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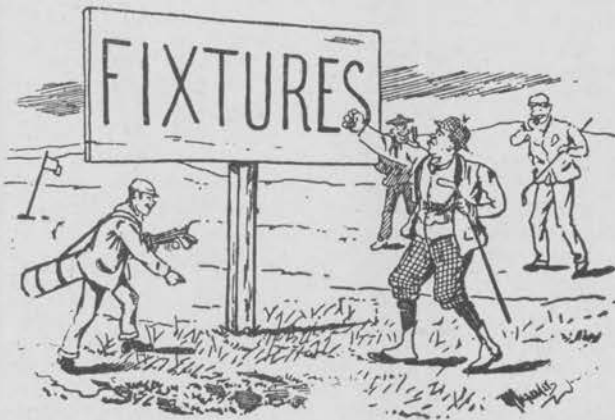
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JULY

- July 1.—Tooting : Monthly Medal.
 London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
 Redhill and Reigate : Turner Medal.
 Rochester Ladies : Married v. Single.
 Chester : Monthly Competition.
 Woodford : Captain's Prize and Monthly Medal.
 Brighton and Hove : Berens Gold Medal.
 Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal.
 Leicester : Monthly Medal.
 Bowdon : Monthly Medal.
 Aldeburgh : Monthly Medal.
 Aldeburgh Ladies' : Gold Badge Competition.
 Clacton-on-Sea : Monthly Medal.
- July 1, 3 & 4.—Felixstowe : First Summer Medal.
- July 3.—Hunstanton : Monthly Medal.
 Richmond : Monthly Medal.
- July 4.—Carnarvonshire : Monthly Medal.
 Royal Cornwall Ladies : Monthly Medal.
- July 5.—Blackheath Ladies : Monthly Medal.
- July 5 to 8.—Glamorganshire : Monthly Medal.
- July 6.—Minehead and West Somerset : Monthly Medal.
- July 7.—Royal Cornwall : Monthly Medal.
- July 8.—Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
 Crookham : "Bogey" Competition.
 Cumbrae : Monthly Medal.
 Cheadle v. Wilmslow (1st and 2nd Teams).
 Weston-Super-Mare Ladies : Monthly Medal.
 Rochester v. Sidcup (at Sidcup).
 Seaton Carew : Club Cup.
 R. & R. Clark : Parkside (Braids).

- July 8.—Formby : Monthly Subscription Prizes.
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 Buxton and High Peak : Bennett Prize.
 Royal Isle of Wight : Monthly Medal.
 Southport : Monthly Medal.
 Felixstowe : Captain's Prizes.
- July 10, 11.—Southdown and Brighton Ladies : Summer Meeting.
- July 11.—West Cornwall Ladies' : Monthly Medal.
- July 14.—Ealing Ladies' : Monthly Medal.
- July 15.—Harrogate : Monthly Medal.
 Knutsford : Monthly Medal.
 Rochester Ladies : Monthly Medal.
 Rochester : Monthly Medal.
 R. & R. Clark : Medal (Braids).
 Headingley : Monthly Medal.
 Wakefield : Monthly Medal.
 Wimbledon Ladies : Monthly Medal.
 Buxton and High Peak : Fortnightly Medal.
 Mid-Surrey : Monthly Medal.
 Lytham and St. Anne's : Summer Meeting.
 Seaford : Monthly Medal.
 Disley : Monthly Medal.
 Felixstowe : Captain's Prizes.
- July 22.—Glamorganshire : Mason Prize.
 Gullane : Club Gold Medal.
 Willesden : Monthly Medal.
 Cheadle v. Disley.
 Seaton Carew : "Bogey" Competition.
 West Lancashire : Monthly Competition.
 Sutton Coldfield : Monthly Medal.
 Felixstowe : Monthly Challenge Cup.
- July 26.—Durham : Nine Winners' Cup.
- July 29.—Knutsford : Summer "Bogey."
 Crookham : Monthly Medal.
 Rochester Ladies : "Bogey" Medal.
 Cheadle : Fourth Summer Medal.
 Ilkley : Monthly Medal.
 Weston-Super-Mare : Monthly Medal.
 Seaton Carew : Thomson Medal.
 West Lancashire : Monthly Competition.
 Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.
 Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
 Taplow : Monthly Medal.
 Royal West Norfolk : Monthly Medal.
 Huddersfield : Monthly Medal.
 Royal Guernsey : Monthly Medal.
 Islay : Monthly Medal.
 Sidcup : Monthly Medal.
 West Cornwall Ladies' : Monthly Medal.

AUGUST.

- Aug. 12.—Sutton Coldfield : Monthly Medal.

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THE FIRST HALF-CENTURY OF AN OLD GOLF CLUB.

I.

It was so long ago as the 29th of February, 1820, that a few gentlemen, mainly of Fife, but some hailing from the south of the Frith, met and constituted themselves as the Innerleven Golfing Society. The very links on which these worthies played have been long obliterated by Puffing Billy and his loathsome satellites; but the old Society, under its modern title of club, is still flourishing as in its freshest youth, and has carried all its old vigour and enthusiasm to pastures new.

There is little that calls for note in the original laws of the Society. The captain of to-day was then known as President, and the duties of secretary and treasurer combined. Four quarterly meetings were appointed for mere business, and two "general" for dining in company; and this question of dinners, it may be noted, bulked largely and was the cause of no little strife and heart-burning in the times to come. The President himself appointed what is now known as the committee, but was then the "Captain's Council," whose duty was defined to be the determination of all disputes relative to the game, which might occur on the green and generally to attend to the interests of the society.

Every candidate for admission had to apply by formal petition and with the recommendation of two members; and in the ballot subsequent thereto the support of two thirds of those present was requisite to admission. The latter somewhat peculiar enactment, it may be mentioned, came to the front so late as 1856, when in one case, against six white there were no fewer than five black balls. The minute rather vaguely bears that "a number of members were present;" but from the fact of the question having been discussed at all, it is probable that many either declined or did not take the trouble to vote at all. We are told that further consideration was deferred till the evening; but as to the upshot the records are—no doubt from a kindly motive—silent.

All club bets, which were, by the way, restricted to one shilling and sixpence, were at first directed to be applied to the discharge of the dinner-bill; but in 1826, were by a unanimous vote diverted to the general coffers of the society.

The question of a club uniform has been almost as vexing a one to our friends as that of dinner. It was originally declared to be "King Charlie's tartan," and members were not allowed to play for the medal or any other prize except in the uniform of the club. The taste is, of course, unexceptionable, but there seems grave doubt whether the law was ever put in force; for, under date September 1st, 1854, we find a solemn resolution minuted that no member be allowed to play for medals or prize balls unless he appear in the uniform of the club, which is by this time declared to be "a red coat, blue collar, and club buttons." These also would, no doubt, form a pretty harmony; and it is evident that no more trifling with discipline will in the future be tolerated, for the resolution is ordered to be printed, and intimated to all members. Again, on April 4th, 1856, we find a member intimate that he will at next meeting move "that no member *dine* without the livery of the club, that is, a red coat and blue neck." ("Blue neck" is admirable, not only for its picturesque and dainty terseness, but for its vague suggestions of dread Siva, the fascinating Calu Cumara of Cingalese story, and the queer, uncanny coloured folk of old Suithiod.) The captain (Oswald, of Dunnikier), however, suggested that it should not be imperative in *playing* for medals, &c., and intimated a motion in accordance for next meeting. We have no record of the fate of either; but at the autumn meeting of 1861 we read that "it was proposed, seconded, and unanimously agreed to dispense

with the scarlet coat, and not to enforce the rule of the club *for this day*"—from which we may, we take it, infer that the rule was usually observed, at all events for some time. Under date May 24th, 1872 (*i.e.*, later than falls within our consideration here), we find Rintoul, of Lahill, intimating a motion that the old law enforcing a red coat be observed; but what followed upon this is unrecorded. The only thing certain is that for many years now the practice has been in desuetude.

Among the original "Regulations for Playing the Game," as laid down in 1820, the following may, perhaps, be not without interest to the golfer of to-day. The first two sections enact that no one be allowed to tee nearer the hole than three club-lengths, nor farther from it than five; nor to take his tee from the ground within five club-lengths of the hole. This is refreshingly primitive; but we must remember that it was enacted at a time when even Old Philp can have been little more than a colt.

As to bunkers we find the following:—"In the sand no removal of obstruction shall be allowed except when the ball lies *hollow*" (this is quaint rather than intelligible), "when a single scrape behind following up the stroke at the same time may be allowed; and when the ball lies covered in water it may be dropped abreast without losing a stroke, but if not half-covered it shall be played as from the green."

The following, too, seems strange to us of to-day. "If a ball is so placed that it is not playable, it is to be dropped over the head, the party so dropping it facing the hole, and is to be played with the *iron* or *putter*, the party playing to lose *no* stroke."

Even the peace-loving golfer, whose gentle craft bodes nothing of pain or terror to the meanest beast (unless, to be sure, in the case of bunnies, whether merely human, or of a more complex organisation, when their scrapes and burrowings are becoming intolerable), cannot always, however, as will be seen from these records, keep entirely free from strife and discord. On April 7th, 1835, we find the bald statement:—"It was agreed that the Captain and Council collect the debts; and, in making arrangements to bring the club out of its present embarrassments, they are requested to propose that Mr. Fulton pay his own expenses of the law-suit before the Sheriff; otherwise they are determined to appeal." This is the true golfing metal, and almost worthy of the transcendent genius who first introduced the niblick to a suffering universe. Now if it be true, as is somewhere recorded in the minutes, that this litigious old gentleman, Mr. Fulton, was a lawyer, the calm audacity of the suggestion that he should pay his own expenses so verges on the sublime that our respect for golfers (if that, indeed, were in any way possible) has been increased tenfold. It is pleasant to learn, from another beautifully terse and mysteriously concise minute of a slightly later date, that the obnoxious Fulton (evidently one of those enemies of our common humanity such as on Sunday afternoons, when all golfers and other people of any piety are occupied elsewhere, seize the opportunity of throwing old boots and broken bottles into every available bunker, in the full fell knowledge that, when once in, they are therefore forward fetich to the upright) had been waited on by an impressive committee of three, who were not long in bringing him to his bearings. Fulton's waggish successor in office invites us (in brackets) to see Mr. Fulton's letter; but this important communication is now, unfortunately, no longer forthcoming, and we can only express a hope that Mr. Fulton has never, in the long years since, seen cause to feel remorse for its contents, whatever they may have been, and the mysterious strife he saw cause to evoke among a gentle and pre-eminently placable folk.

Whether Fulton died in the interval or not, we have no means of ascertaining, and certainly we neither hope nor express the wish that he did; but, as a matter of fact, no long time after receipt of this letter, a veritable Horatian stand had to be made to tide over temporary embarrassment. The names are, at present writing, before us, and to those who take an interest in the club of to-day, are surely not unworthy of affectionate remembrance. The chairman was the Rev. George Brewster, minister of Scoonie parish, and father of a deservedly popular captain of the club in very recent years, the Rev. David Brewster, of Kilmarnock; and those who rallied in aid, Messrs. Alexander and David Wallace, both golfers of high and wide repute in

their day; Cutler, Pollok, and John Haig, of Cameron Bridge. Of this Mr. Cutler a kindly mention is made in the Biography of the late Mr. Alexander Balfour, of Mount Alyn, which may be not without interest even to the stranger golfer. He was a licentiate of the Church of Scotland, and had for many years under his charge the parish school, the windows of which, we are told, looked out upon Largo Bay. The passage proceeds:—"The memory still lingers with some of the old pupils of certain occasions on which, when a passenger-boat from Edinburgh came in view before the hour of closing, and showed symptoms of golf-clubs and golfers, the claims of arithmetic and 'the rudiments' were overpowered, and the eager teacher would say, 'Well, boys, you may shut your books; there will be no more schooling to-day.'" He seems to have also been an ardent lover of the roaring game, and, at the time of the institution of the Royal Caledonian, was chosen to represent Leven.

From the same pages we can gather some not uninteresting facts in the matter of outlay. Thus we find that the price of the feather balls made by Gourlay—the most celebrated maker of his own day, and in ours always spoken of with affectionate, but strictly reverent, familiarity as old Gourlay—ranged from 1s. 9d. to 2s. apiece, when bought in quantity; which will, no doubt, enable the modern reader to appreciate, better than he might otherwise have been able to do, the immortal Dr. Graham's dainty and more or less musical lines—

"For inspiring is the prospect, and grateful to the eye,
Of our Gourlays diminishing afar in the sky!"

But the entry, "Paid one dozen marshals, 12s.," is beyond the present gossip's intelligence.

And in this place it may, perhaps, be not wholly without interest to note that it is believed that it was on these links, in April, 1848, that Mr. Thomas Peter won the first medal ever played for with gutta-percha balls.

W. DALRYMPLE.

(To be continued.)

A NEW CLUB CARRIER.

We have received from Messrs. Wm. Glover and Sons, Eagle works, Warwick, a new Golf club carrier which has been patented by Mr. Horace Hutchinson. The distinctive feature of this dumb caddie is that it goes on wheels; it is a kind of Golf perambulator. The club-bag is placed in two iron loops, supported by a rod, which in turn is joined to four iron brackets resting on the axle of the wheels. There is a small curved handle with which the player pulls the perambulator containing the club bag after him. It is very simple in design, and is very light. The clubs are wheeled along with scarcely any exertion, and, of course, there is no stooping to lay down or pick up clubs. The only objection we see to its wide-spread and popular use among male golfers is that on long, hilly greens, with deep bunkers, irregular, broken ground, and sometimes water, the new carrier will not be found to lighten labour, but rather to increase it. Besides, it constitutes more of an obstacle on the course than the other forms of dumb caddies, and where there is a fairly crowded green, a number of them might be found to constitute an additional hazard to other players. Where, however, caddies are scarce or expensive, it will undoubtedly be an efficient substitute. In our judgment, it is more suited for ladies' Golf greens, where the ground, as a rule, is tolerably even, and not too broken. Ladies will find this club carrier of great assistance to them. The price is a guinea.

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ON PUTTING.

It is a well-worn saying that while driving is an art, putting is an inspiration. Bunkers will too often check the best of drives, and hazards are but too apt to receive the ball in close embrace; but with the hole clear before you, and a smooth, firm green around it, what is to prevent the ball from rolling sweetly into its resting place? Many good golfing authorities attribute the aptness of the ball to miss the hole to the machinations of the father of all evil, while others, who will not go to this length, mutter uncertain hints about the weather, the glare of the sun, and the shadow of the caddie. Alas! the fault is in ourselves, and not in our stars, though the Fates do seem to work against us in this matter of putting.

