threw away the medal on the putting-greens. He finished at 86. Mr. F. A. Fairlie and Mr. W. S. Wilson, both previous medallists, also came in for a share of attention. They also each began well with a 4, and Mr.

Wilson followed this up by getting the short hole in the regulation 3. On the other hand, Mr. Fairlie severely handicapped himself with a very bad shot from the tee which landed the globe in the burn, the indirect result of which was that he took seven to hole out. A perfect four to the "Cardinal," however, enabled him to proceed under fairly hopeful auspices. Not so Mr. Wilson, who got so much the worse of a conflict with the great bunker, that only a miracle could save him after he had emerged therefrom. In all his experience of this mighty hazard Mr. Wilson probably never had so disastrous an acquaintance with it as on Thursday, and it cost him twelve strokes to hole out. Even the most optimist could hardly have hoped to redeem himself after such a crushing encounter, and, as a matter of fact, Mr. Wilson did not hand in his card. Mr. Fairlie also was not able to counteract the evil influence of the second hole, and finished at 89. In the meantime Mr. R. N. Fairlie, who but for the phenomenal score of Mr. T. Anderson—who then played with a handicap of 9—would have won the spring medal last year, was compiling—by a game which, if it was not consistently steady, indicated good form—the lowest score of the day. Mr. Fairlie's score was as it appears below:—

Out	4	3	6	4	2	5	3	7	6=40
In	5	5	5	4	4	7	5	5	4=44

The most consistent of the scratch scores was that compiled by Mr. C. K. Aitken, whose total of 86 did not contain anything above a 6. As the result of the day's competition, Mr. R. N. Fairlie won the scratch medal, with his score of 84, and Mr. J. Adams proved to be the winner of the St. Andrews cross, with 93, less 15=78, Mr. D. Reid being only one stroke behind, with 92, less 13=79. The following are the best scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. Adams	93	15	78	Mr. A. Neilson	97	8	89
Mr. D. Reid	92	13	79	Mr. W. Towers Clark	99	10	89
Mr. W. J. King	99	18	81	Mr. A. R. Paterson	90	scr.	90
Mr. A. W. Evans	100	18	82	Mr. T. R. Lamb	99	9	90
Mr. C. K. Aitken	86	3	83	Mr. F. A. Fairlie	89	+2	91
Mr. R. N. Fairlie	84	scr.	84	Mr. R. Cowan	95	3	92
Mr. J. S. Alston	89	5	84	Mr. M. Cross	95	3	92
Mr. W. N. Scott	90	4	86	Mr. R. Hutchison	98	4	94
Mr. E. D. Prothero	86	+2	88	Mr. F. J. Tennant	100	6	94
Col. A. M. Brown	88	scr.	88	Mr. J. Macneil	106	12	94
Mr. A. E. Macbean	108	20	88	Mr. W. H. Goff	95	scr.	95

RANELAGH GOLF CLUB.

Scores for Mrs. Lehmann's silver cup (two rounds scratch).—Mr. J. F. Abercromby, 172; Mr. E. Lehmann, 173; Mr. J. G. Wylie, 173; Capt. Cowper Coles, 175; Mr. C. A. S. Leggett, 181; Mr. M. Friend, 182; Mr. G. C. Wylie, 182; Sir W. Russell, Bart, 185.

Scores for Mr. E. Lehmann's £5 5s. prize (under handicaps of 18 or less):—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.					
Mr. H. F. Highton	94	16	78	Dr. W. J. Sheppard	98	14	84
Mr. J. F. Abercromby	85	4	81	Mr. C. A. S. Leggett	89	4	85
Mr. J. G. Wylie	88	7	81	Sir W. Russell	92	7	85
Mr. E. J. Lewis	100	18	82	Mr. J. Lynes	100	14	86
Mr. A. E. L. Slazenger	94	11	83	Capt. Cowper Coles	91	4	87
Mr. E. F. White	97	14	83	Mr. W. Jackson	99	11	88
Mr. M. Friend	88	4	84	Mr. C. O'Malley	102	14	88

ROCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, played on Saturday, April 15th. Resulted in a popular win for Mr. G. Winch, who has lately made a marked improvement in his game, and will require the attention of the handicap committee. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.					
*Mr. G. Winch	115	45	70	Mr. F. T. Knight	101	18	83
Mr. F. Shapley	95	18	77	Mr. T. M. Winch	106	18	88
Mr. G. K. Anderson	95	14	81	Mr. A. Schacht	90	scr.	90
Mr. C. Lake	89	6	83				

* Winner.

Ladies' monthly medal also played on April 15th. Mrs. Lake, who, we are glad to see, has quite recovered her game, played a fine round of scratch score, and cut her field to pieces. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.					
*Mrs. Lake	86	10	76	Miss Hobbs	118	23	95
Miss Latham	106	20	86	Miss E. Cunliffe	114	18	96
Mrs. Aveling	129	42	87	Mrs. Anderson	116	17	99
Miss Pound	106	14	92	Miss G. Cunliffe	122	20	102
Miss Pochin	108	16	92	Mrs. Knight	135	25	110

* Winner.

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.—The tie for the club medal was played off on Saturday 15th:—Mr. J. H. E. Nicolls (14) 2 holes down; Mr. C. H. Trew (18) 3 holes down; Mr. A. H. Eve (16) 4 holes down. Mr. F. H. Colam made no return.

ROYAL WIMBLEDON GOLF CLUB.

The spring meeting of this club was held on Thursday and Saturday, April 20th and 22nd, in glorious weather. The long drought had made the course hard and dusty, but in spite of the poor growth of grass on the greens, the putting was wonderfully true. The competitions on Thursday were for the club scratch gold medal, which was won by Mr. Mr. N. R. Foster with 82, and the Bombay cup handicap, which went to Mr. W. M. Allport, 96, less 18=78. In the afternoon the annual meeting took place to pass the balance-sheet of 1892, and to discuss a building scheme of enlargement of the present club-house. Although a very prosperous financial position was exhibited, the present Australian crisis, or something equally pertinent, had evidently engendered a cautious spirit in the members present, and a very much modified edition of the alterations proposed was adopted.

Saturday brought together 113 players, against 107 on Thursday, to compete for the Kennard scratch gold medal, won by Mr. N. R. Foster after a tie with the Hon. Ivo Bligh; the Ridpath bowl (limited to 9 strokes handicap), with which the Hon. Ivo Bligh consoled himself, 84, less 5=79; and the Gimbal Golf ball, presented by the captain (a miniature gold Golf ball, with a mariner's compass inside), also won by the Hon. Ivo Bligh. The scratch and handicap aggregates went respectively to Mr. N. R. Foster and the Hon. Ivo Bligh. The Anderson beakers were finally won outright by Mr. Horace Peel. A dinner to wind up with was not the least successful of the events, although a larger muster of members, especially of the prize-winners, would have been appreciated; but quality is before quantity, and with Capt. Adam at the head of the table, there was no fear of a dull evening. Songs came willingly at his call, and Mr. Webster Glynes' "Rowena" was listened to with much appreciation.

Among the prizes presented, must be mentioned the silver salver (given by Mr. P. Strickland for the best four scores at the monthly medals), which was won by Mr. Arthur Adams.

