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1893. MARCH.

- Mar. 11.—Sutton Coldfield : Monthly Medal.
Richmond v. Ashley Park (at Walton).
Warwickshire : Two Challenge Cups.
Royal Isle of Wight : Monthly Medal.
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
Southport : Monthly Medal.
Weston-Super-Mare Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Crookham : "Bogey" Competition.
Guildford : Monthly Medal.
Birkdale : Mr. Crowther's Prize.
Wilmslow : Monthly Medal.
Cumbrae : Monthly Competition.
Manchester : Monthly Medal.
Leasowe : Monthly Medal.
Buxton and High Peak : Fortnightly Medal.
Wimbledon Ladies : Mixed Foursomes.
Hyères : Weekly Handicap.
Chester : Mr. Hayes' Prize.
- Mar. 13.—Cumbrae Ladies : Monthly Competition.
- Mar. 14.—West Cornwall : Competition between Winners of Ladies' Winter Series.
- Mar. 15.—Sheffield and District : Captain's Cup.
Southport : Entries for Haslam Prize close.
Durham : Members' Handicap Competition.
- Mar. 16.—Tyneside : Monthly Medal (Final).
Royal Blackheath : Graham Prize.
- Mar. 18.—Wimbledon Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Mid-Surrey : Monthly Medal.
Royal Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Disley : Winter Silver Medal.
Ranelagh : Monthly Medal.
Ealing : Monthly Medal.

- Mar. 18.—Guildford v. Ascot (at Ascot).
Seaford : Monthly Medal.
Birkdale : Pearson's Prize.
Willesden : Club Silver Medal.
Manchester : Captain's Prizes.
Aldeburgh v. Sutton Coldfield (at Kenilworth).
Formby : Monthly Competition.
Headingley : Monthly Medal.
Kenilworth v. Sutton Coldfield (at Kenilworth).
Woodford : Quarterly Medal.
Hyères : Weekly Handicap.
- Mar. 21.—Birkdale : Captain's Ladies' Prize.
- Mar. 20 to 25.—Blackheath Ladies' : Spring Meeting.
- Mar. 22.—Morecambe and Heysham : Club Competition.
Durham : Sweep Competition.
Edinburgh Institution (F.P.) : Opening Meeting at Musselburgh.
- Mar. 24.—Littlehampton : Mr. Goff's Medal.
- Mar. 25.—Huddersfield : Monthly Competition.
Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.
Warwickshire : Monthly Cup.
Cheadle v. Macclesfield (at Cheadle).
Royal Dublin : Lumsden Medal.
Taplow : Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove : De Worms Challenge Cup.
Royal West Norfolk : Monthly Medal.
Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Weston-Super-Mare : Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest : Quarterly Medal ; Gordon Cup ; Monthly Medal.
Islay : Monthly Medal.
Sidcup : Monthly Medal.
Crookham : Monthly Medal.
Dewsbury : Monthly Medal.
Guildford v. Winchester (at Guildford).
Birkdale : Captain's Cup.
Dumfries and Galloway : Monthly Medal.
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.
Kenilworth v. Leamington (at Campion Hills).
Hyères : Weekly Handicap.
Chester : Monthly Competition.
West Cornwall : Monthly Medal.
Littlehampton : Club Sweepstake.
- Mar. 28.—Whitley : Joicey Cup.
- Mar. 29.—Morecambe and Heysham Ladies : Club Competition.
Birkdale : Easter Meeting.
Kenilworth v. Arden (at Solihull).
- Mar. 30.—Nottingham : Monthly Medal.
Royal Guernsey : Monthly Medal.
Southport : Spring Meeting.

APRIL.

- April 1.—Woodford : Captain's Prize, and Monthly Medal.
Southport : Annual Dinner.
Brighton and Hove : Berens Gold Medal.
Richmond : Monthly Medal.
Royal Isle of Wight : "Bogey" Tournament for Club Prize.
Bowdon : Monthly Medal.

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LEAVES FROM MR. ROBERT CHAMBERS'S SCRAP-BOOK.

II.

FORMATION OF A GOLF CLUB AT HOYLAKE (1869).

Extract from a Contemporary Account of the Opening Day.

"On Saturday the usual quietude of Hoylake was broken by two events out of the common run of amusements. . . . The Scottish national game of Golf was played for the first time on ground which, should the club prosper, will soon become the central attraction to our townsmen from "North of the Tweed" when out for an afternoon's recreation.

"Commencing an account of the doings of the golfers first, it may be premised that many previous efforts have been made by the Scottish residents in Liverpool to form a Golf Club, but owing to the difficulty of obtaining a suitable *link*—the technical term for the golfing ground—they have hitherto been unsuccessful. Golf is played with a *series* of clubs, the shafts of which are made of hickory, and the heads of harder wood, faced with horn, and (to add to their weight) *backed with iron*. The object of the players—of whom there are generally two on one side, against an equal number on the other—is to drive their ball from one hole to another round the course in as few strokes as possible. . . .

"The 'shots' are made with great deliberation. After delivering their balls, the players, accompanied by their friends, lounge to the place where they have alighted, beguiling the distance by chatting and smoking, and open to enjoy the scenery by which they may be surrounded. It rarely happens that two similar blows are dealt during the game, calculation of force, windage, &c., having all been taken into account. The ground was laid out under the direction of George Morris, of St. Andrews, the brother (? uncle) of Tom Morris, the professional Champion, the holes being placed in positions to call out 'science' in avoiding ponds and awkward banks. Mr. Robert Chambers, of Edinburgh, son of the eminent publisher, and evidently an ardent lover of the game, as well as one of its distinguished amateurs (he being an ex-Champion), and George Morris, the professional, led off the ball, and, after going the round, pronounced themselves highly satisfied with its natural adaptability. A 'foursome' match followed, *i.e.*, two players on each side, Mr. Dun (Warrington) and the professional being pitted against Mr. Chambers and Mr. Leslie, of Liverpool, who is the acting secretary. This match ended in a draw, each side getting the same number of holes. A very interesting match between Mr. Chambers and Mr. Dun concluding the proceedings shortly after six o'clock. Some remarkable instances of skill were shown, one in particular being highly applauded. Mr. Chambers' ball fell, during one of the games, immediately behind a sandbank, a yard or so high, and distant ten or twelve yards from the hole. By an admirably judged blow the ball was driven over the bank, and alighting on the edge rolled clean into the hole. The ladies and gentlemen who watched the play, or took part in it on Saturday, were highly delighted with their afternoon's enjoyment."

The following letters were called forth by an amusing form of reporting Golf matches at one time adopted by a correspondent of the *Field* at Westward Ho. The report objected to was that of a return match between the Army and Navy, played, I think, some time in 1880. The letter signed "Auld Reekie" was written by Mr. Robert Chambers:—

GOLF LETTER FROM WESTWARD HO.

SIR,—A goodly number of the golfing world would be glad to know why your Westward Ho correspondent should be allowed to wield his pen as if it were a driver, to the detriment of good grammar and good taste. Take, for example, his letter in your number of the 9th of November. A player comes forward "with the inner membranes invigorated by a light lunch;" another strikes off "with a regular *swangar* (*sic*) the average accurate parabola which emanates from his club." Then follow "unpretending crumps," "tooth-suckers," "muggers," "sniffers," "snakey-ones," and a mass of detail affecting the characters, disposition, costume, and peculiarity—nay, even the familiar nickname has before now appeared—of each player. Highly interesting no doubt to the small fry of Westward Ho, but not at all interesting to those lovers of Golf who look for the description of a game—not of an individual, and who find life too short to study the slang dictionary before attempting such a column of screeching extravagance and egotism.

HOYLAKE.

SIR,—It is evident that your correspondent "Hoylake" is one of those serious golfers for whom an occasional deviation from the beaten track of reporting hath no charm. He doubtless plays the royal and ancient game as did the magnates of the Scottish metropolis of old—with becoming gravity. He would very probably resent the least attempt at levity or *bonhomie* on the green, as he resents the cheery literary efforts of your unfortunate Westward Ho scribe. I would, however, bespeak patience on the part of "Hoylake." Perhaps the former personage, who no doubt wields a sanctioned pen, may by-and-by draw up a vocabulary of the nomenclature of the West, for the benefit of those who are not privileged to commingle with those doughty knights of the hickory whose prowess he so cunningly describes; and then we, too, may participate in the "fearful joys" of North Devon. But, meanwhile, why grudge him his "unpretending crumps," or his "tooth-suckers," his "muggers" and his "sniffers," or even his "snakey ones," when for aught we uninitiated ones know, these subtle terms may involve contingencies dear to the very souls of our western brethren? Nor, sad to relate, does our interesting *raconteur* get justice even at the hands of his editor. Many a pet phrase gets spoilt in the printing. Thus he is made to "mow," instead of to "move;" and, sadder still, his "swingers" are turned into "swangers." Intent upon divesting Golf reports of anything like personalities, "Hoylake" would keep us within the hard-and-fast line, reporting dry details, and perhaps nothing more. He would, I fear, lay a stumie to everything but the serious business in hand—on the green and off it. In that case adieu, for instance, to the major's inner life. No more shall we study him—though at a distance—fresh as paint, with the inner membrane invigorated by a light lunch! No more shall we see the gallant "mugger," "cheerful, jocosse, and confident!"

Ah! well, if your reported matches, Mr. Editor, *are* to be shorn of what gives them piquancy, as distinguished from dry detail, then may we in the future, with equal propriety and pleasure, take our dreary rounds in sombre black, put mourning round our hats, and submit to the traditionary surgical operation, ere we again crack a joke over joys that have departed.

AULD REEKIE.

SIR,—Whatever "Auld Reekie's" age may be, he is certainly no golfer, and has made a bad case, if possible, worse by a wretchedly weak communication in its support; at the same time his *non de plume* is a most unfortunate one, for his arguments are puerile in the extreme, and it is difficult indeed to believe that he can be a Scotchman.

If Golf at Westward Ho was some entirely new game there might be a shade of reason in his defence of the sickening twaddle which so often finds its way before the public; but, so long as they merely play Golf in Devonshire, let them rest content to talk and report that famous game.

The whole golfing world owes its thanks to your correspondent "Hoylake" for the well-merited cudgelling he so properly administered to the North Devon scribbler; let us hope that the useful lesson has not been thrown away upon the latter, and that ere this he has exchanged his slang dictionary for some elementary work on English grammar, and so at least taken one step in the right direction.

WIMBLEDON.

[Wimbledon is rash in asserting that "Auld Reekie" is "certainly no golfer," and at fault also on another point; for "Auld Reekie" is both a Scotchman and a good golfer, as would be generally admitted if his name were known. "Wimbledon" may, perhaps, have good ground for the signature he assumes—though we cannot vouch for the fact, as his letter comes from a locality far distant from the links of the London Scottish, and we do not find his name among the players at the autumn meeting of this club, reported in our present impression, nor in any previous report that we have looked at.—Ed.]

RESUSCITATION OF THE THISTLE GOLF CLUB, LEITH,
ABOUT 1865.

(Still (1893) in a flourishing condition.)

"The Thistle Golf Club was established at Leith on March 11th, 1815, and started with a list of forty-five members, many of whom were of no mean skill. The club continued to flourish till within late years, when, partly owing to many of the members having died, and partly to the fact of Leith having fallen into desuetude as a golfing ground, the club at length ceased to have an active practical existence. Having risen once more in estimation as a golfing ground, the play at Leith is now probably greater than ever, and, as a natural consequence, several flourishing clubs have been recently organised, and one resuscitated—the Thistle Club itself. On Friday last the still-existing members of the old club admitted into their society between forty and fifty younger brethren, and at the same time formally handed over their long-unused gold medal and records. The medal, which has been dormant for thirty years, was competed for by several first-class players, and was won by Mr. Daniel Smith (died 1892), with the excellent score of 111 strokes to the twenty-one holes played. The event was celebrated by a dinner given to the original members, Thomas Hay, Esq. (died about 1875) in the chair, when an opportunity was fittingly and gracefully taken by that gentleman of congratulating the society upon the admission into its body of so many excellent and keen golfers, and of the probability of the Thistle Club attaining that eminence in the golfing world, which it notoriously held in a past generation. The chairman also complimented the winner of the medal upon his excellent play, and adorned him with the much-coveted trophy."

The following poem was written by Mr. Chambers at a time when the Town Council of Edinburgh threatened to stop Golf over Bruntsfield links, Edinburgh. The green was at that time fairly good, and bore no comparison to the wretched state into which it lapsed during the last few years of its existence. Golf is now discontinued at Bruntsfield except for short holes, the authorities having obtained a lease of the well-known links at the Braid Hills.