Men assume strange attitudes on the green, stranger even than their contortions in driving. Some bend almost double, as if they would thus inspire the ball hole-wards; others stiffen their backs and arms, planting their feet wide as the Colossus of Rhodes, as if they defied the globe between them to disobey the commands of the putter; and there are many who putt successfully and mysteriously with twisted knees and pinioned arms. But no whimsies will avail when the player is "off putting;" he may twist, and bend, and stride, and stiffen, but he misses the hole, "cliver and clean," as the Irish say. It is only a relief, and by no means a remedy, to break a club, or abuse a caddie.

There are greens and greens. When the green is hard as iron (and will not the early summer of '93 remain fixed in the golfer's mind as a sore season for putting?) and is, moreover, naturally lumpy, with an incline in it, then putting becomes a nightmare. A touch too fast or too slow will do all the mischief on a true green, but on a poor imitation of one the difficulties are trebled. A little lump is veritably a mountain, and the most gentle slope is a swift road to ruin. There is one consolation, which lies in the fact that the most glaringly bad putt may be attributed to the character of the green.

Nervousness is a terrible enemy to encounter when putting. The energy required for driving sends the nervous feeling away, but it returns on the green when delicacy of touch and accuracy of eye must combine with a cool head and a steady hand. The number of men who have met with a sudden death from trumping their partner's tricks are few compared with those who have lost their lives and their partner's match by missing a short putt. The moment of suspense when the ball circles round the rim of the hole or quivers on the edge is a period lengthened by doubts and fears, and the result, whether satisfactory or disappointing, comes like a shock.

There is a capital putting game, which has lately been invented, especially for a Sunday amusement. The players start at a driver's length from the hole; on holing out they move the ball back two clubs' length. Whoever shall hole out first at ten clubs' length wins the match and pockets the stakes. Coins will circulate pretty freely if the game is often repeated.

A passing word may be said on putters. Fearful and wonderful are the weapons used. Men will putt with a brassie cut down and a croquet-mallet sliced in half; while of legitimate patents, many of them admirable and popular, there are legions. There is no express law against a man putting with a cricket-bat if he is so disposed (except that it is not Golf); but let such a one beware lest he meet a stronger man than he, who has learned to drive three hundred yards with a hockey-stick. His case would be a hard one; perhaps the Ladies' Golf Union would kindly decide it for him.

B.

ALDEBURGH AS A GOLF RESORT.

Golf resorts are usually terrible places for the non-golfers of the family. Flat and uninteresting landscapes, and horribly modern stucco, bow-windowed dwellings. Aldeburgh, in Suffolk, is quite a pleasing exception.

Aldeburgh is only a little town, with two or three small hotels, and nothing very pretentious in the way of shops; but Aldeburgh has been made piecemeal, and is therefore quaint and pretty. A house has been added here and a house there, each built in its own particular way until the irregularity of

buildings along the shore, with the fishing-boats lying on the shingle, and the bathing machines drawn up on the banks, make quite a picturesque whole. The links are about a mile inland from the town of Aldeburgh; somewhat of a disadvantage, but buses and wagonettes ply to and fro continually, at the charge of 6d. a head.

The links are really pretty, and that is more than can be said for most links. They stand a little higher than the town, on a sort of common, the gravelly soil of which evidently agrees with gorse and broom, for they flourish. From the little club-house one looks away over the town to the German Ocean, and on the other side across the common to the River Alde, which, being a tidal river, forms an ever-changing landscape; and on a bright day the scene is really quite pretty.

It is a full eighteen-hole course, right across country, without any crossings. There are many natural hazards, such as quarries, sandpits, or small bunkers, and the greens are good and well kept. The grass is of such a nature as to give the balls what golfers call "good lies." It is not a particularly easy course, as there are all sorts of difficulties for the player whose unfortunate ball does not keep straight. The links are private property, and belong to Mr. Wentworth, who lives in the neighbourhood. No one can play unless a member, or introduced by a member of the club.

The club-house is neither grand nor pretentious. One large room, containing three tables and some chairs, and ladies' and gentlemen's dressing-rooms, constitute the whole. Both men and women are members. Both have equal privileges, and nearly as many women play over the links as men; and very well some of the women play, too, rounds of 100 and 110 being nothing uncommon for the fair sex. This is one of the few clubs allowing ladies the privilege of membership, and it seems to work so well that we hope many others will soon follow suit. At luncheon or tea time the club-house presents quite a gay scene. Every table is full, and the occupants chatter and laugh and enjoy themselves. The resources of the little club are limited; but there are plenty of plates, knives, forks, tumblers, and cups, and bread and butter, tea, cheese, and whisky or beer are procurable. So that, provided one goes armed with cold meat and salad, or cake and jam, all the etceteras can be provided on the premises. It is really rather amusing to note the size and shape of the various baskets standing in the lockers, each containing the most prized dainty of its owner. If the arrangement is a little primitive it is none the less satisfying, and decidedly amusing to the onlooker to watch the eager faces of the members unpacking their little baskets with the greatest care, and putting their chickens or salads out on the dishes, as though they were to the manner born.

On one occasion, when a foursome had nearly finished their luncheon, they discovered that they had confiscated the contents of someone else's basket, and had devoured them, in happy ignorance of their mistake, as they did not know what their spouses had sent for them, and the baskets were much alike. The real owner of the luckless basket was an epicure who had carefully packed all his dearest loved delicacies himself, and was injured irreparably by their loss.

Golf can be played on Sundays at Aldeburgh, which is another attraction, and in the afternoon the course is quite gay. Caddies are prohibited on Sunday, and rightly too, but the men and women enjoy their game, and feel all the better men and women for the exercise in the pure air. Alas! this innocent recreation is still prohibited in Scotland, where games were formerly so much played on Sunday that a law was passed in 1457, "That no place be used for Golfe or futeball, or other sik unprofitable sportes," and "such pastymes were prohibited upon the Sabbath day." This law still holds good in the land o' cakes.

E. B. T.

THE KIRKALDIES AT WORK.

The brothers Kirkaldy are in some respects the most powerful expositors of the game of Golf. Their styles are different, and in build they have no resemblance at all. Andrew is broad-shouldered, determined, and powerfully made; Hugh is tall, lithe, and eager. Andrew has the most powerful clip swing to be seen on any green. His wrist is exceptionally firm, and his swing is not full, to allow him to force in a tremendous momentum a yard from the ball by a rapid whip movement. He plays with a bulger, and yet not a bulger. The club is in all respects bulger-shaped except in the face; and it is in all respects fashioned in the old orthodox style, except in the quickly rounded nose. He hits so hard, that he requires to have a leather face; The original bulger is filed down in the face to leave two inches perfectly straight and unbulged; on this a thin leather is carefully nailed and glued. No wood can stand him, yet the leather saves him. Hugh, again, has a full, round, and very graceful swing, and can very generally keep his own, if not more in the driving. Both play with wooden putters; in fact, most of the players of importance are returning to that safe old weapon. Andrew's advantage over Hugh is in the cleek approaches to the hole. Andrew's powerful wrist enables him to drive as far without a swing as Hugh can drive with a swing. But the wrist is truer than the swing. Deadly firm is the wrist approach against the wind especially, whereas the swing is more erratic, raising the ball without remedy and thereby exposing the fall to more contingencies.

Last week I arranged to witness a match between the brothers on St. Andrew's links. Hugh was at a disadvantage, for he had little practice there lately. He had just returned from his keeping of the green at Oxford. Andrew had been familiar with the very precarious green at this season. The drought had been excessive. Not during the memory of the oldest inhabitant had such a lengthened course of rainless weather occurred in the city. The course was hard, flinty as on a keen frosty day in winter, yet burnt up as in one of the hottest August months. The driving required care, though the links are now wide; for no one could forecast how the ball was to glide off when it alighted on the side of an undulation. The putting greens were intensely keen, and play required considerable skill. On the previous Sunday the thermometer in the sun registered 110°, and in the shade 86°; but, for onlookers as well as players, the match, during such sultry weather, was arranged to be played in the cool of the evening.

The holes were set on the "left" course. There was perfect stillness. Nothing particular occurred at the first hole, though Hugh might have played his third better, while Andrew took advantage of the slip and secured the hole. But in the second hole Andrew carried his second right into a bunker, and never recovered the loss, for he floundered into a second, and, though Hugh had drawn his tee shot into the road, yet he pegged on and secured the hole. Reflection: "Never despair." The tee-shot at the third hole is precarious, yet both got well over the Principal's Nose with brilliant swipes, heedless of the railway. Both approached with fine cleek shots, but they both fozled the putting, taking 5 each. The next hole was a bad one for Andrew, for he drew his tee-shot and plunged into the "Kittle" bunker at the hole with his second, with a 6 against Hugh's well-played 4. Off the next tee Andrew drove a magnificent ball. He lighted in the hollow before Dinnie's Bunker, and sprang up the face, running on near the Beardies. This should be measured. Hugh topped his ball, and nearly got into Hell Bunker, losing the hole. Both made brilliant carries off the next tee, especially the one by Hugh, which was one of the longest strokes of the evening. The cleek seconds were very good, and they halved the hole. All square. Both got into the bad hollow off the seventh tee, but Andrew made a magnificent third putt, securing the hole in 4. Andrew followed this up with a brilliant wrist shot to the short hole, easily securing it. Andrew was very unlucky at the out hole. He made a splendid drive and lay in a little bunker, with an almost unplayable ball. Hugh took advantage of this and gained the hole, turning one down. The first hole in was admirably played by Andrew, holing out in 3, when Hugh had a good 4. Hugh fozled the short hole, which fell to Andrew; but the shelly ground would

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have puzzled any one not accustomed to it, for it required three times the strength of other putting-greens. Hugh, however, fully redeemed himself by wiping off one of the three holes with a long fine putt in 3, against Andrew's 5, for he got badly bunkered after a magnificent drive. The two drives against the wind for the fourth hole in were faultless. Andrew played this hole exceptionally well, securing it in 4 against a breeze which had sprung up. Andrew's deadly wrist approach again came to his help in the long hole, which he gained, making him now dormy, 4 to play. The next hole was steadily halved, and Andrew won the match.

If we take into account the five bunkers into which Andrew got, losing a dead stroke each time, his score is particularly good, displaying remarkably fine play. He was out as follows:—4 6 5 6 4 5 4 3 5=42; and in, against the wind—3 5 4 5 5 4 5 5=39; total 81. But for these bunkers he would have been 76. Only the "buts" made all the difference. Long Willie used to say, thirty years ago, "If ye want tae play perferk gowff, get a string tied tae the ba' and pull't jist as ye like. There is no doubt that the two brothers, with a little practice on a side, and a slight regulation of their tempers, which are quite dissimilar, could tackle any two players in the world.

J. G. MCPHERSON.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN GOLFER.

Golfers generally will hear with regret of the death of Mr. John Thomson, writer, Glasgow, a well-known member of various East and West Country clubs. Mr. Thomson's connection with Golf in 1867, when he was a schoolboy at St. Andrews, and a short residence in Edinburgh, gave him some experience on Bruntsfield and Musselburgh. About 1876 he joined the Glasgow Club, and during 1880-81 his exertions as secretary and treasurer helped materially to increase the membership, and wipe out the debt under which the club then laboured. Since then, his knowledge of the game and the requirements of the green made him an invaluable member of committee, and he was one of the prime movers in the selection and acquisition of the Gailes course, in which, unhappily, he was destined never to play. He was also one of the earliest members of the Ardeer Club, and as secretary for a year or two he did much to help it forward. In the first *Evening Times* Trophy Tournament at Prestwick, he, along with Mr. Robert Adam, represented that club, and their round with Messrs. Taylor, the ultimate victors, was the closest and one of the most exciting contests in the competition. Possessing a wide and varied acquaintance with books, Mr. Thomson was himself a contributor to various periodicals, and his pen has done something to enrich the literature of Golf. None knew better how to make a match, or to play it when made; and although he belonged in some ways to the old school, and had a certain conservatism which made him impatient of innovations and new-fangled theories about the game, there was no more desirable companion for a round. His society was always welcome among golfers. He had a pleasant wit and much skill as a *raconteur*, and his genial laugh and cheerful badinage will be longed missed in the Glasgow Club House. He died at the age of forty-one, after an illness of fifteen months, during which he preserved his accustomed spirit and wit almost to the end.

THISTLE CLUB (LEVEN).—The final competition for the Gilmour jug came off on Thursday night, between Messrs. William Marshall and James Henderson, in rainy weather. Mr. Henderson got two holes' start, but this was wiped off at the turn, and two holes stood to Mr. Marshall's credit, his score being 37 for the nine holes. Mr. Marshall won by 3 up and 2 to play. This beautiful claret jug was presented by Mr. Gilmour of Montrave in 1889, to be played for annually by holes under handicap, and to become the property of the player winning it twice. Mr. Marshall was the first to gain the cup, and in 1890, Mr. Alexander Greig; 1891, Mr. John Bremner; and 1892, Mr. J. T. Ireland. Mr. Marshall thus becomes the happy possessor of this coveted prize, and in all the competitions he has played well, on one occasion losing it with a score of 79, with a handicap man. He had also fearful odds sometimes to contend with—as many as thirteen holes' start. On Wednesday night he went the round in 76 strokes, teeing from the bowling green. Seventy-five players took part in this competition this year.

SUTTON GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal of the club was played for on Saturday, the 24th inst., and resulted as follows:—Mr. W. A. W. Scott, 103, less 18=85; Mr. F. Richardson, 105, less 18=87; Mr. E. F. Sheppy, 118, less 30=88. Several others were over 100 or made no returns.

OUNDLE.

About thirteen miles from Peterborough, between it and Northampton, on the London and North Western Railway, is Oundle station. The town is conveniently near on the opposite side of the Nen, about five minutes' walk up a gentle ascent; lazy and infirm people can take the bus.

Camden derives Oundle from Aufona, the older name of the Nen; he speaks of the place as "*oppidulum elegans*," and called "Oundle corruptè pro Avondale." It is a clean and elegant town at this day, as if all its inhabitants were pretty well to do. There is plenty of stone in the neighbourhood, and this gives a substantial appearance to the houses, which one notices in the grand old church with its lofty, crocketed spire, and the handsome school, which was enlarged quite lately; stones are also conspicuous on the Golf course, as we shall see presently.