The Bombay Challenge Cup (handicap limited to 18 strokes), April 20th. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. W. M. Allport	96	18	78	Mr. D. F. Park	106	18	88
Mr. A. Pollock	85	5	80	Mr. W. L. Purves	89	scr.	89
Mr. F. W. Hollams	91	10	81	Mr. R. F. Denniston	96	7	89
Mr. R. Howell	93	12	81	Mr. J. Taylor	99	10	89
Mr. C. A. Pidcock	94	12	82	Mr. E. Wight	103	14	89
Mr. W. D. Davidson	87	4	83	Mr. H. W. Bradford	104	15	89
Mr. W. E. Martyn	95	12	83	Col. J. Alexander	107	18	89
Mr. W. C. Anderson	99	16	83	Mr. E. Webb	107	18	89
Mr. N. R. Foster	82	+2	84	Mr. R. Thomson	95	5	90
Mr. W. Bazalgette	87	3	84	Mr. W. Rutherford	97	7	90
Hon. Ivo Bligh	89	5	84	Mr. R. Clutton	102	12	90
Mr. M. Friend	89	4	85	Mr. G. Humphreys	105	15	90
Mr. F. J. Walker	90	5	85	Sir H. Pottinger	106	16	90
Mr. A. N. Cumming	91	6	85	Mr. H. Blake	108	18	90
Mr. P. Strickland	92	7	85	Mr. A. H. Molesworth	88	+3	91
Mr. R. Dalyell	93	8	85	Mr. T. W. Lang	95	4	91
Mr. E. C. Austen	95	10	85	Mr. C. M. Smith	95	4	91
Leigh	95	10	85	Mr. J. H. Driver	100	9	91
Mr. M. A. O. MacKenzie	95	10	85	Mr. A. Davidson	101	10	91
Mr. J. H. Nelson	95	10	85	Mr. J. A. Courtenay	109	18	91
Mr. D. Forde	97	12	85	Mr. F. Baden Powell	109	18	91
Mr. W. Muir	99	14	85	Mr. A. Adams	96	4	92
Mr. G. Chatterton	103	18	85	Rev. J. H. Ellis	103	11	92
Mr. J. M. Henderson	90	4	86	Mr. A. Gibson	110	18	92
Mr. E. A. Walker	90	4	86	Mr. A. H. Boyd	97	4	93
Mr. G. C. Wylie	93	7	86	Mr. W. R. Kermack	97	4	93
Mr. A. E. Peat	95	9	86	Mr. C. E. Routh	103	10	93
Mr. M. Tabuteau	95	9	86	Mr. C. A. W. Cameron	98	4	94
Mr. W. P. Crake	96	10	86	Mr. C. Campbell	98	4	94
Mr. W. L'Amy	98	12	86	Mr. R. Whyte	98	4	94
Mr. G. P. Leach	98	12	86	Mr. A. L. Tweedie	104	10	94
Mr. G. F. Muir	98	12	86	Mr. C. Morris	95	scr.	95
Mr. F. H. Stewart	90	3	87	Mr. J. Murray	95	10	95
Col. G. Farie	94	7	87	Mr. C. Macdonald	111	16	95
Mr. E. Sidgwick	94	7	87	Mr. W. F. Lyon	112	17	95
Mr. H. W. Horne	95	8	87	Mr. A. G. Rickards	113	18	95
Mr. W. Michie	96	9	87	Mr. C. Robertson	113	18	95
Mr. W. Johnston	102	15	87	Mr. J. G. Gibson	98	2	96
Mr. H. C. Willoch	103	16	87	Mr. A. C. Adam	104	8	96
Mr. H. S. Colt	87	+1	88	Mr. C. L. Anstruther	106	10	96
Col. E. H. Kennard	92	4	88	Mr. F. S. Creswell	111	15	96
Mr. J. D. Charrington	96	8	88	Mr. W. H. Oliver	112	16	96
Mr. J. M. Kerr	97	9	88	Mr. C. F. Grundtvig	115	18	97
Mr. H. Peel	97	9	88	Mr. J. A. C. Tanner	119	18	101
Mr. W. J. Cundell	99	11	88				
Gen. H. Eliot	106	18	88				

No return from eighteen players.

The club gold medal (scratch), April 20th, 1893.—Mr. N. R. Foster, 82; Mr. A. Pollock, 85; Mr. H. S. Colt, 87; Mr. W. Bazalgette, 87; Mr. W. D. Davidson, 87; Mr. A. H. Molesworth, 88; Mr. W. L. Purves, 89; Mr. M. Friend, 89; Hon. Ivo Bligh, 89.

The Ridpath challenge bowl (handicap limited to 9 strokes), April 22nd :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Hon. Ivo Bligh	84	5 79	Mr. C. Sidey	101	9 92
Mr. C. E. McLaren	89	9 80	Mr. W. D. Bovill	98	5 93
Mr. R. Thomson	88	5 83	Mr. J. H. Driver	102	9 93
Mr. J. M. Kerr	92	9 83	Rev. J. H. Ellis	102	9 93
Mr. E. A. Walker	89	4 85	Mr. F. W. Hollams	102	9 93
Mr. E. Sidgwick	92	7 85	Mr. N. Lubbock	102	9 93
Mr. H. Peel	94	9 85	Sir H. Pottinger	102	9 93
Mr. N. R. Foster	84	+2 86	Mr. T. Smith	102	9 93
Mr. F. H. Stewart	89	3 86	Mr. R. T. Thomson	96	2 94
Mr. C. L. Anstruther	96	9 87	Mr. W. R. Kermack	98	4 94
Mr. M. A. O. Mackenzie	96	9 87	Mr. H. W. Horne	102	8 94
Mr. W. Michie	96	9 87	Mr. W. P. Crake	103	9 94
Mr. W. L' Amy	97	9 88	Mr. F. C. Stapylton	103	9 94
Mr. G. F. Muir	97	9 88	Mr. F. E. Faithfull	98	3 95
Mr. J. H. Nelson	97	9 88	Mr. P. Strickland	102	7 95
Mr. H. S. Colt	88	+1 89	Mr. W. E. Martyn	104	9 95
Mr. A. Adams	93	4 89	Mr. J. Taylor	105	9 96
Mr. E. Routh	98	9 89	Mr. J. Franklin		
Mr. I. T. Buteau	98	9 89	Adams	105	8 97
Mr. A. G. Molesworth	87	+3 90	Mr. C. A. W. Cameron	102	4 98
Mr. C. Plummer	90	scr. 90	Mr. W. M. Allport	107	9 98
Mr. W. Bazalgette	93	3 90	Mr. W. W. Branston	107	9 98
Mr. C. Campbell	94	4 90	Mr. D. Forde	107	9 98
Mr. J. H. Mudie	94	4 90	Mr. P. Robertson	107	9 98
Mr. F. J. Walker	95	5 90	Mr. G. Nicol	103	4 99
Mr. R. F. Denniston	97	7 90	Mr. F. Baden Powell	108	9 99
Mr. G. C. Wylie	97	7 90	Rev. W. T. Houldsworth	108	9 99
Mr. R. Dalryell	98	8 90	Mr. W. F. Lyon	108	9 99
Mr. W. J. Cundell	99	9 90	Mr. J. Blair	109	9 100
Mr. W. L. Purves	91	scr. 91	Mr. F. S. Creswell	109	9 100
Mr. J. M. Henderson	95	4 91	Mr. T. Milvain	109	9 100
Col. E. H. Kennard	95	4 91	Mr. J. A. C. Tanner	109	9 100
Mr. A. Pollock	95	4 91	Mr. E. Wight	109	9 100
Mr. R. Whyte	95	4 91	Mr. G. Humphreys	110	9 101
Mr. W. Rutherford	98	7 91	Mr. J. N. Maitland	110	9 101
Mr. A. H. Boyd	96	4 92	Mr. G. Seton	111	9 102
Mr. E. Field	96	4 92	Mr. W. Johnston	112	9 103
Mr. M. Friend	96	4 92	Mr. E. Webb	112	9 103
Mr. J. D. Charrington	100	8 92	Sir A. Moncrieff	113	9 104
Mr. K. Howell	101	9 92	Mr. C. Macdona	115	9 106
Mr. G. P. Leach	101	9 92	Col. J. Alexander	120	9 111
Mr. C. A. Pidcock	101	9 92	Mr. D. F. Park	121	9 112
Mr. W. R. Portal	101	9 92	Col. H. S. Clarke	149	not hcpd

Twenty-seven players made no returns.

The Kennard gold medal (scratch prize) April 22nd:—Mr. N. R. Foster, 84; Hon. Ivo Bligh, 84, tie; Mr. N. R. Foster won; Mr. A. H. Molesworth, 87; Mr. H. S. Colt, 88; Mr. R. Thomson, 88; Mr. C. E. McLaren, 89; Mr. F. H. Stewart, 89; Mr. E. A. Walker, 89; Mr. W. L. Purves, 91.

The Anderson beakers (handicap limited to 18 strokes), for final possession :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. H. Peel	94	9 85	Mr. A. H. Molesworth	87	+3 90
Mr. H. S. Colt	88	+1 89	Mr. J. Franklin		
Mr. A. Adams	93	4 89	Adams	105	8 97

* Won.

Scratch aggregate prize, for best aggregate of the two days' play.—Mr. N. R. Foster, 82, 84=166, won.

Handicap aggregate prize, for best aggregate of the two days' play.—Hon. Ivo Bligh, 84, 79=163, won.