THE LINKS OF BRUNTSFIELD (ABOUT 1867).

A SONG OF THE TIMES; OR, CLUBS *versus* CLIQUE.

Oh! leeze me on the bygone days,
Our infant steps first socht thy braes,
Theme of a poet's best-strung lays—
Fair Warrender and Bruntsfield.

But oft he's praised thee best of a',
Land of the Golf club and the ba',
For weel he lo'ed ye when he saw
The bonny links o' Bruntsfield.

Oh, who are they that dare invade
Wi' menac'd looks our joyous trade,
Who seek e'en now a Council's aid
To make our golfing trumps yield?

I' faith, they'd better stay at home,
Think better o't—leave us alone,
Or they'll get *bunker skreevie* on
The vengeful links o' Bruntsfield.

A hopeless case is this, I trow,
To drive us off; but time will show.
And if they try't we'll meet the blow,
And make usurping Runts feel't.

Wi' pity we'll regard them a',
But still we'll tee and drive the ba',
And bless prescriptive right and law
On the smiling links o' Bruntsfield.

But while we feel our case is won,
Let us still do as aye we've done,
Pause ere we strike—each danger shun—
Child, woman, man, at ance shield.

Play slow and cautious—never fast;
Let each pedestrian be *past*,
And bless, with thankful hearts at last,
The glorious links o' Bruntsfield.

OBITUARY NOTICE.

"Thomas Morris, jun., died here this morning at ten o'clock.
"6, Pilmour Links, St. Andrews,
"December 25th, 1875.

"To Robert Chambers, Esq."

The above melancholy notice ends this trifling collection of Golfiana. Had young Tom been spared to Golf in our own times, he would, I feel certain, have well maintained his great reputation. He had at least the advantage of dying in the zenith of his fame, at a time when Golf was really Golf, and such modern rubbish as hammer-headed drivers, handicap "trophies," besides other doubtful "improvements," were happily unknown.

C. E. S. CHAMBERS.

Edinburgh, 1893.

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904. A wood centre Golf ball.—D. Donaldson & Co. 10 St. Ronan's Terrace, Edinburgh.

1,568. Improvements in balls for use in playing Golf or like games or other pastimes.—C. C. Welman, 55, Chancery Lane.

1,727. The McGuffie Golf Club.—J. T. McGuffie, 49, Virginia Street, Glasgow.

2,490. The new Golf tee.—R. Elmsley, The Sussex Club, Eastbourne.

2,962. The McGuffie golfer's dumb caddie.—J. T. McGuffie, 49, Virginia Street, Glasgow.

2,970. An improved case for Golf clubs.—H. H. Phillpot & Co., 151, Strand.

BELVOIR GOLF COURSE.

This charming links is on the estate of the Marquis of Granby, and is within a mile of Belvoir Castle. A short description of the course may prove of interest to golfers. The first drive is over about 100 yards of rough, broken ground, bordered on the left by trees, and if one drives too much to the right it makes the approach to the green very difficult, as the hole is on high table-land, on the left of which, about thirty feet down, are the rifle butts. The drive to the second hole is from the plateau over the side of a hill, and on to high rising ground, reminding one of Gullane. We now stand on ground 200 feet above where we started, and the view from this hole is magnificent. Looking back in the direction from which we have come we see on the top of a hill, and surrounded by trees, the turrets of the castle, and at the foot of the hill is the lake, a beautiful stretch of water about half a mile long. The drive to the next hole is a very sporting one, as it is from the high ground into the valley, while on the right of the green is a large quarry. Going to the fourth hole we tee off a grassy mound in the middle of the quarry, and a good drive takes one over a hazard of whins 100 yards from the tee. The next hole, although a short one, is full of sport. A good iron shot will land on the green, but the hazards are fatal to a bad shot as we have to cross some whins and a dyke, while on the left of the green are some trees. In driving to the first hole home we have to recross the wall, and go up on to the high ground. The hole here is in a hollow, and is aptly called the "Punch-bowl." The next drive is into the valley, over a dense bed of whins 130 yards from the tee, and guarded on the right by the quarry. Going to the seventh hole we have to cross the quarry, the farther end of which is 100 yards from the tee. The drive to the eighth hole is over broken ground, and the approach shot is over a bunker. The last hole is down to where we started at the margin of the lake. A good drive should land on the green.

The turf throughout is well adapted for Golf, and the subsoil is sand; and in the opinion of John Dunn, the professional to the Prince's Golf Club, Mitcham, the Belvoir links are as sporting as any private links in the United Kingdom.

LADIES' GOLF AT PAU.

Picture to yourself, my dear reader, a summer day in June, a cloudless sky of the brightest azure, soft, balmy air; far away in the distance mountain-peaks covered in snow, rising one above another, sparkling in the sun, and varying in tint as the day wears on; below, green hills, clothed with trees, interspersed here and there with white villas and tiny homesteads; in the foreground, a smooth, common-like plain, whereon numbers of the fair sex disport themselves, the poppy-coloured parasols lending colour to the landscape. This is but a feeble description of "La Plaine de la Golfe" at Pau in February. Is it possible to imagine a more perfect course for ladies? The sterner sex may prefer, no doubt they do, the sandbanks and natural hazards of links bordered by the mighty ocean; but for the gentler sex, give me such a course as this. Good players abound, under the able tuition of Lloyd and Baptiste. The ladies swing their clubs, and play as good a game as could be desired, and are not only a source of admiration to old golfers, but to the many individuals who loiter down down to "La Plaine," through the beautiful Parc Henri IV., to watch *les Anglaises* play the game, which, to them, is a subject of so much interest.

The French caddies are a cheerful and obliging race. With a cigarette between their lips, they are ever ready to show beginners how to play. Some beautiful prizes are offered for competition. One given recently by Mr. McNab, a gold bangle with little diamond clubs crossed, and a pearl for a ball—quite the daintiest thing of its kind—was won by Mrs. R. Boreel. A silver box was also given by Mrs. Ross the previous week, and was won by the Hon. El. St. Aubyn. There is a charming club-house and good tea-room, where the ladies can partake of the cup that cheers after an exciting match. Gentlemen often make up foursomes on the ladies' links. They are only allowed to use their putters, but this restriction does not prevent an enjoyable game. On view at the club are some interesting pictures of the links, and prominent members of the club, in the act of playing. The portraits of Lord St. Levan and Mr. Horner are particularly good. They are painted by Mr. Allen Sealy, a visitor to Pau, and himself a keen golfer. To leave this beautiful place and summer weather for the bleak winds and sodden turf of an English Golf ground is not a thing to be desired, but when duty calls one to one's own fireside, it is a pleasant recollection to look back on this Paradise of Golf.

C. B.

GOLF AT PAU.

A tournament was played, under handicap, by holes, the full allowance of strokes, no competitor to give more than a stroke a hole, for a prize given by Mr. Hadden:—

First Round.—Mr. J. Boit (17) beat Major Pontifex (18); Mr. A. S. Crossfield (9) beat Mr. C. Cuthbertson (10); Mr. D. F. Boyden (20) beat Major Levett (25); Capt. Stewart (14) beat Mr. J. Sinclair (18); Mr. V. Brooke (10) beat Mr. S. Greig (25); Major Bethune (7) beat Mr. J. Livingston (24); Mr. G. H. Goldney (5) beat Mr. J. Mellor (6); Mr. W. Hone (13) beat Mr. S. Platt (13); Mr. A. Sealy (10) beat Mr. K. MacFarlane (12); Mr. H. G. Ross (13) beat Mr. W. Kane (17); Col. Marshall (20) beat Lord G. Gordon (13); Hon. A. Y. Bingham (13) beat Mr. R. Boreel (scratch); Capt. Hon. St. Aubyn (18) beat Mr. D. M. Macnab (22); Capt. Walker (17) beat Mr. J. R. Hutchison (scratch); Capt. Banbury (17) beat Col. McLaren (13); Mr. A. Clarke (13) beat Mr. H. Maud (8), scratched.

Second Round.—Mr. Boit beat Mr. Crossfield; Capt. Stewart beat Mr. Boyden; Mr. Brooke beat Major Bethune; Mr. Hone beat Mr. Goldney; Mr. Ross beat Mr. Sealy; Mr. Bingham beat Col. Marshall; Capt. St. Aubyn beat Capt. Walker; Mr. Clarke beat Capt. Banbury.

Third Round.—Capt. Stewart beat Mr. Boit; Mr. Hone beat Mr. Brooke; Mr. Bingham beat Mr. Ross (scratched); Mr. Clarke beat Capt. St. Aubyn.

Fourth Round.—Mr. Hone beat Capt. Stewart; Mr. Clarke beat Mr. Bingham (scratched).

Final.—Mr. Hone beat Mr. Clarke.

The prize given to the Pau Ladies' Golf Club—an umbrella with a gold Golf ball surmounting the handle, has been won by Miss M. Newall.

NEW GOLF CLUB AT BELFAST.
THE ORMEAU CLUB.

The above club had a very auspicious opening on Saturday the 25th ult., when a very large number of golfers and well-wishers turned up at the rendezvous of the new club. The weather was magnificent, and a most enjoyable day's golfing was obtained. The ground set apart for the links is situated immediately above Ormeau Park, in the series of fields extending along the old Ballynaveigh Road, which were previously embraced in the home farm connected with the demesne surrounding the home of the Donegall family. To the use of the public generally the links will be devoted. Although the Ormeau Golf Club, under whose auspices the inaugural proceedings came off on Saturday, pay an annual rent of £65 to the Corporation, an arrangement has, we understand, been made for the issuing of daily and weekly tickets to all who may desire to take part in the game. The club since its formation has been highly successful, and on its roll there are now upwards of 130 members. Amongst those present, in addition to the golfers named below, at the ceremony were—Messrs. William Masterson (chairman of the Parks Committee); W. B. Ritchie, J.P.; James Henderson, J.P.; George S. Clark, A. S. Matier, Dr. Collier, Messrs. W. Weir, Fred Moneypenny, George C. Crymble, H. M. Charley, Robert Dunwoody, J. Owen (Sydney), William Rankin, J. H. Heaney, James Woodside (captain of the club), James Hunter, Lindsay Barker, A. Edwards, H. H. Bottomley, Hugh Maguire, William Jackson, W. Walker (Newry), W. H. Mann (Portrush), W. W. Parker, W. Dickson (park superintendent), W. A. Chapman, A. Malcolm, and James Hunter. There was a large attendance of ladies. Mr. James Woodside (captain) thanked Mr. Masterson and the members of the Parks Committee for the efforts they had put forth to have the links in such excellent order. He then, amid cheers, presented Mr. Masterson with a silver-mounted Golf club. On it were engraved Mr. Masterson's monogram and the following inscription:—"Presented to William Masterson, Esq., J.P., on the occasion of the opening of the Ormeau Golf Links, 25th Feb., 1893." Mr. Masterson, on behalf of himself and the Parks Committee, thanked the club for their kindness. A ball was placed on a tee, and Mr. Masterson, having struck it, declared the links open.

The course is a nine-hole one, and is over a mile in length. The hazards consist principally of whins, trees, and ditches, which are not by any means easily negotiated. Constant cutting and rolling had got the putting-greens into very fair order, and the golfers are largely indebted to Mr. Dickson, the superintendent of the park, for the kindly interest he has taken and the valuable advice he has given, during the past two months, in converting what was in many parts little better than slob-land into a playable golfing ground. That it was playable was proved beyond controversy by Mr. Thomas Gilroy, who, at home on any links, did his second round on Saturday in 37. To the first he took 40, and as these are likely to remain a record for some time we give the particulars of the score:—

First Round	...	4 4 4 4 6 6 3 3	=40
Second Round	...	3 5 5 4 5 3 4 4	=37

Mr. Gilroy, however, even with this fine score, failed to secure a prize, as the competition was with strokes under handicap. With an entry of thirty-six players, who all faced the tee, the chances of a scratch player were of necessity greatly diminished. The second prize was tied for by Mr. W. Wilson and Mr. S. Howard (Randalstown G. C.) at 73. These players went out an additional three holes, when Mr. W. Wilson proved an easy victor.

