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JULY.

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### THE LINKS OF GUERNSEY.

NO one has yet said for the Guernsey Golf Links the good word which their merits deserve; or, if any have said it, he has not said it loud enough, so that many could hear. For the word is worth the saying and the hearing. One can go farther and fare much worse—may even go as far as St. Andrews, which is much farther, taking London for a centre, and not fare very much better. Of course Guernsey is an island, and the sea has to be crossed to reach it, but the boats are good, whether by Weymouth or Southampton, and, in point of time, even, you will find Guernsey less distant. It is true that when you arrive at St. Peter's Port, the capital, and, practically, the only town, of Guernsey, you are not yet at the Golf ground; but you can get there for fourpence—twopenny-worth of electric tram and twopenny-worth of waggnette. It is extraordinary what a long way twopence will go in Guernsey. It will buy the best cigar in the island, and twopenny-worth of brandy in Guernsey is enough to last even a golfer a long time.

The club-house, to which the waggnette will bring you, is about three miles from the town. It is quite sufficient for all the golfer's needs, including a drawing-room, in which the ladies have tea. For the ladies' rights are well recognised in Guernsey. Ladies play Golf on the long links, and the men do not drive into them; and ladies—little Guernsey ladies of short frocks and tender years—carry your clubs. There are male caddies, but the female caddie is preferred. You walk from the club-house half a mile, through the whins, to the first tee. The commoner—the Guernsey links are common ground—clings to his whins, Goodness alone knows why. In proportion as rights are ill-defined, people are apt to cling to them. Commoners' rights are always ill-defined. So the commoner clings jealously to his rights in the whins, forbids the golfer to play over the first few hundred yards of common, where the whins grow most densely, and insists on the adoption of a troublesome rule, to the effect that the golfer must always pick out of whins whenever his ball lies in them. Happily the course has abundant merits which more than compensate for this drawback. The general character of the links is boldly undulatory. They are as undulatory as Sandwich. The lies throughout the green are very good; they are as good as the lies at Westward Ho! The putting greens are all natural, and all good. Some are rather small, with the steep undulations very close to them, but as a rule the whole course is potential putting green. The hazards are mainly of whin and sand bunker, but a big feature of the course, as seen at a bird's-eye glance, are the great blocks of rock which spring up on the crests of the hills. They are grey and sombre, and give a special character to the links, which one does not meet elsewhere. Of course

they cannot be good, as hazards; but the green is so laid out that they do not present themselves as hazards, excepting in the event of a very bad shot indeed; in which case, perhaps, no punishment can be too severe. The sea cuts off two-thirds of the circuit of your horizon, and the land runs out into this sea in long, bold headlands, which make the whole a beautifully diversified scene. Westward of the course, between it and the sea, is a forest of windmills, used for drawing up the water out of numerous quarry pits. In the centre of the course is a great walled enclosure, with nothing inside. Once Russians were inside, when they were our allies in the Napoleonic wars, and were encamped in Guernsey.

"Colonel Bogey," playing with his usual faultlessness, should go round these links in about 82; but he, of course, is not bothered by the stiff-necked commoners and their absurd rule about lifting out of the whins. He never gets into them. On the left of the course, at three holes, the sea-beach is a feasible hazard for golfers who are prone to human error. There are cart-tracks winding their sinuous length over the links, which are very deep and evil. But all the hazards are fair, they are avoidable by accurate play, and they are visible. This is not the case with all the holes; many of them are "blind." The undulatory nature of the ground is largely responsible for this. It is almost impossible but that there should be "blind" holes, and there is a charm about the bold undulations which more than makes up for this drawback. A good many of the holes are short. Possibly the course may be lengthened with advantage, for the extent of common available for Golf is ample even without the bit which is cut off the golfing area for shooting purposes. In the winter there are eighteen holes. Hitherto their number has been reduced to twelve in summer, because the commoner is again ridiculously tenacious of his rights in bracken, which grows in parts. This year, however, the club hopes to purchase, at not more than six or seven times its worth, the bracken from the commoner; and in that event the eighteen holes will be perennial.

It scarcely needs to say that one would not waste so much ink in eulogy of a links whose soil was not of the right sandy quality. They are of the very best; and it becomes necessary to insist on the point after mention of the bracken, because it is not within the writer's knowledge that bracken commonly grows on this very sandy soil. One had rather been disposed to associate it with the loamy soil of forest glades. But the turf of Guernsey is as beautiful as that of Westward Ho! itself, and it has marvellously well endured the bright, dry weather of the late ideal holiday-tide of Easter trippers. Its bunkers are not so bold as those of Westward Ho! Frankly, it is not so good a course; but it is not far behind it, if a comparison be insisted on. The writer does not say this by way of putting Westward Ho! as an ultimate standard of Golf links; the comparison merely suggests itself because the lies of the two links invite comparison. But Guernsey, in the scale of Golf links, comes closely following the half-dozen or so best links of the United Kingdom. If he who reads knew this already, the writer apologises for offering the information; but if the reader did not know it, he may, perhaps, be even grateful if he is ever led to visit Guernsey. And it is seldom that one can expect gratitude for what one writes.