Gimbal Golf ball (handicap limited to 9 strokes), for best aggregate of the two days' play.—Hon. Ivo Bligh, 84, 79=163, won.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

The Renton prize, Saturday, April 22nd :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. Reynolds	100	13 87	Col. Mayne	94	4 90
*Mr. G. B. Scott, R. A.	109	22 87	Capt. Fairlie	96	3 93
Major Scott, R. A.	87	+1 88	Mr. T. A. Barker	98	5 93
Mr. D. Turnbull	103	15 88	Mr. A. G. Robertson	107	13 94
Col. Mackenzie	93	3 90	Mr. R. B. Lattimer	109	10 99

* Divided sweepstakes.

Eight players made no returns.

This being the last day's play for the above prize, Col. Mackenzie was declared the winner with an aggregate of six scores, equal to 83 in twelve competitions.

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

The spring medal of the club was played for on Tuesday, April 18th, for the one hundred and first time, and won by Mr. A. Schacht, with the very fine score of 109, which beats previous records by 3. The Singapore cup (handicap challenge) fell to Mr. C. Lethbridge. The ground was hard, dry and dusty, and the putting very keen; but the day was exceptionally fine, with very little wind. Scores as below :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. C. Lethbridge	127	21 106	Mr. W. H. Richardson	121	1 120
Mr. S. Clarke	137	28 109	Mr. W. H. M. Christie	142	22 120
Mr. A. Schacht	109	+1 110	Mr. R. Whyte	122	1 121
Mr. R. M. Richardson	128	18 110	Mr. E. M. Protheroe	131	10 121
Mr. W. Morris	128	14 114	Mr. H. Brooke	137	16 121
Mr. D. Christopherson	137	23 114	Mr. C. M. Baker	142	21 121
Mr. W. Murray	137	23 114	Mr. E. Pinkerton	130	8 122
Mr. W. K. Graham	124	9 115	Mr. W. Glasier	132	10 122
Mr. G. F. Sanders	126	11 115	Mr. H. Gillon	123	scr. 123
Mr. T. A. Raynes	127	12 115	Mr. W. O. S. Pell	124	scr. 124
Mr. A. H. Baker	138	22 116	Mr. H. H. Turner	129	5 124
Mr. W. A. Adam	141	25 116	Mr. A. T. Young	127	2 125
Mr. W. R. M. Glasier	146	30 116	Mr. A. A. Common	137	12 125
Mr. T. J. Baillie	131	14 117	Mr. G. Spurling	139	14 125
Mr. G. W. Smyth	141	24 117	Mr. T. Skinner	155	30 125
Mr. G. H. Frean	142	25 117	Mr. J. H. W. Davies	147	21 126
Mr. J. G. Gibson	117	+1 118	Mr. E. G. Wilkinson	149	21 128
Mr. J. S. Sawyer	127	9 118	Mr. W. E. Hughes	136	7 129
Rev. J. H. Ellis	130	12 118	Mr. W. C. Johnson	151	22 129
Mr. F. S. Ireland	119	scr. 119	Mr. J. W. G. Andras	137	5 132
Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote	125	6 119	Mr. J. T. Harman	151	16 135
			Mr. P. C. Scott	155	18 137

In the evening the annual dinner was held at the Ship Tavern, when a muster of seventy-eight members and visitors testified to the vigorous life of the club. The Lord Mayor, who is a member of the club, found time, among his many other duties, to come and dine with his fellow-members, although, as he said, it was about his only free evening till the end of July. Needless to say, his health was drunk with enthusiasm. Mr. T. Marsh, the Poet Laureate of the club, was particularly happy in his annual golfing ode, and others were very successful in song. Mr. W. E. Hughes was installed captain, in the place of Mr. J. G. Gibson.

There is in the possession of the club a junior medal, which has not been played for some years. On Wednesday morning, April 19th, this was competed for by sons of members of the club under sixteen, the course being the medal course, and the scores in every way comparable with those for the club medals. The scores of those at the head of the list are thus remarkably good:—Jock Gibson, 145; Tommy Stubbs, 147; Jack Riddle, 152; Tom Smyth, 164; Gerald Lightfoot, 170; Kenneth Andras, 172; Langford Davies, 193; Will Whyte, 208; Stanley Winch, 208; Vivian Riddle, 230.

The competition for final possession of the £5 Jubilee piece, presented by the Rev. J. H. Ellis, which took place on Thursday April 20th, resulted as follows :—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.		
Mr. R. Whyte	113	1 112	Mr. A. Schacht	121	+1 122
Mr. J. G. Gibson	118	+1 119	Mr. F. S. Ireland	123	scr. 123
Mr. W. O. S. Pell	119	scr. 119			

The day was beautifully fine. Mr. R. Whyte thus wins the medal.

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

Teams composed of members whose handicaps in their respective clubs exceed 10. Played at Bushey on Saturday last.

ROYAL EPPING FOREST.		WEST HERTS.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Capt. C. E. Orman	0	Mr. A. Dunbar Walker	5
Mr. Peter Bonthonr	0	Mr. S. Hirst	6
Mr. R. O. J. Dallmeyer	4	Mr. S. O. Jackson	0
Mr. W. Egerton Hall	10	Mr. E. R. Harby	0
Mr. G. Spurling	4	Mr. C. Davis	0
Mr. A. E. L. Slazenger	9	Mr. H. S. Whittaker	0
Mr. G. E. Smyth	1	Mr. H. H. Tankard	0
Mr. B. G. Fabian	3	Mr. W. R. Carter	0
Mr. J. E. Brown	3	Mr. T. J. Williams	0
	34		11

Majority for Royal Epping Forest, 23 holes.

TAIN.—The fortnightly competition for the prizes presented by Mr. A. J. Dallas, solicitor, Tain, was held on Saturday. The three best scores were:—Mr. D. Macphail, Railway Hotel, Tain, 85, scratch; Mr. James Munro, solicitor, 92, less 6=86; and Treasurer H. M. Fraser, 98, less 10=88.

SCARBOROUGH GOLF CLUB.

On Monday, the 10th April, the second annual meeting of the club was held at the Grand Hotel, Scarborough. The Rev. A. W. Swayne occupied the chair. The audited accounts for the closing year having been read and adopted, the following were elected to form the committee for the ensuing year:—Sir Charles Legard, Bart., president; the Rev. A. W. Swayne, captain; Mr. G. Alderson Smith, Mr. C. G. Broadwood, Captain S. V. Thornton, R.A., Messrs. C. E. Brumell, L. P. Edwards, W. H. Wood Taylor. Mr. C. W. Woodall, hon. treasurer; and Mr. F. Bedwell, hon. secretary. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. L. Filmer Bennett for his kindness in offering a twenty-guinea challenge cup for competition amongst members of the club by strokes, under handicap. The cup is to be played for the first time during the first or second week in August next, and must be won three times before becoming the property of the winner.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., the silver monthly medal ("Bogey") was won by Mr. W. H. Wood Taylor, who ended 3 down. The scores returned were as follows:—Captain (18), 8 down; Mr. A. Kirk (14), 8 down; Mr. C. E. Brumell (16), 9 down; Mr. E. Hodgson (8), 10 down; Mr. F. Bedwell (14), 10 down; Mr. L. P. Edwards (20), 12 down.

On the same day two prizes offered by two members of the club were competed for by the ladies. Course: Twice round the ladies' nine-hole course. Miss Palmes won the first prize with a net score of 111, Mrs. E. H. Gawne winning the second prize with a net score of 113. The scores returned were as follows:—Miss Palmes, 125, less 14=111; Mrs. E. H. Gawne, 127, less 14=113; Miss C. Green, 129, less 14=115; Mrs. Wood Taylor, 133, less 14=119; Miss H. Alderson Smith, 142, less 16=126; Miss Edwards, 147, less 20=127; Miss C. Palmes, 151, less 16=135; Miss Haverfield, 178, less 30=148.