Should the golfer put up at the Talbot, a nice old-fashioned hostelry; he ought to examine the staircase; it was formerly in the castle of Fotheringhay, four miles north of Oundle, where Mary Queen of Scots spent her last days; but when James the First became king of England, and demolished the Norman stronghold, it was happily saved. Some of the windows were also preserved, and have since ornamented Conington Castle, Hunts; but all that remains of the once formidable castle where Richard Hunchback was born, is an insignificant pile of ruins.

This district is famous for its trees. Taking a bird's-eye view of the country, it is sometimes hard to see what is not forest. Amongst these is Oundle Wood, a famous place for a meet of the Hunt, and there is Bearshank Wood, which lays claim to being the spot where the mutinous Highlanders of the Forty-Second, the Black Watch, hid themselves when they fled from Finchley in 1743. The old theory that this wood was so called from the "bare shanks" of the kilted warriors is exploded, as the best authorities hold that the name is derived from *bear* or *bere*, a kind of barley, and Lady Wood is now reckoned to have been the final hiding-place of the Highlanders, when they surrendered.

Oundle has a town and school cricket club, also football and quit clubs, and at each Eastertide popular games are held, bringing competitors and spectators from all parts of the neighbourhood; this shows that athletics are not neglected; in fact there was but one link necessary to complete the chain, and that was a Golf course, which is now an accomplished fact. It appears that Golf has been practised to some extent in the school field for several years, but no serious steps were taken to form a club and seek a ground till the beginning of this year. The wielders of the *cambuca* then held a meeting and formed a club, Mr. J. H. Smith, a gentleman well known in hunting circles, being made hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. L. Jones, of Oundle school, being deputed to assist him in finding and laying out a course. The club succeeded in hiring two large fields about half a mile from the town, and these gentlemen laid out a nice little course of nine holes. There is one somewhat dangerous spot, owing to the proximity of the first and seventh holes, but it will be time enough to put this right when the membership increases. At present there are twenty-four members, of whom the ladies are just sufficient to make a foursome. The club held its first meeting on the 3rd of February.

The course is a sheep pasture, and the entrance to it is from the Benefield Road, about ten minutes' walk from the centre of the town. It is all on the south side of the road. The ground as a whole, is wavy, full of ups and downs (highly suggestive of the Royal and Ancient game), and the grass of such a character, owing to the gravelly nature of the soil and the closeness of the rock, that in all probability there will be pleasant golfing all the year round. The hazards are of the kind that one generally meets with on an inland course, hedges and brooks; instead of sand-bunkers there are disused quarries; in one of these there is a mass of stones, "confusedly hurled, the fragments of an earlier world," but happily this club-breaking spot is well off the line of play.

The first two holes run westward, parallel with the road. The first can be reached with a nice, easy drive right over one of the disused quarries aforesaid; the numerous mounds

and hollows in the neighbourhood of this hole give scope for the lofting iron, as the green is small and keen, and can be easily overrun. The second hole is a drive and an iron in distance, the length condemned by Mr. Horace Hutchinson; it should be done in 4 if (what a lot of ifs there are in a round!) you keep straight; for, if your approach is the least too much on the left, the ball will run down a steep place into roughish country; on the other hand, if either drive or second shot be heeled off to the right, it will be found, or perhaps lost, amongst rabbit-holes and old pits. This hole will by-and-by have a very fine putting-green. The course now turns southward, and a good drive should land one near the third green, but it is pretty well guarded by ruts short of the hole, and by a brook beyond. There are alarming beds of nettles on the right, to which we advise players to give a wide berth when making their tee shots. Zig-zag is now the word, for the fourth hole stretches westward up the slope to the verge of Oundle Wood; it is the long hole out, and perhaps the best of the round. It can be reached in 2; but woe to the topped ball, for the brook here catches a good many, and the dead fence beyond and above it a good many more, but a well-hit tee shot soars "far and sure" over these obstacles, and will also carry the ruts. This is a good hole in 4. We have now reached the turning-point, and must retrace our steps eastward. The fifth is the only other long hole, requiring two drives. The ruts may interfere with the shot from the tee, but it is scarcely good policy to attempt to clear them, as the ground just beyond is uneven and rough, whereas short of the road and within reach of home there is a particularly nice bit of turf. There seems to be a strong tendency at this hole to slice the ball into a thorn hedge on the right, or to pull one's second into the neighbourhood of two umbrageous trees on the left; *in medio tutus*. From this point there is a charming view of Oundle. What with the sun glinting on the roofs of the clean, bright-looking houses, and the lovely spire of the parish church shooting itself so gracefully far above all the surroundings, with the May blooming luxuriantly on the hedges, with lovely oak woods in all directions, it might supply a painter with an ideal "Happy Valley."

The sixth hole is void of hazards, and will be easier still when the links have experienced more play. The seventh takes one back to the old course, the flag being quite near the first. The hazard here is again a combination of hedge and brook, which are made too easy. We were given to understand that this was in order to give ladies a better chance, but it might be advisable to shift the tee further back for the lords of creation, the ladies retaining the old one. At present a good drive will clear all obstacles and lie within an easy iron approach of the hole, but it is not so easy to lay the second dead, as one is again amongst the mounds and hollows; it has been taken at 3 strokes. Once more the course zig-zags like the letter V, the eighth being a well guarded short hole, with danger from terrible bunkers on the left, and the brook on the right at the foot of the hill. The home hole is one of the easiest, but the tee shot has to be well lifted, else it will catch the face of the steep ground in front; this done, one can scarcely avoid reaching a nice putting-green in 2, and holing out in 4.

A scratch player should be able to do this round in an average of 4, provided that the putting-greens are in good order. Unfortunately, since these were relaid there has been no rain, and the gaps between the turfs are consequently so wide in places that the ball almost disappears, and a niblick may be necessary. At other times a slight fissure may be used as a line along which to putt the ball, but this little sneaking advantage does not compensate for the drawback.

There are no caddies on these links, and possibly they may continue to carry on the game without these useful accessories. The St. Andrew's rules are followed in the main, to which will be added local by-laws, such as may be thought necessary and desirable, as soon as this can be managed by the club, which is still in its infancy. Among the members there are several Masters in the school, and also the Rev. Canon Hopkins, the esteemed Vicar of Oundle. The ground is part of the estate of Mrs. Watts-Russell, of Biggin, and the club hires its right of playing from the lessee, Mr. Lotan, of the Talbot.

H. M. B.



At no time since Golf became the great recreation was any rain so much welcomed as that which began to fall last week. The long and excessive drought had told on nearly every green, and some were so "baked" that correct putting was impossible. Where repairs had been made on the turf in spring the expenditure was almost wasted for want of rain to complete the work. Jupiter Pluvius having thus asserted his right to interfere with the Royal and Ancient game, it is to be hoped that he will be duly recognised in future by golfers, and that when they pray for fine weather they will remember to ask, now and again, for 'a rainy day.'

The parishioners of Colinton and Currie, near Edinburgh, not to be behind their neighbours, have got a Golf green of nine holes laid out by Willie Park on the Baberton Estate, which belongs to Sir James H. Gibson-Craig, of Riccarton. Sixty gentlemen have already joined, and twenty-five ladies are also members, a shorter course having been prepared for their use. Sir James is president of the club, which is to be called the Baberton Club, and Lady Gibson-Craig is patroness of the ladies' section.

In a recent article on Church affairs an Edinburgh daily paper says, "Even ministers have been often kenneled to relieve their surcharged feelings, like mere mortals, by the discharge of 'strong hot words,' and the practice it is deeply to be regretted, is said to have greatly increased since the profession has taken to Golf." No contradiction having been forthcoming, we must suppose that the statement is correct, but if it shows that the clergy are becoming more like other people in their ways and words, it is a good testimony to the humanising effects of Golf. An old beadle seeing the minister in a great "wax" one Sunday morning kindly said, "If ye wad like to sweir ye needna mind me, sir." The ordinary caddie, we should suppose, would accord the same privilege to any clerical golfer, and the ordinary layman could not deny to the parson what he claims for himself as a blow-off for his "surcharged feelings," especially when he is badly bunkered.

Mr. J. R. Whitecross, one of the best of the older generation of North Berwick golfers, to whose merits we did justice in a former number of GOLF, has for some time been missed from the links, being laid aside by illness, but his friends will be glad to hear that he is now convalescent. Mr. Whitecross not only knows Golf well, but he knows well what refreshment is best for the golfer, and for a long time his blend of the "Auld Kirk," which he called the "Bass Rock Blend," has been so popular that out of gratitude to his patrons, he has now surmounted the old label with a new one bearing a *white cross* set in gold, and bearing the words "The Golfer's Favourite Dew."

In the East Lothian district, one of the most interesting annual matches is the home-and-home green contest, between the Bass Rock and the Dirleton Castle Club. It is played in the evening, as many of the players are working-men, and have the day's darg to put through before they can play. This year, as usual, each club was victorious on its own green, but the Bass Rock had the advantage in the number of holes won over the

two greens. The Dirleton Castle, however, had to play their return at North Berwick without Mr. J. Brotherstone, one of their best players, who had been disabled by an accident. On the Gullane green, Mr. J. Litster made a 74, and at North Berwick Mr. J. Forrest had a 73—remarkably fine play for both. The Dirleton Castle team included no less than four green-keepers.

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Mr. G. Gordon Robertson excelled himself at the Gullane summer meeting, his 78 being 4 strokes ahead of any other scratch score, and 9 better than the figure of Mr. A. M. Ross, who held the record of the green. The handicap trophies of both the spring and summer meetings having been won by Mr. R. Melrose that gentleman will deserve the attention of the handicap committee, his 82 at last meeting being quite a scratch performance.

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Ben Sayers' new shop-window is now one of the features of the main street of North Berwick, the display of the various requisites of the game being tasteful and interesting. The central attraction is a fine photo of Old Tom, whom Sayers fitly honours as chief of the professional class. In other directions Sayers is letting out sail, as he is opening a workshop in the grounds of the Honourable Company at Muirfield.

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A well known London firm of makers of sporting requisites (G. E. Bussey and Co.), writing to a Scottish gentleman in June, 1892, said, "We regret to say that golfers of the North are somewhat biased in their opinion as to the ability of Southerners in producing Golf clubs, and we fear that they would not at present fully appreciate implements of our manufacture. We trust, however, to remove this prejudice in course of time." Was there really truth in this remark, or was it not imagination? As far as we know such prejudice does not exist, and if it does we should be sorry to think that Northerners should be so narrow. English makers may rely upon it that if they make good clubs they will soon destroy this superstition of the North.

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A new Golf Club has recently been formed, to include in one centre a number of smaller clubs belonging to outlying villages in Caithness, Halkirk, Castletown, John o' Groats, and last week the opening game was played on Dunnet Links, the headquarters, some eight miles from Thurso. There was a large gathering of members and their friends, and several interesting matches took place. The course is at present one of nine holes, but there is abundance of room for a full course of eighteen holes, and these will probably be laid out at some future date, when the membership increases sufficiently. It abounds in natural hazards, bunkers, and sand-hills, and is quite free from any objectionable features such as water or low-lying boggy ground. The putting-greens, which are well placed, are large and beautifully level, and there is every probability that the course will be one of the most popular in the north of Scotland. Golf may now be said to have reached its most northerly point, as the new course is within a short distance of Dunnet Head.

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The match between Willie Fernie, Troon, and Willie Campbell, Bridge of Weir, for £50 a side, has been fixed to take place at Bridge of Weir to-morrow, and at Troon on Saturday next week.

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The Open Championship meeting has been fixed to take place at Prestwick, on Thursday, August 31st, and Friday, September 1st.

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The Prestwick St. Nicholas Golf Club have fixed Saturday, August 5th, as the date on which the competition for the cup presented to West of Scotland golfers by Sir William Arrol shall be played.

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On Thursday night the members of Troon Golf Club, to the number of about seventy, met in the Eglinton Arms Hotel, Ardrossan, for the purpose of making a presentation to Mr. W.

Fleming, lately club-master at Troon Golf Club, and now landlord of the Eglinton Arms Hotel. Mr. William C. Mitchell, of Black Rock, Troon, presided. In the course of the evening Mr. Fleming was presented with a silver jug and a purse of money. The jug bore the inscription, "Presented to Mr. William Fleming, together with a purse of sovereigns, by the members of Troon Golf Club. 22nd June, 1893." Mrs. Fleming was, at the same time, made the recipient of a beautiful gold ring. Mr. Fleming entertained his entertainers to dinner, and the collation was most creditable to the *cuisine* and management of the establishment.

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The new Golf course at Stanmore was formally opened on Saturday the 17th inst. The links consist of about 130 acres of grass land, rising gradually to Belmont, one of the most picturesque points in the landscape. Here, within a short space of time, Golf links of nine holes have been prepared for the ladies, and of eighteen holes for the gentlemen. The links, alternated with bunkers and obstacles of various sorts, slope upwards to Belmont, and return through a pretty piece of woodland scenery, affording all kinds of snares and difficulties for the experienced and the would-be golfer. The charm of the grounds is further increased by some woodland walks and coppices, with abundance of wild flowers scattered here and there, which lend additional beauty to the spot. Mr. T. F. Blackwell, the president of the Club, performed the opening ceremony, and the first ball was driven by his daughter-in-law.

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The following circular has now been sent to the guarantors for the defence in the case which some time ago was raised in regard to horse-training on Gullane Links:—

GULLANE COMMON.

DEAR SIR,—As you are doubtless aware, the action at the instance of Mrs. Hamilton Ogilvy against Mr. Cowe, horse trainer, Gullane, has been decided so far in favour of the pursuer that Mr. Cowe has been interdicted from training horses on the Common, while the interdict asked against trespassing on the Common has been refused. The case has been a costly one; the pursuer's expenses alone, for which Mr. Cowe has been found liable, amount to more than the Guarantee Fund, and these will have to be paid immediately. I shall, therefore, be obliged by your remitting £—, being the amount subscribed for by you to the Guarantee Fund, to Messrs. A. P. Purves and Aitken, W.S., 12, Queen Street, Edinburgh.

While regretting that the case has been so decided, and that expenses have been granted against Mr. Cowe, I must congratulate the guarantors that interdict against trespassing on the Common has been refused, and the rights of common maintained. I think it right to mention that the amount of the Guarantee Fund will not admit of the solicitors who acted for the defence receiving any remuneration for their trouble.

