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SEPTEMBER.

- Sept. 15 and 16.—Scarborough : Autumn Meeting.  
Sept. 16.—Eltham : "Bogey" Competition.  
Harrogate : Monthly Medal.  
Knutsford : Monthly Competition.  
Gullane : Captain's and other Prizes and General Meeting.  
Rochester : Monthly Medal.  
Headingley : Monthly Medal.  
Alloa : The Club Medal.  
Wakefield : Monthly Medal.  
Chester : Final Monthly Competition.  
Brighton and Hove : De Worms Challenge Cup.  
Formby : Autumn Meeting.  
Woodford : Quarterly Medal.  
Mid-Surrey : Monthly Medal.  
Buxton and High Peak : September Cup.  
Royal Dublin : Monthly Medal.  
Wimbledon Ladies : Monthly Medal.  
Seaford : Monthly Medal.  
County Down : Hole Competition (Open); Captain's Prize; Club Monthly Handicap.  
Ealing : Monthly Medal.  
Eltham : Monthly Medal ("Bogey").  
Southport : The Pilkington Scratch Medal and Bell's Prize (Handicap).  
Sept. 20.—Crookham : Monthly Medal.  
Durham : Nine Winners' Cup.  
Southdown and Brighton Ladies : Prize Meeting.  
Sept. 21.—Tyneside : Autumn Meeting.  
Sept. 23.—Ilkley : Monthly Medal.  
Willesden : Club Monthly Medal and Autumn Meeting.

- Sept. 23.—R. & R. Clark : Medal (Braids).  
West Lancashire : Monthly Competition (Class 2).  
Chester : Final, Committee's Cup.  
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.  
Lytham and St. Anne's : Ridley Cup.  
King's Norton : Monthly Medal  
Rhyd : Open Competition.  
Hook : Autumn Meeting; Ladies' Cup; Captain's Prize.  
Sept. 26.—Seaton Carew : "Bogey" Competition.  
County Down : Captain's Prize.  
Warminster : Monthly Medal.  
Burnham (Somerset) : Gold and Silver Medals.  
Sept. 27.—King's Norton : Ladies' Brooch.  
Sept. 28.—Royal Guernsey : Monthly Medal.  
Great Yarmouth : Monthly Medal.  
Sept. 29 & 30.—Ilkley : Autumn Meeting.  
Redhill and Reigate : Mr. Emmet's Prize and Captain's Prize.  
Minchinhampton : Autumn Meeting.  
Sept. 30.—Edinburgh Institution : Autumn Meeting (at North Berwick).  
West Lancashire : Monthly Competition.  
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.  
Taplow : Monthly Medal.  
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.  
Royal Dublin : The Lumsden Medal.  
Headingley : The Captain's Prize.  
Moffat : Monthly Medal.  
Rochester : Competition.  
Weston-Super-Mare : Monthly Medal.  
Cheadle : Sixth Summer Competition  
Royal West Norfolk : Monthly Medal.  
Huddersfield : Monthly Medal.  
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Cup; Captain's Prize; and Monthly Medal.  
Islay : Monthly Medal.  
Sidcup : Monthly Medal.  
County Down : Annesley Cup; Captain's Prize.  
Eltham Ladies : Monthly Medal.  
Marple : Monthly Medal and Captain's Cup.  
West Cornwall : Monthly Medal.  
Sept. 30 and following week.—Royal Jersey : Autumn Meeting.

OCTOBER.

- Oct. 3.—Blackheath Ladies : Valerie Cup.  
Oct. 4.—Blackheath Ladies : Monthly Medal.  
Oct. 7.—West Cornwall : Bolitho Challenge Cup (Scratch).  
Oct. 13 & 14.—Tooting : Autumn Meeting.  
Oct. 14.—West Cornwall : Club Prize (Scratch).  
Oct. 17.—West Cornwall : Ladies' Monthly Medal.  
Oct. 21.—West Cornwall : Club Challenge (Handicap).  
Oct. 28.—West Cornwall : Monthly Medal.

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## THE JUBILEE VASE, ST. ANDREWS.

Tuesday, September 5th, saw a strong field assembled to wrest possession of the Jubilee trophy from its holder, Mr. Leslie M. Balfour. In addition to that gentleman, Mr. Frank A. Fairlie and Mr. Charles Hutchings arrived from Prestwick, where they had shown themselves in good form at the Championship. Mr. A. F. Macfie, Mr. H. S. C. Everard, and Mr. Ernie Blackwell also entered, all this group occupying the honourable position of 1 behind scratch. The next division contained Mr. David Anderson, Colonel D. W. Mackinnon, Mr. H. S. Colt, Mr. J. L. Low, and Mr. D. J. Lamb, at scratch, these being reinforced by four players in receipt of 1 stroke only, while others, almost all of whom are above the general average of merit, contributed to swell the total to forty-three, as against thirty-five in 1892. On the whole the draw was a bad one for the best players, many of whom had to meet each other, with the inevitable consequence. Thus the first match to attract attention was between Mr. Leslie Balfour and Mr. Everard, and a somewhat singular match it proved. The first six holes were halved, though neither gentleman appeared to the best advantage on the putting-greens, chances on both sides being given and not taken, Mr. Everard being the greatest sinner in this respect. Now, however, he had a series of undeniable holes; a very long steal gained him the High Hole in 3; the short hole fell to him also, as Mr. Balfour drove into the bunker. The end hole was halved, and the next two holes went to the leading player in 4 and 2 respectively—the first by reason of his better putting, the second from a splendid straight drive to within a yard or two of the hole. The twelfth was halved in 4. Hence, for these six holes Mr. Everard's score was 20, at which point he stood 4 up and 6 to play. He led off with a fine tee-shot to the bottom of the table-land, but at this point made a mistake which he never afterwards recovered. Instead of taking a cleek, with which he could easily have reached the green, he tried a wooden club, hit the face in front, left himself too much to do, and lost the hole, and also the next by missing an approach shot, though it is probable that, in any case, Mr. Balfour would have won, for his corresponding shot was a beauty—in fact, all but dead. Mr. Everard, 2 up and 4 to play. A half followed, then another, this time a good half for Mr. Balfour, who had first driven into the Park, and thence into the bunker at the green; but a good piece of holing-out saved him. That player carried off the Road Hole in 5, Mr. Everard just failing to be down in that number, and he now made, perhaps, the worst mistake of the round by driving into the burn, and, as Mr. Balfour holed in 5, he secured a most creditable half of the match.

Perhaps the best play of the morning was shown by Mr. Colt and by Mr. Hutchings. Mr. Colt was opposed by Colonel Mackinnon, who won three out of the first four holes; at the Long Hole and Heather Hole the former retrieved himself, and stood only 1 down at the turn, a noteworthy fact being that the ninth hole was halved in 3. Homeward bound Mr. Colt had the balance in his favour, and won by 3 and 1 to play at the Road. The scores were:—

Mr. Colt -	Out ...	5	6	5	5	5	4	5	3	3=41
	Home..	4	4	4	5	5	4	5	5	=36
Col. Mackinnon—	Out ...	4	5	5	4	7	5	5	3	3=41
	Home..	5	5	5	4	6	4	5	6	=40

77 and 81 respectively for seventeen holes. Mr. Hutchings played out the full round in 81, as follows:—

Out ...	...	6	5	4	4	6	4	4	4	5=42 } 81
Home ...	...	4	2	4	4	6	4	5	5	5=39 }

Mr. Macfie had a close match with Mr. Gilbert Elliot, but beat him at the Burn.

Owing to Mr. Low having had a bye in the morning, Messrs. Balfour and Everard met again in the second round, the latter opening well by winning the first hole; being bunkered from his approach he lost the next, won the third, and lost the fourth—all square. At the High Hole Mr. Balfour by better putting was 2 up; and now came, in all probability, the turning-point of the match: Mr. Everard, trying for a 2 to win the Short Hole, just failed, and missed his third. He had hard fortune at the end, where, being slightly inside Mr. Balfour from the approach, the latter holed in 3. Mr. Everard's ball, to all appearance just as well played, struck the centre of the hole and spun out—4 down. Mr. Balfour, who was putting in deadly manner this round, holed another good one at the tenth, which he won. Halves followed until he became dormy 5, when Mr. Everard, as a last effort, won the Long Hole in a perfect 4, having laid his third within a yard of the hole; but, as the third last hole was halved, Mr. Balfour, who had played remarkably well, stood 4 up and 3 to play. Had the round been played out the scores would probably have been about 81 and 85 or 86, Mr. Balfour having been out in 40.

Mr. Colt, playing Mr. Ernie Blackwell, was 4 up at the seventh hole; the latter then began to reduce this lead, and stood only 1 down

and 7 to play; but he now threw away his chance by missing a short putt for a half at the Heather Hole. Playing the Hole o' Cross, Mr. Colt, who had somewhat the worst of the hole, made an astonishing recovery, which an ill-conditioned person might even characterise as a fluke—over hills, valleys, mountains, dales; he holed his third shot with an iron, from a distance of about seventy yards, leaving Mr. Blackwell a putt of about fifty yards for a half, which he missed. The end came at the next hole but one, Mr. Colt having also added the Ginger Beer Hole to his possessions. Mr. H. A. Bethune, who drove some terrific balls, had a close match with Mr. Hubert Longman, whose last remaining stroke at the eighteenth hole secured him a half, though Mr. Bethune was almost down in 3.

Wednesday.—Wednesday forenoon witnessed a very high standard of play on the part of five or six of the survivors. The principal match was that between Mr. Leslie Balfour, and Mr. Frank Fairlie, who met on even terms. The former won the second and third holes by steady play in 5 and 4 respectively. At the fourth, Mr. Fairlie by longer driving had a great advantage, and reduced the lead by one; and had not Mr. Balfour holed a very long putt at the fifth Mr. Fairlie would have won that also; the High Hole went to the same gentleman in a beautifully played 4, and the match was now square. From this point Mr. Fairlie fell off somewhat; he had till then been driving very much longer balls than Mr. Balfour; but on the return journey, all his tee shots were slightly heeled, in consequence of which he visited bunkers, which practically cost him the match. He lost the last two holes out; was 2 down and 6 to play; a couple of halves followed, and then Mr. Balfour, with a 4, made himself dormy 3, winning at the Dyke, where Mr. Fairlie had driven, rather unluckily, very badly into the Principal's Nose, which Mr. Balfour had carried. The latter had a remarkably steady score, not a 6 appearing in it, and every hole was fought out to the last stroke—a most interesting match to watch. Mr. Balfour:—Out, 5 5 4 5 5 4 5 3 4=40; home, 5 3 4 5 5 4 5=31, or 71 for sixteen holes; Mr. Fairlie 74. Meanwhile Mr. Colt went out in 38 against Mr. Gray, and finished 4 up and 3 to play, in 66 for fifteen holes: Mr. Aitken, out in 39, won from Mr. Bovill at the same hole in the same number, 66. Mr. Hutchings had a hard fight with Mr. W. H. Cox, at the odds of ten strokes: he managed, nevertheless, to win at the last hole by 1, in the fine score of 82:—Out, 4 5 5 5 5 4 3 4=40; home 3 3 4 5 5 5 7 5=42, total 82. Mr. Bethune for the second time had a hard fight with Mr. Longman, but, by holing a three-yard putt on the last green, won by 1. In the afternoon Mr. Aitken, though for the first half-round falling off considerably from the high standard he had hitherto maintained, found little difficulty in defeating Mr. Macfie; Mr. Colt on the other hand, continued nearly at his best, and beat Mr. Hutchings by 4. The closest match was that between Mr. Nimmo and Mr. Balfour; the latter gentleman also fell off somewhat, making at the sixth hole what for him was an unaccountable blunder, namely topping his second shot into a bunker not twenty yards from him. Profiting by this mistake, and by his liberal odds, Mr. Nimmo was 3 up, but the scratch man was not yet done with. By dint of steady play he gradually reduced the adverse lead, until the match was all square and 3 to play. Mr. Balfour then by two brilliant shots, the second of which lay about two yards from the flag, won the Dyke; but, as the last of the strokes fell due at the Road, he lost that hole—square and 1 to play. From a longer tee shot, Mr. Balfour drew his second on to the bare patch under the club steps, whither Mr. Nimmo had almost preceded him: the latter, however, lay clear upon the grass, and laid himself dead. Although Mr. Balfour holed out at 2 more, he had to admit defeat by one putt, an unsatisfactory ending for him, in view of the good uphill fight he had made.

Thursday.—The four survivors for the semi-final were Mr. H. A. Bethune, who received three strokes from Mr. Aitken, and Mr. Nimmo, receiving five from Mr. Colt. Both matches were well contested throughout. In the first Mr. Bethune found himself 1 up and 4 to play, but lost his lead by taking three putts to hole out on the third last green, where Mr. Aitken laid a long putt stone dead in 3. That player now topped his tee shot badly, while his opponent had a very long drive; he lost the hole, however, from over-running the green into the bunker beyond, and Mr. Aitken was somewhat fortunate in winning it in 5. Mr. Bethune now drove two enormously long shots, which very nearly reached the green. Mr. Aitken, however, was not so very far behind him, and arrived within easy approaching distance; he ran up past the hole about ten yards and holed out in 4, a capably played hole. Mr. Bethune, with a putt of some six yards for a half, failed to follow suit, and so lost by 2 and 1 to play.

Mr. Colt, with a very steady round of 85, beat Mr. Nimmo by 2 on the last green. After an even match all the way round they were square and 4 to play. Mr. Colt then won a hole, but bunkered himself in the Principal's Nose, whither Mr. Nimmo followed him, with some lack of judgment, inasmuch as he had a stroke at that hole. He was so badly placed in the hazard that he had to play out backwards, but with his stroke eventually secured a half. Mr. Colt had the match for the taking at the Road, but missed a putt to win of about a foot and a-half in length, he having played a most brilliant iron shot, which

lofted on the green, giving him a fair chance of a 4. Mr. Nimmo, in playing the last hole, missed his second and third shots, and as Mr. Colt was down in a perfect 4 he won. The final now lay between him and Mr. Aitken, and rarely has better, or indeed as good, play been witnessed in any competition. Driving very long and straight balls against a stiff breeze, Mr. Colt, with the exception of an indifferently played hole at the Ginger Beer (where, however, he retrieved his errors by a long putt), never made a mistake. Mr. Aitken, with a long steal, won the first hole in 4, lost the second by topping his second shot into a bunker, and won the third. From this point to the end of the match he had no opening to win a single hole, if we may perhaps except the sixth, which he did win in a good 4, and the eleventh, which was halved in that number. At the eighth hole Mr. Aitken's one stroke saved him a half, but he lost the ninth and the tenth 2 down, every other hole being halved until the corner of the Dyke, where Mr. Aitken missed a short putt and lost the match. Both played well, the winner very exceptionally so, his score being exactly the same as that with which Mr. Macfie won the spring medal. Throughout the competition he played the same class of game, and no single round of his can have exceeded 85, hence he thoroughly deserved to win. This is his second victory, he having carried off this cup in 1890. The progress of the match may be noted by comparing the scores:—

Mr. Colt—	
Out ...	... 5 5 5 5 6 5 4 3 4=42 } 82
Home ...	... 4 4 4 5 5 4 4 5 5=40 }
Mr. Aitken—	
Out ...	... 4 6 4 5 7 4 7 4 5=46 } 89
Home ...	... 5 4 4 5 5 4 5 6 5=43 }

Mr. Bethune and Mr. Nimmo played off for third prize. After a halved match the former won.