On Saturday, the 22nd inst., the gold monthly medal was won by Mrs. Wood Taylor, who, with an allowance of 8 strokes, finished 5 holes up against "Mrs. Bogey." The remaining scores returned were as follows:—Miss H. Alderson Smith (10), 1 up; Miss C. Green (8), 1 up; Mrs. Thornton (6), 1 up; Miss Palmes (6), all even; Miss Edwards (12), 2 down; and Miss C. Palmes (10), 4 down.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

The second "Bogey" competition took place over the links at Seaton on Saturday last, with the following result, Mr. F. W. Purvis succeeding in beating "Bogey" by 3:—Mr. F. W. Purvis, 3 up; Mr. C. J. Bunting, 2 up; Rev. W. Wickwar, 1 up; Mr. W. Roper, tie; Mr. E. W. Walker, 1 down; Major M. Gray, 2 down; Mr. W. Purves, 2 down; Mr. O. K. Trechmann, 2 down; Mr. S. Strover, 3 down; Mr. A. Robinson, 3 down; Rev. F. W. Savory, 4 down; Mr. J. B. Dale, 5 down; Mr. M. H. Horsley, 6 down; Mr. W. F. R. Hulton, 6 down; Mr. J. F. Pease, 6 down; Mr. George Pyman, 7 down. Messrs. Philip Wood, A. Massingham, G. Newby, Higson Simpson, C. O. Trechmann, L. K. Fawcitt, A. Gladstone, A. Livingstone, J. Sinclair, and H. B. Olsen made no returns.

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

A meeting of the newly-formed South Staffordshire Golf Club was held in Wolverhampton, on Friday evening, at the Victoria Hotel. Mr. W. Wentworth Walker occupied the chair, and amongst the gentlemen present were the Mayor (Mr. Charles T. Mander), Messrs. Rupert Smith, R. W. Lewis, Neville Mander, T. B. Cope, F. Hotcroft, T. F. Waterhouse, M. Wilkie, Dr. Biggam, and Dr. Bailey (Bilston). The meeting was called to receive the report of the preliminary committee, to elect permanent officers of the club, and to make arrangements for the formal opening.

In their report the preliminary committee stated that the membership now consisted of sixty-five gentlemen members and fifteen lady members, a number which it is hoped would soon be increased. A professional from Hoylake had been engaged, and the committee recommended that members should pay him 1s. per round for instruction, and that a number of boys be obtained as caddies under his charge. The payment in the latter instance to be at the rate of 3d. a round of nine holes, with a minimum charge of 6d. On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by the Mayor, the report was adopted. Lord Dartmouth was chosen as president for the first year, and it was decided to ask the following gentlemen to act as vice-presidents:—The Duke of Sutherland (Lord of the Manor of Penn), the Earl of Dudley, Lord Wrottesley, Sir Alfred Hickman, the Right Hon. H. H. Fowler, M.P., Right Hon. C. P. Villiers, M.P., Right Hon. A. S. Hill, M.P., Councillor C. T. Mander (Mayor), Mr. W. Wentworth Walker, and the Rev. C. H. Cole-Webb, vicar of Penn. The committee was constituted as follows:—Messrs. W. W. Walker, C. T. Mander (Mayor), R. T. Smith, R. W. Lewis, E. A. Spurgin, T. Graham, E. Hickman, W. E. Kettle, and W. H. Haydon. Dr. Biggam was unanimously chosen captain, Mr. T. F. Waterhouse, hon.

secretary, and Mr. M. Wilkie hon. treasurer. It was also decided that a plan of the Common, showing the links and other particulars, be made, and hung up in the club house, and also that local by-laws be made.

STIRLING GOLF CLUB.

This old-established club entered on a fresh era of its existence by the opening of its new club-house on Wednesday, 19th. The course has been considerably extended, and advantage taken of the large tract of ground to the west of the former course, with the result that it may now be regarded as one of the finest inland courses in Scotland. At present the greens are in splendid condition. The splendid scenery surrounding Stirling adds a charm to the game, which attracts many players from a distance, who are always welcome to the use of the course. The new club-house has been erected on a piece of ground adjoining the park, quite close to the first teeing ground. The style is Elizabethan. The house is quaint and attractive outside and comfortable inside, and is tastefully decorated. Mr. William Simpson, Stirling, was the architect, and the house does him credit.

The annual general meeting took place before the formal opening. Colonel Hare, of Blairlogie, was elected captain for the year, Mr. Robert Whyte, solicitor, was re-appointed honorary secretary, and Mr. J. W. Campbell, agent, Bank of Scotland, honorary treasurer. Colonel Hare congratulated the club on entering upon its handsome new premises, and declared the club-house open. Thereafter a competition took place for the scratch medal and handicap prizes, in which a large number of the members took part. The medal was won by Mr. William Lawson, with a score of 95. The next best scores were Mr. Graham Paton, 96; Mr. J. M. Cochrane, 97; Mr. R. A. Smith, 99; Mr. J. H. Todd, 99. The first handicap prize was won by Mr. G. Paton with 96, less 8=88, and the second by Mr. A. C. Buchanan with 101, less 12=89.

ST. NEOTS GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the prize presented by Lady Esmè Gordon took place on Saturday April 8th. The play was against a "Bogey" score of 96 (eighteen-holes) under handicap. Mr. A. W. Good was the winner, being 1 down:—Mr. A. W. Good (14) 1 down; Mr. A. B. Brackenbury (8) 2 down; Mr. A. C. McNish (8) 2 down; Mr. J. A. Ennals (14) 5 down; Mr. A. K. Bower (18) 7 down; Mr. P. C. Tomson (16) 7 down; Mr. T. Spencer (18) 8 down; Mr. J. Copping, Jun. (18) 8 down.

The final competition for the prize presented by Mr. A. C. McNish for the lady-members took place on Wednesday:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Miss Bower	...	51 6 45	Mrs. Jordan	...	81 25 56
Mrs. Good...	...	76 30 46	Mrs. P. C. Tomson...	...	78 18 60
Mrs. J.W. Addington	79 25 54		Miss J. Squire	...	70 6 64

The final competition for the medal presented by Mr. J. A. Ennals took place on Saturday 15th. Of the members who had qualified to take part, one (the Rev. R. D. Cooper) was unable to compete - thus leaving five players. Dr. Good, the hon. secretary of the club, proved to be the winner with two splendid rounds. For the first nine holes his return was 52, an excellent performance, but in the second round he fairly excelled himself, holing out the nine holes in 48; one of the best performances known on these links, and record for any member of the club. The win was a very popular one and thoroughly deserved. It should be remarked that the greens were very keen and difficult. Details:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Dr. Good	...	100 18 82	Mr. T. Spencer	...	132 30 102
Mr. A. B. Brackenbury	...	108 12 96	Mr. F. Day...	...	130 18 112

One member made no return.

A supper was held at the "Cross Keys" Hotel in the evening, when a most excellent and admirably served repast was provided by Mrs. Cranstone. Mr. A. C. McNish presided, with Mr. R. L. Towgood in the vice-chair. During the evening songs were given by the chairman, Dr. Good, Mr. McGiverin, Mr. Holman, Mr. J. A. Ennals, and a recitation by Dr. Hillyer.

ST. ANDREWS.

The first round for a small timepiece, presented to the St. Andrews club by a local gentleman, was played on Saturday in splendid golfing weather. The conditions were the best two scores out of three to count. Two worthy of note were Mr. Duncan and Mr. L. Auchterlonie, the latter finishing the homeward journey at the low score of 36. Mr. Duncan's score out was as follows:—4 4 5 5 5 5 5 3 4=40; in, 5 3 4 4 5 4 5 4 6=40; total, 80; and Mr. Auchterlonie's out was 4 5 6 5 5 6 6 3 5=45; in, 3 3 4 5 4 4 5 4 4=36; total, 81. The final round in the tournament for the photographic group of the club members was played on Saturday, when the results were as follows:—

Mr. W. Greig became the winner by 3 and 2 to play, beating Mr. J. Auchterlonie.

The first of a series of three competitions in connection with the St. Andrews Guild Golf Club, was finished on Saturday in good golfing weather. The following are the leading scores:—1st, Mr. J. Duncan, 93, less 8=85; 2nd, Mr. Thomas W. Robb (scratch), 86, Mr. James Robb, 90, less 4=86 (tie); 3rd, Mr. J. Grieve, 102, less 15=87; 4th, Mr. James Kirk (scratch), 88, Mr. D. Rennie, 94, less 6=88, tie; 5th, Mr. P. C. Anderson (scratch), 89; 6th, Mr. T. Liddell, 102, less 10=92.

The match played between Messrs. A. C. Aikman, and B. J. Lawlor, on Thursday, in connection with the tournament of the Thistle Golf Club, St. Andrews, begun last month, resulted in a tie, and on Friday they again played off, this time Mr. Aikman (scratch) beating Mr. Lawlor by 3 to 1.