The following are the scores at or below 100:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. S. Wilson, jun.	88	16	72	Mr. R. Morrison	106	20	86
Mr. S. Howard	93	20	73	Mr. J. Woodside	93	6	87
Mr. W. Wilson	95	22	73	Mr. H. Bottomley	113	26	87
Mr. A. N. Charley	92	16	76	Mr. H. Phillips	103	14	89
Mr. Thos. Gilroy	77	+2	79	Mr. H. M. Charley	106	16	90
Mr. J. Bell	94	14	80	Mr. H. Herdman	102	12	90
Mr. C. Playfair	106	26	80	Mr. G. Woodside	115	25	90
Mr. R. Woodside	99	18	81	Mr. J. James M'Gee	104	12	92
Mr. W. Walker	108	26	82	Mr. J. Mantell	123	25	98
Mr. C. Topping	97	14	83	Dr. Thompson	120	20	100
Mr. F. F. Figgis	100	16	84	Mr. R. A. Corry	120	20	100
Mr. M'Clintock	109	24	85				

On the completion of the stroke competition a number of foursomes were engaged in.

BRIDGE OF WEIR.—On Saturday afternoon the members of this club competed for the monthly gold medal. Mr. David Ballingall carried off the medal with the splendid score of 101, less 30=71.



“New Broom” writes:—The question raised by Dr. W. L. Purves, in GOLF of February 24th, as to the manner of deciding inter-club contests is of considerable interest. No doubt the decision by holes may be thought hard on a team containing a weak player, who loses more holes than all the rest have won; but it must not be forgotten that a fine player may also gain a victory for his side by a long score against a by-no-means despicable antagonist, and an alteration of the system of counting by holes will discount exceptionally fine play, as well as diminish the importance of exceptionally weak play. This is one reason for caution in making any alteration.

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Decision of such contests, simply by the majority of matches won would have the further disadvantage of putting a premium on playing tricks with the arrangement of the team. To take a very simple example, suppose four players A, B, C, D are exactly matched by *a, b, c, d*; and that A and *a* are scratch players, B and *b* a hole worse, C and *c* two holes worse, D and *d* three holes worse. So long as the teams are in the right order a halved contest will result on any system. But if the first team be arranged in the order D, A, B, C, the contest would still be halved by holes, but the first team would win by matches. The score would in fact stand as follows:—

D	...	0	<i>a</i>	...	3
A	...	1	<i>b</i>	...	0
B	...	1	<i>c</i>	...	0
C	...	1	<i>d</i>	...	0
Total		3	Total	3	

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Dr. Purves says, “We must, of course, suppose that there was sound judgment shown at the pitting of the players against each other;” and I do not mean to suggest that efforts in this direction would be relaxed by true golfers if decision by matches were introduced. But there is no getting over the fact that it would be in one sense an advantage to lose an individual match handsomely under this system. If we are to look for a satisfactory system, it must be, as Dr. Purves suggests, “a combination of the two methods.” And, briefly, I would suggest that each decided match should count two points in addition to the number of holes up; just as at whist, 2 points are added to the score for winning the rubber. Some reasons for selecting 2 points rather than 1 or 3, or any other number, are founded on the examination of a year’s matches, as below.

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I have examined all the inter-club contests (I use this rather ugly word throughout, for the sake of clearness), recorded in GOLF, Vols. I. and II., *i.e.*, during the year September, 1890—September, 1891. There are 185 in all. Of these, 153 would go the same way by holes or by matches; 19 which are now decided by holes would be halved by matches; 1 now halved by holes would be decided by matches (a curiosity, see Vol. II., p. 73). There remain 12 cases in which decision by matches would reverse the decision by holes. For the convenience of any who may like to examine these cases for themselves, I give here the references:—Vol. I., pp. 9, 111, 207, 333, 412, 414; Vol. II., pp. 47, 71, 114, 200, 281, 407.

Since a moral victory is scored in the twenty cases where one method would halve the contest, we need not further consider them. Any combination of the two methods would decide them in the same way. But the remaining twelve cases are worth careful examination; for though they are few, most of the very best matches are among them. We may at once exclude six as *not* cases in which “a club is defeated by the utter collapse of one man,” *viz.*, those on pp. 9, 111, 207, 333, of Vol. I, and pp. 71 and 407 of Vol. II. In the first of these, for instance, there are twenty-five players *a*-side, and though there are scores of 8, 8, 7, 6, 6, 6 &c. on one side, there are scores of 8, 6, 6 &c. on the other. Again, in the fifth of them, a score of 12 on one side is nearly balanced by a score of 10 on the other, and so on.

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The important features of the remaining six contests are shown in the following table. Scores:—

Page.	By Holes.	By Matches.	Biggest win.
I. 412	15 to 13	2 to 3	12 holes.
I. 414	27 „ 21	6 „ 9	12 „
II. 47	17 „ 15	4 „ 5	9 „
II. 114	13 „ 12	2 „ 5	11 „
II. 200	9 „ 4	2 „ 3	6 „
II. 281	20 „ 15	4 „ 6	8 „

Thus those at present considered winners have a total balance of 21 holes in their favour: those accounted losers have still a balance of 11 matches to the good.

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Who then shall decide between them? In the absence of the Golfing Association for which Dr. Purves hopes (and he has my hearty sympathy), may we make the assumption that the claims to victory are equally good? In that case, eleven matches must count 21 holes; or, as nearly as possible, *a match must count 2*. The scores in the above contests will then be 19 all, 39 all, 25 all, 17 to 22, 13 to 10, 28 to 27. I venture to think that these decisions would meet with general approval from those who critically examined the details, which cannot be done here. But one obviously satisfactory result is that *three* contests out of these six exceptionally close ones are now *halved*. The scores in the six cases above excluded would be 77 to 72, 15 to 18, 59 to 48, 42 to 40, 41 to 38, and 26 all.

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Incidentally, the above analysis supplies some interesting figures. The 185 contests involved 2,112 individual matches, so that eleven and a-half is the average number of couples. Only 172 matches, or about one in twelve, were halved; the average match resulting in a win by 4 holes. The average contest results in a victory by four matches, or by 21 holes, a score of 29 on the suggested plan. For teams of eight *a*-side, anything less than three matches difference, or 16 holes, or a score of 20 on the suggested plan, must be reckoned a closer contest than the average. If these figures seem high, it must be remembered that many of such matches are foregone conclusions.

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The opening tournament of the Aberdovey Golf Club, North Wales, takes place on the 6th and 7th April, when a number of competitions will be decided. The competition is an open one.

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An exhibition will be held during the coming summer at Earl’s Court, on the site lately occupied by Buffalo Bill’s “Wild West,” which at any rate will have the attraction of novelty. It will be a “World’s Water Fair,” arranged and managed by the well-known Channel swimmer, Captain Paul Boyton, who has conceived the idea of constructing a diminutive water city, and peopling it with strange inhabitants of many of the lands he has visited. The arena in which the “Wild West” show was held will be turned into a lake about two acres and three-quarters in extent. The lake will contain two or three islands, and in a tunnel or cave running right under one little isthmus will be held what the Americans are pleased to consider a banquet peculiarly their own—a “clam-bake”—a contract having been made for the supply of fresh

clams from America every three days during the continuance of the exhibition. On the lake will be found boats of every possible variety—Indian, Chinese, Turkish, and even, it is hoped, a couple of curiously-constructed craft from Dahomey. On one of the islands will stand a model of the famous Château d'If, and twice a day the famous scene from "The Count of Monte Cristo" will be enacted, the impersonator of the Count being an accomplished swimmer, who, after remaining under water as long as he can, will release himself from the sack in which he is enveloped, and make his re-appearance. Almost more wonderful than this, though, would appear to be the feat of a champion diver, who is to dive into the lake from a height of a hundred feet—and in its deepest part the depth of the lake is only six feet and a-half!

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A syndicate, of which a well-known golfer at Chingford is one of the directors, has been formed to take charge of the arrangements. Captain Boyton's Company will consist of from 175 to 200 performers. Among these will be found specimens of the Mississippi "River Gipsy," the Canadian "Timber Indian," and various other more or less savage beings. The performance will include all kinds of water sports, rowing and swimming matches of all kinds, practical displays of nautical warfare, launching lifeboats, saving life from shipwrecks, diving, and water football. This will be played by teams wearing "pneumatic water-shoes." A pretty large order has been given for these shoes (which we have seen and examined) to Messrs. Slazenger and Sons, 56, Cannon Street. The shoe is an india-rubber one, and so constructed as to enable the wearer to walk on the surface of the water. Captain Boyton proposes to promenade the Thames from Chelsea to London Bridge, with his whole company. One of the most expert "water-walkers" in the company will be "Professor" Geo. Whistler, the World's Champion, who on one occasion "walked" a distance of 25 miles on the Mississippi, from Alton to St. Louis, accompanied by two of his companions.

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A misapprehension having arisen with reference to the price of the Gutta Percha Company's "Special A1 Ball," we are asked to make it clear that the price for each ball is 1s. 6d., not 1s. 3d., as we had been led to believe, the last-mentioned figure having been erroneously given in a recent "tee shot."

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The only person (excepting, perhaps, Dr. Andrew Wilson) who seems to have any ill-will at Golf, is John Frost. He has been at his old tricks again, and accompanied with wind and snow, has been greatly interfering with the game. This gentleman seems to have very little judgment, for his present action was quite uncalled for, and after such a spell of fine spring weather as we had, we can assure him that his visit is most unwelcome, and that he has done considerable damage. Even curlers have no excuse for their King's visit on this occasion. They had quite a satisfactory spell of their favourite game during the winter, and what they wish is that his Majesty would just be more regular in his habits and not trespass too much on King Golf's preserves. He is useful in keeping Golf humble, but the thing must not be carried too far. The curlers of the Crystal Palace Club, many of whom are also good golfers, took advantage of this surprise visit of the Ice King to make a graceful presentation to their patron the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, on Friday, February 24th. Sir John Heron Maxwell, Bart., of Springkell, president of the club, in the name of the members, presented His Royal Highness with a beautifully mounted pair of curling stones, an Anderson silver-mounted "cow" and a large-paper copy of the Rev. Mr. Kerr's "History of Curling."

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The variation in weather between the East and the West of Scotland was forcibly illustrated on Saturday, February 25th. At St. Andrews Golf was an impossibility, and the match between the Edinburgh University Club and the St. Andrews University Club had to be postponed. At Prestwick, on the other hand, the day was beautiful, and the links crowded with golfers. At Greenock they had also "splendid Golf weather."

The Aberlady, Gullane and North Berwick Railway Bill has been read a second time, but the real tussle over the Bill will begin when it comes before Committee on March 9th. A small committee of the County Road Board has been appointed to confer with the promoters, and alter the plan, if possible, in as far as the railway runs for about 500 yards alongside the road near Aberlady. This, according to the chairman (the Marquis of Tweeddale), was "the only objectionable feature" in the plans.

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It is said that the manufacturers at Sheffield and Manchester are busy with large orders for crinoline steels, and that we shall soon see the crinoline in full fashion. One argument against the restoration of this style of dress we have not seen used, but it is nevertheless important, and that is the golfing argument. Ladies who play the game are already sufficiently hand-capped in the dress direction, but the crinoline, if it must be worn to be in fashion, will surely make it unfashionable for any of them to Golf. The *divit* of Lady Florence Dixie is perhaps more applicable to Golf than anything else, viz., that "women, if they wish to accomplish anything must disguise themselves as men." This will be the more difficult in the restoration-era of crinoline.

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Are women beginning to compete with men at club-making as well as Golf-playing? At the last Musselburgh Dean of Guild Court we read that Leask was given to Mrs. Clark to build a club-making shop at Eskside.

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Golfers will all regret to hear of the death of the youngest son of the much-respected veteran, old Tom Morris. The old man feels the loss considerably, for although John, who has died, did not enjoy good health, he was of great assistance to his father, especially in the ball-making department, and father and son were much attached to each other.

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The Tenby Golf Club, will hold a tournament, open to members of recognised Golf clubs, on the club links on Monday, April 17th, and following days. Among the events to be decided is the contest for the South Wales challenge cup, value ten guineas, along with which goes a gold medal to the winner. There are also a number of ladies' and gentlemen's four-somes.