The results of the play were as follows:—

First Round.—Mr. J. Laird Luke (5) beat Rev. W. Donne (12) by 5 and 4 to play; Mr. J. O. Fairlie (1) beat Mr. T. Tate (9) by 7 and 6 to play; Mr. W. D. Bovill (4) beat Colonel P. M'Laren (11) by 2 and 1 to play; Captain Henry C. Best (7) beat Mr. David Anderson (scratch) by 2 and 1 to play; Mr. James H. Aitken (1) beat Mr. Edward C. P. Boyd (1) by 3 and 1 to play; Mr. Leslie M. Balfour (plus 1) and Mr. H. S. C. Everard (plus 1) halved; Mr. A. L. Christie (5) beat Mr. W. J. Lee (10) by 2; Mr. F. A. Fairlie (plus 1) beat Mr. W. T. Linskill (7) by 5 and 4 to play; Mr. A. Nimmo, jun. (5) beat Mr. F. Tarver (13) by 6 and 4 to play; Mr. T. Jeffrey (5) beat Mr. A. Kennedy Erskine (5) by 2; Mr. L. B. Keyser (7) beat Major W. B. Craigie (14) by 5 and 4 to play; Mr. Robert Whyte (4) and Mr. A. Gray (5) halved; Captain P. J. C. Livingstone (2) beat Mr. B. C. Wylid (9) by 5 and 3 to play; Mr. Ernley R. H. Blackwell (plus 1) beat Captain J. R. Scott (16) by 5 and 4 to play; Mr. H. S. Colt (scratch) beat Colonel D. W. Mackinnon (scratch) by 3 and 1 to play; Mr. H. Seton-Karr, M.P. (8), and Mr. W. H. Cox (9) halved; Mr. C. Hutchings (plus 1) beat Mr. Norman Playfair (1) by 8 and 6 to play; Mr. R. Gilroy (4) beat Mr. G. H. Grant (7) by 2 and 1 to play; Mr. H. A. Bethune (4) beat Mr. G. H. Gibson-Carmichael (9) by 1; Mr. H. H. Longman (11) beat Mr. D. I. Lamb (scratch) by 4 and 3 to play; Mr. A. F. Macfie (plus 1) beat Mr. Gilbert Elliot (6) by 2 and 1 to play; Mr. John L. Low (scratch)—a bye.

Second Round.—Mr. J. L. Luke (5) beat Mr. John L. Low (scratch), by 5 and 4 to play; Mr. W. D. Bovill (4) beat Mr. J. O. Fairlie (1) by 3 and 2 to play; Mr. J. H. Aitken (1) beat Captain H. C. Best (7) by 6 and 5 to play; Mr. L. M. Balfour (plus 1) beat Mr. H. S. C. Everard (plus 1) by 4 and 3 to play; Mr. F. A. Fairlie (plus 1) beat Mr. A. L. Christie (5) by 3 and 2 to play; Mr. A. Nimmo, jun. (5) beat Mr. T. Jeffrey (5) by 7 and 6 to play; Mr. Robert Whyte (4) beat Mr. L. B. Keyser (7) by 2 and 1 to play; Mr. A. Gray (5) beat Capt. P. J. C. Livingstone (2) by 3 and 2 to play; Mr. H. S. Colt (scratch) beat Mr. Ernley Blackwell (plus 1) by 4 and 3 to play; Mr. W. H. Cox (9) beat Mr. Seton-Karr (8) by 4 and 3 to play; Mr. C. Hutchings (plus 1) beat Mr. R. Gilroy (4) by 3 and 2 to play; Mr. H. A. Bethune (4) and Mr. H. H. Longman (11) halved; Mr. A. F. Macfie (plus 1), a bye.

Third Round.—Mr. A. F. Macfie (plus 1) beat Mr. J. Laird Luke (5) by 6 and 5 to play; Mr. James H. Aitken (1) beat Mr. W. D. Bovill (4) by 3 and 2 to play; Mr. Leslie M. Balfour (plus 1) beat Mr. F. A. Fairlie (plus 1) by 3 and 2 to play; Mr. A. Nimmo, jun. (5) beat Mr. Robert Whyte (4) by 2 and 1 to play; Mr. H. S. Colt (scratch) beat Mr. A. Gray (5) by 5 and 4 to play; Mr. C. Hutchings (plus 1) beat Mr. W. H. Cox (9) by 1; Mr. H. A. Bethune (4) beat Mr. H. H. Longman (11) by 1.

Fourth Round.—Mr. James H. Aitken (1) beat Mr. A. F. Macfie (plus 1) by 4 and 3 to play; Mr. A. Nimmo, jun. (5) beat Mr. Leslie M. Balfour (plus 1) by 1; Mr. H. S. Colt (scratch) beat Mr. C. Hutchings (plus 1) by 4 and 3 to play; Mr. H. A. Bethune (4) a bye.

Semi-Final.—Mr. Aitken beat Mr. Bethune by 2 and 1; Mr. Colt beat Mr. Nimmo by 2.

Final.—Mr. Colt beat Mr. Aitken by 3 and 2.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Twelve years ago Bob Ferguson won the Championship at Prestwick, under conditions very similar to those which obtained on August 31st. The weather was abominable on both occasions; mackintoshes were wetter inside than out by the end of the day; rivulets of water could be wrung from every garment; club faces were battered in; yet in spite of all this, the new Champion holed thirty-six holes in 159, as against 170 by the triple winner just mentioned; more—there were three scores of 170, while no less than thirteen players, of whom four were amateurs, came in below that number. This is a striking testimony to the development of Golf, and the general improvement in play; and, as was the case in the tournament last year at Lytham and St. Anne's, the lowest scorers never seem to be affected by meteorological difficulties of any description. More recent than Bob Ferguson's victory are those of Jack Simpson, Willie Park, jun., and Mr. John Ball, jun., with 160, 161, and 164 respectively; these records have all been surpassed by the young St. Andrews club-maker. Prestwick, in bad weather, is certainly a most trying course; the grass is long, and on such a day as August 31st, it was simply saturated with wet; hence long powerful carries were necessary, for the ball would not roll a yard; this was no disadvantage to Auchterlonie, whose swiping powers are of the highest order. The general opinion seems to be that Prestwick is an easier course than St. Andrews; but only to the man who is playing first-class Golf: once go off your game there, and it is infinitely more difficult; one shudders to contemplate the possibilities if bad driving be admitted. The very first hole, for instance, was always victorious even against the Champion; he had an 8 there and two 6's; never once a 4, which, after all, is the figure one ought to expect for it; and as for 5, it is absurdly easy of accomplishment, if only you will play, as they say, "off your head," the meaning of which is the exact opposite of what the phrase would lead one to suppose. Discretion is the thing. That hole would be an easy 4 if it came, say, half-way round, after one is well in the swing of the game; but it confronts you in the morning, or after lunch, before you have a comfortable grip of your clubs, and one loose shot, and then—perdition!—*teste* W. Fernie's 9 for it, owing to a crooked iron shot. The preliminary tournament at Kilmaccolm gave rise to the expectation that Alexander Herd and Fernie would take good places in the Championship. In the case of Fernie this was not verified, though Herd played quite up to his recent public form. Archie Simpson also failed to do himself justice. His rounds, indeed, were steady enough—84, 86, 84, 85—but, with such driving as his, he should do far better than this; but these, for him, moderately good totals, were mainly attributable to defective iron play; yet the iron Archie can, and often does, play to perfection. It is encouraging, doubtless—a source of comfort to the poor player—to learn that a professional of such calibre can "go off" his iron at all; but, though the lustre of one binary star was thus in a manner dimmed, the radiance of the other, Bob Simpson to wit, shone out with unwonted effulgence. So steadily did he play, that his first three rounds varied by a stroke only, and, with 80, 81, 80, he was but 2 behind Auchterlonie and 1 behind Herd, whose third round of 78 had been instrumental in gaining him second position at this stage. But Bob Simpson hardly stayed as well as the others; and, finishing with 85, he found five players in front of him. Curiously enough, he and James Kay, who is but rarely seen in Scotland, tied in every round they played. Might one throw out the suggestion of a home-and-home match, to decide the issue, as professional matches in 1893 have been few and far between? Such a match, in view of this extraordinary equality, could not fail to be interesting.

The Winchester professional, Taylor, gave a very decided taste of his quality in the first round; judging him by the Golf he then exhibited, it seemed futile for anybody to attempt to play against him; a score of 75 on that day was as brilliant a

performance as could well be witnessed. If one point of his game was more noteworthy than another, it was his handling of the mashie in approaching the hole. Time after time, with that deadly weapon, he would pitch up to the pin, and be within holing distance. He drives a very long ball, especially against the wind; and like a rifle-bullet for direction. That seems the main characteristic of Westward Ho! players who arrive at the top of the tree. Taylor is an off-hand player, loses little time in preliminaries, and plays very fast, with just the right length of swing. How he came to break down in the way he did is incomprehensible; 75 in the morning, and 89 in the afternoon, a difference of 14 strokes, is suggestive of the occasionally brilliant but erratic amateur rather than of the steady professional; but Taylor began to miss short putts, went on in his evil courses, and finished no higher than tenth in the list. Mr. Laidlay may be the subject both of congratulation and condolence; on the one hand he appeared at his best, separated by two strokes from the winner; he defeated every professional and amateur of note (and the field was perhaps the strongest that has ever been known); on the other hand, he himself was beaten by a new man, of whom it is fair to assume, he had never even heard. But throughout the year he has been singularly unfortunate in just failing to secure first honours; the Hoylake and St. Andrews meetings, the Amateur Championship, and now the Open Championship; all bearing witness to this fact. If it were logical to select any one hole out of the eighteen at Prestwick, rather than another, and point to it as being decisive of the Championship, that one would be the fifteenth. Around that hole the storm of controversy gathers; there are those who say "it is perfection"; others again, "it is the most rotten hole in existence, and not Golf at all." On one point all seem fairly agreed; and that is, its difficulty. You are confronted by a bunker which you cannot see; if you try to carry it, the distance is 170 yards, and direction is everything—a scanty fifteen yards of margin; if you play short, the lies are precarious, and may be villainous, nor is there any satisfactory dodging to be done either to right or left. Into the merits of this question which divides the rival camps we do not propose to enter; whether or not it would be an improvement to fill up that bunker, or otherwise; suffice it to say, and here we arrive at the point whence we started, that that fifteenth hole was a momentous one in the decision of the Championship. Auchterlonie in his third round was not particularly good up to that point; being only 4 under an average of 5; driving to the fifteenth a strong wind was against him, and with a long tee shot with his play club he was about two yards short of the bunker in question; his second, also with the play club, from an indifferent lie, was a most brilliant shot, which carried all the hazards straight for the hole; and a putt of about three yards secured him a 3, invaluable at that time. Finishing with 4's he totalled 81. Now, turning to Hugh Kirkaldy, we find that although Auchterlonie had been 3 strokes in front in the first two rounds, yet the balance was wiped off, and at this point Hugh Kirkaldy was two strokes better; the scores were 23, 22; but he now drove into this fatal bunker, played three or four shots in it, and holed out in 8—all his previous fine play thus, so to speak, going for nothing. Thus it appears, that if Auchterlonie and Hugh Kirkaldy had each done that hole in the average number of 5, the total of the former would have been 324, that of the latter 323, and he would have been champion for the second time. The "ifs" of Golf, like the "ifs" of history, give rise to interesting speculations. What would have happened if Smith had been bunkered *vice* Jones entrapped; or if the grocer at Varennes had not recognised the king, or if Mirabeau had not died precisely when he did—these are problems of equal and transcendent importance.

The Champion, in the course of the two days' play, had some very brilliant holes: thus twice he holed the Cardinal in 4, and this against a strong wind. Twice he holed the long ninth in like number, also against the wind. The sixth he had once in 3, the tenth and twelfth in 4 each, and the fifteenth in 3. His worst hole was always the first, in 5 8 6 6. He played throughout with admirable composure, entirely falsifying the predictions of those who held that he would break down. His driving was faultless from start to finish, and he holed out one and two yard putts with the greatest accuracy, using a putting cleek. Herd played grand Golf at times, but latterly mani-

festated a tendency to miss short putts, which cost him dear. Andrew Kirkaldy came with a rush at the finish, not to be beaten by his brother Hugh; and in the end they were not divided. But to Sayers is due the honour of the lowest round on the second day—76, one in front of Andrew Kirkaldy's 77. St. Andrew's has done well in the year's Golf, and may be congratulated on furnishing both amateur and open champions, and as we write, the victors in the Musselburgh tournament are announced as Hugh and Andrew Kirkaldy, first and second with 158 and 160 respectively.

H. S. C. EVERARD.

#### STRAY THOUGHTS ON A VISIT TO MUSSELBURGH.

As St. Andrews is the Mecca of the golfing pilgrim, so is Musselburgh to the true enthusiast. We have always associated the ancient burgh with the biggest matches, with the keenest contests, and with that flavour of the love of the sport for itself alone, that we were not disappointed with what we saw.

We belong to a modern club, highly respectable, with a palatial club-house, and all the modern conveniences of a house in Piccadilly. The links are nearly perfect, the bunkers are mountainous, and the putting greens are kept like bowling greens. We were told that Musselburgh would disappoint us. This was the irresponsible opinion of those who cannot, fortunately, read the mind of man. We were so overdone with respectability that it bordered on the prosaic, and a day among the professionals at Musselburgh was as a breath of fresh air after the intellectual strain of listening to a lecture or a sermon. The mind is always seeking change, and possibly the infinite number of ups and downs in Golf is one of its many attractions. Fortunately, all are not constituted alike, and tastes differ.

The morning was grand at Musselburgh for November. It was deliciously mild, and one had the satisfaction which generally raises the spirits, that a really fine morning in November in our climate is something to chuckle over; besides, we were not going to compete, hence no cause for dread, or wondering whether we would be in it this day. It matters not how good a man may be as a golfer, like his practical Christianity, it is a variable quantity in the most circumspet. The form depends so much on temperament in amateurs—how little they may have smoked or drank on the previous evening. However much professionals may have indulged, their play is, as a rule, in inverse ratio to the quantity consumed. What strikes one about the Musselburgh course is its positive plainness, more especially at a superficial glance. Then one walks round, and at once gives credit to the remarkable ingenuity with which the round of nine holes is judiciously interspersed with bunkers. These are all of the trap order; some are arranged that long tee-shots carry them, and catch, on the other hand, the man who hesitates; again, to play strongly out of one, which may be necessary, takes the golfer from the Scylla of petulance at losing one stroke, very likely, into the Charybdis of a second, causing that heart-sinking which the appearance of an 8 on the card only can do. Hence the conclusion is at once arrived at, that even on a plain race course, the secret science is there.

Providence is not always seemingly kind. The grandest links are frequently far away from the great golfing communities, or from the crowd of men able and willing to play Golf. Fancy Machrihanish, or Prestwick, or Troon, within thirty minutes' by rail from Edinburgh. Yet these, from their situation, for a whole week only give forth their sweetness to a few local men whose fortune it is to be able to live near and play over them. Such is fate. But what old Musselburgh wants in natural felicity her sons duly make up in golfing enthusiasm. We are among her sons now, the true natives, and we are not referring to the educated amateur, a member, probably, of one of the clubs of Edinburgh gentlemen, who keep up the four handsome villa-looking club-houses overlooking the links. These are the aristocratic oysters—we are down among the mussels. Surrounding the tee on a Championship morning the true Mussel is seen *in puris naturalibus*. His clothes are old, and were not originally made for him;

the check is too pronounced; his general "get-up" is seedy; his countenance is at variance with the idea of high thinking, but not of plain living, as far as the fluids are concerned. His air is confident; his chaff creamy; his swing perfect. One of them, termed the "King of the Caddies," richly deserves the name. His voice is not low and sweet, but loud and commanding. The King is no respecter of persons. "Rank is but the guinea stamp" with him. His very appearance carries the fact that "A man's a man for a' that." A gentleman of the Honourable Company appears on the ground, and the King at once shouts aloud "Cornul, we lunch to-day at one o'clock." To a stranger this is terrible news, that the lion and the lamb should lunch together. That perfectly dressed gentleman, with the stamp of breeding on him, to eat with this black bivalve! It only means that the other Mussels will have some bread and cheese and whisky at the hour between the two rounds of play. This delightful fellow, by his familiar tone, led all to believe that a prior engagement had taken place. The enthusiastic golfing spirit so reigns that the arrangements for the important event seem to work automatically. No fuss; no nervousness. Every man freely criticised as he drives off, and nobody put out. Golf is a grand leveller; all meet on common ground. I suppose all Scotsmen must be delighted at the rapid strides which the ancient pastime is making all over the world. Every class of athletic sport has its votaries, but from all time the classic game has been affected most by those who have had a little learned leisure. There is doubtless a good deal of hard work in it at first, especially to those who acquire the game after passing boyhood, and who have to build up a style. It suits all ages; the youth can have from it the most intense enjoyment, without the loss of health and wealth. When the fair amount of proficiency is attained, the mental excitement is quite as intense as in card-playing or horse-racing, and the reaction of losing is trivial; something has been gained, although the match may have been lost—a store of nervous energy. The grandfather may have as much out of it as the youth; more so perhaps. The worse a man plays, the more enthusiastic does he become. It is human nature. When a man has a gift, he carries it easily; when he has not the gift naturally, he struggles after it. The longer a man remains in the incubative stage of dufferism, the more he gets out of Golf. When he passes this stage and plays unconsciously with ease, he craves for more excitement. He must have a ball on or half-a-crown. Betting will not do in Golf. The game is not worth the trouble, as the finest professional's game varies from day to day. The golfer's physical condition may seem all right, but, somehow or other, the muscles will not obey the will. The slightest degree of concentration of attention to self, may top an iron approach, and land the player in a bunker. When the physical condition is disordered by indulgence, competition is out of the question. In some other games, slogging may pull a man through a difficulty. In Golf, however, the hand must be fine and the eye clear. No wonder then that the beginning of Golf is lost in the mists of antiquity. Certain persons assert certain years, and no doubt these reach far back.