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The circular will afford but poor consolation to those who subscribed to the guarantee fund, and to golfers who claim a right to play over this famous green. The guarantors are congratulated that "interdict against trespassing on the common has been refused, and the rights of common maintained." In the light of the information we gave last week as to the leasing of the links by the Gullane Club—a proposal which we believe is supported by some of those who got up this guarantee fund—does it not look as if the whole of the money had been thrown away? The poor agents have our pity—they get nothing for their trouble—but just as much do we pity guarantors and golfers. If no Scottish players are prepared to step in and save Gullane Links from its friends, an appeal will have to be made to Mr. Laidlaw Purves, or some independent Southerner, to come to the rescue. It is to be hoped that the golfers of Gullane will find some way of regulating the course without consenting to the great betrayal of their rights which is now proposed.

LUFFNESS.—The competition for the Wemyss challenge monthly medal took place on Saturday under very favourable circumstances, the recent rain having improved the green very much. There was a good turn out of competitors, and a number of the crack players of the club put in an appearance. The result of the play showed that they were in their best form:—Dr. Gray won with 81, less 4=77; Mr. A. M. Ross, 76, plus 2=88; Mr. C. Halket, 79; Mr. R. Macgowan, 88, less 9=79; and Mr. J. A. S. Millar, 92, less 12=80.



QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Would you kindly favour me with information on the following points:—1. In Golf medal competitions, what is the usual method of scoring, by strokes or numerals? 2. In the event of two competitors simply noting the totals, after holing out on each green, without previously marking each score as made, would the cards of these players be disqualified; both parties, of course, being satisfied that the total score of each hole is properly marked? 3. If the winner of the handicap and his opponent have scored in this fashion (No. 2) should they be disqualified?

I am, Sir, &c,

W. M. CAMPBELL.

[(1) The ordinary method is to score by totals of each hole. (2) No. (3) No.—ED.]

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Would you kindly give your opinion on the point raised in the following case:—

Match by holes.—A claims the second hole (wrongfully as it turns out afterwards on reference to rules), and B makes no objection at the time. After holing out the fifteenth hole, B points out to A that his claim was wrong, but A says it is too late to raise the objection. The match would have been halved in ordinary circumstances, but A won on his claim being allowed.

Was B too late in making his objection to A's claim, or could the matter be reopened at any time before the match was over? The rules do not appear to provide for such things as false claims.

I am, Sir, &c.,

C. I. C.

[B was too late in trying to upset A's claim at the fifteenth hole. The point must be settled there and then, or a stipulation made to play out the hole under protest, the point to be referred to the committee after the match. B, having made no objection at the time, must abide by the result.—ED.]

GARDEN GOLF.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—*Apropos* of a query in "Tee Shots" last week, I have a word to say, having had some experience in Garden Golf. I, too, have frequently seen a good shot roll up to some wire netting, and I do not think it ought to be mulcted, as the ball is not in a true hazard. Our plan is in that case to drop behind the netting without penalty, in fact, to play the ball from the spot to which it would have rolled.

I have had some exciting evening putting matches lately, and have actually gone on playing till ten o'clock, though I

must confess that I have not seen any one subject himself to the fine of a bottle of whisky by holing in 1 after sunset.

It does not follow that because there are four holes there will be twelve combinations. How would your correspondent do with a large flowerbed in the centre of a small green?

I was glad to see Robertson, of Stilton's, clubs receive a word of praise in GOLF. He has a stock of choice, well-seasoned wood, apple, pear, and beech, and tries hard and patiently to produce a serviceable article. I have one of his latest bulgers with a patent facing of terra-cotta colour, and find it a useful weapon. I don't think it drives quite so far as wood, but the difference is small, and there is an elasticity about the Robertson face which makes it superior to anything else I have tried, except wood. In the matter of endurance, I do not think there is a better club in the market for beginners and smashers.

I am, Sir, &c.

H. M. B.

The game of Golf is at last to have a place in the field of Chicago sports. A few days ago a party, consisting of Sir Henry Truman Wood, J. Marshall Weir, J. C. Macdonald, A. Haddow Smith, Archibald Lauder, of Glasgow, Ralph A. Harbord, private secretary to Sir H. T. Wood, and J. Balfour Murray, left by train for Belmont, where, after a little search, they discovered an excellent course for the game. Sir Henry Wood drove the first ball, and after the other members of the party had tested the ground, all agreed that they had found the longed for goal of their desire. The gentlemen had a very pleasant time together, and a dainty relish was added to the day's enjoyment by Mr. Weir, who had brought along "a wee drap o' the cratur," fresh from the celebrated Bushmills distillery, in which the party toasted the prosperity of the Chicago Golf Club. A meeting will shortly be held to make final arrangements about leasing the grounds, which are suitable for either a nine or eighteen-hole course.

ST. ANDREWS LADIES' CLUB.—The annual competition for the challenge silver putter, presented to the club by Mrs. H. S. C. Everard, resulted in the following returning the best scores:—Miss L. C. Bethune, 114, Miss S. Wordsworth, 117; Miss H. Bell, 118; Mrs. Henderson, 119; Miss M. Bethune, 119; Mrs. Boothby, 120. These six ladies were allowed one week within which to play off an American tournament—*i.e.*, each player playing every other. Matters resulted in a tie between Miss L. C. Bethune and Mrs. Boothby, who each returned 31 wins. Miss M. Bethune and Mrs. Henderson returned 3 wins. Unfortunately the competition was deprived of all further interest by the unavoidable absence of Miss Bethune, and the putter was accordingly adjudged to Mrs. Boothby. The monthly medals were played for on Saturday. Thirteen couples played. The first medal was taken by Mr. Grimond at 105, and the second by Mrs. Henderson 107. The third medal (confined to those who have never previously been medal winners) was gained by Mrs. Muirhead at 113. The star for the best round was tied for at 50 by Messrs. Grimond, Bell, and Simson. On playing off Mr. Bell was successful. After the medal winners came the following:—Mr. Bell, 106; Mr. Simson, 107; Mr. Gordon, 107; Miss Wordsworth, 108; Mr. H. Henderson, 109; and Miss Moir, 109.

ST. ANDREWS.—FINE SCORING BY OLD TOM MORRIS.—In a last week, Mr. Everard playing against the best balls of Dr. J. G. M'Pherson and Tom Morris, some fine scoring was made. This is a very severe handicap, because although Mr. Everard went round in 83, and Old Tom in 80, Mr. Everard was beaten by 5 up and 4 to play. Old Tom's score is remarkable, as he is in his seventy-third year. His play is as good as ever, and he is the envy of his younger rivals. Tom's score was as follows:—Out, 4 5 6 5 4 5 5 3 4=41; in, 4 3 4 4 5 5 5 4=39; total 80. Mr. Everard's figures were:—Out, 4 5 5 4 5 6 3 4=42; in, 5 4 4 5 5 4 4 5 5=41; total, 83. The best ball score of Dr. M'Pherson and Tom was:—Out, 4 5 5 5 4 5 5 3 4=40; in, 4 3 4 4 5 5 4 5 4=38; total, 78.

EDINBURGH REGISTER HOUSE GOLF CLUB.—The final heat for a handsome silver cup, presented by Mr. Foster, captain of the club, was played over Burntisland Links on Saturday afternoon, the competitors being Messrs. R. Mortimer, A. M. Runciman, and Walter Gardner. After a very interesting game, Mr. A. M. Runciman proved the victor with a score of 73.

DIVOTS OFF AN ENGLISH LINKS.—VI.

CONCURRENTLY with the appearance in the world of Master Johnson, there came among us another new thing—a St. Andrews man. We had known little heretofore of St. Andrews men. Colonel Burscough, it is true, had played Golf at St. Andrews, and for this we regarded him with all proper veneration; but he was not, in the full sense of the word, a St. Andrews man. He had not been born and bred on those classic links, as had our new guide, philosopher, and friend, Mr. Fraserburgh. I think I am disclosing no confidences in saying that our common feeling, as we watched his play, was surprise that one who had enjoyed so great advantages could play so badly. He partially accounted for this, however, by explaining that the nature of his professional work was such as to keep him much in Edinburgh, away from the city of the great links. His profession was that of Writer to the Signet, an honourable title which we but dimly understood, supposing it to have reference to some form of literary work in the service of the Crown—a subordinate post, perhaps, to that of Poet Laureate. In appearance he was a small, ferret-eyed man, with sandy hair and whiskers; but the prominent feature of his face was a peculiarly bulbous nose, which looked as if it had been coloured with much artistic care and Scottish whisky.

But while we observed his golfing execution with a criticism of whose audacity we were painfully conscious, we regarded his methods with unmixed reverence. For of these methods many were quite new to us. Especially were we impressed by his treatment of his caddie, which struck us as a remarkable combination of deference and ferocity. Hitherto we had been accustomed to play the game in our way, taking the club which seemed best in our own eyes, and altogether conducting the game on our own responsibility, or with an occasional reference to the methods of Old Blobb or Colonel Burscough. But now, greatly to our astonishment, we saw this golfer, whom we all regarded with the awe due to a St. Andrews man, gravely consulting upon his stroke with his small ten-year-old caddie. He would solemnly ask, and defer to, the opinion of this little rascal, released for the time being from the Voluntary school, with regard to the club he ought to use for an approach stroke, or even such a delicate matter as the line of a curving putt. At first the caddie was no less surprised than ourselves, and being more or less dumb with awe of the great man, and speaking in a broad South-Country dialect which had no affinity to Mr. Fraserburgh's trans-Tweedish speech, it was with difficulty that they arrived at anything definite, even in the way of a misunderstanding. Therefore, when Mr. Fraserburgh would ask: "What club am I to take, boy?" the caddie would first look at him in mute amazement. Then, when by dint of loud and frequent repetition the question had found a home in his small intellect, he would say, "I don't know."

"Don't know," Mr. Fraserburgh would repeat, with fiery Gaelic wrath, "Is it a cleek or an iron shot?"

Then the boy, comprehending the alternatives, would search for both the weapons mentioned, and timidly offer to Mr. Fraserburgh that which came to his small hand first. After which Mr. Fraserburgh, having made an indifferent stroke, would say to his opponent, "I knew it was a cleek shot, but my confounded caddie *made me take the iron.*"

"Made me take the iron!" It was a new and a blessed idea to us—this of making the caddie responsible for our misdeeds. We were quick to recognise the virtue of the new phrase, and to make it our own. Henceforward this form

of explanation was a frequent one at Pebblecombe. We seldom of our own unskilfulness now made a bad stroke. We learned, with gratitude, to say that "the caddie had given us a wrong club."

But there were other things in the same regard that were taught us by Mr. Fraserburgh. Hitherto we thought that we had done well if we contrived to make our caddies keep comparative silence and very comparative immobility upon the stroke. For Mr. Fraserburgh it was not sufficient that the caddie should be immobile. He must be immobile on a certain spot, like a piece at chess. If the caddie stood behind his arm, it was cause for his righteous indignation and for the caddie's summary removal. Not only so, but he told us that it was no less baulking to have to speak to the boy and request his removal than it was to have him standing upon the offending spot. All these minutiae were a subject of our zealous study. Hereafter the caddie's life was no longer the peaceful thing that it had been before. For we grew to be mighty particular about the exact position, relatively to ourselves as we played a stroke, in which the caddie should stand. Nor was this all, but each developed some special and individual taste, one being unable to play if the boy stood to his front at all; another finding the striking of the Golf ball an impossible thing if the caddie stood anywhere behind him. So that these little boys had not only to learn the whole duty of the caddie, but, in addition, the special duties required by the exigencies of each individual's temperament; and our nervous apprehensions of the misconduct of the caddies increasing and becoming more sensitive through indulgence, as ever happens, we soon grew to expect of these small boys more than boy-nature is capable of satisfying, to the end that the carrying of Golf clubs became little less trying to the youthful brain than the ordinary curriculum of the Voluntary school. Hence arose murmurings and a newly-found love of learning in the boys, together with a difficulty in obtaining caddies, so that some of us were occasionally driven to the humiliating straits of carrying our own clubs.

But the strain thus put upon their intellects developed a wonderful cuteness and aptitude for the game in these small rascals, so that Mr. Fraserburgh's treatment had its compensations for them. "Ice-cream," a boy who had thoroughly merited this *nom de guerre* by undauntedly devouring thirty-six penny ices and a whole week's pay at a sitting, was especially attached to Colonel Burscough's service, and soon became quite an indispensable adjunct to the gallant gentleman's Golf. He would even rate his master severely when he was off his game, and an exhortation of "Come, come, old man, this won't do," on the occasion of the Colonel's missing a nine-inch putt, became historical. "Ice-cream," partly because of his distinguished position as Colonel Burscough's henchman, grew to hold some sort of monitorial authority over the other caddies. He it was who, when "The Bengal Tiger" (a very small and puny boy, so called from the felinely striped neck-comforter which he was in the habit of wearing) threw down Capt. Lazenby's clubs, saying, "I be going home; there's goose for dinner"—"Ice-cream" it was who took upon himself to chastise the offender for this gross crime. "Ice-cream" undoubtedly, was a born leader of men.

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ABERDEEN.

After a prolonged period of drought, in which the greens on our two local courses were in a fair way of being burnt up, welcome showers of rain fell on Thursday and Friday, and continued at intervals on Saturday. These have effected a wonderful change, and on Saturday, when the members of the Victoria Club here competed for Messrs. Robertson and Duncan's prize, the conditions were eminently favourable for low scoring. There was a good turn-out of competitors, and on comparing the cards handed in, it was found that the competition had resulted as follows:—Messrs. C. Robertson, 88, less 9=79, and R. Dunn, 94, less 15=79, have a tie to play off for first and second places, while Mr. A. McCannachie (scratch), 81, was third. The following were the lowest cards handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. C. Robertson ...	88 9 79	Mr. J. B. Banks ...	90 3 87
Mr. R. Dunn ...	94 15 79	Mr. Alex. Cooper... ..	90 2 88
Mr. A. McCannachie 81 scr.	81	Mr. L. Anderson ...	89 scr. 89
Mr. T. MacLennan... ..	90 6 84	Mr. G. Innes ...	91 2 89
Mr. G. Flett ...	86 scr. 86	Mr. J. Rennie ...	97 6 91
Mr. D. B. Leslie ...	91 5 86	Mr. J. Russell ...	99 3 96

At same time an extra competition took place for the club's scratch prize, and Messrs. Chivas and Williams's handicap prizes. This competition resulted as follows:—Mr. McCannachie won the scratch prize with 81; Mr. C. Robertson, Mr. Chivas's prize (for first-class players), with 88, less 9=79; and Mr. R. Dunn Mr. Williams's prize (for second-class players), with 94, less 6=88.

Over the same course the members of the Bon-Accord Club played twice round for the members' prizes. On cards being compared, the following were found winners, in the order named:—Mr. James Rattray, 185, less 24=161; Mr. John Anderson, 189, less 26=163; Mr. James Florence, 181, less 12=169.