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The article by Dr. Macpherson on Blairgowrie Golf Course in GOLF has been reprinted by the *Blairgowrie Advertiser*, which has appended a note by a correspondent (presumably Major P. Chalmers) in which the writer says:—"Dr. Macpherson's pleasantly-written paper will be gratifying to Blairgowrie and the members of the prosperous Blairgowrie Golf Club. The doctor is a past master—second to none—in the art of Golf, and well qualified to write on all that relates to the game. He tells us the Golf course is within 'fifteen minutes' run by train.' He means five minutes by train, and ten minutes' walk from Rosemount Station. It is remarkable that where the grass has been mown, there the sheep may be seen feeding; in preference to the rough pasture on other parts of the course not played over. The doctor desires aid for the 'new turfing' of the putting greens—'enlargement' he doubtless means. The turf on the putting-greens already laid continues in a thoroughly sound, whole, and healthy condition." The same paper reports:—"Col. Gammell, of Lethendy, has presented to the Blairgowrie Golf Club a gold medal for annual competition. It is to carry with it the championship of the club, and will be competed for in June next. Mr. J. F. Pullar, of Rosebank, Perth, having read the article from GOLF by Dr. Macpherson, has generously sent to the secretary of the club a cheque for £10 towards the cost of improving the course, and expresses a hope that other friends of the club may follow his example."

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Willie Lewis, the late professional at Shrewsbury, has been appointed greenkeeper to the Derbyshire Golf Club. Lewis, who comes with an excellent character, both from the executive and the members at Shrewsbury, began his duties on Monday. He will be accompanied by his brother as assistant-greenkeeper and club-maker.

From time to time questions have been put to us as to the best means of cleaning iron clubs which have become tarnished with use. We have done our best, with the information and experience at our disposal, to advise correspondents on this point; but recently an improvement in the finishing of iron club-heads has been brought to our notice which deserves the extensive patronage of golfers. A short time ago a new process of electro-plating, called the "Arcas," was brought out by the London Metallurgical Company. It was found that articles coated with silver by this process were not only harder, cheaper, and as brilliant as by the ordinary system, but that the deposit resisted the tarnishing and corroding influences of sea-water and air, and was, therefore, peculiarly suited for ships' fittings, scientific instruments, and all other articles largely exposed to the influence of the weather.

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Messrs. Slazenger and Sons, 56, Cannon Street, E.C., have adapted the "Arcas" process of plating to cleek and iron heads of Golf clubs. A great drawback to the constant use of emery paper on an iron Golf club-head is that the balance of a good club is soon destroyed, the metal is worn away in grooves by constant friction, and long before its time the club becomes useless. With the use of this new process, however, club cleaning is entirely obviated, as, no matter how much the club may be exposed to the elements, it never tarnishes, and all that is needed is to rub with a wet cloth, and wipe with a piece of dry leather, or use the nail-brush and some soap. The "Arcas" silver alloy is composed of the metals cadmium, zinc, and silver in certain proportions. It gives the head the appearance of being made of silver; the deposit is hard, and will not crack or peel off by striking the ball; it always preserves its bright appearance. This is certainly a step in the right direction in the improvement of Golf clubs. A great many golfers are already using the clubs coated in this way, and they speak in the highest terms of the results of their experience.

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A lady golfer enters this protest against the disappearance of GOLF's red jacket:—

Each Friday I espy a red patch that courts the eye
On the breakfast-table, close beside my plate;
And Friday, as they say, is a real red-letter day,
'Tis a morning that I never come down late.
But with a thrill of pain, to-day I looked in vain,
For GOLF has changed its coat from red to white;
With eager eyes I sought the reasons that had wrought
A change that almost made me doubt my sight.

GOLF! GOLF! GOLF! our revered and honoured GOLF!
We feel sorry you have stript your red coat off.
But in your garment white, "Far and Sure" shall be your flight,
As when clothed of yore, you Royal-Ancient GOLF!

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A LONG DRIVE.—A correspondent writes:—"Douglas Rolland, the Limsfield professional, playing in a foursome (in which the Rev. F. W. Parsons, the hon. secretary, was also playing) not many days ago, drove at the sixth hole on to the very centre of the green, i.e., his ball pitched on the centre of the green, and ran over and beyond it. The distance from the tee to the place where the ball pitched is just 240 yards—an enormous carry. The wind was not quite directly behind him."

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THE AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Dr. Purves having invited a discussion through this medium *re* inter-club and county matches, I would like to raise a discussion through your columns on a far more important subject in golfing circles, viz., the Amateur Golf Championship. May I be allowed to suggest to those who have the authority for working this important competition, with a view to those competitions hereafter, that the present system of play by draw, or lottery, which seems to be adopted, as in lawn-tennis, has only been the means of finding the amateur champion, and the other three prizes competed for are, I presume, intended for the three next best players by merit. History proves this not to be the case, and I regret to say this element of draw, luck, or lottery adopted has been the means, I think on more than one occasion, of misplacing the position of the premier, or champion himself; and two of the other prizes offered, if not all three, have fallen into the hands of those who, by the hand of fortune, have scrambled into final heats by the aid of drawing byes and walks-over. Why should this state of things be allowed to continue? Surely Dame Fortune is strong enough in Golf; and in this one important event in each year would it not be well for those who control it to consider the means of doing away with the lottery, or draw element as far as possible outside the game itself, and by this means the champion and next three best players would be found in place of the draw fiasco. I make the following suggestions:—

(a.) That the draw be done away with (except for order of starting).

(b.) That the Amateur Championship be played in two stages. First, that the first stage is to be thirty-six holes, stroke play, the winner of the first stage to be winner of the third prize.

Second, the order of play to be fixed in the second stage by the eight, twelve, sixteen, or twenty lowest scores handed in from the first stage, the number to be governed in proportion to the entry, and the number of days over which the competition is to last. The second stage to be played by tournament or match play, the runner-up in the semi-final to be the winner of the fourth prize; the runner-up in the final the winner of the second prize.

Should two well-known cracks clash, even by this method, to be separated by the committee of management. Say, for instance, the twelve best scores in the first stage play in the second stage—No. 1 to play No. 12, No. 2 to play No. 11, and so on. The exception to this order of play only to be made in case of ties, or the clashing of two well-known cracks, and in each of these cases to be settled by the committee of management by toss or placing.

It would make very little difference whether No. 1 in the first instance meets No. 12, or No. 6 in the second stage; or whether Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, who may happen to tie, play Nos. 12, 11, 10, or 9. The object of suggesting this method is to try as far as possible to prevent two well-known cracks clashing in the early stage of the Championship, practically giving the winner of the first stage the choice of six men to select from, and by this means the champion and next three best players

by merit would be found, and Dame Fortune hoodwinked. I must call on the common sense of those in authority to bring about a reform, and I feel confident that, if this plan of playing the Championship be adopted, it would give general satisfaction, and the results obtained would be those of merit, in place of the draw fiasco.

I would also like to see Scotland, in a Scotch game, take a lead in the right direction; and, as the Championship falls to the lot of Prestwick this year, which is a green second to none in the world for such a contest, not even St. Andrews, Sandwich, or Hoylake could be jealous of such reform coming about through the hands of Prestwick.

I am, Sir, &c.,

ARTHUR H. MOLESWORTH.

GOLF CLUB WANTED.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Field's letter in your last issue, I think I am right in stating that only one club plays between Croydon and Caterham, and that a private one. There is the Kenley and Caterham Club, which plays on Kenley Common, but not open on Sundays, about a mile from two stations, Kenley and Warlingham, on the Caterham branch of the South-Eastern Railway. Entrance fee, one guinea; subscription, one guinea; ladies admitted; secretary, Mr. Bennet, Fernside, Caterham.

There is a club which plays on Banstead Downs, not open on Sundays, of which I am secretary. Entrance fee, one guinea; subscription, one guinea; ladies are admitted.

There are links on Epsom Downs. Members play on Sundays; ladies not admitted; entrance-fee, five guineas; subscription, one and a-half guineas. I shall be pleased to give Mr. Field any further particulars of the Sutton Club, or show him the links by appointment.

I am, Sir, &c.,

FRED. RICHARDSON.

Alcester Road, Wallington, Surrey.

QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Would you kindly give me your opinion on the following questions:—(1) In a competition at Bulwell Forest, got up by the captain, thirty-four members entered. I drew a bye. In playing in the second round on Thursday, March 2nd, my partner, at the ninth hole, played his tee shot into whins. I, being short, had to play my second. He was searching for his ball; I went to look for it also. We searched for the ball twelve minutes, and the player that had lost the ball said, "It is no good looking for it any longer, we will go on, that is your hole." I walked away to get my ball. I had only got half-way when the player called out, "I have found it." The next thing I saw was his iron flashing in the air, and his ball being played. He did not say anything, and I remarked to him, "It is a lost hole." He said, "Oh, yes, I know," and kept playing. I said no more concerning the point until the match was finished. The rule is, that after five minutes' search, a ball not found is a lost ball and a lost hole to the player. The player gave up the hole, and in about a minute or two afterwards his caddie found the ball. Had he any right to play after he had given up the hole? (2.) There is another point on which I should like your opinion. There is a very large roller that takes two or three horses to pull over the green. We have a special rule about this roller, it is, that if a ball lies under it, it should be lifted and dropped behind the roller. My ball got under the roller. I was going to lift, as the rule says, but my partner would not allow me to do so, as he said there was no rule about it, and never knew of the rule. I tried to play from under the roller and lost a stroke. Is there any penalty, or anything to be done to the objector? (3.) What penalty is a player subject to who is in the habit of putting

his foot on and pressing down any whins or long grass or bents, with his ball at the front of it, so that he may have a free swing?

I am, Sir, &c.,

A CONSTANT READER.

(1.) The player having given up the hole, his ball being lost, had no right to go back upon the decision intimated to his opponent, that he yielded the hole. Our correspondent was right in claiming the hole. (2.) If our correspondent was sure about the roller rule he ought not to have yielded to the pressure of his opponent, and made the attempt to play out. He should have lifted at once, taking note of the protest of his partner for subsequent decision at the close of the round. Having played the stroke, however, our correspondent has no ground of claim against the objector. (3.) Disqualification in competitions, and loss of the hole in a match.—Ed.]

PROTECTIVE SCREEN FOR PUTTING-GREENS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Our links being on pasture meadow, the greens are apt to be indented with the hoofs of beasts. It is suggested that, to prevent this, the greens should be surrounded by a single rail, with narrow passages to admit the players. Will you be good enough to give me your advice, whether this is practicable, and, if so, the best form of rail, and what special rules should be framed to meet the case?

I am, Sir, &c.,

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[A good plan is to stake the green off with light staves, about the height of a cleek-shaft, six or seven feet apart, with a narrow strip of zinc wire netting, an inch or inch and half mesh, fixed midway between the staves. By this means a player, in approaching the green, can put his ball under the netting without danger of hindrance, and he can step over it without much effort. At the same time it would be effective enough to keep the cattle off. The best form of rule to adopt is to consider all balls striking the protection screen as a rub on the green.—Ed.]

HUDDERSFIELD GOLF CLUB.—The first annual meeting of this club was held on Monday, February 27th, at the George Hotel. Mr. H. Huth, the captain of the club, occupied the chair, and there was a large gathering of members. Mr. Huth, in opening the meeting, said that he thought they had every reason to congratulate themselves on the first year's working of the club. When they remembered that they had been at work for only a little more than a year, it was wonderful to see the strong position in which the club stood. They had nearly 400 members. Of these about 220 were playing, and ten non-playing gentlemen, and there were about 100 playing and 50 non-playing ladies. He was glad to see so many present, as they had some very important business to bring forward. A few slight alterations were then made in the rules, after which the meeting proceeded to the election of officers for the year. The Earl of Dartmouth was re-elected president, and Mr. H. Huth captain. Mr. Johnson Wilkinson was made treasurer in place of Mr. John Broadbent, and Mr. A. L. Woodhead secretary in place of Mr. F. H. Shaw and Mr. J. H. Dransfield. Messrs. F. H. Shaw and L. Middlemost were appointed to fill the two vacant places on the committee. The balance-sheet was read by Mr. Broadbent, and approved. The rest of the evening was devoted to the consideration of the scheme put forward by the committee for raising the subscriptions all round, and for empowering the committee to treat with the agents of the Clarke-Thornhill estate for a lease of Fixby Hall and Park. After considerable discussion the scheme was approved and passed. Votes of thanks closed a very successful meeting. It was generally expected that the increase of subscriptions would lead to a large number of resignations, but up to the present there have been comparatively few. A considerable number of names are up for election, and the year certainly opens most auspiciously for the club.