The Musselburgh Club was instituted in 1774, the Edinburgh Burgess' Golfing Society in 1735, and in a minute of the Bruntfield Links Club it shows the year 1760 to have been the date of its foundation. The date of the institution of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers is not known, but the first series of minutes signed by president Forbes, of Cul-loden, is dated 1744. The game has been sung by rhymsters for several centuries. Like the juice of the grape, the poets have bestowed their very best thoughts upon it. As a rule, too, when some inference has to be drawn it is generally elevating, and often something from the battle of life—for example, a keen golfer, who handles the pen as gracefully as the club, sings—

So is it often in the grander game  
Of life, when, eager, hoping for the palm,  
Breathing of honour, joy, and love and fame,  
Conscious of nothing like a doubt or qualm,  
We start and cry, "Salute us, Muse of Fire!"  
And the first footstep lands us in the mire.

The study of Golf is worth all the trouble. Its influence on mind and body is fraught with good. In this restless age something

more than money-grubbing is demanded. When the "pile" is made man is not then satisfied. Unfortunately degeneration takes place often when the strong object is attained. Golf may here be a remedy of value. Practice makes perfection; and although we class the practice of Golf as an exception to this rule so far as perfect attainment of the art is concerned, yet a degree may be reached where healthful reaction on mind and body takes place, born of the game and the good fellowship which the pursuit of it engenders. So whether at Musselburgh, among our friends so full of enthusiasm, or on the classic links of St. Rule, let us join in singing, with the late Sheriff Logan, with right good will—

Far and sure! Far and sure! 'Twas the cry of our fathers,  
'Twas a cry which their forefathers heard;  
'Tis the cry of their sons when the mustering gathers;  
When we're gone may it still be the word.

Let it guide us in life; at the desk or the bar  
It will shield us from folly's gay lure  
Then, though rough be the course, and the winning-post far  
We will carry the stakes—oh, be sure.

JOHN HIGHET, M.D.

#### DURBAN GOLF CLUB.

The Durban golfers had ideal weather on Saturday afternoon, August 13th, and there was considerable enthusiasm over the handicap competition which took place. Mr. P. Davis offered a valuable prize, consisting of a complete set of clubs and caddie bag, to the winner. Two rounds of the links, making in all eighteen holes, were played. On the cards being returned it was found that Mr. Watt was first with the remarkably low score of 87. Mr. Pollok and Mr. Hillier tied for second position. Mr. J. Watt (scratch), 87; Mr. M. Pollok, jun., 121, less 30=91; Mr. J. J. Hillier, 171, less 80=91; Mr. J. Wade (scratch), 96; Hon. F. S. Haden, 118, less 20=98; Dr. Harrison, 123, less 25=98; Mr. E. T. Brunskill, 129, less 28=101; Mr. W. Windham, 110, less 8=102; Dr. Bonnar, 110, less 8=102; Mr. D. Siffert, 168, less 55=113; Mr. A. Elstob, 158, less 39=119; Mr. J. E. Evans, 134, less 14=120; Mr. A. H. Rennie, 159, less 32=127; Mr. M. Pincus, 212, less 80=132.

PATENT ADJUSTABLE GOLF CLUB.—Mr. Robert L. Urquhart, of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, has invented an adjustable Golf club. In this club—the head of which is like a cleek—the striking blade is pivoted to the socket, so that the angle of the blade can be adjusted to any degree. It can be made quite upright, to putt or to drive with, or a greater or less degree of "loft" can be given to it as the circumstances of the case may require. It will thus be seen that the one club can be used for every stroke that is played. The mechanism is very ingenious, the adjustment being made in a few seconds by means of a small lever arrangement behind the socket. The advantages claimed are—(1) That the player can play all through the green with one club only; (2) that the head of the club can be instantly adjusted to any angle to suit the lie of the ball and the stroke to be played; (3) that the club can be used as a right or a left hand club; (4) that the weight of the club and the length being always the same, guarantees greater steadiness and accuracy of play; (5) That the club will do for unplayable balls lying close up to bunkers, walls, or fences; (6) that it is especially suited for ladies; and (7) economy to golfers all round. We have not yet had an opportunity of testing the club, but it may be mentioned that two professionals at the Musselburgh Tournament on 7th September—Kelly and Johnston, of North Berwick—used the club throughout, except at their tee shots, and they have no reason to be ashamed of their appearance, as the first-named player had two rounds of 40 and 39 respectively, while the latter had a 41 and two 42's. If the club plays equally as well as the present cleeks and irons its advantages in the way of economy must be obvious to all.

HEADINGLEY GOLF CLUB.—"Bogey" competition held during the month of August. Cards for nine holes, 6d. each. Two-hundred cards were taken out, with the following result:—Messrs. J. D. Cornack and H. Oxley tied for first and second prizes with 6 holes up; Messrs. Dawson, Mayo, and Lister, with 4 holes up, tied for third prize. This competition, which has been so successfully received, will be repeated later on.



Golfers are aware that Golf, or *chole*, is a game by no means unknown to the Belgians. Zola, in one of his books, writes of the Belgian miners playing the game and driving the ball 500 yards, while in some districts of the country the game is played at present by means of a curious lofting iron and a ball of beechwood. We are also familiar with the tale of Roger, the wheelwright, of Coq, near Condé-sur-l'Escaut, who had a round with the Devil, as the Flemish tale puts it. It is all the more curious, therefore, to find that though the game may be said to be indigenous to Belgian soil, it is not cultivated in the large fashionable seaside watering-places of the country.

Take Ostend as an example. This is one of the finest and best equipped watering places on the Continent, and in many respects it excels anything we can show on this side of the Channel. The London, Chatham, and Dover Railway have a splendid service of trains running to join the boat at Dover, and the holiday-maker, or the pleasure seeker from Saturday to Monday, can accomplish the journey with ease and comfort in six hours. The playground of Ostend at present is the magnificent stretch of bathing sands, the promenade, and the casino. But both to the west and to the east of the town there is ground admirably adapted for a small course. The bunkers are of the right kind, and the turf is of the sandy consistency familiar on Scotch greens. Considering the very large proportion of English residents in this fashionable Ostend community, it ought not to be a difficult matter to form two Golf clubs—one for the ladies and one for the gentlemen—or to constitute a "mixed" club for both sexes.

If the authorities of the London, Chatham and Dover Railway Company, who have done so much to bring this charming place so near our doors, could see their way to sound the local authorities at Ostend on the subject, and to see whether or not they would approach the proposal with favour in the direction of granting facilities for the game to be played, there are scores of golfers who would make it a point to run across there very frequently. Once the club was started, foreign ladies and gentlemen would soon join in the amusement for the benefit not only of the exercise but for the social intercourse which is such a charming feature of the life in that town. By fostering Golf the local authorities, as well as the railway and steamboat companies, would add another very considerable element of prosperity and attractiveness to the town, while a large section of the community would be indebted to them for establishing another healthful source of pure amusement.

A good deal of interest centres in the Amateur Championship of Ireland, which is to be decided at Newcastle, Co. Down, this week. Mr. A. Stuart, the present holder, though he did not compete for the Open event at Prestwick, is determined, we believe, to retain the trophy in his possession, and several others are quite as determined the other way, so that a splendid tussle may be expected.

At the annual meeting of the Gullane Club, which takes place on Saturday, the 16th inst., the question of leasing the

links and making the same private, will, it is understood, be brought up and decided upon. The proposed lease has been amended to meet some objections made to it in its former shape as referred to in our columns.

The following intimation is posted up in the gentlemen's club house at Machrihanish:—"Members are requested, when accompanied by ladies on the links, to give way to gentlemen players. If this rule is not strictly adhered to, the committee may find it necessary to withdraw the privilege."

The distances of the holes at Machrihanish have recently been re-measured, and are as follows:—1, Battery, 422 yards; 2, Machrihanish, 378 yards; 3, Islay, 170 yards; 4, Jura, 359 yards; 5, Punch Bowl, 266 yards; 6, Balaclava, 369 yards; 7, Bruach Mhor, 355 yards; 8, Craigs, 268 yards; 9, Cloch Keil, 208 yards; 10, Straban, 347 yards; 11, Long Hole, 486 yards; 12, Kilkivan, 344 yards; 13, Castle Hill, 368 yards; 14, Hut Hole, 161 yards; 15, Korke's Drift, 220 yards; 16, River Hole, 290 yards; 17, Trodigal, 416 yards; 18, Losset, 125 yards; total, 5,552 yards.

The following are the distances of the holes in the Machrihanish Ladies' Golf Course, over which, as recorded in our last issue. Mr. Carmichael recently made a record of 24 strokes:—First hole, 117 yards; second, 69 yards; third, 124 yards; fourth, 93 yards; fifth, 135 yards; sixth, 75 yards; seventh, 111 yards; eighth, 89 yards; ninth, 97 yards; total, 910 yards.

A good many golfers have recently been visiting the links at Islay, and speak highly of the course. Machrie House is this month tenanted by Mrs. Scott Moncrieff and a family party. "Dugald," whose name must be well known to recent visitors, has ceased to take charge of the green and the club-house, and under a competent successor great improvements are expected.

While the house is occupied by a family party, persons who are staying at the hotel or elsewhere may have refreshments at Machrie Farm. The tariff (which does not provide for anything in the alcoholic line) is as follows:—Breakfast, 2s.; luncheon, 2s.; tea, 1s.; dinner, 2s. 6d. A flask of "Lagavulin" in the waistcoat-pocket keeps the affair in order for the ordinary golfer.

The fancy bazaar as a means of raising money for Golf and everything else still seems to "hold the field." Peterhead has raised £315 in this way for the purpose of enlarging the St. Fergus links from nine to eighteen holes, and erecting a club-house, and Peebles, famous for "pleeshir," has just been helping its Golf, curling, and other amusements, by the same patent process of extracting silver from the public.

At the bazaar held by the Peterhead Golf Club last week, Colonel Jamieson made a very amusing speech. The first day's sale amounted to £178 11s., and on the second day £127, a total of £315. The game of Golf, he said, had long been practised in Peterhead. He remembered, when a boy, a keen devotee of the art, the late Sheriff Skelton, resuscitated the game, which had fallen into abeyance at that time, and gave a grand garden party on the links; and there was a great competition for that gold medal, which he believed the present club now possessed. For many years afterwards, that medal was keenly competed for. However, the game had fallen into abeyance again, and only lately another effort had been made to practise it. A year or two ago, some enthusiasts—he believed, the mystical number seven—took to playing Golf, and gradually they inoculated a good many others with the feeling and the desire that the "Royal and ancient game" should be resuscitated in Peterhead, and he believed the club now numbered nearly 100 members. Of course, when the lady contingent joined them, it was useless to say that that doubled the thing, and, as one lady was equal to two gentlemen, they had got 300 members. These enthusiasts practised in the old place, but by-

and-by they came to find that the game could not be indulged in with safety. There were so many other players of different games that the ball got interfered with, or the balls interfered with the other players, and it came ultimately to be a rather difficult thing to get the ball through the crowd.

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But the matter culminated in a most tragical manner, and at once prevented any Golf-playing upon the links of Peterhead. Let him tell them that a stalwart Golf-player one evening addressed the ball. He stood in fine position; the club went wiggle-waggle; a scientific wiggle-waggle; then he gave a swing, crash against the ball, and away shot the ball like a projectile from the cannon's mouth. And he eagerly watched his ball as it crossed the links, but only a second or two elapsed when a crack resounded over the whole links. Midway that wretched ball had caught a cricketer on the forehead, and he fell down dead, dead, most tragically dead—to all appearance—and certainly to his excited golfer's imagination, in reality. Ah! the feelings of that golfer as, with palpitating heart, he looked and looked. But the dead man didn't rise, and then began that feeling of clutching about the throat that is involved in the homicide or murder. And at last the golfer gathered himself together, and rushed across to his victim, bent over him tenderly, raised him up, and found that he was not dead. Well, he conveyed him away to a house. He saw the man professionally. He found that with the exception of a good solid dunt on his riggin' the man wasna a preen the waur—(laughter).

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The Leith Town Council have set aside the resolution of 4th July last, allowing Golf on the links in the early morning, and by a majority of eight to four have decided that no Golf whatever shall be permitted. The golfers would now like to know what steps the civic rulers are to take to provide for the practice of a game which has shed lustre on Leith as the place from which it emanated on its great world-conquering career.

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A match, which excited a good deal of interest, was played at Nairn on Saturday between Tom Dunn, the Tooting Bec professional, and Joseph Dalgleish, the Nuirn professional. A very close game took place. Dalgleish won by 2 holes and 1 to play. Dunn had two lifts, losing two holes.

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"Bulger," Croydon, writes:—"I am sure it will interest some of the players on this side of the Border to see how Taylor, the professional of the Winchester Golf Club, has been playing. He beat the well-known players, Willie Park, by 5 up and 3 to play; Hugh Kirkaldy, two rounds, beating him on the first by 1, the second by 3 up and 2 to play; also in a three-ball match with Mr. J. Ball and W. Fernie, beating the first by 3 up and 2 to play, and W. Fernie by 2; halving his first match with Ben Sayers, and beating him on the second by 3. I think Taylor has reason to be proud of his play, seeing that four of the above are ex-champions. He left Scotland with the good record of not losing a single match.

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The Ilkley Golf Club, a young Yorkshire club which is managed with great energy, will, as may be seen from our advertisement columns, hold an open annual meeting on September 28th, 29th, and 30th. On the first day there will be an open professional competition for prizes amounting to £12 12s. On the 29th the Ilkley challenge bowl will be competed for by teams of Yorkshire clubs, and in the afternoon of the same day there will be an open amateur scratch competition for a silver cup, value £10 10s. On Saturday, the 30th, there will be an open handicap competition for prizes ranging from £1 to £5. Tom Varden, the professional, recently established a record at Ilkley, doing the nine holes in 32, made up as follows: 5 6 3 2 3 4 3 3 3. The fourth hole, being upwards of 400 yards, was holed from a long brassie shot.

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Mr. H. M. Bell last week reduced the record of Conington Castle course to 83. He played all his approaches with one of Anderson's new irons, in which the shaft enters a socket immediately behind the point of impact, and not at the heel of the club as in the Carruthers patent.



QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I should be obliged if you would inform me whether you think a handicapping committee of a Golf club is justified in raising the handicap of a player who has for some considerable period been out of form and never approached for a long time his handicap form, and whether it is the practice of handicapping committees to raise as well as lower players' handicap.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
SUBSCRIBER.

[Yes, the handicap committee have it in their power to do this. A handicap is not intended to be a fixed quantity and unchangeable. When the player gets back to his normal form, as he will undoubtedly do one day, the handicap committee can vary the handicap according to the form of the player.—ED.]

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—What construction would you put on the conduct of a player A, who leaves his ball a few inches from the hole, so that it affords an advantage to B, both of whom are playing a medal competition? Of course he has "the option" of playing his ball.

The reason for my writing for your opinion is that I was A, and wished to putt out. B said he objected, and made his stroke without waiting to argue the point. His ball was slightly off the line, but rolled into the hole off my ball. I think my leaving the ball was giving my partner a distinct advantage over the other players.

The present special Rule IX., for medal play, in my opinion, leaves it to the option of a player, whose chance of winning is nil, to distinctly aid his partner's chance of success.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
HON. SEC.

[We have no hesitation in condemning such tactics, and the local committee, in our judgment, ought certainly to reject the scores of both players. The rule distinctly provides that the balls shall not be left in such a position as to give either player an advantage in holing out; and to argue otherwise shows lamentable ignorance both of the rules and of the universal practice among all golfers. A ought to have insisted, protest notwithstanding, in holing out, for each player has to remember that he is competing not against his individual opponent, but against the whole field; and it therefore behoves every competitor to be absolutely strict and fair.—ED.]