ARDEN GOLF CLUB.

The "Bogey" competition for June was played off on Saturday, June 17th, with the following result:—Mr. J. F. Wright (8), all square; Mr. W. J. Burman (9), 1 down; Mr. H. H. Wright (9), 4 down; Dr. J. D. Ballance (9), 6 down; Mr. O. Airy (4), 7 down; Mr. A. E. Wilson-Browne (5), 7 down.

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS GOLF CLUB.

The play for the monthly medal on June 24th was not of a high order. The welcome rain had actually made the green herb shoot on the putting greens, an unwonted phenomenon which disconcerted players accustomed to their usual rapidity. There was a tie for the Yewhurst clubs between the Rev. C. C. Woodland and Mr. J. S. Sawyer, and Mr. F. Lazenby secured the monthly medal with a good deal in hand. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. F. Lazenby ...	101 24 77	Mr. H. H. Turner... ..	94 5 89
Rev. S. P. Macartney	105 25 80	Mr. C. E. Green ...	114 25 89
Mr. F. R. Lucas ...	103 18 85	Mr. C. S. Nix ...	102 10 92
Rev. C. C. Woodland	93 7 86	Mr. H. A. Curtis ...	95 2 93
Dr. C. Wilson ...	111 25 86	Mr. H. G. Bateson	111 14 97
Mr. J. S. Sawyer ...	93 5 88		

BEDFORD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, June 17th:—Mr. S. Fuller, 97, less 18=79; Col. D. Broughton, 98, less 16=82; Mr. J. B. Forsyth, 97, less 14=83; Mr. E. Buck, 106, less 22=84; Mr. S. Fielder, 105, less 20=85; Mr. J. H. Boyd Thomson, 112, less 20=92; Col. C. E. Harenc, 115, less 20=95; Mr. H. E. Tredcroft, 104, less 8=96; Mr. A. Tyson, 109, less 12=97; Rev. G. F. Apthorp, 117, less 18=99.

BASS ROCK v. DIRLETON CASTLE.

A return match between teams of the above clubs—thirteen a-side—was played over the North Berwick course on Monday, the 19th. Result:—

BASS ROCK.		DIRLETON CASTLE (GULLANE).	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. D. M. Jackson ...	5	Mr. E. Fitzjohn ...	0
Mr. J. Henderson ...	1	Mr. J. Litster ...	0
Mr. J. Forrest... ..	10	Mr. D. Ritchie ...	0
Mr. J. Mitchell ...	0	Mr. J. Litster ...	3
Mr. A. Thorburn ...	3	Mr. P. Lees ...	0
Mr. J. Mann ...	6	Mr. G. Shepherd ...	0
Mr. J. Glass ...	0	Mr. J. Tulloch ...	4
Mr. A. Hogg ...	1	Mr. H. Cunningham ...	0
Mr. G. Nelson ...	1	Mr. G. P. Turner ...	0
Mr. A. Hutchison ...	2	Mr. D. J. Ritchie ...	0
Mr. D. Horsburgh ...	9	Mr. A. Johnston ...	0
Mr. A. Lountain ...	6	Mr. J. Bissett, sen. ...	0
Mr. J. Thomson ...	2	Mr. C. Smith ...	0
	46		7

BLACKHEATH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Twenty-two members played on June 21st for a pair of cut-glass, silver-mounted scent-bottles and powder-jar, presented by Mrs. Laird. Miss M. Smyth and Mrs. F. S. Ireland tied at the top of the list, and, on playing off the tie, their gross score was again the same. Mrs. Ireland, having the larger handicap, was the winner of the prize. Scores as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss M. Smyth ...	80 9 71	Miss Loveless ...	88 7 81
Mrs. F. S. Ireland .	83 12 71	Miss M. Richardson	90 9 81
Mrs. Osmond ...	89 16 73	Miss Farnall ...	91 10 81
Miss A. Bidwell ...	86 12 74	Mrs. J. G. Gibson .	95 12 83
Miss A. Richardson	88 13 75	Mrs. R. Whyte ...	105 22 83
Mrs. L. C. Johnson.	92 16 76	Miss Frean ...	100 15 85
Miss M. Sillar ...	92 16 76	Mrs. Peaumont ...	105 20 85
Mrs. Stubbs ...	87 10 77	Mrs. Mackern ...	87 scr. 87
Miss Gahan ...	91 14 77	Mrs. Laird... ..	100 12 88
Mrs. Charles ...	101 24 77	Mrs. Meredith ...	89 scr. 89
Mrs. Penrose ...	89 10 79	Miss Knapping ...	101 12 89

CHEADLE GOLF CLUB.

The above club held their third summer monthly competition (twenty-four holes) on Saturday, June 24th. The course was in capital order, but the high wind which prevailed, and the effect of the recent rain on the putting-greens, had a considerable effect on the scoring. Mr. R. C. Barker put in a win for the bronze medal, and took the first sweepstake. Mr. F. Bindloss put in a win for the silver medal, and Mr. W. H. Smith took the second sweepstake. The following were the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. C. Barker ...	140 40 100	Mr. C. P. Ritson ...	153 36 117
Mr. W. H. Smith... ..	144 36 108	Mr. H. Wilson ...	142 24 118
Mr. S. Fernyhough.	137 28 109	Rev. J. W. Paull ...	159 40 119
Mr. C. W. Southwell	145 36 109	Mr. L. C. Hartley..	142 20 122
Mr. F. Bindloss ...	122 12 110	Mr. J. M. Eaton ...	137 14 123
Mr. J. F. Lamb ...	147 36 111	Mr. J. R. Newly ...	159 36 123
Mr. W. Mosley ...	150 36 114	Mr. E. H. Hamp ...	168 40 128
Mr. O. J. Mosley ...	133 18 115		

The remainder were either over 130 net, or made no return.

CINQUE PORTS GOLF CLUB, DEAL.

Monthly medal, Saturday, June 24th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. B. C. Manly .	100 12 88	Dr. Stone, R.N. ...	118 24 94
*Mr. R. Moxon ...	104 16 88	Mr. G. Struthers ...	118 22 96
Mr. W. P. Matthews	100 10 90	Mr. A. T. Kent ...	119 20 99
Col. Jee ...	108 18 90	Mr. E. P. Barlow... ..	116 16 100
Sir Bevan Edwards .	106 15 91	Mr. F. N. Harvey... ..	116 16 100
Major Wilkinson ...	112 18 94		

* Tied for medal.

No returns from twenty other players.

BUXTON AND HIGH PEAK GOLF CLUB.—Monthly medal competition, June 24th, 1893:—Mr. C. J. Wardley, 94, less 11=83; Mr. E. Bythway, 104, less 16=88; Capt. Walker, 106, less 17=89; Mr. T. Swainson, 107, less 18=89; Col. Fernley, 109, less 18=91; Mr. W. O. Burt, 106, less 14=92; Mr. A. Coventry, 117, less 24=93.

CROOKHAM GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Saturday, June 24th, with the following result:—Mr. H. G. Fane, 106, less 27=79; Mr. J. H. Haviland, 97, less 14=83; Mr. A. C. Bartholomew, 99, less 9=90; Mr. F. N. Garry, 109, less 14=95; Mr. F. Q. Louch, 129, less 27=102; Rev. H. H. Skrine, 129, less 27=102.

The Royal North Devon Golf Club have very graciously returned to the Crookham Golf Club the Crookham handicap cup. This cup, on the breaking up of the original Crookham Club, some thirteen years ago, was given to the Royal North Devon Golf Club, and has since been played for under the name of the Crookham cup. It was originally presented to the Crookham Golf Club by Mr. C. Stephens, of Reading, in 1872.

EALING GOLF CLUB.

The ladies held their spring meeting on Wednesday, 21st inst., playing twice over nine holes of the gentleman's course with the following result:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Best nine holes out of eighteen.
Mrs. E. G. Hamilton	94	scr.	94	3 4 4 4 4 4 5 5 5=38
Mrs. F. Carver	116	20	96	4 5 5 5 5 5 6 6 6=47
Miss A. Carver	106	9	97	4 4 4 5 5 5 5 5 6=43

Mrs. Nelson's prize of a gold curl brooch was won by Mrs. E. Hamilton, for best scratch score. Mr. Bayfield's prize of a gold scent-bottle for best score under handicap was taken by Mrs. F. Carver. Miss A. Carver took the club prize of one dozen Slazenger balls, for best nine holes. No winner could take more than one prize. No other returns were sent in. The occasion was taken to open the new pavilion, and Mrs. E. M. Nelson of Hanger Hill House presented the prizes, and in a few neat and appropriate words declared the pavilion open. The scratch score of the eighteen holes is taken at 100, out of which there are three short holes, the rest being on an average of about 200 yards each.

ELTHAM GOLF CLUB.

The foursome tournament, under handicap, for the president's and captain's prizes, was concluded on the 14th inst., and resulted in a win, after a very close match (won at the twentieth hole), for Messrs R. H. and J. H. Hedderwick, who defeated Messrs. Alfred Schact and T. A. Raynes. Forty-one couples entered for the tournament. The tie between Messrs. A. C. Oldham and J. H. Hedderwick for the club handicap prize, played for at the club spring meeting on 3rd June, was played off on the 8th June, and was won by Mr. A. C. Oldham.

On Saturday, the 17th inst., the first monthly medal competition was played, and Mr. J. Brooksmith, 96, less 14=82; Mr. Leonard Stokes, 97, less 15=82, and Mr. W. C. Anderson, 98, less 16=82, tied. The following were the next best scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. W. R. Stikeman	95	10	85	Mr. W. E. Scott	111	21	90
Mr. W. McArthur	98	13	85	Mr. H. Simson	106	15	91
Mr. C. A. Woodhouse	98	12	86	Mr. R. M. Richardson	106	15	91
Mr. E. R. Lindley	98	12	86	son	106	15	91
Mr. G. Spurling	101	15	86	Mr. A. Hicks	106	15	91
Mr. J. G. Anderson	104	18	86	Mr. T. A. Mitchell	116	25	91
Mr. E. Anderson	107	21	86	Mr. E. H. Dunn	108	16	92
Mr. E. H. Absolom	100	13	87	Mr. R. Winch	107	14	93
Mr. F. G. Bampfyld	94	6	88	Mr. J. R. Gloag	108	15	93
Mr. C. Ponsonby	99	10	89	Mr. W. A. Adam	115	20	95
Mr. H. Tanner	100	11	89	Mr. A. Tapp	116	20	96
Mr. H. Paine, jun.	100	11	89	Mr. J. Edge-Partington	122	25	97
Mr. R. A. Patterson	105	16	89	Mr. A. Poynder	114	15	99
Mr. F. H. Beaumont	105	16	89				
Mr. P. F. G. Lord	103	13	90				

Many other members were over 100 net, or made no returns. The greens were in good order, considering the heavy drought.

FELIXSTOWE GOLF CLUB.

The third competition for the Syndicate's monthly challenge cup took place on Saturday, the 24th inst., the winning score being made by Mr. C. G. Havell. Mr. C. G. Havell, 89, less 9=80; Hon. H. S. Finch-Hatton, 85, less 4=81; Mr. C. G. Tunks, 94, less 8=86; Mr. W. O. S. Pell, 90, less 2=88; Dr. J. Harper, 101, less 13=88; Mr. W. Johnstone, 108, less 14=94. Several members returned no scores, including Messrs. J. Greig, J. A. Chalmers, W. H. Franks, J. F. Abercromby, and others.

DUNBLANE HYDROPATHIC.—The competition for the monthly medal took place on Saturday. The medal was won by Mr. C. M'K. Gray with a score of 80, less 6=74. The other best scores were:—Mr. A. B. Moir, 93, less 18=75; Mr. J. Whyte, 86, less 9=77; Mr. D. T. Reid, 91, less 12=79; Mr. J. Lennox, 97, less 18=79; Mr. J. Gibson, 97, less 16=81; Mr. K. Henderson (scratch), 83.

FORFARSHIRE.

The second heat in the competition for the silver cup, presented to the Carnoustie and Taymouth Club on the attainment of the jubilee of its existence by the Dalhousie Golf Club, has just been concluded. The following was the result of the heat:—Mr. William Myles (7), a bye, Mr. A. T. Low (18), scratched; Mr. A. Smith (4), a bye, Mr. James Saddler (13), scratched; Mr. C. Kydd (6) beat James Simpson (scratch), 2 holes; Mr. D. Ramsay, jun. (4), beat Mr. D. Winter (5), 4 holes; Mr. John Boyle (10), a bye, Mr. A. E. Gray (13), scratched; Mr. G. Whyte (8), a bye, Mr. William Yool (13), scratched; Mr. G. A. Lowe (6) beat Mr. James Kydd (7), 1 hole; Mr. G. Trickett (10) beat Mr. William Ramsay, 5 holes and 4 to play; Mr. W. Whyte (7), a bye, Mr. T. Jamieson (3), scratched; Mr. John Fyffe (5) beat Mr. T. Mill (18), 1 hole; Mr. A. F. Rae (12) beat Mr. C. Butchart (6), 2 holes; Mr. D. Ramsay, sen. (10), a bye, Mr. J. Dewars (12), scratched; Mr. A. Cant (3) beat Mr. J. Hogg (5), 4 holes; Mr. T. Japp (6) beat Mr. D. Bell (4), 4 holes and 2 to play; Mr. G. Fox, jun. (3) beat Mr. J. Stewart (7), 3 holes and 2 to play; Mr. R. Scott, (scratch), beat Mr. J. Murray (14), 2 holes.

Some tight matches were played, and some very good scores were recorded, among the best being the following:—Mr. George Fox, jun., 82; Mr. Thomas Japp, 82; Mr. David Bell, 85; Mr. George Trickett, 86; Mr. Robert Scott, 87; Mr. Charles Kydd, 88; and Mr. D. Ramsay, jun., 91.

On Wednesday night, 21st, one of the largest crowds ever seen on Montrose links, numbering close on 1,000 persons, assembled to witness the match between Mr. Alexander Keillor, the first holder of the Montrose Championship Challenge Shield, and Mr. James Findlay, another good player, in the semi-final round for the Mercantile Club's silver cup. The evening was fine, but the greens, owing to the continued drought, were very keen, and made putting difficult. Mr. Findlay began well, winning the first two holes, but Mr. Keillor playing a splendid game soon drew level, and at the end of the first half of the course they turned equal, having also equal scores of 38 each. Mr. Keillor won the first hole coming home, but lost the next one. The next three holes were halved. At the skating pond hole, Mr. Keillor played over the green and lost the hole; the next was halved, but Mr. Keillor holing out in three 3 at the next, again squared with his opponent. The players started for the last hole equal, amid great excitement. Every stroke was watched with interest, the more especially Mr. Findlay's fourth, with which he had a chance of winning the match. The ball was about three feet from the hole, but he failed to get down, the ball resting on the lip. The match thus ended square. The other round in the semi-final resulted in Mr. Fred Findlay (4) defeating Mr. J. Falconer (5) by 6 holes.