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the scoring was high, the lowest gross score of the day being 98. The medal winner was Mr. R. D. MacLaren, who also won first prize in the optional sweepstakes, the second being divided between Messrs. Hogg and Withington. About thirty members competed, and the following returned cards under 110 net :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. R. D. MacLaren	106	18 88	Mr. S. W. Gillett	106	7 99
Rev. Wilson Cowie	101	12 89	Mr. W. S. Mainprice	115	14 101
Mr. G. Shorland Ball	98	8 90	Mr. R. Sykes	131	30 101
Mr. H. F. Ransome	99	9 90	Mr. G. Worthington	113	12 101
Mr. Chas. Hopkinson	112	20 92	Mr. E. Hulton, jun.	139	36 103
Rev. C. C. Atkinson	118	25 93	Mr. R. S. Bodding-		
Mr. W. Bellhouse	112	18 94	ton	120	16 104
Mr. A. G. Hogg	98	3 95	Mr. F. Merriman	115	9 106
Mr. E. Withington	104	9 95			

Messrs. T. C. Oliver, F. V. Williams, J. B. Duncan, W. Reid, H. Goldsmith, D. MacIver, A. Corah, S. Smelt, C. H. Wolff, F. Platt-Higgins, T. W. Killick, J. Boyd, W. Mowat, W. M. Neild, F. Falkner, H. Winstanley, and others made no return.

On February 28th the bi-monthly "Bogey" competition was concluded, and resulted in favour of Mr. C. H. Wolff, who, receiving 8 strokes, went round in 88, and beat "Col. Bogey" by 3 up, and thus took first prize, Mr. Holden, receiving 2 strokes, was 1 up, and took second prize. Mr. Wolff's performance for the first nine holes was so good that it is worth reproducing :—

OUT.				HOME.					
Hole.	Strokes Allowed.	Actual Score.	"Bogey's" Score.	Result.	Hole.	Strokes Allowed.	Actual Score.	"Bogey's" Score.	Result.
1	1	5	5	W	10	1	4	5	W
2	0	4	4	o	11	0	6	4	L
3	0	3	4	W	12	0	5	4	L
4	1	7	6	o	13	1	7	6	o
5	1	5	5	W	14	1	5	5	W
6	1	5	6	W	15	1	8	6	L
7	0	4	4	o	16	0	4	4	o
8	0	4	4	o	17	0	4	4	o
9	0	3	4	W	18	0	5	4	L
		40	42	5 up			48	42	3 up

BLACKHEATH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The March monthly medal was played for on Wednesday, March 1st, in wet and boisterous weather, and won by the secretary, who is just now playing a very strong game, and has been three times at the head of the list. Others were, however, very close. Scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mrs. W. C. Johnson	95	19 76	Mrs. Laird	104	20 84
Miss A. Richardson	90	13 77	Miss Richardson	109	24 85
Miss F. Paine	95	17 78	Miss H. Bidwell	109	23 86
Mrs. Mackern	79	scr. 79	Miss Loveless	103	13 90
Miss M. Richardson	91	11 80	Mrs. McArthur	114	24 90
Mrs. Osmond	104	24 80	Mrs. F. Ireland	115	24 91
Mrs. Meredith	87	6 81	Miss M. Riddle	112	20 92
Mrs. Penrose	92	9 83	Mrs. Whyte	130	24 106
Miss M. Smyth	96	13 83	Miss Wynch	130	24 106
Miss D. Riddle	99	15 84			

BRADFORD ST. ANDREW'S GOLF CLUB.

The final competition for the Pattinson medal took place on the links at Baildon on Saturday, Mr. Harry Steel becoming the winner with a net score of 88. Mr. Wm. Johnson has succeeded in carrying off the Rhodes medal with a net score of 90 :—

Pattinson medal :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. H. Steel	90	2 88	Mr. T. M. Holmes	118	12 106
Dr. Dunlop	116	26 90	Mr. J. W. Young	143	28 115
Mr. W. Johnson	121	16 105			

Rhodes medal :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. Johnson	106	16 90	Mr. Douglas (hon. treasurer)	133	26 107
Mr. H. Steel	96	2 94			
Dr. Dunlop	122	26 96			

At the close of the competition the players adjourned to the Angel Hotel, where tea was provided. The annual general meeting of the club was held, being attended by a number of members. The president, Dr. Dunlop, who occupied the chair, congratulated the members on the position which the club had now attained, there being a membership of over 120, which is still increasing. Mr. J. H. Douglas, M.A., hon. treasurer, presented a statement of the finances of the club, which showed a balance of over £21 in hand. Several important alterations of the rules of the club were considered and adopted. The following

officers were elected for the ensuing year :—President, Mr. Robert McMillan; vice-presidents, Mr. T. M. Holmes and Dr. A. McVie; captain, Mr. E. R. Wethey; committee, Messrs. G. H. Blackburn, S. Cowan, Wm. Johnson, J. N. Nicholson, J. B. Wilson, J. W. Young, W. B. Crichton, C. W. Allen, and Dr. Dunlop; hon. treasurer, Mr. G. H. Douglas, M.A.; hon. secretaries, Mr. P. K. Chesney, jun., and Mr. H. Steel.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.

A thick fog enveloped the Downs on Saturday last, when twenty-six players competed for the Berens gold medal, which was won by Mr. W. W. Thompson with the fine return of 89, less 12=77. Scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. W. Thompson	89	12 77	Mr. A. J. Stanley	97	4 93
Mr. H. W. Street	98	12 86	Mr. S. S. Schultz	99	6 93
Mr. J. F. Chance	101	15 86	Mr. F. Furze	111	18 93
Mr. H. E. Acklom	93	5 88	Mr. F. E. Badham	107	13 94
Mr. S. T. Fisher	112	20 92	Mr. H. T. Ross	106	11 95

Sixteen players made no returns.

BURNHAM (SOM.) GOLF CLUB.

The monthly handicap of the above club was decided on Tuesday, February 28th, for the first time under the new rules. The competition is for the future to be divided into two classes, a senior class consisting of those gentlemen whose handicap is 18 or under, and a junior class consisting of those gentlemen whose handicap is over 18. The winner of the senior class will hold the gold medal for the month, will take three-fifths of the entrance stakes, and will be presented by the club with a memento. The winner of the junior class will hold the new silver medal for the month, and will take two-fifths of the entrance stakes. The weather was beautifully fine, but the scores are higher than usual owing to the fact that several holes, notably the third, fifth and seventh, have been lengthened, thus adding from four to six strokes to the round of eighteen holes. The following were the best cards sent in :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Rev. T. Crump	96	13 83	Dr. A. W. C. Peskett	124	26 99
†Canon Kennard	106	23 83	Mr. T. Brice	109	10 98
Mr. S. Austin	119	29 90	Mr. Wm. Stoate	123	24 99
Mr. T. Holt	110	13 97	Major Wise	109	9 100
Mr. T. H. Railton	115	18 97			

* Gold medal.

† Silver medal.

COPTHORNE GOLF CLUB.

Result of the February competition, held on Saturday, the 25th inst. Weather fine, and the links in fairly good order, the putting-greens, if anything, too keen. Scores :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. C. W. Nix	112	12 100	Capt. Laprimandaye	137	30 107
Mr. C. L. Reade	102	1 101	Mr. J. P. Elliot	117	9 108
Mr. C. Reade	129	25 104	Mr. A. W. Barton	147	35 112
Mr. M. Drummond	111	5 106	Mr. C. S. Tennent	135	15 120

Ladies' competition (nine-hole course) :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Miss Nix	72	scr. 72	Mrs. Burnand	102	20 82
Miss F. M. Banks	87	12 75	Miss M. L. Banks	106	21 85
Miss M. C. Nix	78	scr. 78	Miss E. S. Reade	97	10 87
Miss A. E. Drummond	89	7 82	Miss Elliot	121	20 101

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v. GREAT YARMOUTH.

At Cambridge on Saturday, March 4th :—

CAMBRIDGE.			YARMOUTH.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Mr. C. Pigg	0	Capt. Gillon	3		
Mr. J. L. Low	0	Mr. F. S. Ireland	4		
Mr. E. C. P. Boyd	4	Mr. A. Schacht	0		
Mr. R. A. Nicholson	7	Mr. F. H. Stewart	0		
Mr. D. D. Robertson	0	Mr. J. G. Gibson	6		
Mr. A. M. Chance	0	Mr. R. Whyte	0		
Mr. A. C. Robertson	0	Mr. E. G. Ashton	3		
Mr. H. Parker	0	Mr. H. Mann	8		
Mr. C. C. Bethune	10	Mr. A. Rotherham	0		
Mr. I. Heron Maxwell	3	Mr. W. E. Hughes	0		
Mr. F. E. Swains-on	0	Mr. R. Bell	1		
Mr. H. Glasier	0	Mr. J. L. Sawyer	3		
Total	24	Total	28		

Yarmouth, 4 holes up. Day fine. Green good.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v. ROYAL BLACKHEATH.

Probably the most interesting match of the whole term, barring, of course, the inter-University match at Wimbledon, took place on the 3rd inst. over the University Links at Coldham Common, when the University played eight of the Royal Blackheath Golf Club. The Royal Blackheath is one of the oldest of British Golf clubs, and numbering among its members some of the best Scottish players. The green was in fair order, but water lay about in many places. The day was dull but fine. One round of the shorter eighteen-hole course was played, with the result that the University won by three holes.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY. ROYAL BLACKHEATH.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.		ROYAL BLACKHEATH.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. John L. Low ...	0	Mr. J. G. Gibson ...	4
Mr. R. A. Nicholson ...	4	Mr. F. S. Ireland ...	0
Mr. D. D. Robertson ...	0	Mr. W. H. Richardson ...	4
Mr. E. C. P. Boyd ...	4	Mr. A. Schacht ...	0
Mr. A. M. Chance ...	5	Capt. H. Gillon ...	0
Mr. W. T. Linskill ...	0	Mr. W. E. Hughes ...	3
Mr. A. C. Robertson ...	1	Major H. Crookenden ...	0
Mr. H. Parker ...	0	Mr. Robert Whyte ...	0
	14		11

CANNES GOLF CLUB.

There were two brilliant *réunions* in connection with the Cannes Golf Club, on Saturday and Sunday, at La Nepoule. The Duke of Cambridge honoured with his presence the competition for the prizes offered by Mrs. Tennent. There were also present the Grand Duke Michael of Russia and the Duchess of Forbey, Lord and Lady Brougham, Mr. and Mrs. Tennent, Colonel and Mrs. Cragg, Colonel and Mrs. Woodward, Colonel Davidson, Aide-de-Camp to the Duke of Cambridge; Mrs. Christopher Sykes, Captain and Mrs. Vyner, Miss Willoughby, Mrs. Garrison, Mrs. Randall, and many others. The play for the ladies' prize finished on Saturday, and it was won by Miss Schenbey with 45 strokes. There were thirty competitors for the gentlemen's prize, and after some fine play, Mr. Sergeant, an American member, tied with Mr. Carr-Gomm, an Englishman, with 76 strokes each. The tie was played off, and resulted in a win for Mr. Sergeant.

The competition for prizes given by Mrs. Tennant took place on March 3rd, in lovely weather. Result:—

LADIES.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Schenley ...	65 20 45	Miss M. Walker ...	73 8 65
Miss P. Ramsay ...	53 +5 58	Miss M. Sands ...	71 5 66
Miss Halford ...	63 scr. 63	Mrs. Brown West-	
Mrs. Barlow Webb..	71 8 63	head ...	82 16 66
Miss A. de la Brosse	79 16 63	Miss Willoughby ...	84 18 66
Miss E. Ramsay ...	52+12 64	Miss A. Harbord ...	72 5 67
Countess de Torby..	69 5 65	Miss G. Willoughby	81 12 69

GENTLEMEN.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Carr Gomm ...	82 6 76	Mr. A. D. Dennis-	
Mr. M. Sargent ...	90 14 76	town ...	99 8 91
Col. Woodward ...	97 19 78	Mr. L. Sanderson..	106 12 94
Mr. Hatchard ...	91 12 79	Mr. R. Teevan ...	124 26 98
Hon. A. Mulholland	93 10 83	Mr. J. F. Sharple. 152 45 107	
Mr. F. Pitt Taylor..	109 23 86	Mr. J. B. Dugdale..	139 30 109
Col. Lockhart ...	99 13 86		

On playing off the tie, Mr. Sargent won easily. No returns from H.I.H. the Grand Duke Michael, Rev. L. J. Fish, Mr. T. W. Stubbs, and many others.