SUTTON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal of the club was played for on Saturday last, over the links at Banstead, and resulted as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. F. Richardson...	102 20 82	Mr. G. Moore ...	139 40 99
Mr. E. Sheppey ...	130 38 92	Mr. A. L. Tate ...	116 15 101
Mr. H. Bawtree ..	133 40 93	Mr. E. C. Morley...	138 35 103
Mr. T. B. Fisher ...	122 25 97		

Several players made no returns.

TENBY GOLF CLUB.

EASTER MEETING.

Gentlemen's open scratch.—Mr. G. M. T. Smyth, 88; Mr. H. Forester, 91; Mr. F. Richardson, 94; Mr. H. I. Simpson, 94; Mr. A. C. F. Evans, 95; Mr. F. Milburn, 98; Mr. T. A. Rees, 106; Mr. H. J. Allen, 107; Mr. H. J. Houghton, 110; Mr. W. Crosland, 111; Mr. G. H. Logan, 111; Mr. D. E. Stephens, 111; Hon. H. C. Bruce, 124; Col. Lloyd and Lieut. Henderson, no return.

Gentlemen's open handicap:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. Forester ...	88 3 85	Mr. M. Thomas ...	115 24 91
Mr. G. S. Gulston...	106 21 85	Mr. H. J. Allen ...	103 11 92
Mr. A. C. F. Evans ...	96 9 87	Mr. D. Harrison ...	118 26 92
Mr. G. H. Logan...	96 7 89	Mr. D. E. Stephens	114 18 96
Mr. J. G. Faber ...	107 18 89	Col. M. Lloyd ...	115 18 97
Mr. G. L. Stokes ...	114 24 90	Mr. H. J. Houghton	104 6 98
Mr. F. L. Richardson	96 5 91	Mr. Col. Voyle ...	118 20 98
Lieut. Henderson ...	115 24 91	Mr. A. W. Massy ...	116 16 100

Messrs. H. T. Smyth, Bath, Barlow, Simpson, Milburn, Crosland, Span, Hon. H. C. Bruce, and Capt. Jenkins made no return, or were over 100 net.

The tie was played off in the evening, and resulted as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. Forester ...	43 1½ 41½	Mr. G. S. Gulston...	56 10½ 45½

Ladies' handicap (eighteen holes):—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
Miss E. M. Wood...	124 16 108	Miss A. M. Philipps	139 18 121
Miss A. G. Voyle ...	122 10 112	Miss Clifton ...	134 scr. 134
Miss Edith Vachell...	127 6 121	Miss C. S. Philipps	153 18 135

Mrs. Evans and Miss E. W. Lewes, were over 135 net.

South Wales Challenge Cup.—Challenger's round:—Mr. H. Forester, 93; Mr. F. L. Richardson, 93; Mr. F. Milburn, 106; Mr. R. Crosland, 106; Mr. G. H. Logan, 107; Colonel M. Lloyd, 110.

Messrs. Henderson, Rees, Allen, and Simpson were over 110, or made no return.

Result of the tie:—Mr. H. Forester, 46, 42=88 Mr. F. L. Richardson, 46, 48=94.

Final.—The winner of the challenger's round, Mr. H. Forester, met the holder, Mr. G. M. T. Smyth, on Saturday afternoon, when a splendid match was witnessed by a large crowd of spectators. The first and second holes were halved, Mr. Forester winning the third; the fourth was halved, Mr. Smyth taking the fifth and sixth. Mr. Forester, however, won the seventh and eighth, but Mr. Smyth took the ninth, thus making them all even on the first round. The first three holes of the second round were won by Mr. Forester, and the fourth halved, which gave him a strong lead of 3 up and 5 to play. Mr. Smyth then played a splendid uphill game, winning the fifth and 6th, and halving the seventh. The match then stood—Mr. Forester, 1 up and 2 to play. At the eighth tee Mr. Smyth got badly under his ball, which did not clear the bunker, and rolled into the sand; he had, however, a chance of halving the hole, but his opponent brought off a splendid long putt, which won him the hole and match by 2 up and 1 to play.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's foursome handicap:—

First Round.—Lieut. Henderson and Miss Span (24), Mr. Logan

and Miss Clifton (3), Col. Lloyd and Miss Wood (22), Mr. Barlow and Miss E. W. Lewes (21), Col. Voyle and Miss C. F. Philipps (22), Mr. O. Span and Miss A. M. Philipps (24), Mr. T. A. Rees and Miss A. G. Voyle (12), byes; Mr. G. Smyth and Miss Edith Vachell (scratch) beat Mr. H. J. Allen and Miss Lingard (24) by 6 up and 5 to play.

Second Round.—Mr. Logan and Miss Clifton beat Lieut. Henderson and Miss Span by 7 up and 5 to play; Col. Lloyd and Miss Wood beat Mr. G. Smyth and Miss Edith Vachell by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. Barlow and Miss E. W. Lewes beat Col. Voyle and Miss C. F. Philipps by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. O. Span and Miss A. M. Philipps beat Mr. T. A. Rees and Miss A. G. Voyle by 3 up and 2 to play.

Third Round.—Colonel Lloyd and Miss Wood beat Mr. Logan and Miss Clifton by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. O. Span and Miss A. M. Philipps beat Mr. Barlow and Miss E. W. Lewes by 4 up and 2 to play.

Final.—Mr. O. Span and Miss A. M. Philipps beat Col. Lloyd and Miss Wood by 4 up and 2 to play.

Gentlemen's Foursome Handicap:—

First Round.—Mr. G. H. Logan and Hon. H. C. Bruce (5), Col. M. Lloyd and Mr. H. J. Allen (8), Messrs. H. T. Smyth and R. Crosland (6), and Messrs. W. N. Cobbold and R. C. Walcott (11), byes; Messrs. W. Booker and J. G. Faber (13) beat Messrs. T. A. Rees and H. J. Simpson (scratch) by 6 up and 4 to play; Messrs. E. T. Barlow and D. E. Stephens (13) beat Lieut. Henderson and Mr. G. L. Stokes (18) by 3 up and 1 to play; Messrs. L. R. Wood and F. Milburn (11) beat Capt. Jenkins and Mr. H. J. Houghton (11) by 4 up and 3 to play; Messrs. L. Booker and G. Smyth (5) beat Messrs. H. Forester and D. Harrison (8) by 3 up and 2 to play.

Second Round.—Col. Lloyd and Mr. Allen beat Messrs. Logan and Bruce by 3 up and 1 to play; Messrs. Barlow and Stephens beat Messrs. W. Booker and Faber by 7 up and 5 to play; Messrs. L. Booker and G. Smyth beat Messrs. Wood and Milburn by 3 up and 2 to play; Messrs. H. Smyth and L. Crosland beat Messrs. Cobbold and Walcott, scratched.

Third Round.—Messrs. Lloyd and Allen beat Messrs. Barlow and Stephens by 5 up and 4 to play; Messrs. H. Smyth and Crosland beat Messrs. Booker and G. Smyth by 4 up and 2 to play.

Final.—Messrs. Smyth and Crosland beat Messrs. Lloyd and Allen by 4 up and 3 to play.

THE KILLYMOON GOLF CLUB.

The third annual competition for the Killymoon All Ireland (challenge) scratch medal came off on the Killymoon links on the 20th inst., and resulted in a most popular win by Mrs. Moutray, wife of the spirited owner of this beautiful demesne, who places the links free, at the disposal of the club, and has done much to encourage the game. Miss Alice Hamilton, of the Royal County Club, Portrush, made a very hard and plucky fight for the honours of the day. The weather was charming, the links in beautiful order, and were pronounced by all the visitors to be as nearly perfect as inland links could be. The medal was won in 1891 by Miss Larratt, of the Royal Belfast; in 1892 by Miss Constance Adair, of the Killymoon Club.

First round.—Mrs. Moutray (Killymoon) beat Miss Brooks (Royal County); Miss Ella Carter (Killymoon) beat Miss C. Gunning (Killymoon); Miss Coy (Royal County) beat Miss Donaldson (Killymoon); Mrs. Browne (Killymoon) beat Mrs. Eyhan (Royal County), absent.

Second round.—Miss A. Hamilton (Royal County) beat Mrs. Mann (Royal County); Miss Hilda Carter (Killymoon) beat Mrs. Russell (Royal County); Mrs. Moutray (Killymoon) beat Miss Ella Carter (Killymoon); Miss Coy (Royal County) beat Mrs. Browne (Killymoon).

Third round.—Miss A. Hamilton beat Miss Hilda Carter; Mrs. Moutray beat Miss Coy.