The tenth competition for Arbroath shopkeepers' gold badge was played at Elliot on Wednesday afternoon, the following being the result:—Mr. A. Scott, 4 points—2 below; Mr. W. Bowman, 3 points—4 above; Mr. D. Greig, 2 points—5 above.

The Monifieth members of the first class played their third and last round in the competition for the prize to be given by Mr. David Anderson, the captain. The conditions were that three rounds of the course be played, and the competition was then to be confined to the eight with the best aggregate scores, who in turn decide who is to be winner by playing a hole game. Last week there were eighteen competing, the lowest being Messrs. George Fox, George Wright, David Dargie, Alexander Simpson, Thomas Brimer, William Lorimer, William Young, and four were tied for the eighth place, viz, Messrs. David Anderson, J. C. Burns, William Hutcheson, and James Young. The best scores were:—Mr. Alexander Simpson, 80; Mr. J. C. Burns, 81; Mr. George Fox, 83; Mr. William Lorimer, 83; Mr. David Anderson, 84; Captain Hunter, 84; Mr. William Young, 84; Mr. Thomas Brimer, 85; Mr. William Hutcheson, 85; Mr. George Wright, 85; Mr. James Young, 85; Mr. David Hutcheson, 87; Mr. D. D. Smith, 87. The eight players with the best aggregates are as follows:—Mr. George Fox, 240; Mr. Alexander Simpson, 245; Mr. George Wright, 245; Mr. William Lorimer, 249; Mr. J. C. Burns, 250; Mr. Thomas Brimer, 251; Mr. William Young, 251; Mr. David Anderson, 253.

The first of the ties in the first class was played off between Messrs. George Fox and Alexander Simpson. Playing a steady game, Mr. Fox won by 3 holes. Mr. Simpson also played well, his score being 81.

The members of the second class of the Monifieth Club played their third round in the competition for the prize to be given by Mr. David Anderson, the captain. The eight leading players were Messrs. George Davidson, W. K. Lorimer, Alexander Kay, William Lowson, Walter Livie, William Reid, John Macrae, and David Smyton. The best scores were:—Mr. W. K. Lorimer, 84; Mr. William Lowson, 88; Mr. George Davidson, 90; Mr. George Fairweather, 90; Mr. David Hanton, 91; Mr. Andrew Miller, 92; Mr. William Reid, 93; Mr. David Glass, 94; Mr. William Lownie, 94; Mr. Alexander Bow-

man, 95; Mr. William Drimmie, 95; Mr. John S. Croudace, 96; Mr. Robert Smith, 96; Mr. William Wilson, 97. The best eight aggregates are as follows:—Mr. W. K. Lorimer, 262; Mr. George Davidson, 266; Mr. William Lowson, 271; Mr. William Reid, 278; Mr. George Fairweather, 279; Mr. David Hanton, 279; Mr. Andrew Miller, 279; Mr. Alexander Kay, 282. The next were:—Mr. Robert Smith, 284; Mr. William Drimmie, 285; Mr. Alexander Bowman, 286; Mr. John S. Croudace, 286; Mr. Walter Livie, 286; Mr. David Smyton, 286.

In the second class, two of the four matches were played. Mr. William Lowson defeated Mr. W. K. Lorimer by 3 holes, and Mr. George Davidson beat Mr. Alexander Kay by 3 holes. Messrs. Davidson and Lowson both had scores of 90, Mr. Lorimer was 91, and Mr. Kay 94.

The members of the third class of the Monifieth Club played their third round in the contest for the prize to be given by Mr. David Anderson, the captain of the club. The eight who were in at the conclusion of the second round were Messrs. John Pearson, J. L. Crockatt, D. Pearson, jun., Charles A. Gittings, David White, George Malcolm, S. Wybrants, and David Scott. Mr. John Pearson again came to the front with 93; Mr. David White was 97; and Mr. D. Pearson, jun., 99. Three of those who were in the eight last week postponed their play, namely, Messrs. Crockatt, Gittings, and Scott. The following were the best eight:—Mr. John Pearson, 276; Mr. D. Pearson, jun., 284; Mr. David White, 290; Mr. S. Wybrants, 295; Mr. George Malcolm, 296; Mr. James Low, 305; Mr. R. Locke, 306; Mr. N. Kay, 307.

The members of the third class who did not compete on Thursday played their third round in the competition for the captain's prize on Friday night. Only three started—namely, Messrs. C. A. Gittings, David Scott, and Alexander Grieve. They all managed to get a place among the eight with the best aggregates.

The medal competition of the *Dundee Advertiser* Club was played at Monifieth on Saturday in fine weather. One or two very good rounds, considering the conditions, were reported—the best being Mr. James Melville (who won the medal), 86; Mr. James Clark, 88; Mr. W. M. Cromb, 89; Mr. John Macrae, 90; Mr. W. Still, 91; Mr. Alexander Buchan, 92; Mr. William Duguid, 92; Mr. Alexander Bowman, 95; Mr. John D. Brown, 95; Mr. John Inglis, 95; and Mr. Peter Wallace, 97. The prize winners were—First class—1, Mr. W. M. Cromb; 2, Mr. James Clark; 3, Mr. William Duguid; 4, Mr. John D. Brown; 5 and 6, Messrs. John Macrae and Peter Wallace, tie. Second class—1 and 2, Messrs. Robert A. Clark, sen., and George Marshall, tie. Third class—1, Mr. John Clark; 2, Mr. John Honeyman.

The third heat in the competition for the Boothby-Campbell challenge shield, which carries with it the championship of Montrose, was to have concluded on Saturday evening, but the weather breaking down at the end of the week prevented this, and only two of the ties were played. Great interest centred in that between Mr. J. G. Cobb, the present Champion, who is also holder of the Mercantile Club's cup, and Mr. James Findlay, who tied with Mr. Keillor, an ex-champion, in the semi-final for the cup last week. The match was played on Saturday evening, and notwithstanding the rain, there was a large crowd of spectators. The first six holes were halved, and the seventh went to Mr. Cobb. The match continued close until in the field holes Mr. Cobb increased his lead, and eventually won the match by three up with one to play. The other tie resulted in Mr. J. Hampton beating Mr. J. Wyllie.

The seventh of the series of weekly competitions of the Arbroath Club took place on the Elliot course on Saturday, and resulted:—Mr. R. James Laing (one below), 4 points; 2 and 3 (tie), Mr. W. Board and Mr. R. Guthrie (number), 2½ points each. The only score under 100 was that of Mr. A. Gorrie, 94.

The members of the Broughty Club competed for the Kirk medal and other prizes at Monifieth on Saturday. Best scores:—Mr. William Sim, 89; Mr. D. M. Booth, 93; Mr. David Smyton, 93; Mr. Edward Shield, 94; Mr. Alex. Bowman, 95; Mr. Robert Locke, 96; Mr. J. S. Croudace, 97.

BLAIRGOWRIE.—The Lethendy gold medal, which carries with it the championship of the club for the year, was played for on Saturday. The winner was Mr. R. Gilroy, Dundee, with 84 strokes.

EDINBURGH WARRENDER GOLF CLUB.—This club held their June competition over the Braids for the club gold medal and other prizes. There was a large turn-out of members. The weather was all that could be desired, though owing to the continued drought, the putting greens were very keen. The following are the prize-winners:—1, gold medal, Mr. R. Miller, 83, less 7=76; 2 and 3 (tie), Mr. P. Campbell, 86, less 7=79; Mr. G. Muat, 97, less 18=79; 4, 5, and 6 (tie), Mr. G. Campbell, 104, less 24=80; Mr. M. H. Menzies, 95, less 15=80; Mr. J. Steel, 91, less 11=80; 7, 8, 9 (tie), Mr. J. Frater, 93, less 12=81; Mr. A. Sinclair, 95, less 14=81; Mr. J. Coutie, 99, less 18=81.

HEATON MOOR GOLF CLUB.

A "Bogey" handicap, was recently held which resulted in Mr. Hy. Hyslop being declared the winner, taking both first and second place, and beating "Bogey" by 3 holes, and 2 holes respectively. Mr. Hyslop in one round made a record for the 9 holes of 36. "Bogey's" score was 42.

The monthly competition was played on Saturday, 17th. The afternoon was extremely hot, and the majority of the members thought it advisable to play in the evening, Mr. Yates and Mr. Thomson tied for first place with 79 net. They have since played off the tie, when Mr. Yates proved the winner. The following were the twelve best scores returned:—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Geo. Yates ...	100 25 75	Mr. T. W. Taylor ...	105 20 85
Mr. S. J. Thomson ...	109 20 89	Mr. W. H. Mann ...	110 25 85
Mr. J. F. Walker ...	106 25 81	Mr. E. Watkin ...	110 25 85
Mr. G. J. Webb ...	103 20 83	Mr. J. Penrose ...	118 30 88
Mr. J. Spilsbury ...	98 15 83	Mr. S. Marsden ...	94 5 89
Mr. H. Hyslop ...	85 scr. 85	Mr. J. Stirling ...	107 15 92

HUDDERSFIELD v. SHEFFIELD.

On Wednesday, 21st, Huddersfield took a team to Shireoaks to play the return match with Sheffield. The visitors expected to win, even with a weakened team, but they were not prepared for the heavy beating which they actually administered. Mr. Harold Crosland again played an excellent game, and lowered the amateur record for the nine holes to 46. Mr. Learoyd also beat the previous record with a 48. Most of the others played well up to their form. The score stood:—

HUDDERSFIELD.		SHEFFIELD.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. A. E. Learoyd ...	... 4	Mr. H. W. Leader ...	... 0
Mr. H. Crosland ...	... 7	Mr. C. B. Hemingway ...	... 0
Mr. A. L. Woodhead ...	... 1	Dr. W. S. Kay ...	... 0
Mr. J. H. Exley ...	... 0	Mr. W. L. Ruxton ...	... 0
Mr. C. B. Knight ...	... 14	Mr. R. Smith ...	... 0
Mr. W. England 3	Mr. G. Young 0
Mr. E. W. Hirst 12	Mr. T. R. Lockwood 0
Mr. J. Tatham 8	Mr. R. Leader 0
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	49		0

A most excellent supper was given to the visitors, and concluded a very pleasant day.

The monthly competition was played against "Bogey" on Saturday, and brought out a large field in both classes. Fourteen entered for the first, and twenty-four for the second. In the first class Mr. A. E. Learoyd led well, whilst in the second Mr. E. D. Holmes scored a very easy win. First class returns:—Mr. A. E. Learoyd (3), 3 up; Mr. E. Woodhead (12), 1 up; Mr. J. H. Exley (11), 1 up; Mr. E. T. Woodhead (12), all square; Mr. C. B. Knight (10), 1 down; Mr. H. T. Crosland (scratch), 3 down; Mr. W. England (10), 10 down.

Second class returns.—Mr. E. D. Holmes (19), 6 up; Mr. B. P. Allen (15), 1 down; Mr. J. Shaw-Grant (16), 1 down; Mr. Frank Huth (20), 1 down; Mr. T. G. Beaumont (21), 2 down; Mr. N. Nugent (15), 3 down; Mr. J. L. Robinson (15), 3 down; Mr. G. H. Edgecumbe (19), 3 down; Mr. A. W. Reith (20), 3 down; Mr. T. B. Keighley (17), 5 down; Mr. J. W. Kenyon (23), 7 down; Mr. F. A. Brooke (27) 7 down; Mr. J. D. Faulder (27), 7 down; Mr. L. Middlemost (20), 8 down; Mr. T. B. Watkinson (21), 8 down; Mr. R. Nelson (21), 9 down; Mr. I. Hordern (27), 9 down.

LEASOWE GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, the 24th, there was an entry of thirty-four competitors for a cup presented by two of the members. The competition was under handicap against "Colonel Bogey," but the high blustering wind which prevailed on Saturday was all in favour of the "Colonel," and gave his opponents but little chance, the eventual winner being 3 down on the eighteen holes. Messrs. John Ball (2) plus 1, and W. A. Bratton (9) tied for first place, but in playing off Mr. Ball rather easily disposed of his opponent's chance of carrying off the prize. The following are the best returns:—Mr. John Ball (2) plus 1, 3 down (won the cup); Mr. W. A. Bratton (9) 3 down (won first sweepstake); Mr. John Ball, junr., plus 6, 4 down, and Mr. Charles Roberts (3) 4 down (divided second and third sweepstakes); Mr. F. M. Preston (13) 6 down; Mr. E. B. Higgins (18), 6 down; Mr. C. H. Smith (4) 8 down; Mr. J. P. Carr (13) 6 down; Mr. J. T. Darby (20) 10 down.

ROYAL WEST NORFOLK GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal was played for over the Brancaster links on Saturday. There was quite a gale in the morning, and only ten players competed. Mr. G. B. Shirres, 116, less 24=92 was first, and Mr. Holcombe Ingleby, 106, less 10=96, second. The remaining players were over 100.

LITTLEHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competitions took place on Thursday and Friday, June 22nd and 23rd, a boisterous wind blowing on both days. Result.—Mr. Goff's medal :—Mr. A. J. Constable, 94, less 9=85; Mr. E. C. R. Goff, 93, less 6=87; Mr. C. Farmer, 100, less 7=93. Several players made no return. Sweepstake :—Mr. E. C. R. Goff, 92, less 6=86; Mr. A. J. Constable, 103, less 9=94. No return from several players. The captain's cup :—Mr. A. Holmes, 98, less 10=88; Mr. C. Farmer, 100, less 7=93. Other players made no return.

MID SURREY GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, June 17th.—Senior medal.—Mr. C. A. Gosnell, 97, less 15=82, winner of senior medal and sweepstake; Mr. A. L. Jockel, 95, less 2=93, best gross score; Mr. S. Scott, 106, less 12=94; Mr. W. P. Bowyer, 109, less 14=95.