The fortnightly handicap sweepstakes was played for on March 4th. Result:—

LADIES.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss M. Ramsay ...	48 +5 53	Miss Halford ...	64 scr. 64
Mrs. Tennant ...	46+12 58	Miss E. Ramsay ...	54+12 66
Countess de Torby	64 5 59	Miss Wienholt ...	71 scr. 71
Mrs. Barlow Webb	68 8 60	Hon. Mrs. Forbes...	117 15 102

GENTLEMEN.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Col. Woodward ...	95 19 76	Col. Woodcock ...	107 16 91
Mr. L. Sanderson...	91 12 79	Col. Maillard ...	122 30 92
Mr. Sargent ...	94 14 80	Mr. E. Hewetson ...	116 24 92
Mr. T. W. Stubbs...	87 6 81	Mr. Brown Westhead	123 30 93
Mr. F. Hatchard ...	94 12 82	Mr. R. Williamson ...	106 12 94
Hon. A. Mulholland	94 10 84	Lord C. Fitzroy ...	116 20 96
Mr. A. Sanderson ...	95 10 85	Mr. H. Mitchell ...	132 26 106
Mr. A. Dennistown...	95 8 87	Mr. J. B. Dugdale..	141 35 106
Mr. A. Halford ...	122 35 87		

CLAPHAM COMMON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly handicap medal was played for on Thursday, March 2nd, on a nine-hole course, in consequence of the prohibition of the game after 10 o'clock. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. G. H. Gill ...	46	7 39	Mr. D. F. Russell...	54	8 46
Mr. T. C. Last ...	48	7 41	Mr. E. L. Arnold ...	57	7 50
Mr. E. J. Hunt ...	49	7 42	Mr. W. Williams ...	57	6 51
Dr. G. S. Woodhead	51	8 43			

Messrs. J. B. Wood, J. Millar, and T. Ravenhill made no returns.

COTON HILL GOLF CLUB.

The March competition for the monthly medal took place on March 6th, when the following cards were handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Dr. R. W. Hewson...	49	scr. 49	Mr. F. Robinson ...	77	18 59
Mr. L. H. Liston ...	57	6 51	Mr. B. ...	76	15 61
Mr. P. ...	61	6 55	Mr. J. Haynes ...	76	15 61
Mr. W. Noon ...	58	scr. 58	Mr. Doughty ...	77	8 69
Mr. Weston ...	63	5 58	Dr. G. Tate ...	83	12 71
Mr. H. ...	63	5 58	Dr. Scott ...	81	9 72
			Dr. Christie ...	93	20 73

COUNTY DOWN GOLF CLUB.

The sixth competition for the captain's prize and the club monthly handicap prizes was played for on February 18th under the most favourable circumstances. The weather was quite summer-like, and most conducive to good play. The new fourth green was played on for the first time, and elicited unbounded praise from all the players. Mr. J. Bell and Major Wallace having already each won a heat in the captain's prize, the Messrs. Magill are qualified to compete in the final. Mr. J. Bell won the first-class club prize, and Mr. R. Magill the second-class club prize. The following are the net scores of under 100 returned:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. Bell...	92	14 78	Dr. M'Keown ..	114	20 94
Mr. B. Magill ...	93	12 81	Mr. A. N. Charley	107	10 97
Major Wallace ...	97	12 85	Mr. H. Agnew ...	113	16 97
Mr. R. Magill ...	102	16 86	Mr. G. Combe ...	104	6 98
Mr. A. Duffin ...	109	20 89	Mr. S. Wilson, jun.	112	14 98

DINARD GOLF CLUB.

February 20th. Ladies and Gentleman's foursome. Lovely weather.

Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mrs. Elton and Colonel Kennard ...	97 scr. 97
Miss Bucknell and Mr. Ramsbotham ...	100 1 99
Miss E. Moffat and Mr. Kennard ...	103 2 101
Miss Edye and Mr. Pomeroy ..	105 2 103
Mrs. S. Chapman and Colonel Domoile	105 2 103
Miss Laurie and Mr. P. Richardson ...	103 4 105
Mrs. Laurie and Mr. Elton ...	107 2 105
Mrs. Candy and Mr. Edye ...	109 2 107
Miss Dansey and Colonel Forbes ...	108 scr. 108

Ten other couples competed.

ELTHAM LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A nine-hole course was opened on 27th ult., on ground belonging to the Eltham Golf club, for the benefit of ladies. The ladies' club consists of one hundred members, and, although the weather was most unpropitious, about sixty-five ladies appeared, and showed that they are quite as keen as men in their interest in the game. The first ball was struck off the tee by Mrs. Hedderwick, who played a nine-hole match with Mrs. Keen, their scores being 44 and 46 respectively—a creditable performance, considering the wet ground and the rain. The links are not very long, the distances of each hole ranging from 80 to 135 yards; but the presence of some artificial and very artful bunkers make the links not to be despised. Rooms have been apportioned for separate use in the large club-house, and altogether their club has started on a very favourable basis.

At the general meeting the following officials were appointed:—President, Mrs. Richardson; secretary, Miss Bryans; committee, Mrs. Hedderwick, Mrs. Meredith, Mrs. Lord, Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Fraser. After this business was completed the newly-elected president made an excellent little speech in which she thanked the gentlemen's club for the permission ladies had been granted hitherto to play on the links until their own were ready. Mr. E. M. Protheroe replied to this vote of thanks, and welcomed the ladies, in the name of the men's club, to tea, and on their behalf wished the ladies every success with their club.

FORFARSHIRE.

The annual general meeting of the Monifieth Club was held on Wednesday night the 1st inst. There was a large attendance of members, and Mr. David Anderson, the Grange, captain of the club, presided

The secretary read the financial statement, which showed the club to be in a very flourishing condition, the membership standing at its highest, and being still increasing. The statement was unanimously approved, and the secretary was thanked for his able management of the affairs of the club. The meeting then proceeded to the election of office-bearers, when Mr. Anderson was unanimously re-elected captain. He accepted office, and in doing so stated that he would do his utmost to further the interests of the club. The council, after a ballot had been taken, were elected in the following order:—Messrs. William Young, David Dargie, Alexander Hutchieson, and George Wright. Messrs. James Young and Alexander Johnston were appointed auditors. A committee with the captain as convener, was appointed to revise the rules of the game for the club, and to keep them, so far as possible, in conformity with the Royal and Ancient rules. The chairman read the rules applicable to the medal he had presented to the club for long driving. It was arranged to have the competition on the second Saturday of June and in the evening, it being considered to have been held too late in the season last year. A discussion ensued as to whether run or carry of the ball should count as the longest drive. A vote was taken, and the majority of the meeting were in favour of carry, which was agreed to. The chairman intimated that he would present special prizes to each class for lowest aggregates of the medal competition throughout the year, and that he would also give special prizes to be competed for amongst the three classes in the club—three rounds of the course to be played, and the eight lowest aggregates in each class to play off a hole competition, and the winners of the prizes to be the best players in the final heat. A cordial vote of thanks was awarded to Mr. Anderson. Arrangements were made for playing the final heat of the Gilroy Challenge Cup.

The Carnoustie and Taymouth Club began the season's play on Saturday with a competition for the club gold cross. On account of the recent rains the course was heavy, and the weather was stormy. The cross was gained by Mr. Robert Scott with a total of 84. The sweepstake prizes were gained as follows:—1, Mr. T. Japp, 94, 1 above; 2 and 3, tied for by Mr. W. Simpson, 108, and Mr. Robert Scott, 84, each 4 above; 4, Mr. W. Whyte, 96, 5 above; 5, tied for by Mr. James Stewart, 96, and Mr. George Ogilvie, 103, each 6 above. At the annual meeting of the club, held at the close of the competition, Mr. John Dewar was appointed captain, and Mr. D. Kidd secretary and treasurer. A committee was also elected.

The seventeenth of the series of the Arbroath Club's winter competitions was finished on the course at Elliot on Saturday, with this result:—1, Mr. T. Lindsay, 1 below, 4 points; 2 and 3, Mr. J. Doig and Mr. G. Douglas, each 1 above, 2½ points. The other players received 1 point each. The following competitors were below the 100:—Messrs. W. Edwards and D. Arbuthnott, 94 each; Mr. J. Doig, 98.

The members of the Monifieth Club held their opening competition for the season on Saturday afternoon, when the Panmure silver medal was played for. It is played for under scratch conditions. There was a good turn-out. With the exception of a strong breeze from the westward, the weather was favourable, and the course was in good condition. Very few fine scores were made, only 4 being under 90. Last year the trophy was won by Mr. Alexander Simpson at 76, and the same player again proved to be the winner on Saturday with the excellent total, considering the weather, of 80 strokes. Next in order were Mr. William Young, 84; Mr. James C. Burns, 87; and Mr. George Wright, 89.

The annual meeting of the Dundee Advertiser Club was held in the club-house, Monifieth, on Saturday. Mr. Jacob Clark presided, and there was a fair attendance of members. The balance-sheet submitted was considered of a very satisfactory nature, and the membership was reported to be in a flourishing condition. Office-bearers were elected as follows:—President, Mr. Jacob Clark; vice-president, Mr. W. F. Black; secretary, Mr. John Inglis; assistant secretary, Mr. Finlay Currie; committee: Messrs. Thomas Knox, Arthur Forsyth, James Clark, William Duguid, William Still, and Peter Williamson.

FOLKESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly handicaps were played on Wednesday, March 1st, and Thursday, 2nd, in very unfavourable weather. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Leigh ...	106 22 84	Gen. Williams ...	119 25 94
Major Carter ...	93 8 85	Mr. Campbell ...	127 25 102
Sir Bevan Edwards.	102 11 91	Mr. Leaky ...	130 25 105
Col. Jee ...	110 16 94	Mr. Morris... ..	123 14 109

Six others made no return.
Ladies' handicap (thirteen holes):—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Jeffery ...	100 20 80	Miss D. Jeffery ...	93 4 89
Miss Eccles ...	94 12 82	Miss L. Wood ...	116 12 104
Miss Aug. Eccles ...	91 8 83	Miss P. Jeffery ...	133 20 113
Lady Clerk... ..	98 10 88		

FORRES GOLF CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Forres Golf Club was held in the Council Chamber on Monday afternoon, 27th ult. Mr. John Burn, vice-president, presided, and there were also present—Dr. Fowlie, ex-Bailie Gray, Rev. J. H. M'Keracher, Messrs. John Sutherland, Alex. Fraser, Hugh Mackintosh, Wm. M'Donald, Wm. Archibald, George Milne, Jas. M. Hutchison, Charles Stuart, Ernest Douglas, G. B. Taylor, R. Urquhart, jun., and John Leask, hon. secretary and treasurer.

Mr. John Leask, solicitor, hon. secretary, submitted the report of the committee, which stated that the membership (including ladies and apprentices) had gradually risen to one hundred and five at this date. During the year considerable outlay has again been expended on the course, the teeing grounds having been improved, the greens extended, levelled, and returfed where necessary, and additional drains laid down.

The hon. treasurer's accounts up to the 31st of December, 1892, showed a balance due to him of £4 6s. 10d. The committee regarded the result as very satisfactory under the circumstances, more especially as £10 was paid during the year to account of the club's debt on the club-house, thereby reducing it to £70. The subscriptions had risen to the largest amount yet received in one year, viz., £63 os. 3d. The boxes in the club-house were still proving a good source of revenue.

The silver claret jug, presented to the club by Major Macleod, of Dalvey, was won during the year by the captain, Mr. John Sutherland, and thus became his absolute property. On intimation of this being made to Major Macleod, he stated that he would have great pleasure in presenting another trophy to the club in the spring. During the year a number of matches were played with other clubs. The results were very satisfactory, and the committee hoped the club's improved position last year in this respect will be more than maintained this year, and they thought the number of inter-club matches should be increased if possible.

The report was unanimously adopted. The office-bearers were elected as follows:—President, Mr. R. B. Finlay, Q.C., vice-presidents, Major Macleod, of Dalvey, and Mr. John Burn, Victoria Park; captain, Mr. John Sutherland, Anderson's Institution; vice-captain, Dr. Milligan; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. John Leask, Solicitor.

The following were elected to the committee:—Dr. Fowlie, Messrs. Hugh Mackintosh, Wm. Macdonald, Wm. Archibald, John Stewart, and L. J. Hamilton.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

GUILDFORD v. WINCHESTER.

Played at Winchester, Saturday March 4th. The weather was very pleasant, and the individual matches, with one exception, were closely contested, the result being a win for the visitors for by fifteen holes.