Final.—Mrs. Moutray beat Miss A. Hamilton.

TAVISTOCK GOLF CLUB.

The first spring meeting of the club commenced on Monday, April 10th, in glorious weather, on the Whitchurch Down links, with a competition by holes, under handicap, for members of the club only, prize given by the Rev. S. W. Featherstone, the captain of the year, in addition to a sweepstakes. The third and fourth ties were played on Friday, 14th.

First Round.—Mr. V. Symonds (30) beat Mr. G. M. Gill (36) by 6 up and 4 to play; Mr. C. Harvey (32) beat Rev. S. W. Featherstone (9) by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. G. H. Finzel (30) beat Dr. J. W. Waghorn (24) by 7 up and 5 to play; Mr. J. A. Hearson (18) beat Mr. H. A. Barton (36) by 1 up; Mr. J. H. Neat (9) beat Mr. T. Radford (36) by 4 up and 3 to play.

Second Round.—Mr. V. Symonds beat Mr. C. Harvey by 6 up and 4 to play; Mr. G. H. Finzel beat Mr. T. A. Hearson by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. J. H. Neat beat Captain E. J. Dent, K.O.S.B. (12), by 1 up; Lieut. S. Farquhar, R.N. (16), beat Mr. T. B. Sellar, K.O.S.B.

(18), by 6 up and 5 to play; Commander Montgomerie, R.N. (15), beat Captain Parly (14) by 4 up and 3 to play; Lieut. A. T. Hunt, R.N. (16), beat Captain F. W. Marshall, K.O.S.B. (scratch), by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. J. R. Divett (16) and Mr. P. L. Andrewes (36) halved the match.

Third Round.—Mr. G. H. Finzel beat Mr. V. Symonds by 2 up; Lieut. S. Farquhar, R.N., beat Mr. J. H. Neat by 2 up; Lieut. A. T. Hunt, R.N., beat Commander Montgomerie, R.N., by 1 up; Mr. J. R. Divett beat Mr. P. L. Andrewes by 2 up and 1 to play.

Fourth Round.—Mr. G. H. Finzel beat Lieut. Farquhar, R.N., by 4 up and 3 to play; Lieut. A. T. Hunt, R.N., beat Mr. J. R. Divett by 6 up and 5 to play.

The final is unavoidably postponed till a future date.

On Tuesday, the 11th, the ladies of the club competed for a sweepstakes and prize given by Mrs. Featherstone, match play, under handicap. Though the weather was fine, there was a very strong wind, which made play difficult, and scores ruled high. Mrs. Barton was the winner, beating all her opponents easily.

Wednesday, 12th.—A prize given by the club, open to members of all Golf Clubs, with a sweepstakes to go to the second. Medal play:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. R. Divett ...	102 16 86	Mr. F. P. Penny ...	104 10 94
Lieut. A. T. Hunt..	103 16 87	Mr. T. B. Sellar ...	113 18 95
Capt. E. J. Dent ...	102 12 90	Mr. G. H. Finzel ...	125 30 95
Mr. J. H. Neat ...	101 9 92	Commander Mont-	
Capt. F. W. Marshall	93 scr. 93	gomerie ...	112 15 97
Lieut. S. Farquhar..	109 16 93	Lord Churston ...	115 16 99
Rev. S. W. Feather-			
stone ...	103 9 94		

No returns, or over a hundred, from Messrs. W. K. King, A. O. V. Penny, J. M. Gill, V. Symonds, H. A. Barton, T. A. Hearson, G. H. Harkness, P. L. Andrewes, and Dr. J. W. Waghorn.

Thursday, 13th.—Open handicap sweepstakes, medal play, with club memento for the winner, which resulted in some very close scoring, four tying for second place. One-third entrance-fees to go to second.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Rev. S. W. Feather-		Mr. H. Neat ...	103 9 94
stone ...	99 9 90	Mr. J. M. Gill ...	130 36 94
Lord Churston ...	109 16 93	Mr. V. Symonds ...	126 30 96
Major R. E. Pilgrim	111 18 93	Mr. T. A. Hearson	114 18 96
Capt. E. J. Dent ...	105 12 93	Mr. G. H. Harkness	107 10 97
Commander Mont-		Capt. F. W. Marshall	99 scr. 99
gomerie ...	108 15 93		

No returns, or over a hundred, from Mr. T. B. Sellar, K.O.S.B., Dr. J. W. Waghorn, Mr. P. L. Andrewes, Mr. J. R. Divett, and Lieut. S. Farquhar, R.N. On playing off the tie for second prize, Commander Montgomerie, R.N., won with 89 net.

On Saturday, 15th.—Open sweepstakes for foursomes medal play. Mementos from the club:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Messrs. A. O. V. Penny and R. P. Penny ...	108 14 94
Rev. S. W. Featherstone and Mr. J. H. Neat ..	103 9 94
Commander Montgomerie, R.N., and Capt. Marshall, K.O.S.B. ...	102 7 95
Messrs. J. M. Gill and V. Symonds ...	128 33 95
Dr. J. W. Waghorn and Mr. T. A. Hearson ...	119 21 98
Capt. E. J. Dent, K.O.S.B., and Mr. T. B. Sellar, K.O.S.B. ...	113 14 99
Rev. J. Black, R.N., and Lieut. S. Farquhar, R.N. ...	122 23 99
Mr. G. H. Harkness and Lord Churston ...	115 13 102
Messrs. J. R. Divett and W. K. King ...	115 12 103

On playing off the tie the Rev. S. W. Featherstone and Mr. J. H. Neat won with 91 net.

The weather was brilliant throughout the week, but rain would have much improved the greens, which were very treacherous, otherwise lower scores would have been returned. The club is fast increasing in members, and there is talk of extending the links to eighteen holes. The spring meeting having been a great success, a summer meeting will be held in August, and an open tournament is contemplated for October.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE GOLF CLUB.—The final competition for the Wilson cup was decided on Saturday the 15th on the Newcastle Moor. After some excellent play Mr. A. M. Carswell was returned the winner with 87, he having done the rounds, with an allowance of 8, in 95, this being the best total with the exception of 93 made by Mr. R. B. Hoare. Scores:—A. M. Carswell, 95, less 8=87; Mr. W. J. Richardson, 100, less 9=91; Mr. R. S. Ferguson, 94, less 2=92; Mr. R. B. Hoare, scratch, 93; Mr. J. R. Bolton, 101, less 7=94; Col. Campbell, 106, less 10=96; Mr. F. W. Wyndham, 106, less 10=96; Mr. A. Hunter, 108, less 7=101; Mr. A. White, 113, less 9=104; Mr. H. Simms, 132, less 18=114; Mr. A. Gregory, 120, less 9=111; Mr. W. Warham, retired.

TOOTING BEC GOLF CLUB.

The spring meeting was held on Friday and Saturday, in beautiful weather. Owing to the long drought the greens were very hard, and putting was very difficult. The most noteworthy score of the meeting was Mr. Hugh Lugton's 78 against "Bogey," whom he beat by 2 holes. This player's name is not unfamiliar in East Lothian. The two scores will bear comparison. "Bogey"—5 5 6 4 4 5 3 5 4 4 4 5 5 5 4 4 4 4=80; Mr. Lugton—6 5 5 5 4 5 3 4 5 3 5 5 4 4 4 5 3=78. This score equals the amateur record of the links.