Of one thing he may be very certain: that the people of the island will show him no little kindness. They hold the rites of hospitality very sacred.

H. G. HUTCHINSON.

## OUGHT THE STIMIE TO BE ABOLISHED?

IN GOLF of June 29th, the stimie is compared to the poor in social life. Like the poor it is being made the subject of agitation, and golfing General Booths are coming forward to raise and elevate the game and to do the stimie what their prototype is endeavouring to do in the analogous case, eradicate it completely. If, however, the matter is to be brought up, let it be settled once and for all. But is the stimie question more clamant than dozens of others which might be mentioned. How often do inquiries appear in GOLF upon subjects which ought to be explicitly treated in the rules of the game, and how often do disciples of Golf go to the rules for bread and receive a stone.

The stimie, however, is the matter under discussion at present. When the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, on September 23rd, 1890, appointed a Committee to revise the rules, the stimie question was then brought up; and it would appear that the majority of that Committee were then in favour of abolition, but their reasons for this are not stated. Mr. Hall Blyth and Mr. Jackson utterly opposed abolition, while Mr. Laidlaw Purves desired a modification of the rule to the effect that the ball nearer the hole should be lifted, save in the case of a player giving himself a stimie. The opposition was so strong that it was successful. This happened not much more than three years ago. Now if the matter was discussed and settled at that time, surely it is too soon again to bring it up. Possibly some of the matches at Sandwich were decided to all intents and purposes by stimies, none being more conspicuous than the match between Mr. Tait and Rolland; but what of that? It is the fortune of war; it was Rolland's luck that day, and no doubt it will be Mr. Tait's at some future time. If every supposed, or real, golfing grievance is to be raked up and aired triennially or whenever a case occurs, there is a grave danger of the rules being in a chronically unsettled and unsatisfactory state; and newly born clubs, instead of following in the footsteps of the premier golfing societies, will be arrogating to themselves a wisdom, out of the mouths of babes and sucklings, which the oldest associations do not assume, and carving out new rules for themselves. The result will be inextricable confusion, Golf at St. Andrews will be entirely different from the game played at the latest English course.

The real good game of Golf, which old Scotch players venerate, consists of match play. Stroke competitions are, more or less, an excrescence, though it must be admitted that it has for some time been a large one, and, increasing as do many parasitic growths according to the ratio of population, it now threatens to kill its source of existence. In matches the player's object is to beat his opponent—the number of strokes has nothing to do with the game, and a player is entitled to use every device in his power to ensure the defeat of his opponent, provided his play is sportsmanlike and fair, and within the rules. Accordingly, if a player cannot hole his own putt, he is entitled to do all he legitimately can to prevent his opponent from holing his, and hence he plays on the side of the hole next his opponent's ball, so that if he misses the hole he lays his opponent a stimie.

It can hardly be admitted that stimies are the result of bad play. Quite the opposite in the case of stimies near the hole. These rather arise, (1) sometimes from intentional play, and, (2), more frequently from perfectly well-played putts being deflected by some trifling inequality on the green; and, least frequently of all, by bad play.

From the opinions printed in GOLF, it is curious to observe that while amateurs, as a class, are in favour of the abolition of the stimie, the professionals, as a class, are in favour of its retention. Why is this? The professionals have proved themselves to be the superior exponents of the game, and if the opinion of expert players is to go for anything, their views on the matter ought to carry the day. It is interesting to notice the modifications proposed by the different writers. Mr. Laidlaw Purves reverts to his old idea, and suggests that if a player give himself a stimie, he should be made to play it, but that in other cases it should be abolished. This might work out as follows:—A player gives himself at some short distance from the hole a stimie. Having given himself the stimie he must play it, he does so and lays his opponent a stimie, but his ball must now be lifted to allow the opponent to hole out. The fairness of such a proceeding is rather obscure. Out of two stimies at the same hole, one would be lifted and the other not. No man would willingly lay himself a stimie; but even the best players do not always get what they play for, and in matches between first-class golfers such a position is generally less the fault of the player than of the green. Over and above, the case of a player laying himself a stimie rarely occurs with players of calibre; and in first-class golf—and it must be remembered that it is for first-class golf rules are made—Mr. Laidlaw Purves' modification of the rule would practically mean abolition of the stimie, and yet he expresses himself against this, and at the last revision of the rules voted against abolition.

The position taken up by a few gentlemen is unique. They say, abolish the stimie in championships and tournaments. As the Open Championship is at present played by strokes, there are, of course, no stimies; but why make a different rule for match play and for the Amateur Championship and tournaments, when these simply consist of series of matches? Mr. Mure Fergusson suggests that, as regards ordinary matches, it should be left optional for the opponents to play either with or without stimies; but surely no necessity exists for such a rule, as a couple, before starting an ordinary match, can make such arrangement as they choose, not only in regard to stimies, but also in regard to every other thing connected with their game.

Mr. Tait's proposed modification seems to rest upon the assumption that a player should not be allowed to lay his opponent a stimie. It is rather difficult to see what Fernie is driving at in his proposal, because the probable percentage of stimies must be the same in an eighteen-hole as in a thirty-six hole match.