GUILDFORD.		Holes.	WINCHESTER.		Holes.
Mr. S. Mure Fergusson ...	2	...	Mr. E. H. Buckland ...	0	...
Mr. W. Carr	Mr. H. C. Brooking ...	4	...
Mr. C. E. Nesham ...	10	...	Mr. W. S. Brockley ...	0	...
Mr. Bulmer Howell ...	4	...	Rev. G. M. Hewett ...	0	...
Mr. J. A. Ross (capt.)...	Capt. the Hon. A. R. Hewett...	1	...
Mr. H. Playford ...	1	...	Mr. H. C. Steel ...	0	...
Mr. J. Kenrick... ..	1	...	Mr. W. M. Corrie ...	0	...
Mr. H. L. Forbes ...	3	...	Rev. H. L. Porter ...	0	...
Mr. H. T. Cattley ...	1	...	Rev. J. H. Hodgson ...	0	...
Mr. L. Howell... ..	0	...	Capt. L. Russel (capt.) ...	2	...
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		22			7

HARTLEY WINTNEY GOLF CLUB.

The March competition for the monthly handicap medal took place on the 6th inst., in fine weather. After the recent heavy rains the greens played very slow. Mr. Morton became the holder with a net score of 78, a good performance considering the state of the links. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Morton ...	96 18 78	Mr. Draper ...	112 20 92
Mr. Seymour ...	102 20 82	Mr. Lloyd ...	118 25 93
Mr. Hastings ...	105 19 86	Mr. Bourdillon ...	114 20 94
Mr. St. John Dick... ..	112 23 89	Mr. Branfoot ...	117 18 99
Mr. Hollings ...	104 14 90		

Several other members played, but made no return.

EDINBURGH FORFARSHIRE CLUB.—The annual meeting of this club was held in Dowell's Rooms on Tuesday the 28th ult. The secretary submitted his own and the treasurer's reports for last year, which showed the club to be in a flourishing condition. New members were admitted, and the following gentlemen were appointed office-bearers and members of committee for the ensuing year, viz.:—Mr. Hew Morrison, captain; Mr. Stewart Mackenzie, vice-captain; Mr. Officer, secretary; Mr. Gould, treasurer; and Messrs. Bower, Cumming, Wallace, and Wighton, members of committee.

HYÈRES GOLF CLUB.

The eleventh weekly handicap, February 25th.—Notwithstanding heavy rain having fallen recently the course played well, and the following scores were made:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Hon. Ronald Jervis	86 scr. 86	Hon. Percy Wyndham	123 17 106
Mr. D. L. Clarke	107 17 90	Rev. A. Palmes	146 40 106
Capt. Rose	145 45 100	Mr. W. Peel	142 35 107

Twelfth weekly handicap, March 4th. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Capt. Rose	130 40 90	Rev. A. L. Palmes	140 45 95
Hon. R. Jervis	92 scr. 92	Mr. D. Clarke	115 16 99
Mr. W. Peel	130 37 93	Mr. A. Evill	124 18 106
Mr. G. Wellesley	106 12 94	Mr. B. Richardson	152 25 127

* Winner.

Mr. S. Oliphant (scratch), retired.

KENILWORTH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The Kenilworth ladies met the Coventry ladies last Friday on the links of the former, when the home team proved victorious. It is only fair to the Coventry team to mention that they are in the initial stage, and, doubtless, with a little more practice they will shortly turn the tables:—

COVENTRY.		KENILWORTH.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss N. Verrall	0	Miss G. M. Jepson	6
Miss Hart	0	Miss E. Middleton	4
Miss E. Hart	0	Miss Smith-Turberville	2
Miss Mitchell	0	Mrs. Mitchell	18
Mrs. Kerby	0	Miss Jepson	13
	0		43

LITTLEHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.

Monthly sweepstake, February 24th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. J. Constable	95 13 82	Mr. H. E. Harris	110 20 90
Mr. J. C. Constable	111 21 90	Mr. B. Thompson	101 11 90

Mr. E. C. R. Goff, no return.

Mr. E. C. R. Goff's medal, February 25th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. C. Farmer	94 10 84	Mr. A. Holmes	98 12 86
Mr. H. E. Harris	104 20 84	Mr. E. C. R. Goff	94 6 88

Lord E. Hamilton and Mr. H. Burnell, no return.

The Captain's cup, February 24th and 25th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. E. C. R. Goff	91 6 85	Mr. R. Holmes	105 14 91

Mr. C. Bartlett, no return.

LONDON SCOTTISH GOLF CLUB.

Monthly meeting, March 4th. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. W. W. Slater	95 14 81	Mr. J. H. Davidson	107 15 92
Mr. Jas. Duncan	83 scr. 83	Mr. A. E. Walker	95 2 93
Mr. A. Anderson	85 scr. 85	Mr. Kenneth B. Brown	95 2 93
Mr. W. H. Warner	100 15 85	Mr. D. S. Froy	99 5 94
Mr. T. R. Pinkerton	83 +3 86	Mr. W. B. Lindsay	100 6 94
Mr. Alex. Taylor	104 18 86	Mr. W. A. Wigram	112 18 94
Mr. J. Walker, jun.	100 12 88	Mr. Jas. Watson	113 18 95
Mr. James Gow	95 5 90	Mr. S. G. Warner	112 16 96
Mr. W. S. Scott	109 18 91	Mr. John Bell	118 18 100
Mr. G. G. Kennedy	112 21 91		

* Winner of medal.

About a dozen members made no return.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

THE CAPTAIN'S CUP.

In splendid weather—quite a genial spring day in fact—the sixth, and what might be termed the semi-final, competition for the cup presented by the captain—Mr. W. E. Fairlie—was played by the members of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club on Saturday, on the links at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea. The exceptionally heavy rains of several previous nights had made the ground heavy, and notwithstanding the very sandy nature of the land, the course—as a rule so remarkably dry—seemed to have become temporarily saturated, and consequently small pools of water had lodged in many places, a state of things very damaging to the scores. There was a large attendance of members, and sixty-

one went for the competition. The three best gross scores were:—Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton, 92; Mr. C. G. D. Hoare, St. Anne's, 97; and Mr. James E. King, St. Anne's, 97; and the three best net scores:—Mr. James E. King, 97, less 9=88; Mr. R. Hampson, Blackpool, 100, less 12=88; and Mr. A. Entwistle, Bolton, 105, less 15=90. The full returns of the scores up to 100 net, were as follows:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. James E. King, St. Anne's	97	9	88
Mr. R. Hampson, Blackpool	100	12	88
Mr. A. Entwistle, Bolton	105	15	90
Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton	92	+1	93
Rev. C. Billington, Lytham	102	9	93
Mr. C. G. D. Hoare, St. Anne's	97	3	94
Mr. S. F. Bucher, Bury	106	10	96
Mr. E. M. Whipp, St. Anne's	109	13	96
Mr. R. T. Gillibrand, St. Anne's	113	16	97
Mr. P. Musgrave, Bolton	113	16	97
Mr. F. H. Smith, Bolton	109	11	98
Mr. T. Muirhead, Bowdon	114	16	98
Mr. F. C. Morgan, Manchester	103	4	99
Mr. E. Redfern, St. Anne's	117	18	99
Mr. F. Topp, Little Hulton, Bolton	114	14	100

The winner of the competition was Mr. Jas. E. King, and he will be one of the six successful members to play off under special handicap at the forthcoming Spring meeting of the club on Saturday, April 15th, for possession of the cup, the six, with their scores in the six competitions, being as follow:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
1. Mr. J. Marcus Rea, St. Anne's	89	6	83
2. Mr. J. Buckley, Norbreck	92	8	84
3. Mr. J. Eccles, jun., Ashton, Preston	92	8	84
4. Mr. J. Mellor, St. Anne's	98	12	86
5. Mr. J. Hargreaves, Blackburn	100	11	89
6. Mr. Jas. E. King, St. Anne's	97	9	88

On Saturday, the first optional sweepstake was won by Mr. R. Hampson, the second by Mr. A. Entwistle, and the third by Mr. G. F. Smith.

The programme of the club for the coming season is a full one, and will include the competitions for the Clifton gold medal, the Ladies' gold medal, the Terry silver claret jug, the Captain's cup (final), the Lancashire Fusiliers' cup, the Silver Iron, the Ridley cup, a tournament for the Prestwick cup, &c., &c.

MANCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The March contest in the monthly medal handicap of the Manchester Golf Club took place at the Manley Park links on Saturday. The ground showed the advantage of the almost complete rest it had enjoyed owing to the bad weather of the previous week, and the greens were in better condition than at any other period of the present season. Genial, if scarcely seasonable, sunshine added to the delights of the game; and although in the earlier hours of the day the wind was a little too strong for good golfing, it was tempered in the afternoon to a breeze just stiff enough to lend an added interest to the problems of accurate driving and lofting. Captain Farrant, who generally succeeds in placing a creditable score to his record, on this occasion secured the laurels of the day with the lowest gross as well as the lowest net total. The best scores handed in are given below:

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Captain Farrant	86 8 78	Mr. J. E. Cooper	121 30 91
Rev. T. N. Carter	101 20 81	Mr. H. Macdonald	100 8 92
Mr. W. Bell	88 3 85	Professor Core	115 22 93
Mr. S. B. Graves	95 10 85	Mr. M. Bythway	114 18 96
Mr. W. Cownie	102 16 86	Mr. S. Kneale	115 18 97
Mr. R. Holmes	111 25 86	Mr. W. C. Adamson	105 7 98
Mr. F. Jones	103 15 88	Mr. H. L. Joseland	128 30 98
Mr. G. Haig	95 5 90	Mr. E. H. Hamp	127 28 99
Mr. A. C. Knight	93 2 91	Mr. Harry Smith	129 30 99
Mr. G. Macdonald	94 3 91		

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.—The final competition for the club cup was held on Saturday. Ten players started. The weather was excellent, but the links were heavy after the rains. Results:—Mr. C. G. Graham, 104 less 11=93, and Mr. J. F. Wright, 106, less 13=93, were equal first; Hon. and Rev. R. C. Moncrieff, 98, less 4=94, was third; Mr. F. C. Hunter Blair, 107, less 9=98, fourth; and Mr. C. G. Lefroy, 107, less 8=99, fifth.

CLEVELAND GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition for the club tankard took place on Friday and Saturday in fine weather, but the accumulation of water on the links interfered with the play, so that few members sent in cards. The winner was Mr. H. E. Cradock, with a score of 88 net. The full scores were as follows:—Mr. H. E. Cradock, 100, less 12=88; Mr. T. French, 101, less 8=93; Mr. C. D. Mackenzie, 99, less 4=95; Mr. J. Roddam, 107, less 12=95; Mr. J. W. Kyle, 114, less 16=98; Mr. J. Scott (scratch), 118.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY v. ROYAL BLACKHEATH.

Played at Blackheath on Monday, the 6th inst., eight a-side. The day was a fine one for Golf; but the bareness of some of the greens made the putting on them rather difficult. The course, generally, was in good condition. The Royal Blackheath won by 30 holes. Results of the matches:—

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.		ROYAL BLACKHEATH.	
Holes.	Holes.	Holes.	Holes.
Mr. F. H. Stewart ...	0	Mr. I. G. Gibson (capt.) ...	4
Mr. R. B. Person (capt.) ...	0	Mr. F. S. Ireland ...	6
Mr. P. Balfour ...	0	Mr. A. Schacht ...	7
Mr. R. H. Dun ...	0	Capt. H. Gillon ...	2
Mr. L. Robertson ...	0	Mr. R. Whyte ...	1
Mr. R. L. Proudfoot ...	0	Mr. W. H. Richardson ...	4
Mr. A. J. Boger ...	0	Mr. A. T. Young ...	4
Viscount Encombe ...	0	Mr. W. E. Hughes ...	2
	0		30

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

The last competition in connection with the winter optional subscription prizes, under handicap, took place at Hoylake last Saturday. The weather was very fine, with a stiff breeze from the west; there was a large attendance, some fifty couples competing. Mr. H. C. R. Sievwright secured a win in for the first optional subscription prize with his net score of 85, winning also the first sweepstakes. A win in for the second optional subscription prize resulted in favour of Mr. John Stewart with his score of 108, less 17=91. Messrs. H. S. Bower and G. Wild not having entered. The second and third sweepstakes were divided between Messrs. H. S. Bower and M. Pole. The result of the play was as follows:—

First class winter optional subscribers' prize (limited to 14 in the handicap).