GOLF AT CHICAGO.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Believing that you will be interested to hear of the christening of a new and lively Golf infant, I thought I would drop you a line to let you know that the Chicago Golf Club

is now a healthy child, and that its sponsors were duly chosen at a meeting held at Belmont on Saturday, 26th.

The following golfers were present, viz.:—Messrs. J. B. Forgan, J. C. Stirling, A. H. Smith, Weir Risk, H. J. Tweedie, L. P. Tweedie, Price, N. H. Broughton, Watson and Tod. Mr. J. C. Stirling was elected president, Mr. C. B. McDonald, captain, Mr. J. B. Forgan, treasurer, Mr. Weir, secretary. Messrs. Stirling, Weir, and H. J. Tweedie were elected a committee to draft rules, etc., for the government of the club.

Belmont is situated twenty-three miles west of Chicago, where ground has been obtained from Mr. A. H. Smith—himself a very enthusiastic golfer. Though the links were not laid out by a Morris or a Dunn, yet no prentice hand located the holes, ten in number. The ground is gently undulating without aspiring to the hills of Gullane, to a bunker like what one finds at Westward Ho! or to putting-greens like Hoylake, yet Belmont has hazards peculiarly her own, viz., barb-wire fences and grasshoppers, unique and effective; but withal Belmont has the making of a fine sporting links.

To one who has waited seven long years for his Rachel, the click of a well-struck ball was sweet music to a golfer's heart.

Chicago has therefore another attraction in addition to her Fair—her Golf links—and doubtless many Old Country golfers will visit the links during their holiday in Chicago this fall.

I am, Sir, etc.,  
H. E. B.

Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.  
August 28th, 1893.

## GOLF AT MACHRIHANISH.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have just read the letter in Golf signed "Obscure Golfer," in which he blows a loud trumpet-note to the tune of the "rapid deterioration" of Machrihanish links, and states some specific objections to them.

"1. The ideal place for a putting-green is not the bottom of a grassy hollow," etc. Every true golfer will be with him there; but that is the taste of the local player, here in his majority. The thanks of a small minority, who have hitherto striven in vain against this debasing of the game, are due to 'Obscure Golfer' for giving it public condemnation.

"2. Teeing grounds should not by choice be perched (*sic*) on hill slopes." We might have less of that also than we have, but the exigencies of the ground compel it in some places.

His last complaint is that there is not enough work done on the green. Here also I am with him. We want a green committee who will do twice the supervision and repairs that are done at present.

Here my agreement with "Obscure Golfer" ends. To say, "Between many holes"—there are only eighteen altogether—"there is scarcely any turf left," is, of course, only *façon de parler*—mere facile exaggeration; and to talk of rapid deterioration is sheer frivolity. Was it not Old Philp, who, when anyone came in complaining of his clubs, replied, "Ye maun hae lost your mauch?" One wonders whether "Obscure Golfer" was in his best obscure form on his recent visit. The atmosphere of "Bruach Mhor" has looked a little "blue" lately; and I thought I smelt a savour of the pit in "Rookie" the other day. Was "Obscure Golfer" dropping a few obscure expletives in these tremendous hazards? "Four more" in "Hell's Belly" is hardly calculated to inspire love for the green in the breast of any golfer whose nature is less than archangelic.

There is no comparing the present course with that of 1886. The course of that date was a babes' and sucklings' course, ten or a dozen strokes under the present one; and the amount of play was quite different. In 1886 "Obscure Golfer" could have sat down—even in August—and smoked an obscure pipe at every hole and no one would have passed him. Now he has to wait his turn at the tee. The green-keeping of that day was limited to changing the holes and teeing grounds at irregular intervals of several weeks, and the mounds of the green were left to be cured by the *vis medicatrix nature*, which works very strongly in this climate. Now there is one man, at

least, I think generally two, working continually. "Obscure Golfer" would convey the impression that the Club is neglecting its green, which is not the case, though I grant him that they might, and should, do still more to it. There is local deterioration in places owing to sand-blow, a misfortune to which this green is peculiarly subject, owing to two causes—the frequency and violence of the storms here, and the fineness of the sand. Those responsible have done something in this direction, but not enough. Their fault was that they did not take it in time, for grass will never grow through sand again as long as it is continually disturbed by feet and clubs. This is most conspicuous at the eighth and twelfth holes, but at either the sand can be avoided. Otherwise the links were never in better condition than this dry season. They are harder to play than they were, if that is "Obscure Golfer's" objection. They need stronger play, and there are one or two tees where the short driver will hardly find a yard of turf to put his ball on in any direction towards the hole. He needs "carry," but with that he is safe.

I write this because "Obscure Golfer's" false cry of deterioration may frighten some golfers away from us without relieving us of our real incubus—the duffer. I don't mean the learner, the infant of whatever age, who has a fair chance of a golfing adolescence before him, or the moderate player, but the hopeless and helpless duffer, who is as incapable of playing Golf as a man without a musical ear is of playing the violin, and who makes his happy hunting ground here. He always plays with iron clubs, and never replaces the turf. He brings his woman-kind with him, and supplies them with iron clubs too, and an able-bodied one of these latter, armed with a heavy iron and the persistence of her sex, will cut you more divots—always alas! unreplaced—between starting-point and first hole than the most scuffling of male golfers in his worst form will cut out of the whole green in a week's play.

Deterioration? No. Vast improvement, with ample room for more.

With an apology for the length of this communication,

I am, Sir, &c.,  
A MEMBER OF MACHRIHANISH.

Campbeltown,  
6th September, 1893.

ROYAL CROMER GOLF CLUB.—A competition was held on August 30th, open to visitors only, members of a recognised Golf club. The value of the prize was three guineas, and it was presented by the Royal Cromer Golf Club. Nineteen entered, the result being a tie between Mr. A. C. M. Crome, Minchinhampton Golf Club, and Mr. L. S. McKenzie, Epping Forest Golf Club, who both returned a net score of 83, the handicap of the former being 8, and of the latter 14. The tie was played off on Thursday, Mr. Crome allowing 5 strokes to his opponent, who eventually beat him by 2 holes up and 1 to play. Scores:—Mr. L. S. McKenzie, Epping Forest Golf Club, 97, less 14=83; Mr. A. C. M. Crome, Minchinhampton, 91, less 8=83; Mr. R. C. Priestly, Tooting Bec, 101, less 14=87; Rev. C. E. Williams, Nairn, 106, less 15=91; Mr. A. Hicks, Eltham, 108, less 15=93; Mr. H. Knight, Richmond, 101, less 6=95; Mr. F. H. Mellor, Chorley Wood, 111, less 16=95; Mr. D. D. Robertson, Ranelagh, 113, less 18=95; Mr. E. Bird, Ealing, 111, less 13=98; Mr. Herbert Simpson, Rugby, 117, less 18=99; Mr. Arthur Tapp, Eltham, 128, less 20=108. The following made no return:—Messrs. G. W. Chapman, E. S. Grey, E. W. Howson, F. Haworth, W. H. C. Wilson, F. H. Harvey-Samuel, R. W. Harter, G. L. Graves.

BUXTON AND HIGH PEAK GOLF CLUB.—Fortnightly medal and optional sweepstakes competition, September 9th:—Mr. Edward Micholls, 95, less 12=84; Mr. C. F. Wardley, 103, less 11=92. Six competitors made no returns. Mr. Micholls won the medal and sweepstakes. There was a strong wind blowing, which, perhaps, will account for so many competitors destroying their cards.

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MUSSELBURGH GOLF TOURNAMENT.

A Golf Tournament, open to all amateur and professional players, was held over Musselburgh links on Thursday, 7th September. Most of our readers will remember that last year, when the Honourable Company of Edinburgh golfers removed the Open Championship Meeting from Musselburgh to their new green at Muirfield, the Musselburgh people got up what has turned out to be the largest tournament yet held, as a protest against the action of that club. The tournament then held was eminently successful, and has led to most important results in the golfing world. Some local gentlemen, seeing the success which attended the meeting last year, expressed the desire that an annual tournament should be held at Musselburgh, and in accordance with their wishes the Golf Clubs at Musselburgh were approached with the view to getting up a competition this year. As was to be expected, the clubs were favourable to the movement, and a committee to carry out arrangements was formed consisting of representatives from the clubs and from the other subscribers to the funds. The Town Council were afterwards asked to appoint one of their number to represent them on the committee, and this they did. It will thus be seen that the present tournament was held under quite a different management than that of last year, and that the committee were representative of all the parties interested in Golf and golfing matters in the district.

It is perhaps a little unfortunate that the competition was not held before the Championship meeting at Prestwick, as it is always desirable that minor sporting events should lead up to the blue ribbon of the year, but this the committee could not help. It was well on in August before the arrangements at Musselburgh were completed, and the tournament at Kilmacolm on the Saturday previous to the Championship meeting prevented them from fixing their tournament on an earlier date.

As things have turned out, the management have every reason to congratulate themselves on the success which has attended their tournament. The prizes offered consisted of money prizes to professionals to the amount of £41, the first being £15 and the second £8. In the event of amateurs being the best scorers they were entitled to silver plate to the value of these two prizes. There were also presented for competition by the amateurs a handsome silver cup and a gold medal. The other money prizes were, of course, open only to professionals.

On its professional side the field was most representative, including as it did most of the players who were at Prestwick the previous week. Some disappointment was felt when, on the publication of the draw, which took place on Tuesday evening, it was found that young Auchterlonie, of St. Andrews, was an absentee. The Open Champion, however, availed himself of the provision made for receiving post entries, and with his appearance the field was as complete as could be expected. On the other hand, the amateurs did not turn out as well as they might have. Indeed, the field in their case was disappointing. They certainly might have come forward in much larger numbers, and it is to be hoped that on the occasion of the next tournament they will give the meeting a great deal more attention than they did this year. There is never any want of a "gallery" at Musselburgh when anything of importance in the way of Golf is on the cards. On Thursday the course was alive with people. Hundreds of spectators thronged the links, and the keenest interest was on all hands manifested in the play. With this general desire to see the game on the part of the crowd, the players were every now and then subjected to some little inconvenience owing to the onlookers pressing them too closely. Still, on the whole, the crowd, though very critical, as a Musselburgh crowd always is, treated the players with consideration. In no small degree did the weather add to the enjoyment of the day. Though the sky wore a

threatening appearance in the early forenoon when the first balls were driven, the clouds soon passed away, and the day turned out bright and pleasant. The task which the players had to face—four rounds of the green—was not lightened by the fact that a fresh westerly wind prevailed. At any time this wind would have been troublesome; on Thursday it was doubly so with the round stretched out, as it was, to a greater degree than has been the case at Musselburgh for years. "Pandy" was a very long carry against the wind, and there were often two carries equally long required at the seventh and eighth holes. It was the stiffest course that the ingenuity of the committee and greenkeeper could devise, and this fact has to be taken into account in judging of the play from the scores. In regard to the condition of the green, again, nothing but praise was heard. It certainly spoke volumes for the care which Galloway, the keeper, bestows on it. Not for long have the links been in better trim, and stretched out as the round was it afforded a capital test of the players' powers. Not the slightest hitch occurred to mar the pleasure of the day. Indeed, the committee had seen to it that no room was left for hitches of any kind.

The hour of starting was fixed for half-past nine o'clock, and punctually at the time the players began to leave the tee in the following order:—

- Fred. Fitzjohn, Musselburgh, and Richard Kelly, North Berwick.
- P. Ward, Musselburgh, and Willie Park, jun., Musselburgh.
- Mr. W. Turpie and James Scott, Musselburgh.
- Mr. J. R. Nisbet, New Club, and Tom Catter, Musselburgh.
- James Keddie, Earlsferry, and John Hunter, Prestwick.
- Mr. John Keddie, Earlsferry, and Mr. James Denham, Dalkeith.
- William Thomson, North Berwick, and Hugh Kirkaldy, St. Andrews.
- Douglas M'Ewan, Musselburgh, and Henry Gullane, North Berwick.
- D. Duncan, Earlsferry, and D. Grant, North Berwick.
- Bernard Sayers, North Berwick, and Mr. John Williamson, Royal Musselburgh.
- Willie Campbell, Musselburgh, and John Duncan, Peebles.
- E. Fitzjohn, Muirfield, and R. Dow, Musselburgh.
- J. Kay, Seaton Carew, and Mr. Charles Taylor, Burgess Club.
- R. Meiklejohn, Musselburgh, and John Johnston, North Berwick.
- Peter M'Ewan, jun., Musselburgh, and Mr. A. J. Holge, Morton-hall Club.
- Mr. T. T. Gray, Royal Musselburgh Club, and R. Collins, jun., North Berwick.
- David M'Ewan, Formby, and David Herd, St. Andrews.
- Jack Ferguson, Musselburgh, and R. W. Kirk, Wallasey.
- J. White, North Berwick, and D. Clark, Musselburgh.
- A. Lumsden, North Berwick, and Mr. Thomson Whyte, Musselburgh.
- Mr. A. Lawson, Musselburgh, and A. Herd, Huddersfield.
- Philip Wynn, North Berwick, and Andrew Kirkaldy, St. Andrews.
- Ben Campbell, Musselburgh, and Archie Simpson, Carnoustie.
- John Paterson, Rosslynlee, and James Thomson, North Berwick.
- Willie Fernie, Troon, and Mungo Park, jun., Musselburgh.
- W. Auchterlonie, St. Andrews, and Frank Park, Musselburgh.
- Mr. G. W. Miller, Edinburgh, a bye.

Recognising that the first round was likely to show pretty clearly what form the "cracks" were in, many of the onlookers threw in their lot with one or other of the players, according as their fancy led them, Willie Park, who is very popular on his own green, as elsewhere, and Auchterlonie, particularly, having numerous followings. Park's beginning was not so auspicious as his admirers would have liked. He took 17 to get the length of Mrs. Forman's, but coming up the back stretch in the teeth of the wind, he did grand work, and finished in 41. His putting was exceptionally fine, and it may be said that he depended all day much on his short game, for he is a trifle off his driving just now. Amongst those who had been over the course it was generally thought that four forties would stand very near the top of the list at the close of the day, and it was not expected that many of the players would succeed in getting into the thirties. The performance of Sayers, therefore, in the initial round was the more remarkable. The North Berwick man played admirable Golf. He did the nine holes, difficult as they were, in 39, and his was the lowest score for the first round. The appearance which Auchterlonie, the Champion, made was somewhat disappointing. He was certainly not in his best game. Now and then he duffed a stroke through the green, and in two instances he judged the distance badly in approaching. He was also very unfortunate in getting into bunkers. It was perfectly evident to those who had seen his play at Prestwick last week that he was not playing the same game as he did then, and as he was unable to retrieve his position in the later rounds his place on the list was pretty far down. Better work than that of Auchterlonie was done by another St. Andrews representative, Hugh Kirkaldy, whose play for the nine holes was chiefly remarkable for its steadiness; by Archie Simpson; by Mr. A. Lawson, a prominent local amateur; and by R. Kelly, of North Berwick, all of whom had the nine holes in 40. Sayers accordingly entered upon the second round with the advantage of a stroke in hand, but he was not able to maintain his position, owing very largely to one bad hole. He did not come to grief in

"Pandy," as a good many of the players did, for to carry the hazard required a long, well-hit ball, but still this was the hole where he went wrong. He approached the green too boldly, and got bunkered, the hole being a 7. In this stage Park made an excellent appearance. He equalled Sayers' first performance. Odily enough, he got into trouble at the same hole as the North Berwick player. This was due to his not getting the drive quite fairly away. The ball lay in "Pandy," but, after all, he only lost a stroke, the hole being a 6. But this 39, excellent score as it was, was beaten. The player to perform this feat was Hugh Kirkaldy. Hugh came away with the very strongest of games. He did the second nine holes in 37, and his brother Andrew did almost as well, his card being only a stroke worse. As matters turned out, when all the players had completed the second round, Hugh was lowest with 78, Park closely pressed him with 80, and the elder Kirkaldy was third with 81.