To increase the size of the hole, as Willie Park proposes, is without doubt expedient, not merely on account of the stimie question, but from an all-round practical point of view, as the number of short putts missed by the best players cannot be accounted for either by bad play or want of nerve or experience.

There is another view of the matter. A player lays his ball on the lip of the hole, not giving his opponent a stimie, but lying at the *side* of the hole, thus making it considerably larger for his opponent. Is the stimie to be abolished and this left? Both positions result from the same cause, whatever it may be, but the agitators against the stimie, while they call for the abolition of the one, have not a word to say about the other.

Before the abolition of stimies is urged, surely a case of necessity or expediency should be made out arising from practical play, and this has not yet been done. If it were impossible to negotiate a stimie, then the reasons for clamouring for its banishment would be apparent, but to loft most stimies is not so difficult as some seem to think,

and in proof of this reference is made to GOLF for 15th March, 1892, No. 83, Vol. IV., where it is recorded that out of 91 stummies lofted, the player holed 65 and missed 26. Surely this is sufficient to convince any one that even with the small hole stummies are more formidable in appearance than in reality.

J. A.

#### GLASGOW GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition of the Glasgow Golf Club, took place on Saturday at Alexandra Park, with the following results:—Club medal (first class)—Mr. J. Brown, 77, less 3=74; Mr. A. M. Macdonald, 85, less 5=80; Mr. W. Bennett, 84, less 3=81; Mr. James Mack, 85, less 3=82; Mr. John Storrar (scratch), 83; Mr. S. Blackley, 88, less 5=83. Wilson medal (second class)—Dr. Watt, 81, less 12=69; Mr. Sam. Timbrell, 82, less 11=71; Mr. Neil Cook, 85, less 10=75; Mr. P. Lunan, 95, less 12=83. Scott medal (third class)—Mr. J. K. Mackay, 91, less 15=76; Mr. J. Boyd, 94, less 18=76; Mr. R. Shaw, 90, less 13=77; Mr. John Rhind, 94, less 16=78.

Another monthly medal competition of the same club took place over their links at Gales on Saturday. A sharp hailstorm in the afternoon interfered for a short time with the play. Fully thirty gentlemen took part in the competition. The medal in the first class was won by Mr. A. Neillie, with a score of 90, less 3=87. The best scores were—First class—Mr. D. Robertson, 94, less 3=91; Mr. Allan R. Allan, 99, less 5=94. Second class.—Mr. William Smith, 97, less 11=86; Mr. D. Ogilvie, 103, less 12=91. Third class.—Mr. John Forest, 96, less 15=81; Mr. J. M. Lamont, 100, less 18=82; Mr. Charles Murray, 101, less 18=83; Mr. Thomas Robb, 99, less 15=84; Mr. A. Anderson, 102, less 15=87; Mr. W. F. Buchanan, 103, less 14=89; Mr. T. H. Mottram, 107, less 18=89.

#### PEEBLESHIRE COUNTY CUP.

Mr. George H. Gibson Carmichael of Callands, has presented a beautiful cup to be played for annually by eight members of each of the clubs in Peeblesshire, the winning club to be considered the champion club of the county during the year. The first competition took place on the West Linton course on Saturday, when Innerleithen, West Linton, and Peebles clubs were represented. The following were the teams of each club:—West Linton—Messrs. J. Mowbray, R. Aitken, R. Alexander, G. H. Gibson Carmichael, Adam Ramsay, R. Millar, J. Martin, and Rev. T. D. Miller. Peebles—Messrs. P. Masterton, W. Bertram, W. Lyon, H. Ballantyne, jun., A. Yellowless, W. Macqueen, John Paton, and Rev. J. C. Williamson. Innerleithen—Messrs. A. Robertson, G. M. Thorburn, James S. Smal, Robert C. Smal, Robert T. Robertson, J. M. Gunn, William Hall, and Dr. Orr. The game consisted of four rounds of the course, or thirty-six holes. The result of the competition was as follows:—West Linton, 41; Peebles, 37; Innerleithen, 5. At the close, Lady Gibson Carmichael presented the cup to the West Linton team.

GEORGE CLUB, EDINBURGH.—This club held their summer prize meeting over Musselburgh links on Saturday, in splendid weather, when the scratch and handicap medals were also competed for. There was a large turn-out of members, and on cards being returned it was found that Mr. D. M. Jackson had won the scratch medal with a score of 84, and Mr. George Robb, the handicap medal and first prize, with a score of 85, less 6=79. The following were prize winners:—Mr. George Robb, 85, less 6=79; Mr. J. Cheshire, 90, less 6=84; Mr. J. Adamson, 93, less 7=86; Mr. H. Johnston, 91, less 4=87; Mr. J. Pateron, 90, less 2, and Mr. R. Robinson, sen., 85, plus 3=88, tied; Mr. D. M. Jackson, 84, plus 5, and Mr. H. Macfarlane, 119, less 30=89, tied; Mr. Andrew Archibald, 98, less 8=90; Mr. George Hawley, 101, less 8=93; Mr. S. F. Notman, 92, plus 2=94; Mr. J. Atchison, 129, less 30=99; Mr. J. Cochrane, 111, less 11=100; Mr. T. Sinclair, 111, less 9=102; Mr. A. M. Morrison, 122, less 10=112.