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. C. R. Sievwright ...	88 3 85	Dr. E. Davidson ...	97 3 94
Mr. M. Pole ...	97 9 88	Mr. W. Dod ...	107 12 95
Mr. J. H. Knight ...	95 5 90	Mr. E. H. Porter ...	107 12 95
Mr. R. Good ...	96 6 90	Mr. H. M. Blythe ...	109 14 95
Mr. John Ball, jun. ...	82 +9 91	Mr. A. Dod ...	109 14 95
Mr. H. Wrigley ...	104 12 92	Mr. Regd. Haigh ...	109 14 95
Mr. H. W. Forster ...	97 4 93	Mr. A. Turpin ...	96 scr. 96
Mr. James Fairclough ...	98 5 93	Mr. A. H. Higgins ...	100 4 96
Mr. H. W. Hind ...	105 12 93	Mr. C. I. Crowther ...	105 8 97
		Mr. J. E. Pearson ...	105 4 101

Forty-one competitors made no returns.

Second-class winter optional subscribers' prize (15 to 30 in the handicap.)

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. S. Bower ...	106 18 88	Mr. W. H. Alexander ...	118 20 98
Mr. George Wild ...	106 16 90	Mr. T. Turpin ...	123 25 98
Mr. John Stewart ...	108 17 91	Mr. R. C. Beazley ...	114 15 99
Mr. F. L. Craigie ...	110 17 93	Mr. G. H. Symth ...	116 16 100
Mr. G. D. Wilson ...	117 20 97		

Thirty competitors made no returns.

The respective winners in the two classes, viz., Messrs. John Ball, senr., H. A. Farrar, Arthur Turpin, and H. C. R. Sievwright in the first-class, and Messrs. H. Keef, H. W. Abernethy, G. H. Smyth, and John Stewart, in the second class; will play off under special handicap on Saturday, April 1st, when the monthly medal and summer optionals will commence for the year.

ROYAL ASCOT GOLF CLUB.

Competition club prize.—Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Major J. Spens ...	93 18 75	Mr. C. E. Cottrell ...	95 7 88
Mr. H. Eden ...	93 11 82	Mr. F. J. Patton ...	89 1 88
Mr. L. B. Keyser ...	95 11 84	Lieut.-Col. Lewes ...	109 20 89
Mr. P. E. V. Broke ...	90 5 85	Mr. E. Ponsonby ...	103 14 89
Sir G. Pigot ...	103 18 85	Mr. C. C. Bayley ...	105 14 91
Mr. A. C. Bartholomew ...	99 14 85	Col. Eden ...	105 12 93
Mr. H. Blackett ...	96 9 87	Capt. Cooper-Key ...	102 8 94
*Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell ...	88 1 87	Mr. W. C. Clibbons ...	103 not hcp.

* Winner of the silver putter (scratch prize) for 1892.

Also played—Messrs. C. C. Clarke, H. Sawyer, H. C. Clarke, H. F. De Paravicini, E. M. Hadow, H. Longman, Hon. Lincoln Stanhope, Dr. Nicolison, Sir T. Dyer, and Rev. H. Wilson.

There was also played the final for the "Bogey" prizes 1892, presented by Messrs. C. Hamilton and H. H. Longman, the result being a win for Messrs. F. J. Patton and C. E. Cottrell.

Mr. F. J. Patton, 4 down on "Bogey"; Mr. C. Cottrell, 4 down; Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell, 5 down; Capt. Cooper Key, 6 down; Col. Eden, 7 down.

Messrs. H. H. Longman, E. M. Hadow, and H. F. De Paravicini, made no return.

ROYAL GUERNSEY GOLF CLUB.

February bronze medal.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. F. Slater, R.A. ...	113 20 93	Mr. J. Swinburne ...	108 4 104
Mr. F. Hutchesson ...	109 16 93	Captain Amedroz ...	114 8 106
Mr. H. Maclean ...	105 8 97	Maj.-Gen. J. G. Cloeté ...	113 7 106
Colonel Field ...	105 5 100	Major Wright ...	134 22 112
Mr. H. B. Tupper ...	121 18 103	Mr. F. A. Fraser ...	129 15 114
Colonel St. Clair ...	115 11 104	Mr. A. Bailey ...	129 not hcp.

Result of Tie.—Mr. G. F. Slater, R.A., 109, less 20=89; Mr. F. Hutchesson, 118, less 16=102.

Several members scratched or made no return. The weather was dull, with slight wind and rain, and the scores ought to have been much lower.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

The monthly prize, Saturday, March 4th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Dr. Hodder ...	100 15 85	Capt. Robin ...	97 2 95
*Mr. C. G. Broadwood ...	88 2 86	Mr. H. G. H. Spencer ...	99 4 95
*Major Scott, R.A. ...	89 +1 90	Mr. P. A. deCrespigny ...	100 4 96
Mr. T. W. Barker ...	98 5 93	Capt. Le Feuvre ...	109 9 100

* Divided sweepstakes.

Fifteen players made no returns.

RHYL GOLF CLUB.

The fourth series of the monthly competitions was held on the above links on Saturday, March 3rd. The weather was very fine, and the green in excellent order. Most of the putting-greens have been taken up and relaid, and were played over for first time on Saturday. The club are erecting a very handsome club house, at a cost of £1,000, which it is thought will be the means of adding fresh members to the club. Mr. G. H. Clements, the winner, is a beginner of only a few months. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. W. Clements ...	126 40 86	Mr. W. A. Watts ...	134 30 104
Mr. J. Wild ...	107 12 95	Mr. J. D. Miller ...	128 22 106
Mr. H. G. Stock ...	110 9 101	Col. Mainwaring ...	128 21 107
Mr. E. W. D. Walthall ...	121 20 101	Mr. P. Plunkett ...	119 12 107
Mr. T. E. R. Johnson ...	135 33 102	Mr. Will Williams ...	122 13 109

Messrs. Roe Browne, E. Walthall, and several others made no returns.

SOUTH LYNN v. MR. H. F. MATHESON'S TEAM.

The above match was played over the Eastbourne Links on March 1st, and was remarkable for the even nature of the games.

SOUTH LYNN.

MR. MATHESON'S TEAM.

Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. A. Graham Murray ...	2	Mr. J. S. Russel ...	0
Rev. H. von E. Scott ...	0	Mr. E. Gardner ...	1
Mr. E. Cuming ...	0	Mr. A. M. Wilkinson ...	0
Mr. A. Wauchope ...	1	Mr. E. O. W. Powell ...	0
Mr. A. G. Paterson ...	0	Mr. H. F. Matheson ...	0
Mr. E. Matheson ...	0	Mr. R. B. Masefield ...	3
Mr. T. Simpson ...	0	Mr. A. Smith ...	0
Mr. C. Maitland ...	5	Mr. E. W. Bell ...	0
Mr. B. A. Harvey ...	0	Mr. T. S. Whitfield ...	0
Mr. G. Maconchy ...	1	Mr. E. C. Cooper ...	0
	9		4

EDINBURGH "EVENING DISPATCH" TROPHY.—A meeting to arrange for the forthcoming tournament for the *Evening Dispatch* Golf trophy was held on Friday night, March 3rd, in the Café Royal Hotel.—Mr. Smith (Thistle) in the chair. The tournament was fixed to be played on Saturday, April 8th, and the following two Saturdays. It was decided that clubs intending to compete should intimate their teams to the secretary on or before Thursday, March 30th. The draw was fixed for the evening of Saturday, April 1st. The following gentlemen were appointed to form the Tournament Committee:—Mr. Smith (Thistle), Mr. James Robbs (*Scotsman*), Mr. Strachan (St. Andrew), Mr. Howie (Harrison), Mr. J. St. Clair Shaw (Braids), Mr. Geoghegan (Watsonians), and Mr. J. M'Cormick (Electric).

after a wet night more players than usual made a start from the first tee, but wind and water apparently proved too much for most of them.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. F. Freeth ...	103	18	85	Rev. H. M. Faber 107	13	94	
†Mr. G. S. Albright	100	12	88	Mr. G. A. Jones ...	109	13	96
Mr. W. Paterson ...	89	scr.	89	Mr. W. C. Perry ...	114	17	97
Dr. J. P. Bookless...	105	12	93				

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

WEST CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

The third of the spring series of competitions under handicap was played off on Saturday, 25th ult., with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. Law ...	113	45	68	Mr. R. Fox...	129	22	107
Mr. C. W. Smith ...	130	35	95	Mr. H. Mansel ...	129	22	107
Captain Savage ...	146	50	96	Mr. R. S. Read ...	152	45	107
Mr. R. F. Tyacke..	123	25	98	Mr. Howard Fox ...	143	35	108
Mr. F. Harvey ...	151	48	103	Mr. W. Harvey ...	153	20	133

Mr. Norsworthy and Mr. Dalziel Savary, no returns.

WOODFORD GOLF CLUB.

Captain's prize and monthly medal.—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.				
Mr. E. A. Tewson...	92	9	83	Mr. F. C. B. Huut.	96	6	90
Mr. R. Redwood ...	94	11	83	Mr. W. Kemsley ..	195	10	95
Mr. M. A. Gardom..	91	7	84	Mr. B. B. Hunt ...	114	15	99
Mr. E. J. Morris ...	105	16	89	Mr. S. Hellyer ...	120	20	100
Mr. J. W. M. Guy..	105	16	89				

Eighteen competitors. Other returns over 100. Course very wet.

DUMFRIES.—A handicap tournament for prizes presented to the Queen of the South Golf Club has been in progress for several weeks, and the final ties were played off on Saturday. The contest for the first prize lay between Mr. Henry Govan and Mr. R. Wright, jun. The former was successful with a scratch score of 77. Mr. Wright took 95, less 6=89. The third prize was won by Mr. G. Bedford, whose score was 100, less 14=86; and the fourth by Mr. R. A. Morrison with a scratch score of 88. The monthly medal of the club was also competed for on Saturday, and was won by Mr. James Martin, whose score was 94, less 20=74.

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS.—On Saturday the members engaged in competition for prizes presented by the vice-captain, Mr. D. Fergusson. The weather being favourable, there was a good turn-out of players. The following are the best scores handed in for the round of eighteen holes:—Mr. W. A. Kennedy, 90, less 6=84; Mr. J. H. O. Baine, 109, less 24=85; Mr. Thomas Weir, 103, less 10=87; Mr. James Howat, 94, less 6=88; Mr. James Andrew, 89 (scratch); Mr. W. Allan, 106, less 16=90; Mr. D. Templeton, 104, less 12=92; Mr. R. Pyper, 105, less 12=93; Mr. R. Hewitt, 111, less 18=93; Mr. D. Waddell, 118, less 24=94.

BEARSDEN CLUB.—The last monthly competition for the Lowrie gold medal, confined to the male members of the club, was played on this course on Saturday. Mr. C. C. Cuthbert, with a score of 90, less 12=78, and Mr. J. P. Smith, with 102, less 24=78, tied for the medal. The next best scores were:—Mr. James Thompson, scratch 83; Mr. George Rome, scratch, 84; Mr. W. J. Armstrong, 93, less 8=85; Mr. William Wilson, scratch, 86; Mr. W. L. Bain, 107, less 20=87; Mr. James M'Farlane, scratch, 88; and Mr. T. L. Johnstone, 94, less 6=88.

FALKIRK TRYST GOLF CLUB.—The first round in the spring handicap tournament in connection with this club came off on the Tryst ground on Saturday, with the following results:—Mr. D. M. Wilson (12) beat Mr. A. Black (18); Mr. T. Helme (18) beat Mr. C. F. Easton (scratch); Mr. W. K. Gair (24) beat Sheriff Scott-Moncrieff (27); Mr. H. Martin (18) beat Mr. G. Haddow (20); Rev. J. Yellowlees (18) beat Mr. J. Haddow (20); Mr. F. Seatter (5) beat Mr. J. Steedman (26).

KING JAMES VI. CLUB, PERTH.—The handicap competition for the Pullar inkstand, which had been postponed owing to the state of the greens, took place on Saturday. The greens were in capital condition considering the recent storm. When all the cards were returned it was found that Mr. Robert Garvie had won the inkstand at 85, less 6=79. The sweepstake prizes were won by Messrs. Robert Garvie, James Hay, and William Garvie. The next best scores were:—Messrs. James Hay, 80; William Garvie, 84; A. Syme, 86; John Mailer, 87; Robert Halley, 90; J. Crerar.

GREENOCK.—At the annual meeting of Greenock Golf Club—Mr. J. W. Crawford presiding—it was agreed to limit the membership of the club to 180, the present membership being 160. It was reported that the funds of the club were in a very satisfactory condition, and that the new club-house would be formally opened on the 17th of March, the date of the spring competition. The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—Captain, R. P. Lyle; secretary and treasurer, Mr. George Jenkins.

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