The eighteen holes overtaken in the forenoon had made it abundantly clear that the professionals had nothing to fear from the amateurs, who were by no means strong enough mettle to win in such a field. And just as the forenoon's play had settled this, the third round made it plain that the final tussle would lie very largely between Park and Hugh Kirkaldy. The chances of the local player seemed particularly good when he had finished twenty-seven out of the thirty-six holes that had to be played. His brilliant score of 37, put together by sterling Golf, was the lowest round of the day. The one mistake he was guilty of was at Mrs. Forman's, where he got somewhat off the course and practically lost a stroke. But if he lost anything there, he certainly saved everything at the table hole, at which he was down in great style in 4. A splendid exhibition of the game was also given by Hugh Kirkaldy, who played so well in this stage that his score was 30, with only two holes to go. In an unaccountable fashion he fell away slightly from the faultless form he had been displaying. He took 5 to the Gasworks—certainly one too many—and 4 to the Home Hole, which, to players of his calibre was quite a possible 3. Hugh's round was a 39, and accordingly Park and he stood on equal terms with but nine holes to play, their aggregates being 117. Now that it was known that the race would in all probability be neck-and-neck, and that it was likely to be run between these two players, a good deal of excitement prevailed among the crowd, who in hundreds followed Park when he drove off for the decisive round. His start was not too reassuring. Short with his second to the "Graves," and again short in the long putt, he took 5 to the hole. Rather hard lines were meted out to him at Linkfield. Even with a following wind, a long ball was required if the bunker was to be carried. Park seemed to get away well enough from the tee, but, unfortunately the ball grounded on the face of the hazard, and he lost a stroke in getting clear. The hole was a 6, and Mrs. Forman's, where he did not get his second away as well as he might have done, was a 5. With a score of 16 up to this point, it was evident that he would require to do better in the remaining holes if he were to maintain his position, because it was known that Hugh, who almost immediately followed, was giving a capital account of himself. The Sea hole for Park was a 4, but after crossing "Pandy," which he did safely, his play deteriorated greatly. He had not the best of lies from which to play his second, and in his endeavour to get a full stroke he failed completely. His third, which was a perfect drive in every respect but line, brought him to the left of the green, and had he laid the long putt dead he would still have had a 5. He was desperately short, however, and his subsequent putting was so indifferent that he took 7 to the hole. Attracted by rumours that Hugh was doing great things, a considerable proportion of the crowd now turned their attention from Park to him. They found that the reports about Hugh's play were quite well founded. Down to Forman's in 14, he took 4 to the Sea hole, and followed this with a 5 to the hole across "Pandy," so that there he was 4 strokes better than Park. His success, so far as the local player was concerned, was assured, and, finishing with an aggregate of 158, he had practically only one competitor to fear. This was his brother Andrew, who, playing capital Golf, did the first seven holes of the round in 30. This gave him seven strokes to go to tie—not by any means an impossible task. At the critical moment, however, he fell off. His second to the Gasworks, which should have put him on the green, was wide, and he played a wrist stroke for his third, still without being more than on the edge of the green. This led to the hole being a 5, and finishing the round with a 4, he took second place with an aggregate two strokes worse than his brother's. Willie Fernie, of Troon, should have given a better account of himself, but he was badly handicapped with a sore hand, and until the morning of the play it was doubtful whether he would come forward or not. The play of the amateurs was not what it should have been. Mr. Lawson, the local crack, greatly disappointed his supporters, as, after his first round, he had a 44 for his second, and a 55 for his third practically put him out of count. The first place was secured by Mr. W. Turpie, while Mr. T. T. Gray won the gold medal given to the amateur standing second. The following are the best of the scores, with the prize-money stated in the case of the winners:—

Hugh Kirkaldy (£15).		Willie Park (£5).	
1st round ...	4 5 5 4 5 5 4 4 4=40	1st round ...	5 6 6 4 5 4 3 4 4=41
2nd round...	4 3 5 4 6 5 4 3 4=38	2nd round...	4 5 5 4 6 5 4 3 3=39
3rd round...	4 5 5 4 4 4 4 5 4=39	3rd round...	4 5 6 4 4 4 3 4 3=37
4th round...	4 5 5 4 5 4 6 4 4=41	4th round...	5 6 5 4 7 5 5 3=45
Total ... .. 158		Total ... .. 162	
Andrew Kirkaldy (£8).		Bernard Sayers (£4).	
1st round ..	5 4 6 6 5 5 4 4 4=43	1st round .	4 6 4 4 5 4 4 5 3=39
2nd round...	5 4 5 4 4 6 3 5 2=38	2nd round ..	4 5 5 5 7 4 4 5 3=42
3rd round...	5 5 4 5 4 4 4 4=39	3rd round...	5 5 4 5 6 5 4 3=42
4th round...	4 6 4 4 5 4 4 5 4=40	4th round...	5 4 4 5 5 5 5 6 3=42
Total ... .. 160		Total ... .. 165	

Alexander Herd (£3).	
1st round ...	4 6 8 4 5 5 4 4 4=44
2nd round...	5 6 5 4 5 5 4 5 4=43
3rd round...	5 4 4 4 6 5 4 4 3=39
4th round...	5 5 6 4 5 4 3 5 3=40
Total ... .. 166	

	First Round.	Second Round.	Third Round.	Fourth Round.	Total.
E. Fitzjohn (£2) ... ..	43	40	44	40	167
A. Simpson (£1) ... ..	40	42	42	44	168
P. M'Ewan ... ..	41	44	42	42	169
A. Lumsden ... ..	42	40	44	43	169
W. Fernie ... ..	41	44	43	41	169
W. Auchterlonie ... ..	43	42	43	41	169

There being four ties for the three last prizes of £1 each, the committee decided to add another prize of that value to the list. Each of the last four players therefore received £1.

The other scores were:—

	First Round.	Second Round.	Third Round.	Fourth Round.	Total.
Douglas M'Ewan ... ..	42	40	47	41	170
D. Grant ... ..	42	43	42	44	171
J. White... ..	43	44	40	45	172
Willie Campbell ... ..	42	43	44	44	173
J. Kay ... ..	44	46	39	44	173
David M'Ewan... ..	43	44	41	46	174
R. Kelly... ..	40	51	39	44	174
Mr. W. Turpie (silver cup) ...	44	46	43	42	175
William Thomson ... ..	44	46	43	43	176
H. Gullane ... ..	42	44	47	43	176
John Duncan ... ..	45	45	43	44	176
John Johnston ... ..	41	46	46	43	176
Jack Ferguson ... ..	43	46	44	43	176
John Hunter ... ..	48	43	39	47	177
Mr. T. T. Gray (gold medal)...	50	42	42	44	178
David Herd ... ..	44	42	42	51	179
R. W. Kirk ... ..	46	46	43	44	179
James Keddie ... ..	49	44	43	46	182
P. Wynn ... ..	47	43	43	49	182
Mr. J. Williamson ... ..	48	44	47	44	183
R. Collins ... ..	46	43	47	47	183
D. Clark ... ..	45	45	48	47	185
R. Meiklejohn ... ..	46	48	46	45	185
D. Duncan ... ..	47	49	48	43	187
P. Ward... ..	50	47	44	49	190
F. Fitzjohn ... ..	48	51	43	48	190
Mr. Jas Denham ... ..	47	51	48	47	193
Mr. Chas. Taylor ... ..	48	49	48	49	194
R. Dow ... ..	50	54	50	43	197
Mr. Thomson Whyte ... ..	51	50	51	50	202

Ben Campbell, retired; Frank Park, 45, retired; J. Scott, 47, 45, retired; Mr. J. R. Nesbitt, 50, 51, retired; F. Cutter 43, 54, retired; J. Thomson, 49, 53, retired; Mr. John Keddie, 49, 49, 50, retired; Mr. A. J. Hodge, 55, 50, 45, retired; Mr. A. Lawson, 40, 44, 45, retired; J. Paterson, 51, 50, 46, retired; Mungo Park, jun., 48, 48, 49, retired; Mr. G. W. Miller, 45, 45, 44, retired.

The prizes were presented to the successful competitors by Provost Keir, in presence of a large assemblage, who loudly cheered as each well-known player approached. The Provost said that he had much pleasure in performing the duty which had been assigned to him. It appeared that what might now be called the Musselburgh annual tournament had become quite an established event. (Applause.) It was ably conducted, and largely patronised by many amateur and professional players, and it reflected great credit upon those gentlemen who showed so much public spirit in getting it up. The committee were to be congratulated upon the success which had attended their labours. It was pleasant for the Corporation to see that the old green wore so well, and was in such good condition. (Applause.) On the motion of Mr. A. W. Miller a vote of thanks was awarded to the Provost, and on the motion of Councillor Grossett a similar compliment was paid to the committee of management.

ABERDEEN.

The members of the Aberdeen Club held their usual monthly competition for the scratch medal and Adam cup (handicap), on Saturday, the 2nd, over the Balgownie Links. The day was fine, but the wind was very strong, almost amounting to a gale. On comparing the scores handed in, it was found that Mr. J. M. Ferguson had won the scratch medal with the excellent score (considering the wind) of 84, and that he had tied with Mr. D. Littlejohn (91, less 7=84), for the possession of the cup. The following are a few of the lowest scores:—Mr. J. M. Ferguson (scratch), 84; Mr. D. Littlejohn, 91, less 7=84; Major Kevill-Davies, 96, less 10=86; Dr. J. Ogilvie, 94, less 7=87; Mr. J. S. Butchart, 97, less 10=87; Mr. A. J. Brander, 102, less 14=88; Colonel Boyes, 94, less 5=89; Mr. J. Williams, 94, less 5=89; Mr. J. O. Kemp, 97, less 7=90.

The members of the Victoria Club held their usual monthly competition for the scratch and handicap prizes of the club over the Links course on Wednesday and Saturday, the 16th and 19th of August. On the 16th there was a heavy thunder-storm, and one of the holes was under water to the depth of 3 or 4 inches. A member having handed in a protest that the hole was unplayable, and that the competition should not count, the council met to consider it, when it was found that eight players had returned cards as playing out the hole, although it was covered with water. In these circumstances it was decided to submit the whole facts to Tom Morris, St. Andrews, and be guided by his decision in the matter. Morris's opinion was (and in this he was strengthened by the council of the Royal and Ancient Club), that the competition should count, on the ground that if the hole was playable for the eight men who played and holed out, it was playable for the others. In accordance with this decision, the competition resulted as follows:—Scratch prize winner, Mr. A. M. M. Dunn, with a score of 80; Mr. Chivas' handicap prize (for first-class players), Mr. T. Macleannan, 81, less 3=78; Mr. Williams's prize (for second-class players), Mr. D. Walker, 97, less 12=85.

There was another very good performance last week, which will be of interest to golfing enthusiasts. Mr. L. Stuart Anderson, who is the crack exponent of the game in the Aberdeen Club, finished the last nine holes of the Balgownie course in 31, including seven 3's. Unfortunately he had bad luck during the first half of the round, or another record might have been established.

**VICTORIA CLUB—MEMBERS' MATCH.**—A members' match between teams chosen by the captain and secretary of the above club was concluded over the course on the links on Saturday. Sixteen players started on each side, and at the close it was found that the captain's side had won by 5 holes, the totals being—captain's side, 26 holes; secretary's side, 21 holes.

**BON-ACCORD CLUB.**—The members of this club played on Saturday for the ex-captain's prize, which is decided by "points." On cards being compared, Mr. James Ogilvie was found first, securing three points with a score of 78, plus 1=79; Messrs. J. Main and W. Greig tied for the second place, with respective scores of 94, less 12=82; and 100 less 18=82; while Messrs. J. Rattray and W. Leslie also tied for the third place, with scores of 91, less 8=83 and 93, less 10=83. The next in order were:—Messrs. J. W. Murray, 82; G. Findlay, 86; J. Florence, 89; J. Greig, sen., and James Fraser, 92 each; G. Thompson, 93; G. Simpson and J. Paterson, 95 each; C. Smith, 97; and C. Ward, 99.

**NAIRN.**—A match which excited a good deal of interest was played over the Nairn course on Saturday, between Tom Dunn, the Tooting Bec professional, and Joseph Dalgleish, the Nairn professional. A very close game took place, Dalgleish winning by 2 holes and 1 to play. Dunn had two lifts, losing 2 holes. The monthly competition among the members of the Nairn Club for the Pullar medal took place on the same day. Mr. P. H. Smart and Mr. K. M. Marshall tied with a score of 83, less 5=78. The foursome tournament on the ladies' course was finished on Saturday, when Miss M'Gregor and Mr. J. M'Gregor in the final round beat Miss Part and Mr. Clive Lawrence.

ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB.

A large number of golfers are now playing over these popular links, and during the past week several important competitions have been played. On Saturday, August 26th, the gold medal of the club was played for under handicap limited to 18 strokes. Mr. Pettit tied with Mr. G. A. Bonner for the medal; but on playing off the tie Mr. Bonner was beaten, and Mr. Pettit was successful in winning the medal:—Mr. J. B. Pettit, scratch, 86; Mr. G. A. Bonner, 97, less 11=86; Mr. W. F. Beauford, 99, less 12=87; Mr. A. W. Collie, 107, less 18=89; Mr. W. F. Thomson, 104, less 13=91; Mr. G. Spurling, 102, less 10=92; Mr. W. F. Gorton, 108, less 10=98; Mr. A. Fell, 113, less 15=98; Mr. O. S. Hodges, 119, less 18=101. No returns from several other players.

The annual general meeting of the club was held in the club-house after the competition. Mr. John Fry, captain of the club, presiding. There was an excellent muster of members present. The meeting

proceeded to the election of captain for the ensuing year, commencing April, 1894, and Mr. A. F. Stewart was unanimously elected. The hon. secretary, Mr. Bright, was thanked for his services, and re-elected, and Mr. J. B. Pettit was re-elected hon. green master. Mr. H. Gwyn Jeffreys and Mr. H. E. Wootten were elected members of the committee, and it was resolved to present the winners of the Anderson cup and the gold medal respectively with a suitable memento of those prizes.

On Friday the return match was played on these links with the lady members of the Wimbledon Golf Club, when the visitors were successful in winning by 11 holes up. The match was well contested, and some excellent scores were made, the ladies playing over the complete course of eighteen holes. The particulars were as under:—

WIMBLEDON.		ALDEBURGH.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss L. Thompson ...	0	Miss Pettit ...	2
Miss A. L. S. Drake ...	0	Miss N. Martyn ...	0
Miss G. H. Short ...	2	Miss Bowyer ...	0
Mrs. Cameron ...	6	Miss A. A. Klugh ...	0
Miss A. T. Drake ...	0	Miss Tate ...	1
Mrs. Willock ...	0	Mrs. S. Garratt ...	0
Miss Lee ...	1	Miss R. C. Garratt ...	0
Miss A. King ...	5	Miss Lewis ...	0
	14		3

On Saturday the monthly medal competition, under full handicap, was played, with the following result:—Mr. J. B. Pettit (scratch), 81 (winner on previous occasion of the monthly medal); Mr. J. L. Godlee, 104, less 20=84 (winner of the medal); Mr. G. A. Bonner, 101, less 11=90; Mr. C. E. Salmon, 107, less 15=92; Mr. W. J. Bowyer, 119, less 27=92; Mr. W. F. Thompson, 106, less 13=93; Mr. A. Fell, 110, less 15=95; Mr. N. F. Gorton, 105, less 10=95; Mr. H. G. Jeffreys, 113, less 18=95; Mr. F. D. Bright, 114, less 18=96; Mr. J. Sherwood, 121, less 25=96; Mr. A. F. Stewart, 109, less 8=101; Mr. J. G. Anderson, 119, less 17=102; Mr. J. V. Thompson, 126, less 20=106; Mr. H. Cowell, 126, less 18=108.

On Saturday the lady members played for the gold badge, which was won by Miss Pettit, Miss Tate having won the badge on a previous occasion during the present year. Miss E. Tate, 133, less 16=117; Miss Pettit (scratch), 120; Miss A. H. Klugh, 138, less 15=123; Miss N. Martyn, 136, less 12=124; Miss Lewis, 144, less 20=124; Mrs. H. G. Jeffreys, 154, less 25=129.

BARHAM DOWNS GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, 31st August, 1893. Gentlemen.—Mr. E. T. Ward, 97, less 16=81; Mr. F. K. Borrow, 112, less 30=82; Mr. B. C. Manly, 91, less 8=83; Mr. E. Morris, 93, less 8=85; Mr. H. D. Hirst, 98, less 10=88; Colonel H. W. Parker, 94, less 4=90; Rev. G. Hyde Smith, 94, less 4=90; Rev. T. Field, 110, less 20=90.