Junior medal.—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. H. R. Morrison	101	27	74	Mr. W. W. Dymond	106	20	86
Mr. A. Puzey	103	27	76	Mr. F. H. Baxter	114	27	87
Mr. F. M. Ogilvy	105	25	80	Mr. H. Tomlinson	120	30	90
Mr. G. W. Carr	111	27	84	Mr. J. Hamilton	126	36	90
Mr. L. W. Evans	104	20	84	Mr. J. H. S. Lawton	123	33	90
Mr. J. J. Bithell	111	27	84	Mr. H. S. Thompson	128	36	92
Mr. W. J. Bowyer	114	30	84	Mr. C. C. Sutch	130	36	94
Mr. E. F. C. Trench	108	23	85	Mr. H. Edenborough	117	23	94
Mr. J. T. Hazeon	112	27	85	Mr. W. Wallington	123	27	96
Mr. F. R. Leftwich	122	36	86	Mr. F. E. Gripper	120	23	97
Mr. A. Jenner	111	25	86				

* Winner of junior medal and sweepstakes.

NOTTS v. LEICESTER.

Played on Bulwell Forest, on the 22nd inst., and resulted in a win for Notts by 52 holes. The Leicester men were unfortunate in being without some of their best players.

LEICESTER.		NOTTS.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. C. E. Marriott	... 1	Mr. J. C. Warren	... 0
Mr. H. N. B. Richardson	... 0	Mr. J. Doleman	... 12
Mr. C. J. Hare	... 0	Mr. J. McMeeking	... 9
Mr. C. J. Billson	... 0	Mr. J. Hall	... 11
Mr. H. L. Goddard	... 0	Mr. J. Johnstone	... 9
Dr. F. M. Pope	... 0	Mr. C. B. Edwards	... 4
Mr. R. E. S. Richardson	... 0	Mr. E. A. Coutts	... 8
	I		53

Majority for Notts, 52 holes.

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the midsummer scratch medal took place on Saturday last, and resulted in the victory of Mr. Ireland. A round for the silver iron aggregate was also played, with the result shown below :—Mr. A. H. Eve, 98, less 16=82; Mr. G. H. Emmet, 96, less 12=84; Mr. T. H. D. Berridge, 102, less 18=84; Mr. W. B. Avery, 101, less 16=85; Mr. E. Pinkerton, 99, less 13=86; Mr. F. S. Ireland (scratch), 91, winner; Mr. C. H. Frew, 107, less 15=92. The other players made no returns.

ROYAL COUNTY GOLF CLUB, PORTRUSH.

The Midsummer competitions of this Club took place on the 17th, 19th, and 20th inst. On the opening day the M^cCalmont cup, for members of this Club only, was competed for in heats and by holes, under handicap. The entries were not quite so numerous as on former occasions. Owing to the drought the greens, though swift, were hard and uneven, which, combined with the abnormal heat, rendered good play more than ordinarily difficult. Mr. Thomas Johnston, Prestwick, was the winner of the cup and memento prize, the runner-up being Mr. James Young, a local player. Details :—

First Heat.—Mr. J. S. G. Ussher (5), a bye; Mr. A. D. Gaussen (2) beat Mr. C. J. Webb (7); Mr. J. R. Eccles (5) beat Mr. M. Sinton (9); Mr. T. Dickson (scratch) beat Mr. H. W. Kinley (9); Mr. J. N. Hamilton (9), a bye; Dr. Claxton (8) beat Mr. J. S. Moore (9).

Second Heat.—Mr. Gaussen beat Mr. Ussher; Mr. Dickson beat Mr. Eccles; Dr. Claxton beat Mr. Hamilton; Mr. James Young (3), a bye; Mr. Thomas Johnston (3) beat Mr. J. R. M^cDonald (4); Mr. J. S. Alexander (5) beat Mr. James Keyden (7); Mr. John Patrick (7) beat Dr. M^cNeece (8); Mr. R. A. Taylor (4) beat Mr. Claude Brownlow (7).

Third Heat.—Mr. Gaussen beat Mr. Dickson; Mr. Young beat

Dr. Claxton; Mr. Johnston beat Mr. Alexander; Mr. Patrick beat Mr. Taylor.

Semi-Final.—Mr. Young beat Mr. Gaussen; Mr. Johnston beat Mr. Patrick.

Final.—Mr. Johnston beat Mr. Young.

In the evening the annual meeting of the members was held in the club-house, the outgoing captain, Colonel G. Beresford Knox, presiding. The report, which was submitted by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. M. Russell), was a most satisfactory one. Although started only five years ago, the club now numbers 500 members, and has, besides, a ladies' branch, with a roll of 150 members. To the fine new club-house an additional wing has just been built at a cost of £800, providing a billiard room and other accommodation. The total receipts during the year amounted to £1,324. Capt. M^cCalmont, M.P., and Capt. Gage, Resident Magistrate, were re-elected members of the council, while Dr. J. H. Carson and Mr. J. S. Exham were re-elected in room of the late Capt. Montgomery, D.L., and Mr. T. Gilroy, resigned. On the motion of Mr. J. S. Alexander, D.L., seconded by Mr. T. Dickson, a resolution of congratulation to the Duke of York, patron of the club, on the occasion of his marriage, was cordially passed. The outgoing captain nominated as his successor Mr. C. J. Webb, J.P., Randalstown, County Antrim, and the proposal was enthusiastically received. The hon. secretary and the hon. treasurer (Mr. H. A. Macaulay) were then unanimously elected, and votes of thanks were passed to them, and also to Colonel Knox, for their services. The meeting approved of the action of the council in raising the entrance-fee from three to five guineas. An open stroke competition was held on the 19th, the first prize being won by Professor M^cMaster, Derry, and the second by Mr. James Stewart, of the same city. Score :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Prof. M ^c Master	94	15	79	Mr. G. S. Clark	99	8	91
Mr. Jas. Stewart	101	18	83	Mr. J. R. Eccles	107	16	91
Mr. J. R. M ^c Donald	98	12	86	Mr. J. S. Alexander	106	14	92
Mr. A. D. Gaussen	95	7	88	Mr. R. A. Corry	110	18	92
Dr. Carson	106	18	88	Mr. Thos. Dickson	94	scr.	94
Mr. C. R. Topping	99	10	89	Rev. H. Stewart	117	22	95
Mr. E. M ^c Manus	108	18	90	Dr. Claxton	123	24	99

On the same day the twelve winners of the monthly competitions met in the final, when the Club's annual cup was won by Mr. A. B. Stuart, Ballyhivistock, with a score of 99, less 22=77. On the 20th the Corry cup was played for by strokes under handicap, when the best net score was returned by Dr. Claxton, a visitor from Philadelphia, the runner-up being Mr. J. R. Macdonald, J.P.

The annual competition of the Ladies' branch of the club was held on the 24th inst. It was by strokes under handicap, for two prizes, presented by the club. Mrs. Claxton won the first prize, and a tie resulting between Miss G. Graham, Lisburn, and Mrs. Davies, Gloucestershire, these ladies played another round, when Mrs. Davies won with the fine score of 89, less 4=85, Miss Graham's score being 94. Score :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mrs. Claxton	106	28	78	Miss N. Graham	96	2	94
Miss G. Graham	82	scr.	82	Miss Lawson	94	scr.	94
Mrs. Davies	86	4	82	Miss J. Black	118	24	94
Mrs. Clark	85	scr.	85	Mrs. Hamilton	127	30	97
Miss M. Creighton	108	22	86	Mrs. G. Shaw	98	scr.	98
Miss Cox	93	4	89	Miss Hamilton	103	4	99
Mrs. J. M. Russell	95	4	91	Miss Garrett	99	scr.	99
Mrs. W. H. Mann	116	24	92	Miss Brooks	110	10	100
Miss Davies	118	25	93				

ROYAL EPPING FOREST GOLF CLUB.

Gordon cup, captain's prize, and monthly medal, played for at Chingford on Saturday, 24th June, with the following result :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. G. H. Swinstead	94	12	82	Mr. J. E. Shaw	99	8	91
Mr. C. J. Fox	100	16	84	Mr. A. Lindley	107	16	91
Mr. S. Kemp	95	10	85	Mr. T. T. Cowell	102	10	92
Mr. B. G. Fabian	99	14	85	Mr. Geo. Whitley	103	11	92
Mr. J. W. Greig	94	8	86	Mr. H. T. Lindley	103	10	93
Mr. W. H. Boney	104	18	86	Mr. Alf. Kemp	108	15	93
Mr. H. A. Gardom	93	6	87	Mr. Norman Wykes	102	8	94
Mr. J. G. Fowler	96	9	87	Mr. H. W. Horner	108	14	94
Mr. H. Parker	97	9	88	Mr. C. H. Gardom	112	18	94
Mr. J. O. Milledge,				Mr. J. Cleghorn	115	20	95
jun.	103	14	89	Mr. J. D. Patullo	115	18	97
Mr. J. E. Brown	100	10	90	Mr. W. Love	115	18	97
Mr. T. F. Goddard	106	16	90	Mr. A. Greenlees	117	18	99

* Winner.

And others of 100 net and over.

ROYAL EASTBOURNE GOLF CLUB.

The medal competition for the month of June took place on Saturday, 24th inst. There was a strong south-west wind blowing all day. Only twenty-two members played, and those who sent in cards are given below:—Rev. H. Salwey, 101, less 18=83 (wins monthly medal); Mr. C. Lethbridge, 100, less 16=84 (two-third sweepstake); Mr. G. Gardner, 90, less 5=85 (one-third sweepstake); Mr. T. E. Blundell, 104, less 18=86; Mr. A. M. S. Graeme, 107, less 17=90; Mr. A. Smith, 107, less 12=95; Col. J. Fitzgerald, 107, less 11=96; Mr. W. S. Sheldon, 106, less 7=99.

ROYAL NORTH DEVON GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal.—Mr. B. James, 103, less 20=83; Mr. T. G. J. Heathcote, 88, less 2=86; Mr. G. E. Wrey, 102, less 13=89; Mr. A. R. Law, 103, less 12=91; Mr. P. Winterscale, 98, less 3=95; Mr. J. J. Harding, 99, less 2=97; Rev. J. Eustace, 110, less 11=99; Major A. Wise, 113, less 12=101; Lieut.-Col. Gubbins, 115, less 12=103. No return from other players. A strong wind was blowing, and, owing to the drought, which still continues, the course was very different from that usually played.

ROYAL WIMBLEDON GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap challenge medal, June 24th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. D. F. Park ...	95	18	77	Dr. A. A. Common	98	10	88
Mr. H. Seton-Karr	88	10	78	Mr. W. P. Crane	98	10	88
Mr. W. R. Portal ..	100	20	80	Mr. J. R. Dunlop Hill	100	12	88
Mr. J. H. Nelson ...	91	10	81	Mr. H. C. Archer ...	104	16	88
Mr. H. T. Wright ...	91	9	82	Mr. E. Webb ...	106	18	88
Mr. J. M. Henderson	87	4	83	Mr. M. Friend ...	93	4	89
Mr. J. M. Kerr ...	92	9	83	Mr. E. A. Walker ...	93	4	89
Rev. H. W. Hussey	99	16	83	Mr. J. D. Charrington	95	6	89
Mr. W. Rutherford	91	7	84	Mr. J. A. Burrell ...	99	10	89
Mr. A. Davidson ..	94	10	84	Major J. Alexander	107	18	89
Mr. W. L. Purves ...	85	scr.	85	Mr. W. Bazalgette ...	93	3	90
Mr. G. Nicol ...	89	4	85	Mr. F. J. Walker ...	95	5	90
Col. Van Heythuy-				Mr. E. F. De Zoete	108	18	90
sen ...	101	16	85	Mr. H. P. Cumming	97	6	91
Hon. Ivo Bligh ...	88	2	86	Mr. H. W. Horne ...	99	8	91
Mr. F. Baden Powell	104	18	86	Mr. F. A. Wallroth	103	12	91
Mr. A. Denman ...	89	2	87	Mr. A. Fell ...	109	18	91
Mr. I. H. Driver ...	96	9	87	Mr. C. F. Grundtvig	110	18	92
Mr. N. Lubbock ...	97	10	87	Mr. N. R. Foster ...	91	+2	93
Mr. J. W. Potter ...	103	16	87	Mr. G. Humphreys ...	108	15	93
Mr. R. Thomson ...	93	5	88	Mr. F. S. Creswell ...	112	15	97
Mr. A. E. Peat ...	95	7	88	Mr. Jas. Anderson ...	123	no hcp.	
Mr. J. L. Ridpath ...	97	9	88				

No returns from seventeen players.

WARWICKSHIRE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A competition for the monthly club challenge prize. A match by strokes under handicap. Scores:—Miss Gem, 94, less 17=77; Miss Nelson, 95, less 15=80; Miss O. S. Baly, 92, less 4=88; Miss E. P. Baly, 97, less 8=89; Miss Child, 105, scratch; Miss Humphreys, 130, less 6=124. Miss Mather and Miss Bonner made no returns.

On Saturday, June 17th, only four competitors appeared to play for the monthly silver challenge medal. First round.—Mrs. Caulfeild Stoker beat Miss Mather; Miss Saunders beat Miss Humphreys. Second round.—Mrs. Caulfeild Stoker beat Miss Saunders.

A purse, presented by the Countess of Warwick, was played for during the week, June 10th to 17th. The winner was to be the competitor who could send in the three lowest scores under handicap. Miss O. S. Baly, 78, 83, 84 (12)=233; Miss G. P. Baly, 83, 86, 88 (24)=233; Miss Gem, 88, 88, 94 (30)=234; Miss Nelson, 92, 96, 97 (39)=246. Mrs. Smith, Mrs. C. Stoker, Miss Humphreys, Miss N. Saunders, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Moore, and the Hon. Mrs. R. H. Lyttelton retired.

WEST CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

The first of a series of competitions, under handicap, was played on Saturday, 24th, with the following result:—Mr. John Rogers, 91, less 22=69; Capt. Savage, 118, less 42=76; Mr. R. Fox, 99, less 22=77; Mr. R. F. Tyacke, 107, less 18=89; Mr. A. Lang, 113, less 21=92; Mr. M. Norsworthy, 123, less 27=96. Played, but did not compete, Mr. H. Chappel, 115, less 44=71. Messrs. J. Mudge, F. H. Harvey, and W. Pike made no return.

“SCOTSMAN” CLUB.—The monthly medal of this club was played for yesterday on the Braids, and resulted in a tie between Mr. I. Mercer, 95, less 7=88; and Mr. J. Wheelans, 103, less 15=88.