Bristowe challenge cup, April 21st:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Major-General J. Heriot-Maitland..	94 16 78	Mr. G. F. Collver...	110 18 92		
Major Morris ...	94 12 82	Mr. E. F. de Zoete.	110 18 92		
Dr. C. A. S. Leggatt	91 8 83	Mr. E. A. Walker...	97 4 93		
Mr. R. H. Hedder-		Hon. T. W. Legh,			
wick ...	94 11 83	M.P. ...	103 10 93		
Mr. W. Bazalgette...	87 3 84	Mr. F. E. Badham...	107 14 93		
Mr. Guy Pym ...	90 5 85	Mr. S. Peel ...	111 18 93		
Mr. S. Payne Gallwey	104 18 86	Mr. A. Mackintosh.	111 18 93		
Mr. D. M. Mason...	104 18 86	Mr. C. D. Cumming	114 21 93		
Mr. Hugh Lugton...	86 scr. 86	Mr. W. Jeans ...	110 16 94		
Mr. A. F. Waters...	97 10 87	Mr. A. J. Robertson	101 6 95		
Mr. W. H. Warner.	101 14 87	Mr. J. B. Wood ...	103 8 95		
Mr. W. F. Richmond	102 15 87	Mr. J. Verran ...	106 11 95		
Mr. O. G. Langley..	105 88 17	Mr. J. Wood ...	111 16 95		
Mr. C. Robertson ...	106 19 87	Mr. E. Martin ...	113 18 95		
Mr. T. R. Pinkerton	86 +2 88	Col. Gathorne Hardy	116 21 95		
Mr. N. Dawson ...	106 18 88	Mr. J. D. Matthew...	111 14 97		
Mr. F. Skene ...	94 5 89	Mr. R. Fogg ...	121 24 97		
Mr. J. D. Charrington	95 6 89	Mr. W. Williams ...	109 12 97		
Dr. G. S. Woodhead	107 18 89	Mr. H. M. Huish...	117 18 99		
Mr. J. Cumming		Mr. D. F. Russell...	116 17 99		
Macdonald, M.P....	107 18 89	Mr. S. T. Fisher ...	117 18 99		
Mr. J. G. Maclean..	102 12 90	Mr. S. C. Pegg ...	112 12 100		
Hon. Percy Wynd-		Mr. E. W. Morrish.	119 18 101		
ham ...	114 24 90	Mr. E. C. Bambridge	115 14 101		
Dr. Ackroyd ...	102 11 91	Mr. G. B. Voules ...	120 18 102		
Mr. E. J. Hunt ...	112 21 91	Mr. J. Wild ...	123 18 105		
		Mr. G. H. Gill ...	120 12 108		

April 22nd.—Guy Pym challenge cup:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. A. F. Waters...	84 10 74	Mr. F. E. Badham	106 14 92		
Major-Gen. J. Heriot-		Mr. H. E. Richards	102 9 93		
Maitland...	91 12 79	Mr. J. Bell...	107 14 93		
Mr. Norman Dawson	100 18 82	Mr. C. Robertson ...	112 19 93		
Dr. C. A. S. Leggatt	91 8 83	Mr. Neville Hicks...	106 12 94		
Mr. E. J. Hunt ...	104 21 83	Mr. W. Jeans ...	111 16 95		
Mr. H. W. Forster	86 2 84	Mr. J. C. Bayldon...	113 18 95		
Dr. Ackroyd ...	97 11 86	Mr. J. P. Cral ...	102 6 96		
Mr. W. F. Richmond	100 15 85	Mr. G. D. Wans-			
Dr. G. S. Woodhead	103 18 85	borough ...	110 14 96		
Mr. R. H. Hedderwick	97 11 86	Mr. W. Duff Bruce	109 12 97		
Mr. J. Verran ...	97 11 86	Mr. O. G. Langley	115 18 97		
Mr. H. Lugton ...	88 scr. 88	Mr. F. G. Collyer...	113 18 97		
Mr. T. R. Pinkerton	86 +2 88	Mr. S. P. Gallwey	115 18 97		
Mr. W. H. Warner	103 14 89	Mr. P. Strickland...	105 7 98		
Mr. H. Seton-Karr,		Mr. G. H. Gill ...	110 12 98		
M.P. ...	97 7 90	Mr. E. C. Bambridge	112 14 98		
Mr. W. Williams ...	102 12 90	Mr. J. P. M. Arthur	116 18 98		
Mr. H. H. Lawless..	108 18 90	Mr. D. M. Mason...	117 18 99		
Mr. R. F. Fisher ...	98 7 91	Mr. F. G. Hogg ...	117 18 99		
Sir H. Maxwell, M.P.	106 15 91	Mr. J. G. Maclean...	112 12 100		
Mr. J. Wild ...	109 18 91	Mr. G. B. Voules ...	119 18 101		
Mr. C. A. W. Cameron	96 4 92	Mr. D. F. Russell...	118 17 101		
Mr. A. J. Robertson	98 6 92	Mr. J. Moore ...	122 16 106		

April 22nd.—"Bogey" competition (scratch 82):—Mr. Hugh Lugton, 2 up; Mr. W. H. Warner, 2 down; Mr. E. J. Hunt, 2 down; Mr. W. F. Richmond, 2 down; Mr. T. R. Pinkerton, 3 down; Mr. C. A. W. Cameron, 3 down; Mr. Norman Dawson, 3 down; Major-General J. Heriot-Maitland, 4 down; Mr. W. Neill, 4 down; Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., 5 down; Mr. A. F. Waters, 5 down; Mr. H. Seton-Karr, M.P., 5 down; Mr. R. F. Fisher, 6 down; Dr. G. S. Woodhead, 7 down; Mr. S. Payne-Gallwey, 8 down; Mr. F. G. Hogg, 10 down; Mr. G. H. Gill, 12 down.

The annual meeting of the club was subsequently held in the new club-house, the Marquis of Granby, M.P., presiding. The report of the committee was adopted, and the treasurer's accounts agreed to. Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P., was elected captain of the club for the ensuing year, and Mr. Hanbury (the retiring captain) and Mr. Arthur Denman were appointed members of the committee.

WAKEFIELD v. MALTBY.

Played on Saturday afternoon on the links of the Maltby Club. A most enjoyable afternoon's Golf resulted in a victory for the visitors by 19 holes. Results:—

MALTBY.		WAKEFIELD.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. Maitland Heriot ...	5	Mr. G. H. Peacock ...	0
Mr. C. Brown ...	5	Dr. Murray ...	0
Mr. H. Crosley ...	3	Mr. M. H. Peacock ...	0
Captain Grey ...	1	Mr. W. Creswick ...	0
Dr. MacCall ...	0	Mr. A. H. Newbald ...	11
Rev. H. Seed ...	0	Mr. H. R. Mackie ...	8
Mr. B. Waterhouse ...	0	Mr. C. W. L. Fernandes ...	7
Colonel Winder ...	0	Mr. J. A. Bean... ..	7
	14		33

WEST LANCASHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The first monthly competition of the above club resulted in a win for Mr. E. C. Edgecombe, on Saturday. The first sweepstakes was won by him also; the second by Mr. H. Owen; whilst the third was divided by Messrs. Rawcliffe and Salt. Appended are the best scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. E.C.Edgecombe	92	14	78	Mr. J. W. Fowler...	88 +1 89
Mr. Harold Owen...	92	12	80	Mr. C. McLaren ...	98 9 89
Mr. L. J. Ferguson..	88	5	83	Mr. H. K. Layborn	105 16 89
Mr. C. A. Rawcliffe.	92	9	83	Mr. G. E. Godwin..	107 18 89
Mr. G. H. O. Salt...	95	12	83	Mr. T. H. Luzmore	92 2 90
Mr. J. E. Pearson...	87	3	84	Mr. M. Rollo ...	99 9 90
Mr. C. Stoddart ...	99	15	84	Dr. Rowlands ...	99 9 90
Mr. R. H. Taylor...	106	22	84	Mr. C. W. Hobbs...	112 22 90
Mr. E. L. Lewes ...	93	8	85	Mr. E. V. Crooks ...	98 7 91
Mr. W. S. Taylor...	91	5	86	Mr. H. J. C. Anderson	101 10 91
Mr. F. Litchfield ...	95	9	86	Mr. J. Edmondson..	106 15 91
Mr. J. N. P. Newton	101	15	86	Mr. N. McLaren ...	109 18 91
Lieut. W. H. Hunt	104	18	86	Mr. R. Buchanan ...	107 15 92
Mr. D. Inglis ...	104	18	86	Colonel Rooke ...	110 18 92
Mr. A. Chisholm ...	90	3	87	Mr. T. R. Henderson	97 3 94
Mr. F. Willis Taylor	105	18	87	Mr. F. Harrison ...	100 6 94
Mr. T. Leicester ...	112	25	87	Mr. R. K. Fernie ...	102 8 94
Mr. W. F. Chadwick	95	7	88	Mr. G. Segar ...	119 25 94
Capt. Chamier ...	96	8	88	Mr. F. W. Cornelius	105 10 95
Mr. P. Dobell ...	100	12	88	Mr. W. Stringer ...	105 10 95
Mr. J. J. Yates ...	100	12	88	Mr. A. Stoddart ...	108 11 97
Mr. R. Hunt ...	102	14	88		

WILMSLOW v. MACCLESFIELD.