Ladies.—Mrs. Stanley Stubbs, 94, less 10=84; Miss B. Borrow, 95, less 7=88; Miss N. Ramsay, 92, less 2=90; Mrs. C. Harter, 111, less 20=91; Miss Hamilton, 119, less 21=98. Mrs. Parker and Miss Campbell were over 100 net.

BLACKHEATH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly medal and scratch prize was held on Wednesday, September 6th, Miss Alice Richardson winning the former and Mrs. Meredith the latter. Scores as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss A. Richardson	88 13 75	Miss P. Hemmerde	104 20 84
Miss Loveless	85 7 78	Miss H. Bidwell	101 14 87
Miss M. Richardson	87 9 78	Miss Richardson	103 21 87
Mrs. W. C. Johnson	94 16 78	Mrs. McCracken	112 24 88
Miss Turner	104 24 80	Mrs. Charles	106 17 89
Mrs. Meredith	81 scr. 81	Miss Fossett	114 23 91
Miss A. Bidwell	93 12 81	Mrs. Schacht	117 24 93
Mrs. McArthur	98 16 82	Mrs. Newton	118 24 94
Miss Gahan	94 10 84	Miss Burton	126 not hcp.

BRADFORD ST. ANDREWS GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition took place on the links at Baildon on Saturday, Mr. Firth coming in the winner with a low net score of 77. Details as follows:—Mr. O. Firth, 99, less 22=77; Mr. G. A. Sutherland, 105, less 22=83; Mr. T. G. Greig (scratch), 87; Mr. H. Steel (scratch), 90; Mr. J. M. Holmes, 94, less 4=90; Mr. A. S. Dunlop, 112, less 22=90; Mr. J. A. Mackinlay, 120, less 30=90; Mr. W. B. Crichton, 99, less 8=91; Mr. G. H. Blackburn, 106, less 15=91; Dr. Macvie (scratch), 93; Mr. W. Leeming, 99, less 6=93; Mr. T. H. Pattinson, 116, less 21=95; Dr. Dunlop, 111, less 16=95; Mr. R. P. Williamson, 131, less 36=95; Mr. C. W. Allen, 112, less 12=100; Mr. W. Glossop, 137, less 36=101; Mr. Jno. Leeming, 128, less 26=102.

## BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly Cup. Played on Wednesday the 6th September:—Mr. P. S. White, 98, less 28=70; Mr. A. R. White, 98, less 26=72; Mr. H. Palmer, 113, less 40=73; Mr. H. White, 114, less 38=76; Mr. H. G. Walker, 94, less 12=82; Mr. T. Dixon, 109, less 25=84; Mr. C. Palmer, 94, less 9=85; Mr. W. J. Robinson, 146, less 50=96; Mr. A. G. Jennings, 146, less 40=106. No return from others. The low net returns of several players may be accounted for by great improvement in their play, scratch standing at 80.

## BOURNEMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, September 1st, 1893:—Mr. D. W. Preston, 102, less 19=83 (winner); Mr. A. Cooper, 105, less 18=87; Mr. P. F. Walker, 104, less 15=89; Mr. C. F. Dickinson, 114, less 23=91; Rev. O. K. Prescott, 113, less 20=93; Mr. H. Sladen, 111, less 16=95; Lieut.-Col. Pott, 109, less 8=101. No return from other players.

## BROMLEY AND BICKLEY GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, played under handicap, September 2nd:—Mr. P. F. Buckley, 99, less 22=77, winner of medal; Mr. A. Bourne, 110, less 30=80; Mr. P. W. Johnson, 113, less 30=83; Mr. R. L. Wigram, 112, less 27=85; Mr. R. I. Woodhouse, 105, less 18=87; Mr. J. Tattersall, 117, less 25=92; Mr. J. H. Yolland, 108, less 16=92; Mr. George Grant, 123, less 25=98; Mr. C. F. Ellis, 124, less 25=99.

## BURNHAM (SOMERSET) GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal handicaps were decided on Tuesday, August 29th, in fine golfing weather. Owing to the drought the lies in many places were still very bad. Some close scoring was witnessed, the gold medal resulting in a tie between the Rev. T. Crump and Mr. W. S. Sheldon. It was arranged, however, with the consent of the committee, that the entrance stakes should be divided, and that the latter gentleman should hold the medal for the month.

Gold medal.—Mr. W. S. Sheldon, 103, less 11=92; Rev. T. Crump, 103, less 11=92; Mr. T. W. Colthurst, 104, less 9=95; Mr. T. C. Hooman, 111, less 16=95; Mr. T. H. Raiton, 115, less 18=97; Rev. G. Beilby, 115, less 18=97. The following were over 100 net, or made no returns:—Major Gully, Messrs. R. Duckworth and A. B. Hill.

Silver medal.—Mr. C. Bere, 123, less 33=90; Mr. H. G. Wheeler, 120, less 25=95; Capt. Fox, 124, less 25=99. The following were over 100 net, or made no return:—Rev. F. N. Smith, Messrs. S. Austin, H. Cheston, F. J. Clark, R. D. Hancock, J. W. Trevor, and D. W. Wheeler.

## CLACTON-ON-SEA GOLF CLUB.

The third quarterly meeting of this club, held on Saturday and Monday, August 26th and 28th, was productive of some interesting results in the unexpected development of "form" by the young players, and the fact that the prizes on Saturday and Monday fell to the same players and in precisely the same order, this, too, after lowering the winner's handicap 5 strokes for Monday. Saturday's competition was for the quarterly challenge medal, with memento in the shape of a gun-metal putter, and two other prizes. The following were the cards handed in, viz.:—Mr. G. E. Beaty-Pownall (winner of quarterly challenge medal and gun-metal putter), 123, less 35=88; Mr. S. N. Dimbleby (winner of second prize, on playing off tie, viz., brassie club), 99, less 7=92; Mr. J. Harrison (winner of best nine holes, viz., half a dozen Golf balls, with 51, less 8=43), 108, less 16=92; Capt. Peskett (took the half-crown sweepstakes), 109, less 16=93; Colonel Openshaw, 107, less 14=93; Mr. C. J. Marsh, 116, less 20=96; Mr. W. A. Turquand, 128, less 30=98; Mr. J. Badkin, 115, less 15=100; Colonel Beaty-Pownall, 125, less 20=105; Mr. W. Cobden Samuel, 163, less 30=133. Dr. Murray had to leave in the middle of the round, so could not finish.

On Monday the cards came out as follows, viz.:—Mr. G. E. Beaty-Pownall (winner of first prize, viz., one dozen Golf balls), 115, less 30=85; Mr. J. Harrison (winner of second prize, viz., caddie bag), 103, less 16=87; Capt. Peskett, 109, less 16=93; Mr. S. N. Dimbleby, 108, less 7=101; Colonel Beaty-Pownall, 124, less 20=104; Mr. J. Badkin, 122, less 15=107; Mr. W. A. Turquand, 139, less 30=109; Rev. Leakey, 144, less 27=117; Mr. W. Cobden Samuel, 164, less 30=134. Other players no returns.

\* Took prize for best nine holes, viz., half a dozen Golf balls, with 54, less 8=46; although Mr. G. E. Beaty-Pownall put in the excellent score, for such a young player, of 52, less 15=37, the latter, however, having won the first prize, was debarred from taking more than one prize.

## CARNARVONSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition of the above club was held on Tuesday, September 5th, on the links at Conway. Scores as under:—Mr. C. A. Hartley, 103, less 17=86; Mr. Edgar Woodhead, 111, less 22=89; Mr. H. B. Southwell, 104, less 14=90; Mr. C. J. Cooper, 118, less 27=91; Mr. E. A. Young, 100, less 5=95; Mr. A. Evill, 119, less 22=97; Mr. E. H. Lloyd, 117, less 20=97; Mr. G. H. Healey, 121, less 12=109; Rev. J. Jenkins, 139, less 25=114; Mr. R. S. Chamberlain, 145, less 30=115. Mr. F. E. Woodhead, no return.

## EPPING GOLF CLUB.

The monthly handicap in connection with the above Club was played on Saturday, August 26th, over what will eventually be the new course, when all the greens are completed, and which was generally admitted to be a vast improvement on the old one. It is a right-hand course throughout, as most courses are in which Tom Dunn, of Tooting, has any hand; there is no crossing, and a capital long hole of 470 yards is a new feature, and with only one out of the nine holes without a hazard, it will be a good "Bogey" score of 82. The new greens were necessarily in bad condition for putting, so Mr. Marsh's score of 102, gross, was a good local performance, and with his handicap of 28, brought him in an easy winner. All but three out of the twelve entered returned scores under 100 net, as below:—Mr. S. Chishenhale Marsh, 102, less 28=74; Mr. W. H. Sewell, 119, less 40=79; Major J. C. Tait, 147, less 65=82; Mr. T. Pearson, 109, less 25=84; Mr. H. T. Price, 119, less 28=91; Rev. G. W. Saunders, 107, less 15=92; Mr. T. G. Pelley, 136, less 40=96; Mr. E. Wahab, 139, less 40=99; Mr. J. Tilleard, 124, less 25=99.

## FELIXSTOWE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly challenge cup, sixth heat, September 9th. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. E. A. Tewson...	94	8	86	Mr. F. H. Hardcastle	102	10	92
Mr. F. C. Milford ...	95	9	86	Mr. G. R. Quilter ...	97	3	94
Mr. J. G. Greig ...	94	7	87	Mr. R. Gaskell ...	107	13	94
Mr. G. H. Joshua...	94	7	87	Rev. M. Washington	107	12	95
Mr. C. G. Havell ...	95	7	88	Mr. R. Redwood ...	107	12	95
Mr. F. W. Wilson...	98	9	89	Mr. W. O. S. Pell...	99	2	97
Mr. P. W. Everett...	99	9	90	Rev. J. H. Ellison...	115	18	97
Mr. C. G. Tunks ...	99	8	91	Mr. H. D. Rhodes..	116	18	98
Mr. H. B. Fox ...	103	12	91				

Several cards were not returned.

## FORFARSHIRE.

The members of the Montrose Mercantile Club finished their sixth competition for their monthly badge last week. The special prize for the lowest score on the green was gained by Mr. J. G. Cobb, who came in at 82, being two above his number. The badge was won by Mr. William M'Neil, 104, 6 below. The following were the winners of the sweepstakes:—First class: 1, Mr. William Jack, 89, at number; 2, Mr. Andrew Wilson, 91, 1 above; 3, Mr. James Hampton, 85, 2 above; 4, 5, 6, and 7, tied for by Mr. George M'Intosh, 84; Mr. Edward M'Donald, 85; Mr. I. C. Pairman, 91; Mr. Alexander Paterson, 91, each 4 above. Second class: 1 and 2 tied for by Mr. John Falconer, 93, and Mr. David Burgess (2), 99, each 2 above; 3, Mr. A. Graham, 99, 3 above; 4 and 5, Mr. William Towns, 99, and Mr. William Forbes, 100, each 6 above; 6 and 7, Mr. James Falconer, 100, and Mr. James Moir, 107, each 7 above; 8 and 9, Mr. John Young, 99, and Mr. Alexander M'Lean, 103, each 8 above. Third class: 1, Mr. Nicolas Allan, 102, 5 below; 2, Mr. George Smith, 108, 2 below; 3, Mr. John Taylor, 111, 1 above.

The members of the Broughty Club held a Wednesday monthly competition on Monifieth Links last week, when the medal given by Mr. Edward Rowan and a number of ball prizes and sweepstakes were played for. For the medal, which is played for under handicap, there was a tie between Messrs. E. Rowan, 99, and David Anderson, 102, both being 12 below their respective averages. The best scratch scores were:—Mr. Alexander Moir, 85; Mr. Alexander Bowman, 88; Mr. John S. Croudace, 88; Mr. W. K. Lorimer, 90; Mr. W. C. Honeyman, 94; Mr. James Belford, 95; Mr. W. M. Chalmers, 95; Mr. David Wilson, 96; Mr. George Malcolm, 97; Mr. Edward Rowan, 99. The prize-winners were:—First class.—Scratch: Mr. Alexander Moir, 85; first average and first sweepstakes, Mr. J. S. Croudace, 88, 6 below; second average and second sweepstakes, Mr. Alexander Bowman, 88, 4 below. Second class.—Scratch: Mr. W. C. Honeyman, 94; first and second averages and sweepstakes (tie), Mr. E. Rowan, 99, and Mr. D. Anderson, 102, both 12 below; third and fourth sweepstakes (tie), Mr. D. G. Glennie, 100, and Mr. James Wilson, 110, both 10 below.

The members of the Broughty Club played for the Thistle medal on Monifieth links on Saturday. Mr. George Fox carried off the

medal with the creditable scratch score of 81 strokes. Mr. William Harris made a good second with 82, and Mr. William Sim was close behind with 83. The following were next in order:—Mr. Edward Shield, 89; Mr. F. A. Beg, 90; Mr. David Wilson, 91; Mr. W. M. Chalmers, 91; Mr. George Malcolm, 94; Mr. R. B. Smith, 95; Mr. James Belford, 95. The prize-winners were:—First Class—Scratch: Mr. George Fox, 81; 1st average, Mr. William Harris, 82, 8 below; 2nd average, Mr. W. Sim, 83, 5 below. Second Class—Scratch: tie, Mr. David Wilson and Mr. W. M. Chalmers, 91; 1st and 2nd average, tie, Mr. D. Wilson, 91, and Mr. Robert Cameron, 102, both 12 below.

GLAMORGANSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday afternoon, the 2nd, on the links at Lower Penarth, the quarterly competition for the silver challenge cup, presented by the captain (Mr. J. W. Pyman), took place. A number of players retired, but appended are the returns:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Captain Stewart ...	98	22	76	Mr. J. G. Thomas ...	112	25	87
Mr. H. W. Flint ...	95	18	77	Mr. G. Thomas ...	115	27	88
Mr. J. Hunter ...	89	10	79	Mr. P. T. Richards	113	25	88
Mr. W. H. Tucker	100	18	82	Mr. A. Ingledew ...	112	24	88
Mr. T. M. Barlow ..	96	12	84	Mr. J. W. Pyman ...	97	14	93
Mr. P. H. Evans ...	111	25	86	Mr. H. J. Simpson	97	14	93

The cup has to be won three times, not necessarily in succession, before becoming absolute property. Mr. J. Hunter has won it twice, and Messrs. T. M. Barlow, J. Pyman, jun., and Captain Stewart once each.

GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, September 9th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. W. H. DuBuisson	92	14	78	Mr. B. Howell ...	88	2	86
Mr. A. Owen ...	96	18	78	Mr. F. Broome ...	102	16	86
Mr. H. H. Playford	85	3	82	Mr. A. H. Mathison	97	10	87
Mr. W. Carr ...	85	1	84	Mr. E. S. Trouncer	102	14	88
Mr. A. P. Doulton ..	99	14	85	Mr. W. P. Trench .	104	13	91
Mr. W. M. Corrie .	91	6	85	Mr. A. W. McDonell	110	14	96

HEADINGLEY v. ILKLEY.

The following is the result of the match with Ilkley, played on the Headingley links on Saturday afternoon. Scores:—

ILKLEY.		HEADINGLEY.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. R. S. Backhouse ...	6	Mr. G. H. Peacock ...	0
Mr. J. Cooper Shaw ...	0	Mr. C. Edwards ...	2
Mr. Percy N. Lee ...	0	Mr. A. D. Stuart ...	1
Mr. R. Wild ...	0	Dr. W. Thompson ...	1
Mr. M. Yoxall ...	9	Mr. J. D. Cormack ...	0
Dr. Bampton ...	3	Mr. A. C. Smithells ...	0
Mr. A. Potter ...	7	Mr. R. G. Emsley ...	0
Mr. T. Hattersley ..	3	Mr. H. M. Mumby ...	0
	28		4

Mr. Backhouse did two very fine rounds, and made the amateur record for these links, viz., 41 and 44=85. Mr. P. N. Lee and T. Varden, the Ilkley professional, played a nine hole foursome with Mr. G. H. Peacock, and W. Fernie, the Headingley professional, the former winning by 2 holes. Messrs. Cooper Shaw and Yoxall beat Messrs. Edwards and Stuart by 1 hole. The weather was everything that could be desired, and the greens in excellent condition.