#### THE MORAY GOLF COURSE.

The course of the Moray Golf Club is situated beside the picturesque village of Stotfield, within ten minutes' walk from the railway station at Lossiemouth. A broad, sandy beach, excellent for sea bathing, stretches from near the Golf house to Covesea Lighthouse, a distance of nearly two miles. Although the present club has been only five years in existence, it had a predecessor of the same name whose members some twenty years ago played on a seven-hole course laid out at Stotfield on the ground between the Camp and Skerrycliff. In those days there was not the boom in Golf which now prevails, and, for some reason or other, the club became defunct. One of its youngest members, however, formed one of a small party who, five years ago, surveyed the more extensive ground to the north-west, and recognised the merits of the "country" out of which the present course has been evolved. So the Moray Golf Club was formed in 1889, and its career has been one of unbroken success. The course possesses the full quota of eighteen holes, stretching in a south-westerly direction on the outward journey, and hugging the sea beach on the way home. The ground is of an undulating and sporting character, and eminently suited for the Royal and Ancient game, so that visitors are invariably charmed with it.

Playing from the first tee, which is situated on high ground, the prime requisite is a straight drive, which should land the ball well on in the valley and within an iron or mashie shot of the hole. A pull from the tee is the chief danger to be avoided, such being apt to land the ball either on the road or within private grounds (the latter error involving the penalty of a lost ball). With an approach putt for the third stroke the player now proceeds with a 4 on his card to tee for the "Rock" hole, which takes its name from the large boulder on the left. Here again the player has to be careful as to line from the tee, the rock and private grounds being the hazards to the left, and a road and extensive sand bunkers to the right, while rough long grass lies in wait for a topped ball. Assuming that a straight shot has been obtained, the player is within an iron or mashie from the hole, which lies on an extensive green of natural turf, and here again the scratch player records a 4. The third or "Covesea" hole, so called from its being in a direct line for the lighthouse, is a sporty hole abounding with hillocks; long carry is required, and the run is uncertain. It usually takes three to get on to the green, and the ball must be lofted over the hillocks which guard the approach. Although sometimes taken in less, this is a good 5 hole. To the fourth or "Skerry-cliff" hole we turn backwards and play almost due east. A heel from the tee must be avoided here, otherwise the ball is carried into whins. The only other hazard which requires to be reckoned with is a bunker immediately to the north-east of the green, which punishes a strong approach somewhat severely. With another 4 on the card, we now tee for the "Cup" hole, situated uniquely in a round hollow of beautiful turf, with a road to the west, the ruts of which punish a strong approach, and whins and rough grass at the left ready to trap a pulled one. Here, as well as for the next hole, a 4 should be registered. Teeing for the "Saucer" (a natural adjunct of the "Cup"), we have to negotiate a stretch of whins which invariably punish a topped drive, or even a long one if pulled. Here, as at the "Cup" hole, there are whins on each side of the course, and straight driving is important. A mossy hollow on the left has also to be reckoned with, where frequently an otherwise good drive is penalised with a heavy lie. The "Saucer," like the "Cup," is never affected by drought, and is a remarkably true putting-green. The "Table" appropriately follows. This hole is situated on a plateau of natural turf, and an accurate approach is necessary, the difficulty being to get the ball over the ruts which cross in front, and to lie on the plateau. To the left of the green is a deep hollow, which has also to be avoided. "Colonel Bogey's" score for this hole is 4, but it may easily be a 5 to a scratch player. The feature of the "Drainie" hole is the beautiful turf of the putting-green. The approach is guarded by a road crossing immediately in front of the green, and deadly play is required to prevent the second stroke from running off the keen turf to the rough ground and whins beyond. With another 4 on the card, we now tackle the "Half-way" hole. The hazard for the drive is a ditch

running at right angles across the course. In a calm day, or with a following wind, a medium tee shot will cross this hazard, but with a strong head wind even a long driver will sometimes come to grief in it. With a fair lie from the tee, a brassie or cleek shot should carry on to the green, and the "Colonel"—who has no luck (good or bad), and, at the same time, makes no mistakes—finishes the first half of the round with a score of 37. Hitherto we have been playing on the property of Captain Dunbar Brander, of Pitgaveny, but we are now to drive on to the ground of Sir William Gordon Cumming, Bart., on whose estate of Gordonstoun the greater portion of the next two holes is situated. Sir William, himself a keen golfer, has taken a warm interest in the club and in the improvement of the course, and the recent addition of these two holes (the ground being given free of rent) is felt to be a distinct advantage. The tee shot for the tenth or "Target" hole, so called from its proximity to the Artillery Range, has to be driven over a ditch or water-course forming the boundary between Gordonstoun and Pitgaveny at this point. Rough ground and whins surround the edge of the water-course, and a fozzie at the tee is severely punished. But, off a good drive, an iron shot will reach the green, and secure another 4.