A friendly match was played between the above clubs on Saturday, at Macclesfield. The day was perfect, and the links, which was in excellent order, looked its best. Neither club was fully represented, and, after a pleasant and exciting match, the Wilmslow team proved victorious by three holes, winning five matches to three.

WILMSLOW.		MACCLESFIELD.	
Mr. H. H. Maudslay ...	0	Mr. G. C. Greenwell ...	2
Mr. J. A. Tweedale ...	5	Mr. A. G. Gray... ..	0
Mr. R. A. Bradley ...	4	Dr. Cooke ...	0
Mr. T. A. Bradley ...	1	Mr. W. Burgess ...	0
Mr. H. G. Langley ...	0	Mr. F. Tylecote ...	5
Mr. A. H. Dixon ...	1	Mr. M. H. Hall ...	0
Mr. W. W. Barlow ...	2	Mr. A. Johnson ...	0
Mr. J. Kent Ford ...	0	Capt. Haines ...	3
	13		10

WINCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The half-yearly competition for the Northesk bowl took place on Thursday, April 20th. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Capt. L. Russell ...	85	12	73	Mr. J. M. Dunlop...	97 8 89
Mr. C. Griffith ...	98	20	78	Rev. J. Scott Ram-	
Mr. H. A. C. Brooking	87	2	85	say ...	99 8 91
Mr. H. C. Steel ...	96	11	85	Capt. F. Stephens...	117 25 92
Rev. G. M. A. Hewett	98	12	86	Rev. W. M. Merry...	112 20 92
Mr. R. G. K. Wrench	100	14	86	Mr. F. E. Lacy ...	103 10 93
Mr. J. C. Warner...	114	27	87	Capt. R. Forrest ...	122 27 95
Col. Eden ...	114	27	87	Mr. J. Newton ...	108 12 96
Sir H. Freeling ...	112	25	87	Rev. J. T. Bramston	111 14 97
Major Graham ...	106	17	89	Rev. W. P. Smith...	115 18 97

The other players made no return, or over 100 net.

WIMBLEDON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, April 15th. First class:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Miss G. Hassard-			Mrs. Peat ...	101	20 81
Short ...	87	17 70	Miss G. Tee ...	102	20 82
Mrs. Foster ...	93	19 74	Miss H. M. Frere...	102	19 83
Miss E. Scott ...	94	17 77	Miss Jacomb ...	106	22 84
Mrs. Willock ...	96	18 78	Miss Issette Pearson	86	scr. 86
Mrs. Cameron ...	92	13 79	Miss Muir ...	97	9 88
Miss M. M. Dickie.	101	22 79	Miss Lena Thomson	99	4 95
Lady Clayton ...	101	20 81			

Monthly medal, April 15th. Second class:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Miss F. Kenyon-Stow	97	25	72	Miss Aston...	119 34 85
Mrs. Banbury ...	99	26	73	Miss Connell ...	116 30 86
Mrs. Stevenson ...	110	36	74	Miss M. Schwann...	112 25 87
Mrs. Chetwynd-Sta-				Miss K. MacFarlan.	121 34 87
pylton ...	108	32	76	Mrs. Nicol ...	124 36 88
Miss G. Glennie ...	111	32	79	Mrs. B. Martyn ...	116 25 91
Miss A. MacFarlan,	113	34	79	Mrs. Fisher ...	127 35 92
Miss H. A. MacFarlan	107	26	81	Mrs. Bell ...	125 32 93
Miss Buxton ...	117	36	81	Miss L. Eveleigh ...	122 27 95
Miss E. R. Faithfull	112	30	82		

The remainder exceeded 100 net, or made no return.

WITHINGTON GOLF CLUB.

The first monthly competition of the above club was held on Saturday last to compete for the gold and silver medals presented by the president, Mr. Ziba A. Ward. Owing to the newness of the greens and the dry weather, good putting was most difficult. The following returns of 100 and better were made:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. E. Bayley ...	102	20	82	Mr. C. J. Fleming...	105 12 93
Mr. H. Davies ...	103	20	83	Mr. J. A. Brewis ...	104 10 94
Mr. F. W. Lee ...	105	20	85	Mr. A. Clegg ...	107 12 95
Mr. J. S. Leake ...	106	20	86	Mr. J. M. Eaton ...	100 5 95
Mr. G. Barton ...	99	12	87	Mr. B. Heywood ...	108 12 96
Mr. E. Ratcliffe ...	103	12	91	Mr. A. Lings ...	115 15 100

Some fifteen members made no return, or were over 100 net.

BRUNTSFIELD LINKS GOLF CLUB.—A special competition of this club took place on the 11th, at North Berwick, when three handicap prizes, presented by members of the club, were played for. The following are the best scores:—Mr. John Taylor, 82, plus 4=86; Mr. C. D. Rutherford, 98, less 12=86; Mr. Johns, 90, less 2=88; Mr. J. Macnaughton, 104, less 16=88; Mr. C. J. Currie, 98, less 10=88; Mr. R. L. McDonald, 96, less 4=92; Mr. W. B. Glen, 96, less 4=92. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Rutherford having tied, they proceeded to play off their tie, when Mr. Taylor came in winner with the excellent score of 81. The result of the competition was:—Mr. Taylor, winner of the captain's prize, and Mr. Rutherford winner of the second prize. On the other ties having been played, it was found that Mr. C. J. Currie, fell to receive the third prize.

LANARK GOLF CLUB.—The members of the Lanark Golf Club competed on Saturday for the set of gold sleeve-links and collar-stud, annually presented by Hon. Mrs. Bingham. There was a large turnout of players, and the putting-greens, though rather keen, were in excellent condition. Two rounds were played (twenty-eight holes in all), and when cards were handed in it was found that the prize had been gained by Mr. Vassie, with a score of 128, less 12=116. Mr. Horne was second, with 126, less 9=117; Mr. John Finlay was third, with 145, less 27=118; and Mr. D. M. Cassels came fourth, with 139, less 20=119. The lowest scratch scores for the day were—Mr. Horn, 126; Mr. Haddow, 127; and Mr. Vassie, 128.

WATSONIAN GOLF CLUB, EDINBURGH.—Played at St. Andrews in very cold weather. The scoring on the whole was very fair, considering the adverse wind which prevailed during the competition. The following were the prize-winners:—1 and 2 tie, Mr. W. Gilmour, 105, less 17=89; Mr. C. Garvie, 93, less 4=89; 3, Mr. M. Burnett, 111, less 21=90; 4, Mr. J. J. Brown, 95, less 2=93; 5, Mr. J. Headerson, 94, plus 1=95. Scratch Prize—Mr. G. W. S. Paterson, 93.

YE MONKS OF YE BRAIDS.—The spring meeting took place over Archerfield links. There was a large assemblage of the brotherhood. The silver medal was won by Mr. John Paterson with the scratch score of 83. The handicap prizes were gained by the following members:—1, Mr. J. Paterson, 83 (Golf clock); 2, Mr. G. G. Crease, 84 (silver butter cooler); 3 and 4, Messrs. Josiah Livingston and John Rose, 87. On being replayed, Mr. Livingston won with the fine score of 82. A special prize (presented by the scribe), confined to members having a handicap of 8 and over who were not otherwise in the prize-list, was gained by Mr. George Reid.

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1. Competitors shall enter for the competition through the Secretaries of their respective Clubs.
2. The Competition shall be played by holes, in accordance with the Rules of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club.
3. The draw shall take place on Friday, 9th June, and shall be conducted as follows:—

Depending on the number of entries, such number of byes shall be first drawn as shall after the competition of the first round leave 4, 8, 16, 32, or 64 players, and one draw shall decide the order to play throughout the competition; those who have drawn byes being placed at the head of the list of winners of the first round, and taking their place in the second round in the order in which their names then stand.

4. Each game shall consist of a round of eighteen holes.
5. In the event of a tie in any round, competitors shall continue to play on until one or other shall have gained a hole, when the Match shall be considered won.
6. The winner of the competition shall be Champion Lady Golfer for the year, and the Trophy shall be held for that year by the Club from which the winner shall have entered.
7. The winner shall receive a Gold Medal, the second a Silver Medal, and the third and fourth Bronze Medals.
8. All entries must be subject to the approval of the Council of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club.
9. All disputes shall be settled by the Council of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club.
10. Entries close Thursday, 8th June, 1893, to J. TALBOT FAIR, Hon. Sec., Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, Lancashire.

By Order of the Council of the Ladies' Golf Union,

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