HUNSTANTON GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, September 4th.—Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. G. H. Bramley..	102	16	86	Mr. C. H. Wade ...	113	16	97
Mr. Ernest S. Spencer	117	30	87	Mr. A. Schäfer ...	125	28	97
Dr. C. K. Whitty ...	113	25	88	Mr. L. R. Fletcher..	122	20	102
Mr. G. E. S. Fryer ...	115	25	90	Mr. Hy. Clarke .	127	25	102
Mr. G. Carrick ..	116	25	91	Mr. G. A. F. Gregson	129	25	104
Mr. P. C. A. Barker	107	10	97	Mr. H. S. Harris ...	137	30	107

Mr. Bramley wins the medal, and he and Mr. Spencer divide the sweepstakes. No return from Mr. J. Ramsey Robertson and others.

LANARK GOLF CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Lanark Golf Club was held on Friday and Saturday of last week. At the business meeting Sir W. C. Anstruther, Bart., vice-president of the club, presided. Mr. James Annan was elected captain for the ensuing year, Mr. Jas. Arthur Vassie was re-elected honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. John Smith, jun., the retiring captain, and Mr. J. M. Davidson were

selected for the vacancies in the council, and Messrs. Haddow and Paterson were appointed auditors.

On Friday the competition was for the silver claret jug (scratch) and the Purdie cup and gold ball (handicap). There was a large turnout of players, and the greens were in excellent order till the afternoon, when a prolonged thunderstorm water-logged them for a bit. After two rounds (twenty-eight holes in all) cards were handed in, and it was found that Mr. Geo. S. Seater, jun., had gained the scratch prize with 121. Mr. Jas. Arthur Vassie was second with 122, and Dr. Vassie tied for third place with Mr. John Vassie, jun., at 124. Mr. W. R. Anstruther won the Purdie cup with 129, less 20=109, and Mr. Geo. S. Seater, jun., the gold ball with 121, less 8=113.

On Saturday the competition was under handicap for a handsome carriage clock presented by Mr. James Annan, the new captain of the club. There was a very large muster, the weather was perfect, and the greens after last night's rain were delightfully true. After two rounds (twenty-eight holes) cards were handed in, and showed that the Hon. A. Bingham had gained the captain's prize with 123, less 14=109; this also entitled him to the first sweepstake, and, having been one of the seventeen who challenged Mr. Seater for the gold challenge ball he gained yesterday, he carried this off also, as Mr. Seater's score was not good enough to retain it. Mr. John Smith, Jun., with 130, less 17=113, tied with Mr. Wm. Davidson at 127, less 14=113 for second place, and gained the second sweepstakes. Mr. W. Lindsay Hatrick came next with 145, less 30=115.

LIMPSFIELD CHART GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, September 2nd, 1893:—Gentlemen.—Mr. M. E. Hughes Hughes, 106, less 24=82; Mr. C. E. Austin Leigh, 97, less 14=83; Mr. Frank Jefferson, 97, less 14=83; Mr. J. Brodie Hoare, 106, less 22=84; Mr. A. G. Rickards, 103, less 18=85; Mr. F. Scorer, 106, less 18=88; Mr. F. Hugh Lee, 102, less 11=91; Mr. E. Brodie Hoare, 113, less 22=91; Rev. C. G. Acworth, 104, less 12=92; Mr. A. N. Watney, 111, less 19=92.

September 5th, 1893:—Ladies.—Miss L. Bartlett, 84, less 3=81; Mrs. Urmson, 97, less 16=81; Miss Board, 104, less 16=88; Miss Watney, 95, less 3=92; Miss Bartlett, 105, less 12=93; Miss E. Board (scratch), 94.

LITTLESTONE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, September 9th:—Mr. D. L. Poole, 86, less 4=82 (winner); Mr. G. F. Basden, 102, less 15=87; Mr. B. D. Bannan, 105, less 18=87; Mr. G. C. Lindsay, 96, less 6=90; Mr. F. L. Pattison, 108, less 16=92; Mr. H. Butler, 115, less 18=97; Mr. G. F. Burton, 117, less 18=99. Others over 100 net, or no return.

LITTLESTONE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, September 9th:—Miss H. Stringer, 113, less 18=95 (winner); Miss E. Cobb, 115, less 12=103. Others no returns.

MACCLESFIELD GOLF CLUB.

Mr. Mair's Cup (value £5 5s.).—This prize was competed for on Saturday by the winners of the monthly handicaps played throughout the season. There were eight entries, but five cards only were returned, Mr. Tylecote winning the cup with a net score of 88. Scores:—Mr. F. Tylecote, 94, less 6=88; Mr. S. Adshead, 122, less 30=92; Mr. J. Webster, 123, less 28=95; Mr. A. G. Gray, 103, less 6=97; Captain Haines, 117, less 11=106.

ROYAL ASCOT GOLF CLUB.

September 9th, R. M. College prize. Mr. C. Clive Bayley, 95, less 16=79; Mr. W. Palmer, 103, less 24=79; Mr. J. G. Pearson, 96, less 16=80; Mr. L. C. Liddell, 90, less 10=80; Capt. Porter, 98, less 18=80; Mr. H. Eden, 94, less 13=81; Rev. J. Stewart, 98, less 14=84. Also played, Col. Lewes, Dr. G. Paterson, Mr. A. G. Armstrong, Mr. W. Campbell, and Captain Kenney Heubert.

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal. September 5th. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. G. W. Smyth...	138	24	114	Mr. G. C. Snelling..	144	20	124
Mr. M. H. Richardson	133	18	115	Mr. G. W. Sampson	144	18	126
Mr. W. E. Hughes..	121	5	116	Mr. F. J. Lawrence	151	25	126
Mr. D. Christopher-				Mr. S. W. D. Wealthall	151	25	126
son ...	141	23	118	Mr. G. H. Frean ...	152	25	127
Mr. H. H. Turner...	125	5	120	Col. Harman ...	145	16	129
Mr. R. Winch ...	137	17	120	Mr. C. B. Lindsay...	154	25	129
Mr. C. Johnson ...	142	22	120	Mr. W. R. M. Glasier	161	30	131
Mr. W. Morris ...	136	14	122	Major Sill ...	167	25	142
Mr. A. Schacht ...	118	+5	123	Mr. C. Bell... ..	140	not h'cd	

Weather hot and dry; heath dry and dusty, and putting very difficult.

## ROYAL CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

The President's gold medal (handicap). Hon. members challenge cup (scratch). Played on August 25th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. Geo. Petherick	110	31 79	Mr. E. M. Banner-		
Mr. H. J. Graham	103	24 79	man	90	scr. 90
Mr. R. P. Edyvean	110	31 79	Mr. Melville-Sandys	104	12 92
* Lieut. Goldfinch	89	8 81	Mr. Matthews	114	21 93
Mr. Young-Jamieson	93	10 83	Colonel Parkyn	140	37 103
Mr. C. Hext	94	8 86			

\* Winner of the scratch challenge cup.

Monthly medal. Played September 8th, in half a gal., and heavy rain-squalls blowing across the course:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. E. M. Banner-			Mr. Y. Jamieson	109	7 102
man	94	scr. 94	Mr. M. Sandys	114	12 102
Mr. C. Hext	104	8 96	Mr. Geo. Petherick	126	23 103
Capt. Johnstone, RN.	133	37 96	Lieut.-Col. Elliot	131	21 110
Mr. H. Mansel	119	21 98	Mr. R. Edyvean	138	23 115
Rev. J. Black	113	14 99	Mr. H. J. Graham	136	16 120
Mr. R. N. Rogers	102	scr. 102			

## ROYAL CORNWALL LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Lady Robartes' Gold Medal.—Mrs. Salmon, 87; Miss A. Burnett, 90; Mrs. Simpson, 90 (winner of the gold brooch); Miss Page, 97; Miss Fenwick, 102; Miss Every, 105; Mrs. C. Hext, 106; Miss K. Pater-Hoblyn, 110; Mrs. Bannerman, 113; Miss Berryman, 117; Mrs. G. Petherick, 127; Miss Rolleston, 143; Lady Morshead, 149; Miss Archer, 157.

At the same time as the play for the medal a competition under handicap for a prettily-designed gold brooch, presented by Mrs. F. M. Hext, took place. Mrs. Simpson was found to be the winner. Miss Barnett won the tie for the second prize gold medal, and Mrs. Salmon the tie for the second handicap prize.

## Monthly Handicap:—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.		
Miss K. P. Hoblyn	99	18 81	Miss Berryman	121	25 96
Lady Morshead	128	40 88	Mrs. Every	136	40 96
Miss Every	98	8 90	Miss Archer	138	40 98
Miss Page	93	3 90	Miss Fenwick	110	12 98
Mrs. Simpson	92	2 90	Miss K. Archer	137	35 102
Mrs. C. Hext	100	9 91	Miss B. Foster	143	35 108
Miss A. Barnett	92	scr. 92	Miss Rolleston	134	25 109
Mrs. Salmon	92	+2 94	Miss A. Alms	137	24 113

The above was the last of a series of six monthly competitions. Final. Played September 7th.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Miss Page	92	3 89	Miss Fenwick	102	12 90
Mrs. C. Hext	99	9 90	Mrs. Salmon	90	+2 92
Miss K. P. Hoblyn	99	9 90	Lady Morshead	144	38 106

First prize, Miss Page, 89; second prize, Miss Fenwick; third prize, Mrs. Hext. The honorary secretary's prize for the four lowest net scores in aggregate, was won by Mrs. Hext.

## ROYAL ISLE OF WIGHT GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition took place on Saturday, the 9th inst. The following were the scores:—Mr. C. Davenport Knight, 100, less 22=78; Mr. C. Pigg, 90, less 4=86; Mr. E. L. S. Horsburgh, 115, less 20=95; Rev. C. Philson, 109, less 10=99; Major A. Le Marchant, 124, less 24=100. Mr. L. Le Marchant, Mr. A. F. Brown, and Mr. T. Uzielli made no return.

## ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

Mr. T. W. Barker's Prize, Saturday, September 9th.—Mr. J. M. Martin, 105, less 18=87; Dr. Hodder, 102, less 14=88 (divided sweepstakes limited to 22); Mr. H. G. H. Spencer, 94, less 5=89; Mr. H. P. H. Spencer, 96, less 7=89; Mr. E. B. Scott, R A., 115, less 18=89 (divided sweepstakes limited to 22); Col. Mackenzie, 93, less 3=90; Captain Fairlie, 93, less 3=90; Captain Robin, 95, less 2=94; Mr. W. H. Monckton, 110, less 15=95; Mr. D. Turnbull, 110, less 14=96. Several players made no returns.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.—The final competition for the club cup, resulted in an easy win for Mr. Fred H. Pyman. Those nine winners who had qualified to play in the final by winning one of the monthly competitions played together on Saturday. Mr. Fred H. Pyman, 96, less 18=78; Mr. George Pyman, 91, less 10=81; Rev. F. W. Savory, 99, less 16=83; Mr. A. Mann, 90, less 5=85; Mr. H. Doughty, 104, less 18=86; Mr. C. Seaton, 97, less 9=88; Mr. O. K. Trechmann, 100, less 12=88.

## SOUTHPORT GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition took place on Saturday. The weather was everything that could be desired in the morning, but in the afternoon a very heavy shower of rain rather handicapped the late starters. The result was as follows:—Mr. H. Sidebottom, 87, less 3=84 (first sweepstake); Mr. G. F. Smith, 87, plus 3=90; Mr. C. Howarth, 92, less 2=90; Mr. A. Smart, 105, less 15=90; Mr. W. E. Bland, 96, less 5=91; Mr. J. E. Pearson, 95, less 3=92; Mr. W. T. Rowley, 99, less 7=92; Mr. T. Ireland, 119, less 18=101. Messrs. G. F. Smith and A. Smart divide second and third sweepstakes, Mr. C. Howarth not having entered. No returns from Messrs. H. Ridson, J. E. Longson, W. G. Clinning, T. S. Bower, and G. Duffus.

After the competition the annual meeting of members was held, when the following officials and Council were elected:—Patroness, Mrs. Hesketh; patron, Chas. Scribbrick, Esq.; president, Colonel Welsby; vice-presidents, Sir G. A. Pilkington and John Betham, Esq.; captain, Mr. W. E. Buckley; hon. treasurer, Mr. D. C. Anderson; hon. secretary, Mr. W. E. Bland. Council: Messrs. S. A. Ashington, T. O. Clinning, C. Howarth, Jno. Morison, C. J. Mull-neux, H. H. Perkes, W. T. Rowley, Hy. Sidebottom, G. F. Smith.

## SOUTHWOLD GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition was played on Saturday, the 2nd inst. The following returns were handed in:—Mr. S. W. Woollett, 96, less 12=84; Mr. A. A. Hannay, 92, less 5=87; Dr. L. Earle, 114, less 22=92; Mr. J. B. Gooding, 104, less 8=96. Messrs. W. Howard and W. Whytock made no returns.

## TANTALLON CLUB.

The members of the Tantallon Club were favoured with very pleasant weather for their autumn competitive meeting at North Berwick on Saturday. There was a large turnout of competitors at this, the closing competition of the season, when play, as usual, was for the gold medal of the club, a merit award, the Jubilee Cup (handicap), and several prizes also under handicap conditions. The green was in capital order. The lowest actual score were:—Mr. L. Stuart Anderson (gold medal), 78; Mr. R. T. Boothby, 78; Mr. A. M. Ross, 80; Mr. Garden G. Smith, 81; Mr. Gordon Robertson, 81; Mr. D. M. Jackson, 82; Mr. John Forrest, 82.

The best scores in the handicap list were:—Mr. W. B. Wilson, 90, less 18=72; Mr. L. Stuart Anderson (scratch), 78; Mr. R. T. Boothby (scratch), 78; Mr. J. Kirkhope, 96, less 18=78; Mr. D. S. Meikleham, 87, less 8=79; Mr. A. D. Smith, 97, less 18=79; Mr. G. Lawson, 86, less 6=80; Dr. S. W. Allen, 95, less 16=80; Mr. J. S. Shaw, 98, less 18=80; Mr. Garden G. Smith (scratch), 81; Mr. D. M. Jackson (scratch), 82; Mr. R. L. Macdonald, 92, less 10=82; Mr. A. M. Ross, 80, plus 2=82; Mr. Colin Campbell, 89, less 6=83; Rev. John Kerr, 93, less 10=83; Mr. J. S. Stevenson, 90, less 6=84; Mr. J. M'Cauley, 94, less 10=84; Mr. J. Forrest, 82, plus 2=84; Mr. J. Wilson, 97, less 12=85; Mr. J. H. M'ulloch (scratch), 86; Mr. J. M'Kinlay, 94, less 8=86; Mr. J. H. Roger, 104, less 18=86; Mr. D. P. Aitken, 92, less 6=86; Mr. J. Moir, 98, less 12=86; Mr. D. A. Low, 99, less 12=87; Mr. H. Sprott, 89, less 2=87; Mr. J. I. Ford, 92, less 4=88; Mr. C. Alexander, 97, less 9=88; Mr. Gregor M'Gregor (scratch), 88; Mr. C. R. Henningway, 100, less 12=88; Mr. W. Dougall, 105, less 16=89; Mr. E. Millidge, 107, less 18=89; Mr. Archibald Hodge, 103, less 14=89; Mr. A. D. Robson, 95, less 6=89; Mr. H. H. Harley, 93, less 4=89; Mr. R. M. Shirreff, 95, less 6=90; Mr. J. Lyon Hamilton, 108, less 18=90; Mr. J. R. Duff, 96, less 6=90; Mr. J. Pringle, 102, less 12=90; Mr. D. H. Huie, 102, less 12=90.

The following were the best aggregates for the spring, summer, and autumn competition:—Mr. A. M. Ross (Whitecross medal), 83, 79, 80=242; Mr. L. Stuart Anderson, 83, 84, 78=245; Mr. J. Forrest, 85, 82, 82=249; Mr. J. H. M'ulloch, 81, 85, 86=252; Mr. D. M. Jackson, 87, 84, 82=253.

In the afternoon the medals and prizes were presented to the winners by the Rev. John Kerr, Dirlerton, who in the course of his remarks threw out the suggestion that the club, now very strong in numbers, should consider the expediency of going in for a club-house of its own. The handicap prizes consisted of an inkstand and two candlesticks, a bread-tray and knife, a cake-basket, a pair of silver-mounted match holders, and a cruet-stand.