WIMBLEDON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, 24th June, a “Bogey” competition in two classes was held. The prize for the first class being kindly given by Lady Clayton and Mrs. G. Banbury, the second class by the ladies' committee. Result as follows:—First class.—Miss G. Tec, 2 down to “Bogey”; Mrs. Alex. King, 3 down; Miss H. Frere, 3 down; Miss Hassard Short, 4 down; the rest were over 4 down.

Second class.—Miss E. P. Horne, playing a good steady game, was 3 up from “Bogey”; Mrs. Chetwynd Slaplyton halved her match.

The competition for the putting prize kindly given by Miss A. Tyrwhitt Drake was won by Mrs. Noreman Foster.

The special general meeting, summoned to consider the proposed alterations in the rules and constitution of the club, as set out in the agenda paper sent to each member and associate, was held at 5 o'clock, and was attended by about ninety members and associates. Mr. Gabriel Moran, who was elected Chairman, proceeded to explain the resolutions to be proposed. After an animated discussion various alterations were made in the rules and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the retiring hon. sec. and committee, and to the chairman for presiding.

WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.

OPEN AMATEUR COMPETITION.

The open amateur competition for a fifty guinea prize, which is to become the property of the winner, if won twice in four years, was played on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 20th, 21st, and 22nd inst., over the West Herts course at Bushey. On Tuesday the play was by score, and Mr. Hilton headed the list with a very fine 74, which is the record for the holes as they now stand, and this, after being badly placed against the hurdles at the seventh hole. His approaches and putting were especially admirable. The course was very difficult, and the putting greens tricky on account of the long drought, which accounts for such well-known players as Mr. Garden Smith and Mr. Lehmann returning scores of over 90. Five players were left in to contend for the cup by match play. These were Mr. Hilton, 74; Mr. Willoughby Graham, 89; Mr. J. Pearson, 90; Mr. R. S. Clouston, 90; and Mr. C. S. Broadwood, 91. In the draw Mr. Broadwood got the bye, Mr. Hilton playing Mr. Pearson, and Mr. W. Graham Mr. Clouston. On Tuesday morning Mr. Hilton won from Mr. Pearson by 6 up and 4 to play; in the afternoon from Mr. Broadwood by 6 up and 5 to play. Mr. W. Graham beat Mr. Clouston at the last hole by 2 up, thus being left in to play Mr. Hilton for the final. This match of thirty-six holes was played on Thursday. Mr. Graham, who has never before been pitted against a player of the first rank, was not looked upon as likely to give much difficulty to the champion in securing the match. A crowd of spectators followed, chiefly to see Mr. Hilton's play, and they were rewarded by witnessing a very close and exciting up and down game. At the eighth hole Mr. Graham was 2 up, but the champion reduced this in the return half, and stood 2 up on the first 18 holes. In the second round the lead was gradually increased to 5 up and 7 to play, which seemed to make the match an absolute certainty for Mr. Hilton. Mr. Graham, however, did not lose his nerve, and by faultless play won hole after hole. He had the bad luck to break his brassy at the fourteenth hole, and this proved disastrous to him, for taking another club at the sixteenth he drew into the long grass, and only managed to secure a half by an exceptionally fine niblick shot. This left Mr. Hilton dormy two, but getting into the ditch at the seventeenth hole, and failing to get out in three, he gave up the hole, making the game dormy one. At the last hole Mr. Graham again felt the want of his brassy, for taking his driver, he over-drove the hole and lay badly close to the fence. Mr. Hilton's approach was rather strong, but caught the flag, and lay dead. This deprived Mr. Graham of any chance of the hole, and he lost the match by 2 up.

Some interesting matches were played during the meeting, notably a three-ball match between Mr. Hilton, Mr. Garden Smith, and Charles Thom, the West Herts professional, in which Thom was 5 up with Mr. Hilton, and 8 up with Mr. Smith, Mr. Hilton being 4 up with Mr. Smith. The scores were:—Thom: Out, 4 4 4 6 4 4 4 3=37; in, 4 5 3 5 6 4 5 4 3=39; total, 76. Mr. Hilton: Out, 3 5 4 4 4 5 5 4=38; in, 5 4 4 5 6 4 6 4 4=42; total, 80. Mr. Smith: Out, 5 5 5 3 4 5 5 5 5=42; in, 6 4 3 5 7 5 5 5 3=43; total, 85.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.—The fourth “Bogey” competition took place at Seaton on Saturday, when Mr. O. K. Trechmann succeeded in beating “Bogey” by four holes. Scores:—Mr. O. K. Trechmann, 4 up; Mr. F. W. Purvis, 3 up; Mr. George Pyman, 2 up; Mr. Chas. Cooper, even; Mr. W. Purves, 1 down; Mr. C. J. Bunting, 1 down; Mr. W. Ropner, 3 down; Mr. W. Somerville Woodiwis, 5 down; Mr. E. W. Walker, 6 down; Mr. E. Harris, 9 down. Kay (the professional) last week succeeded in reducing the record of the green to the wonderfully low score of 68, made up as follows:—4 4 3 3 5 5 3 5 4 4 4 4 3 3 3 4 4 3.

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WEST LANCASHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The third competition for the monthly medal and optional subscription prizes of the West Lancashire Golf Club took place on Saturday on the links at Hall Road, Blundellslands, near Liverpool.

Gross Hcp.	Net.	Gross Hcp.	Net.
Mr. D. H. Greenwood	90 10 80	Mr. M. Rollo	99 9 90
Mr. H. K. Leyborn	99 16 83	Mr. W. Scowcroft	102 12 90
Mr. R. Goold	87 3 84	Mr. W. Buckley	106 16 90
Mr. E. C. Edgecombe	95 10 85	Mr. A. M. Sing	120 30 90
Mr. J. N. P. Newton	100 15 85	Mr. W. S. Taylor	96 5 91
Mr. H. C. Reynolds	104 18 86	Mr. R. K. Waddell	101 10 91
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A win in for the Sheldermine prize, open to the members receiving over 15 strokes in the handicap, was won by Mr. H. C. Reynolds with 101, less 18=83. The final round in the tournament, for the prize presented by Mr. Thomas Job, took place on Saturday between Mr. W. Stringer, receiving 7, and Mr. A. G. Rankine, receiving 4. The game, which was followed by a large crowd, was of an interesting character throughout, and was won by Mr. Stringer, 2 up. The sweepstakes were divided between Messrs. H. H. Hilton and J. Fairclough, Mr. Rankine not having entered. The tournament has extended over the months of May and June, and the entries numbered 130.

ALNMOUTH CLUB.—On Saturday afternoon, the fifth competition for the monthly subscription cup played for annually by the members of this popular Golf club was brought to a highly successful termination on the links at Alnmouth. Mr. E. Hunter, 91, less 8=88; Mr. J. Robertson, 92, less 6=86; Mr. C. M. Bell, 100, less 13=87; Mr. A. H. Marsh, 99, less 12=87; Mr. J. H. Purvis, 100, less 12=88; Mr. J. W. Walters, 106 less 18=88; Mr. T. Tate, 96, less 7=89; Mr. C. A. Ridley, scratch, 89; Mr. W. E. Nicholson, 104, less 14=90; Mr. G. F. Charlton, 95, less 5=90; Mr. J. F. Morrison, 104, less 14=90; Mr. F. W. Wyndham, 103, less 13=90; Mr. J. Lowrie, 100, less 9=91; Mr. T. L. M. Orde, 96, less 4=92; Mr. J. L. Oliver, 101, less 9=92; Mr. W. Frazer, 111, less 18=93; Mr. C. H. Stanton, jun., 95, less 2=93; Mr. A. Wilson, 103, less 10=93; Mr. J. Milton, 99, less 5=94; Mr. W. R. Heatley, 110, less 14=96; Mr. R. T. Thomson, scratch, 96; Mr. J. E. Davidson, 110, less 14=96; Mr. T. A. Hutton, 107, less 10=97; Mr. M. P. Ismay, 106, less 8=93; Mr. H. E. Brown, 101, less 3=98; Mr. R. C. Jervis, 106, less 7=99; Mr. W. P. Cochrane, 118, less 18=100; Mr. H. H. Blair, 111, less 10=101; Mr. J. de C. Paynter, scratch, 103. Mr. Wm. Smith, Mr. G. W. Walters, and Dr. Allan Wilson made no returns.

SOUTHOLD GOLF CLUB.—The quarterly challenge medal was competed for on Saturday, the 24th inst., when the following scores were made:—Mr. W. Whytock, 87; Mr. A. R. Grubbe, 90; Mr. J. B. Gooding, 93; Mr. S. W. Woollett, 96; Mr. A. C. Herbert, 97. Messrs. A. A. Hannay, C. J. Waller, and D. R. Gooding were above 100, or made no return.

ILKLEY CLUB.—The monthly medal of this club was played for on the Ilkley links on Saturday. Mr. W. M. Barwick, 101, less 20=81; Mr. E. A. Wild, 96, less 8=88; Mr. W. H. Scott, 107, less 14=93; Mr. T. K. Hattersley, 120, less 27=93; Mr. J. Cooper Shaw, 102, less 8=94; Mr. A. B. Wild, 103, less 8=95; Mr. F. R. Kidson, 121, less 23=98; Mr. H. Bramham, 107, less 8=99; Dr. MacDowall, 115, less 15=100; Mr. P. N. Lee, 113, less 8=105; Mr. T. K. Empsall, 128, less 22=106.

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R. AND R. CLARK CLUB (EDINBURGH).—The semi-final in the Kirkwood prize tournament was played at Musselburgh on Saturday. During the week Messrs. Smith and Izzett won in the undecided ties of the previous round. Result of Saturday's play:—Mr. J. M. Steel beat Mr. A. J. Gillies; Mr. T. Izzett beat Mr. D. Smith. The losers receive club prizes.

EDINBURGH THISTLE CLUB.—This club met on Saturday, at the Braid Hills, to play for their monthly trophy. Twenty players started, with the result that Mr. J. W. Barclay won the trophy for a second time, with the score of 91, less 15=76. The above club also played the fourth round in the Thistle cup tournament, which resulted as follows:—Mr. J. Nelson beat Mr. D. Grant; Mr. J. W. Barclay beat Mr. J. Grant, after a tie; Mr. J. Hutchinson beat Mr. J. Bell; Mr. R. S. Thomson beat Mr. D. Plenderleith.

KING'S NORTON GOLF CLUB.—Monthly medal competition, played on June 24th. Scores:—Mr. A. S. Colls (winner), 86, less 7=79; Mr. J. J. Tomson, 101, less 14=87; Mr. E. P. Wright, 99, less 5=94; Dr. G. H. Hart, 113, less 18=95; Mr. A. Milward, 115, less 20=95; Mr. A. D. Charles, 125, less 30=95. Two other players made no return.

TROON.—The Sandhills monthly gold medal competition took place on the Troon golf links on Saturday. The following was the result:—1st, Mr. Andrew Fraser, 103, less 24=79; 2nd, Mr. J. A. Macfayden, 105, less 24=81; 3rd, Mr. John Sturrock, 106, less 24=82; 4th, Mr. Robert Dickie, 100, less 18=82; 5th, Mr. Thomas Service, 100, less 16=84; 6th, Mr. Herbert W. Mackie, 99, less 14=85.

MORTONHALL CLUB (EDINBURGH).—The tie between Captain Duncan M'Laren and Mr. W. C. Sturrock for Colonel Trotter's scratch trophy was decided on Saturday afternoon, two rounds of the old nine-hole course being played. The result was a win for the Captain with the excellent score of 85, as against Mr. Sturrock's 91.

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.—The annual summer medal meeting of this club was held over the North Berwick Links on Saturday, in favourable weather, about twenty players being engaged. Mr. C. Morrison proved the winner of the scratch medal, along with which went the handsome prize of the captain (Mr. C. L. Blaikie), with the splendid score of 79. In merit order, Mr. G. Napier was second with 80. Mr. Napier carried off the first handicap award—the challenge cup and Dr. Argyll Robertson's prize—with a net figure of 74=80, less 6. Mr. R. Park secured the second allowance award with 81, less 6=75, and Mr. C. F. Scott the third, with 90, less 10=80.

LEVEN.—On Saturday the members of the Thistle Club competed for the Baird cup. Results:—Mr. James Wilkie, 80; Mr. William Marshall, 82; Mr. J. Kinnell, 84; Mr. J. T. Ireland, 87; Mr. R. Chalmers, 88; Mr. J. Blackie, 89; Mr. D. A. Robertson, 90; Mr. B. Houston, 90. The first sweepstake fell to Mr. Kinnell at 84, less 5=79; next, Mr. James Wilkie (scratch), 80; Mr. William Marshall, 82; Mr. D. A. Robertson, 90, less 8=82; Mr. R. Houston, 90, less 8=82. There was a good turn-out—thirty-four couples took part.

LEVEN LADIES' CLUB.—This club held a competition for prizes on Saturday. In the ladies' singles Miss Kofod gained the first prize at 106, less 8=98; second, Miss Williamson, 113, less 14=99; Misses C. and May Wilkie tied for the third prize at 103, less 2=101, and (scratch) 101 respectively. Mixed doubles:—In this competition fourteen couples took part, and the first prize was gained by Miss Marjory Wilkie and Mr. James Bell at (scratch) 84; second, Miss M. R. Wilkie and Mr. Blackstock, 92, less 4=88; Miss Wallace (Dunipace) and Mr. John MacGibbon, 96, less 6=90, and Mrs. Shepherd and Mr. Inglis, 98, less 8=90, tied for the third place.

PRESTWICK.—The annual match between the Glasgow and St. Nicholas Clubs was played at Gables on Saturday. Result:—Glasgow, 29 holes; St. Nicholas, 19. The members of Prestwick Golf Club competed for the June handicap gold medal, fifteen couples starting on the round of eighteen holes. The best score was that of James M. Glen, 92, less 8=84.

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY CLUB.—Mr. C. W. M. Blake tied for the monthly medal of this club on Saturday with the score of 73 (35 and 38), plus 3=76; Mr. W. Moodie, with 84, less 8, handing in a similar result.

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.—The rain of the past few days had much improved this club's course, when on Saturday the monthly cup was played for in stormy weather. Chief returns:—Mr. H. Garnett, 95, less 16=79; Mr. H. T. Hickman, 99, less 20=79; Mr. T. Brown, 94, less 11=83; Mr. G. G., 95, less 12=83; Mr. C. T. Richardson, 100, less 14=86; Mr. C. E. G. Hatherell, 109, less 22=87; Mr. C. Humphries, 105, less 18=87; Mr. J. Gibb, 109, less 20=89; Mr. F. C. Hunter Blair, 96, less 6=90; Mr. A. F. H. Dyson, 111, less 20=91.

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