We now cross northwards close to the sea beach, and tee for the "Sea" hole. In playing homewards from this point a particularly fine view is obtained of the village of Stotfield. A "heel" from the tee is specially to be avoided, else the ball will carry into stony ground, of which there is a long stretch on the right, while a pulled shot will likely land in long bent or on the beach. This hole, like the next two, should be accomplished in 4. In playing to the "V" hole, which immediately follows the "Sea," it is well to aim either to the right or left of the old cart track, which runs at an angle across the course, and sometimes traps an otherwise good drive with a bad lie. A strong approach is apt to carry into the whins beyond. In approaching the "Beacon," which takes its name from being in line with the "Skeries," a stony track has to be reckoned with, and if played too strong the ball is carried into benty ground. The "Road" hole is one of the most sporting in the round, the green being surrounded with hillocks and hazards of nearly every description. A road has to be avoided all the way, and in addition a cross road with deep ruts near the green. This and the "Long" hole, which immediately follows, are good 5's. Two drives and an iron are required to reach the green of the "Long" hole, and, as hillocks, bent, and sand hazards abound, each stroke requires careful judgment. The green is a large natural one, with very fine turf. Extremes often meet, so next comes the "Short" hole, which can be driven with a cleek or iron. This is a 3 hole, but, as there are hillocks and whins in the vicinity of the green on either side, accuracy of line is essential, and often a 4 or 5 is chronicled. The second last hole is the "Magazine," so called from the old powder magazine situated to the north of the green. The tee shot has to be driven over whins, and a topped ball is, as a rule, severely punished, but with safe play a 4 is obtained. The home hole takes its name, "Mount Lebanon," from the large mound surrounded with sand bunkers, which constitute a formidable hazard from the tee, and here many a score comes to grief. The hole altogether is an extremely sporting one, and the player who finishes with a 5, and squares the round with "Colonel Bogey" in 75, has every reason to be satisfied with his performance, and need not be afraid to enter the lists either at St. Andrews or Sandwich. The original home green, which is a model for situation, is defended on the north-west by a yawning sand bunker, which had attained a reputation among local players similar to "Pandy" at Musselburgh. This green is lying fallow at present, but it is to be hoped that the turf will revive, and that the club will yet reap the benefit of the outlay which was expended on it.

In consequence of the bracing character of the air, the round, although nearly three miles in length, is not fatiguing, but if the whins and sand bunkers have been visited betimes, and the niblick called into requisition, the physical exertion involved is not to be despised. In the well-appointed club-house, which the club are to be congratulated on possessing, there is, however, provision for all needful supplies. The club-house was built and furnished at a cost of nearly £600, raised partly on debentures among the members and partly out of the club's funds, and it contains a large club room, luncheon room, a hall,

lavatories, &c., besides a dwelling-house for the keeper. The culinary arrangements are excellent, and golfers may spend a whole day on the links with every home comfort. In this respect the Moray Club occupies the premier place in the North.

NAMES AND LENGTHS OF HOLES.

	Yards.		Yards.
1 First ... ..	239	11 Sea ... ..	267
2 Rock ... ..	227	12 V .. ...	235
3 Covesea ... ..	348	13 Beacon ... ..	231
4 Skerry Cliff ... ..	219	14 Road ... ..	345
5 Cup ... ..	283	15 Long ... ..	407
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THE VIOLENT GOLFER.

One day in the autumn I happened to be  
On some links within sound of the murmuring sea ;  
Large numbers of golfers were starting off fast,  
So I sat down to watch how they played as they passed

Said a friend to me, " Look, quick ! For here comes a man  
Who loses his temper whenever he can—  
A very bad habit, which once you begin,  
You will lose many matches you'd otherwise win."

I turned round at once as I heard the word " Dash !"  
And saw him commencing to slog and to slash.  
The turf flew like fur when tom cats have a fight,  
And into the bunker his ball did alight.

Ho, ho ! Mr. Foozler, said I to myself,  
You had better lay up all your clubs on the shelf.  
Here smash went his niblick, and forthwith there came  
A volley of words I won't venture to name.

We counted his strokes. He played nearly a score.  
The players behind plainly thought him a bore ;  
For from near and from far were heard loudly to roll  
Muttered thunders of " Chuck it," and " Give up the hole."

He continued, however, to stir up the sand,  
When his mashie flew suddenly out of his hand ;  
From his lips there came forth a most horrible sound,  
And he fell with a crash with his face on the ground.

They carried him home, and they gave him old Scotch,  
And the members all took turns to sit up and watch  
As they feared in his fury he'd do himself harm,  
Before he recovered his " Sunday-best " calm.

They sent for a doctor, who looked very sad,  
And said, " I'm afraid he is perfectly mad ;  
No doubt in the morn he was perfectly sane,  
But that awful sand bunker has injured his brain.

MORAL.

Consider my story, and golfers beware  
Of commencing while playing to curse and to swear ;  
But remember the fact that 'tis eadem semper,  
The loss of your match follows that of your temper.

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## WON AT THE FIRST BUNKER.

## A GOLF LOVE MATCH.

"With regard to Ladies playing Golf, I had always reasoned to myself that if they played badly they were a nuisance, and if they played well they were a humiliation to oneself: I could therefore logically see no justification for their playing at all."