EARLSFERRY AND ELIE.—The last medal competition for the season took place on Saturday, there being two medals to be played for—the Burgh medal (scratch), and the Monkland medal (handicap). Mr. Norman R. Foster made the lowest score of the day, taking 85 strokes for the eighteen holes. As he already holds a scratch medal, the Burgh medal went to Mr. Wm. Bryson with a score of 90. The Monkland fell to Mr. F. L. Bremner, whose score was 91, less 4=87. On the completion of the day's play, Mr. Pitcairn, the captain of the club, presented the prizes to the successful competitors.

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### TYNESIDE GOLF CLUB.

The following are the scores in the last of the series of bi-monthly competitions for the summer handicap prize, which was played for at Ryton on Thursday, 7th September:—Mr. M. P. Ismay, 86, less 7=79 (previous winner); Mr. W. E. Beck, 99, less 15=84; Mr. G. F. Charlton, 89, less 3=86; Mr. M. Dodd, 105, less 18=87; Mr. C. Cooper, 94, less 4=90; Mr. R. T. Thomson, 92, plus 2=94; Dr. J. Linmont, 103, less 5=98. Nine others made no returns.

The following eight single winners play off in the final on the 14th inst., for possession of the prize, viz., Mr. W. Jones, Dr. E. S. Robson, Mr. R. Y. Batey, Mr. R. Steel, Mr. T. W. Bourn, Mr. J. W. Carr, Mr. M. P. Ismay, and Mr. W. E. Beck.

### WEST CUMBERLAND GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on September 7th, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net				
Mr. J. F. Hodgson...	131	36	95	Mr. R. S. N. Thompson	136	20	116
Rev. T. Pollock ...	124	15	109	son ..	127	10	117
Mr. J. L. Smith ...	129	18	111	Mr. D. Fraser ...	149	25	124
Mr. J. W. Wilson ...	137	25	112	Mr. D. Robertson...	140	15	125
Mr. R. Simpson ...	148	36	112	Mr. E. A. Thompson	146	16	130
Mr. G. S. Wilson	134	21	113	Mr. H. Williamson	167	36	131

### WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly medals (handicap) were played over the club course at Bushey, on Saturday last. Handicaps of 12 and under.—Mr. G. F. Pearson, 90, less 9=81; Mr. O. W. F. Hill, 92, less 7=85; Mr. S. Hirst, 98, less 11=87; Mr. B. M. Barton, 94, less 4=90; Mr. A. H. Wallace, 98, less 8=90; Mr. E. G. Jackson, 102, less 12=90; Mr. A. G. Bradley, 104, less 12=92.

Handicaps exceeding 12.—Mr. H. S. Whittaker, 99, less 15=84; Mr. A. Roberts, 106, less 16=90; Mr. W. Tiernay, 112, less 20=92; Mr. C. Davis, 111, less 15=96; Mr. I. Clifford, 113, less 16=97; Mr. J. Harding Brown, 117, less 19=98; Mr. J. E. Jackson, 101, no handicap; Mr. W. R. Carter, 118, less 15=103; Mr. R. Palmer, 136, less 23=113; Mr. E. S. Jackson, 117, no Handicap.

### WORCESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly meeting for the Worcester cup and "Bogey" prize was held on the 7th inst., but presumably the partridges and other seasonable counter-attractions to the royal game deterred many who usually enter an appearance on the Links at Malvern from competing in this instance. The state of the ground through the green left little to be desired, but the putting greens are still very treacherous, and require very careful negotiation. It will be seen from the appended returns that Mr. G. H. Eyre, with the good net return of 80, carried off first honours, and secured the Worcester cup, junior medal, and "Bogey" prize, beating that fictitious player by 2 up. The senior medal fell to Captain H. A. Armitage. Mr. G. H. Eyre, 95, less 15=80; Captain H. A. Armitage, 91, less 8=83; Mr. J. W. Jackson, 102, less 17=85; Mr. A. S. Archdale, 93, less 7=86; Mr. W. M. Baker (visitor), 101, less 15=86; Mr. H. S. Romer, 102, less 15=87; Mr. G. A. Jones, 98, less 8=90; Mr. R. R. Brown, 103, less 10=93. Several others were over 100, or made no returns.

PROFESSIONALS AT NORTH BERWICK.—An interesting foursome took place over the North Berwick links on Saturday afternoon, the opposing couples being Mr. R. T. Boothby, partnering Hugh Kirkaldy, and Mr. J. H. McCulloch, with Bernard Sayers. There was a following of about 150 people, and the play was well worth witnessing. Mr. McCulloch and Sayers had the best of the game for the larger portion of the round. Standing 2 up at the turn, they increased this advantage at the Pit to 3, and although Mr. Boothby and Hugh again had the lead reduced to 2 with 4 to play, a halved match was evidently the most they might expect. Now, however, a remarkable change came over the complexion of the match, for the Redan, Gate, and Point Garry holes fell successively to Kirkaldy and his partner. Mr. Boothby and Hugh were now dormy 1, and, halving the home hole amidst some excitement, they won a grand game by a hole. The play on each side was very fine.

### WEST LANCASHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The Autumn meeting of the West Lancashire Golf Club took place on Saturday over the links at Hall Road, Blundellsands. The members were favoured with fair weather on the whole, but there was a strong north-west wind, and sundry showers of rain made the greens rather stiff. Upwards of fifty couples started, and on the returns being checked it was found that Mr. Harold H. Hilton had again won the Autumn challenge cup and accompanying memento for the best scratch score, with the fair return for him of 78. The next best cards were those of Mr. H. J. Chisholm, 82; Dr. Hewer, 86; Messrs. J. W. Fowler and G. F. Smith, 87; Messrs. R. Gould and T. H. Luzmore, 88. The president's prize, the gift of Colonel Blundell, for the best net aggregate score at the Spring and Autumn meeting was won by Mr. J. E. Pearson with 173. The Welch Challenge Cup, (limited to a handicap of 14 strokes) was won by Mr. H. J. Chisholm with a capital score of 82 from scratch. The club handicap prize was tied for by Dr. Hewer and Mr. G. A. Thomson. The first sweepstakes was won by Mr. H. J. Chisholm, the second went to Dr. Hewer, and the third was divided by Messrs. T. H. Luzmore, O. Blundell, and H. C. Reynolds, Mr. G. A. Thomson not having subscribed. The following were the scores under a hundred net:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.					
Mr. H. J. Chisholm	82	scr.	82	Mr. M. Rollo	99	7	92	
Dr. Hewer	86	1	85	Mr. J. Fairclough	97	4	93	
Mr. G. A. Thomson	103	18	85	Dr. A. S'ookes	97	4	93	
Mr. T. H. Luzmore	88	2	86	Mr. T. A. Kirkwood	98	5	93	
Mr. O. Blundell	95	9	86	Captain Chamier	99	6	93	
Mr. H. C. Reynolds	104	18	86	Mr. H. Spalding	104	11	93	
Mr. H. H. Hilton	78	+9	87	Mr. W. Revis	109	16	93	
Mr. R. Gould	88	1	87	Mr. C. W. Stoehr	109	16	93	
Mr. J. E. Pearson	90	3	87	Mr. W. Buckley	109	16	93	
Mr. G. Newsom	92	5	87	Mr. W. Bell	98	4	94	
Mr. J. W. Fowler	87	+1	88	Mr. F. Harrison	99	5	94	
Mr. E. C. Edgecombe	98	10	88	Mr. F. Litchfield	102	8	94	
Mr. D. T. Roberts	102	14	88	Mr. H. J. C. Anderson	104	10	94	
Mr. E. Evans, jun.	103	15	88	Mr. R. Buchanan	104	10	94	
Mr. G. Edgecombe	106	18	88	Mr. G. H. O. Salt	106	12	94	
Mr. G. F. Smith	87	+2	89	Mr. C. F. de B.	Winslow	109	15	94
Mr. C. M'Laren	98	9	89	Mr. H. Durando	111	17	94	
Mr. R. H. Brown	107	18	89	Mr. W. Litchfield	112	18	94	
Mr. R. H. Prestwich	92	2	90	Mr. L. J. Ferguson	100	5	95	
Mr. D. H. Greenwood	94	4	90	Mr. W. Barry	117	22	95	
Mr. W. F. Barrell	103	13	90	Mr. A. G. Rankine	103	7	96	
Mr. J. B. Edis	108	18	90	Mr. G. W. Harris	114	18	96	
Mr. W. Potter	92	1	91	Mr. F. W. Lees	114	18	96	
Mr. W. Stringer	97	6	91	Mr. P. O'Brien	114	18	96	
Mr. F. W. Cornelius	100	9	91	Mr. A. Chisholm	100	2	98	
Mr. R. K. Waddell	101	10	91	Mr. Hugh Christie	111	13	98	
Mr. D. C. Keeling	107	16	91					
Mr. E. V. Crooks	99	7	92					

WARKWORTH CLUB.—On Saturday the members of the Warkworth Golf Club held their annual competition for the challenge gold medal. There was a capital turn-out of players. Mr. W. N. Pybus, jun., 116, less 30=86; Mr. J. Chisholm, 134, less 40=94; Mr. George F. Charlton, 99, less 2=97; Mr. W. D. Pape, 110, less 12=98; Mr. G. Sanderson, 138, less 40=98; Mr. J. S. Green, 139, less 30=109; Mr. J. J. Taylor, 161, less 50=111; Mr. J. Perslow, 152, less 35=117. A number of competitors made no return.

DORNOCH.—On Saturday, there was a handicap competition. Mr. John Robson (Edinburgh), with 91, less 8=83, was the winner. The next best scores were:—Mr. D. Wauchope (Edinburgh), 91, less 6=85; Mr. W. Mackay, 91, less 5=86; Mr. Thomas Ross, 106, less 18=88; Mr. T. C. Norris (London), 100, less 11=89; Mr. D. Bruce, 99, less 9=90; Mr. G. Bridgeford, 100, less 8=92; Mr. W. G. Moore, 108, less 16=92; Mr. M. Macdonald, 91, plus 1=92; Mr. A. Angus, 102, less 8=94; Dr. MacLachlan, 104, less 6=98; Mr. D. Mackenzie, 139, less 16=123.

CUMBRÆ CLUB.—The monthly competition for the gold medal presented by Mr. D. Mackintosh took place on Saturday afternoon, in fine weather. The wind was at times a trifle high. Scores:—Mr. T. Macfarlane, 95, less 6=89; Mr. J. Allen, 106, less 12=94; Mr. J. L. Davidson, 102, less 4=98; Mr. J. C. Sharpe, 101, less 2=99.

**ELECTRIC CLUB.**—The monthly medal and autumn prize competition of the above club was held over the Braids on Friday. The green was in splendid condition, but a strong breeze proved somewhat troublesome on the inward journey. Scoring, however, was fairly good. The following are the prize-winners, with net scores:—Medal and first, Mr. Don. M'Intyre, 79; 2, Mr. J. C. M'Cracken, 80; 3, Mr. D. L. Wood, 82; 4, Mr. J. M' Cormick, 84; 5, Mr. W. Lawrie, 84; 6, Mr. W. Hutchison, 84—tie; 7, Mr. P. O. Millar, 85; 8, Mr. G. Slater, 85; 9, Mr. A. Fraser, 85—tie; 10, Mr. R. Tainsh, 86; 11, Mr. D. M. Moore, 86—tie; 12, Mr. W. Smith, 87; 13, Mr. T. Smith, 88; 14, Mr. G. S. Herschell, 89.

**NORTH BERWICK GOLF CLUB.**—The members of this old and select club were favoured with lovely weather on the 6th, the opening and gold medal day of the annual autumn meeting. The attendance of competitors was small, the meeting taking the form rather of a social gathering than a keen competition. A large marquee had been erected near the home green, where luncheon was served to some fifty ladies and gentlemen. Five couples took part in the competition for the gold medal, amongst the "cracks" absent being Mr. J. E. Laidlay. The couples were despatched by the starter: Colonel Anderson and Colonel A. Brown, Mr. W. W. Gray and Mr. Henry Callander, Major Hay and Captain Robert Grant Suttie, Sir Walter Hamilton Dalrymple and Mr. A. Buchan Hepburn, Sir Alexander Kinloch and Captain J. G. Baird Hay, of Belton. On a return of cards, a tie for the gold medal was found to have resulted between Colonel Anderson and Colonel Brown, at 87 actual. The best scores were Colonel Anderson, 87, less 7=80; Colonel A. Brown, 87, less 4=83 (tie for scratch medal); Sir Alexander Kinloch, 97, less 16=81; Mr. Henry Callander, 93, less 8=85; Sir Walter Hamilton Dalrymple, 96, less 10=86; Captain J. G. Baird Hay, 102, less 16=86; Captain R. Grant-Suttie, 95, less 7=88; Mr. W. W. Gray, 106, less 16=90. Colonel Anderson proved the winner of the gold medal on playing off the tie, beating his opponent, Colonel Brown, by 87 against 90. At a business meeting of the club, held prior to the start, Captain J. G. Baird Hay, of Belton, was elected to the office of Captain, in succession to Colonel Anderson, who retires by rotation.

**PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS.**—In the competition for the Wilson monthly handicap medal, the following are the best scores:—Mr. H. G. Peattie, 87, less 12=75; Mr. Andrew Birr (scratch), 82; Mr. D. Ferguson, 94, less 12=82; Mr. James Andrew, (scratch), 83; Mr. A. Y. Peattie, 98, less 14=84; Mr. J. Turnbull, 100, less 16=84; Mr. James Howat, 90, less 6=84; Mr. W. Macfarlane, 89, less 4=85.

**"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.**—The Caxton medal was played for on the Braids on Saturday, and was won by Mr. G. J. Webster with the score of 93, less 12=81. The green at present, thanks to the care and attention of Anderson, the green-keeper, is in splendid condition. Hacked though the course may be, here and there, by the unscientific "digging" of hundreds of novices of all ages and both sexes, its excellence all over was on Saturday the subject of general remark.

**HARRISON CLUB, EDINBURGH.**—The monthly tournament by holes for the cup was finished in the Harison Park on Saturday morning. Result:—Cup and first prize, Mr. J. Blyth; second, Mr. R. Coultis; third, Mr. A. M'Farlane; fourth, Mr. J. Begbie. Fourteen members took part in the competition.

**R. AND R. CLARK GOLF CLUB.**—This club held a competition for prizes at Musselburgh on Saturday. The following are the winners, with net scores:—First, Mr. J. B. Dunlop, 92; second and third, Mr. J. M. Steel and Mr. Chrystal, 94—tie.

**BRUNTSFIELD ALLIED GOLF CLUB.**—This club held their autumn competition for the silver medal and other prizes over the Braids on Saturday. The winners were:—Silver medal and first prize, Mr. Thomas Hunter, with 76 net; Messrs. James Addison and John M'Leod tie for second and third prizes with 77 net; fourth, Mr. Thomas Stevens, with 79 net; fifth and sixth prizes were tied for by the following members with 81 net: Messrs. J. T. Sharp, T. Carruthers, and D. M'Arthur.

**BEARSDEN CLUB.**—The lady members of this club competed on Saturday for the gold medal presented by Mr. J. H. Bowie, Torwood. Fewer than usual took part in the competition. Results:—Mrs. Scott (5), 59 (winner of medal); Mrs. Johnston (scratch), 61; Miss L. Russell (18), 73; Mrs. Hutton (scratch), 75.

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## ILKLEY GOLF CLUB, YORKSHIRE.

SEPTEMBER 28th, 29th, 30th.

**T**HE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING of the above Club, will be held on Thursday, the 28th, and following days, when the following competitions will take place:—

1. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th.—Professional Scratch Competition (by medal play, thirty-six holes). Open to all Professionals; no Entry Fee. First Prize £5, Second £3, and Third £2; and four other money prizes.

2. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th.—Ilkley Challenge Bowl. Open to Club Teams of Yorkshire Clubs only.

3. OPEN SCRATCH COMPETITION.—Medal play, eighteen holes. Open to all Members of recognised Golf Clubs. Prize, a Silver Cup, value £10 10s.; Entry Fee 5s. Competitors must tee off before 3.30.

4. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th.—Open Competition by strokes under handicap, course eighteen holes. Handicap limit, 20. First Prize, value £5; Second, £2; Third, £1. Entry Fee, 2s. 6d. Competitors must tee off before 3 o'clock.

The Entry List will close on Wednesday evening, September 27th, for event No. 1. On Thursday, September 28th, for events Nos. 2 and 3; and on Friday evening, September 29th, for event No. 4. Entries, accompanied by the Club Handicap of the competitor, endorsed by the Hon. Secretary of the Club to which they belong.

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The Golf Club, Ilkley.

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