The writer of the above-quoted sentence had always seemed to me a particularly sensible man, with whom I should have liked to shake hands, and I fully endorsed his views on the subject of ladies playing Golf. It mattered not how they played, well or badly; they had no right to play at all. And often have I congratulated myself on being simply a Golf bachelor, possessing no golfing relations of the fair sex. How I pitied my less fortunate comrades, Smith, Cleek, and Ball, who with their respective wives (one apiece), and sisters not restricted to one, but perhaps half a dozen, perambulated round the course, the men doing the part of unpaid caddy and general adviser, a thankless task, and one that is apt to engender ill-feeling in the home circle.

Imagine my disgust on hearing an unknown cousin was coming to stay with us, who was devoted to Golf, and was delighted to hear there were links at Goffston. "She will be for ever on the links." I grumbled, "and is sure to fix herself upon me, expecting me to look for her ball. Women are out of place on the course," I declared, very irate at the prospect of a girl daring to interfere with my beloved pastime. My father had chuckled at my wrath, and so had Dick, my younger brother, but then they were both beginners, and could not be expected to enter into my feelings; besides which my father was middle-aged and fond of womankind; and Dick—well, he was young enough to be foolish about them, and from them both I expected no sympathy.

The morning after Kate's arrival she came down to breakfast in the neatest of Golf costumes, and I could not help thinking how pretty she looked. Slight, and of medium height, the dark brown dress, with short skirt reaching to the tops of her boots—her feet, which were extremely small, neatly gaitered—suited her admirably and on starting out a neat Tam o' Shanter cap rested on her bright, wavy brown hair.

As the days passed by, and I had from afar seen this fair golfer drive off in a way not to be despised by the best of us, I began to somewhat change my opinion regarding lady golfers, and felt I should have enjoyed a round with Kate, but my unfortunate words stood in the way; for with his love of chaff my father had told my pretty cousin my opinion of lady golfers, and she had, though the colour rushed to her cheeks, laughingly replied, "she would try and keep out of Charlie's way." And my very presence on the links seemed to irritate her as much as I foolishly imagined hers would irritate me. My eye grew uncertain and my tee shots fell dead, my approaches resembled wounded partridges, and my putts hopped like grasshoppers, and Golf seemed no longer to me what it once had been. Even my friends and partners had forsaken me, and when I asked them to have a round would reply, "Awfully sorry, old fellow, I am engaged. Miss à Dare is getting up a foursome;" or, "We are playing a return match this morning."

I felt like a social leper and thoroughly out of it. To see the girl do her round was a treat; her graceful swing and pretty action was the admiration of all beholders.

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It was a bright, frosty morning, the ground just hard enough to make a good lie certain, and I started for the links after breakfast, more from habit than inclination, to get a round before the rest of the golfers put in their appearance. Arriving at the first tee, I drove off with the feeling of the early bird who goes in search of the worm without caring whether the search be crowned with success or no. Aimlessly enough the ball flew off the tee to finally land in a sheltering bunker of stiff young gorse bushes; and whilst buried in them, searching for the missing ball, another golfer appeared and teed off straight over the offending bunker, the ball never swerving or

halting till it hit the flag on the green, a distance of 200 yards, and then slowly but surely dropping into the hole. An envious whistle escaped my lips. "Lucky fellow," thought I, when, to my surprise, Kate came slowly along, her eyes fixed upon the ground, evidently searching for the ball.

"Your ball is not lost," I exclaimed, emerging from the middle of a jungle of gorse bushes.

With a start, recognising me, she had begun in an apologetic tone something about only practising, and was looking for her ball.

"It is holed out!"

"What?" incredulously, "Oh, no, you must be mistaken," adding meaningly, "I am only a woman, and cannot send the ball more than twenty yards."

Plainly, some one had been telling tales. Doubtless my father had carefully repeated more of my foolish speeches, and I felt anything but devotedly inclined towards him.

"Go and look in the hole," I said, rather stiffly, "if you cannot believe me. Everybody is liable to make a lucky fluke." I felt humiliated, and endeavoured not to show it by venting myself in a cut-and-dried manner. And I was about to add further sarcasms, when, to my utter astonishment, I saw my cousin hastily turn away her face, but not before I had perceived a tear stealing down her cheek.

"Kate," I cried, "forgive me! I have been both rude and unkind. I did not, upon my word, mean to hurt you."

Few women look well when tears are on the surface; but my cousin was one of the few, and looked so tantalisingly pretty, it was all I could do to keep myself from taking her into my arms and kissing the tears away.

"I am only a woman," trying to smile, "and——"

No further words followed, for I read a secret in her pretty blue eyes, the owner of which could have had small idea how eloquent they were, and taking her hand in mine, I finished the sentence interrogatively, "Therefore to be won? Kate, darling, is it possible that you care for me?"

"Not only possible, but probable," was her reply, not snatching her hand away, as I was half-afraid she might.

"You love me, darling?"

"Yes," blushing prettily, "better even than Golf. I will willingly give it up, Charlie, if you dislike it so much."

"Fore! fore!" It was my father's voice. He always shouted first and hit after, and, Kate's hand still in mine, I drew her 'neath the shelter of the gorse, and from our hiding-place we watched the old man's evident astonishment, on holing out, to find another ball. He peeped about, even glancing up into the sky, as if he expected another would be shot from the clouds; and when, at lunch, he related what he termed "a most extraordinary thing," I replied, that my future wife wished to claim her ball, which she had left there for the shades of the first bunker.

Every one was loud in their congratulations, though they declared so prickly a place as a gorse-bush in which to make love was not a very good augury for future bliss; and my father did nothing but laugh, as he asked, "Whether I should allow my wife to play Golf?"

My wife still plays Golf, and the first bunker is to us both an object of affection instead of a deadly foe; for have we not its friendly shades to thank? for through it, we always both declare, the best match ever made on the Goffston links was won!

M. E. BRADSHAW-ISHERWOOD.

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## A NEW METHOD OF HANDICAPPING.

Golfers lend me thine ears, for I, the writer of this article, have devised a system of handicapping which, if properly applied, is capable of for ever settling this much vexed question, and of giving peace to all secretaries of Golf Clubs, handicapping committees, and those who sit in high places in golfing circles. No more will the wail, "I have too few strokes" be poured piteously or angrily into their ears. No more—but let me not anticipate.

It availeth not to dispute that the present mode of handicapping by strokes is ill conceived and ill calculated to meet cases of fine shades of distinction among players. A stroke is a stroke beyond cavil, and although some speak of half a stroke a hole, yet all golfers know that this is but a figure of speech which meaneth a stroke every other hole. But between a stroke a hole, and half a stroke a hole—or a stroke every other hole—how vast the difference. How inadequate to meet any cases, save those where broad and distinct lines of cleavage may be drawn betwixt the merits of the players.

The deficiencies of this present system having now been shown, the principles of the new method will be shortly expounded. The main principle lieth in the fact that the object which every golfer striveth to attain is to locate a ball at the bottom of a given hole. Now it must be apparent to all, from the Open Champion down to the man who can scarce with his utmost endeavour impart motion to his ball, that the larger be the hole the more easy of accomplishment will this object be, and the smaller the hole, the more difficulty will be experienced. Herein lieth the fundamental part of the new system. All men at present play to a hole of the size of  $4\frac{1}{4}$  inches. Why should this be so? Why should not our scratch men play to a smaller hole and our duffers to a bigger? There need be no restriction to the size of a hole save the space it may take up; and consider the unlimited power of handicapping thus to be obtained. Holes might be made any size, yea from the size of the crater of the mount yclept Vesuvius down to the size of the eye of that implement which ladies—who know of its existence—term a needle. Every player in the wide world might play to a hole of different dimensions. No need then to ask, "How many strokes have you?" the question would be "What size of a hole do you play to?" and the answer might perchance be, "Oh I get four and three-eighths inches—or six inches, or two or three feet"—as the case might be. In view of this new system coming into speedy operation it behoves the writer to caution those whom he desires to benefit, on one point, viz., that in no circumstances should a player, however, far behind scratch it may be desirable to place him, be handicapped down to a hole of smaller dimensions than the size of an ordinary Golf ball. Were this to happen, it must be obvious that such a player would be much in the position of playing against an opponent who had 20 holes handicap in the 18. It vergeth on the bounds of possibility that if a most excellent player were handicapped to, say, an inch hole, he might peradventure, out of his diabolical ingenuity, elect to play with a ball not much larger than a pea; but while this might be quite within his rights, it would prove extremely awkward of accomplishment. In a long drive off the tee so minute a ball might be readily lost, unless the player were allowed to play his long game with one ball and to change it when he reached the putting green. Handicaps could also be adjusted by the size of the ball—any size from a pinpoint up to cricket-ball or a football—but this doth not permit of so much scope or variation as doth the method already propounded. Furthermore, it might be possible to combine both of the above systems with great benefit.

The advantages of the new system must be so manifest to all who know anything about Golf and handicapping that the writer refrains from giving practical examples. He is,

however, aware that there are two slight defects; one is its difficulty of application to the present Golf links, and the other is that it is not yet patented. As to the first he invites suggestions—to be addressed to himself personally and marked private. If any sufficiently practical be received, a patent will at once be taken out and a limited liability company formed to buy up the rights and float the scheme. Application for shares in the company may now be sent in. The address is,

BEDLAM.

## THE SONG OF THE PUTTER.

"Oh! the little more, and how much it is!  
And the little less, and what worlds away!"

BROWNING.

O sweet to carry with your drives,  
The yawning jaws of "Hell!"  
And O! to lay your second dead,  
How sweet it is to tell!  
And O! how sweet the mashie stroke  
That foils the harbouring rut!  
But the sweetest thing in the Ancient Game  
Is a long and leary putt, my boys,  
Is a long and leary putt!

CHORUS—O, a long, long putt, and a leary putt,  
And a hole that gobbles the ball!  
There are many sweet things in the Ancient  
game,  
But these are the sweetest of all!

You've sliced your cleek shot to the whins,  
The well-trod bunker trod,  
And scarce upon the putting-green  
You sadly play the odd;  
Ah! many a slip before the lip  
Of that small cup is passed,  
For you take the hole with a five-yard putt,  
And the match is square at last, my boys,  
And the match is square at last.

CHORUS—O, a long, long putt, &c.

One of the Seven Wise Men of Greece,  
He said, without a doubt,  
"Let no one chortle, or smash his clubs,  
Until the hole's played out."  
For a cleek may run her off the green,  
While a niblick lays her dead,  
And a fool may roll right over the hole  
Which a wise man steals with his head, my boys,  
Which a wise man steals with his head.

CHORUS—O, a long, long putt, &c.

Then let the raking driver drive,  
And carry all before him,  
Until he's on the putting-green,  
When an inch or two may floor him:  
But O! beware of the canny man  
Who putts with a deadly aim—  
He'll win the match, though he's playing scratch,  
Unless you can do the same, my boys,—  
Unless you can do the same.

CHORUS—O! a long, long putt, and a leary putt,  
And a hole that gobbles the ball!  
There are many sweet things in the Ancient  
Game,  
But these are the sweetest of all.

CHARLES J. BILLSON.

Leicester, 1894.



From time to time we have recorded the progress that was being made by the Yorkshire Golf Clubs to federate themselves into a County Union. The work is now complete, and the rules of the Union, which we have examined, show that the work has been carried out by men full of practical energy and sound business aptitude. We understand that Lord Falkland has been asked to become the first president, and Mr. Woodhead, of Huddersfield, has been appointed hon. secretary and treasurer. The first Championship meeting will be held at Huddersfield during the first week in October, and, in all probability, next year's meeting will be held on the fine seaside links of the Cleveland Club at Redcar.

Each club forming the Union pays an annual subscription of half-a-guinea for each fifty, or part of fifty, playing members, with a maximum subscription of two guineas. The representation of each club on the council is in proportion to its playing membership. Clubs with a playing membership of under 100 have one representative, two representatives being allotted to clubs with a playing membership of over 100. The Amateur County Championship meeting will be held in the Spring of each year, and there will also be a Club Championship by teams of four. The Championship trophy will be a cup of the value of £20, a gold memento medal of the value of five guineas being given with it, and a bowl of the same value will be provided for the team competition, gold memento medals, value a guinea, being provided for each member of the team.

It is, in our judgment, a blemish, however, in the otherwise excellent rules, that the council have decided to adopt a stroke-round of thirty-six holes for the County and Team Championship. If at all practicable, we should strongly urge the council to see whether they cannot adopt match play by heats of eighteen holes instead of scoring. We should imagine that the entries will not be such an insuperable difficulty as to hinder a trial of the match-play system, which is by far and away the best test of a player's form and calibre, while being infinitely more interesting to the competitors themselves, as well as to the spectators. If it is a question of time and convenience for the competitors, the council might even combine the two methods—that is to say, eliminate all the players who exceed a fairly liberal "Bogey" round, and draw the best four players to decide the semi-final and final by match play—the first by a round of eighteen holes, and the final by a round of thirty-six holes. Better than this compromise, however, would be the adoption at the outset of a match tournament for all players who enter. The council might also set an example by paying heed to the recent contributions on the stimie, and elect to rule that a player who lays himself a stimie should bear with it, but otherwise let the blocking ball be holed out.

These are the suggestions that occur to us on looking through the rules, and they are offered for what they are worth. The main point is to congratulate the Yorkshire Clubs on their energy and their foresight in establishing a series of Tournaments which are bound to become exceedingly popular among local players, and in fostering a high standard of individual

play. We hope to see other important counties follow the example of Hampshire, Yorkshire, and Norfolk in founding Unions, for by their aid golfers everywhere will be enabled as time goes on, and opportunity occurs, to build up a great representative Golfing Association which shall treat the rules and the whole government of the game as they ought to be treated—namely, from a thoroughly representative basis, in which the opinions of players as a whole shall find a fairly adequate expression. We wish all such movements a hearty success.

The members of the Fraserburgh Golf Club will hold a Bazaar in aid of the club's funds in August next. Until a comparatively recent date, the club's course was confined to Fraserburgh Links, but that commonly became so crowded that play there had to be suspended. The club is indebted to Lord Saltoun for the use of an excellent course on the Philorth Links. This course being new requires considerable improvements, which can be carried out only at much expense. When properly completed, the course will be one of the most interesting in the North, and its attractions may be expected to draw visitors to the town. Fraserburgh has been a golfing town for a hundred years back. The members of the club appeal to their friends at home and abroad for contributions, either in money or kind, to the Bazaar fund, to enable them to carry out such a desirable object.

In the Burgh Court-room, Montrose, on Friday, the piece of ground on the links to the west of the old club house of the Royal Albert Club, containing an area of 600 square yards, was exposed to feu. Bidding was commenced at  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per square yard, and rose by bids of 1-32d. to 64-32d., or 2d. per square yard, the bidding being between Mr R. A. Wills, solicitor (representing the Victoria Club, whose intention was to erect a club-house on the ground), and Mr. W. M. Jameson Paton, captain of the Royal Albert Club, to whom the ground was ultimately feued, and whose object was to preserve the integrity of the circular Golf course, a large meeting of the golfers of the three principal clubs in Montrose having come to a resolution by a large majority that the erection of a club-house on the ground proposed so near one of the putting-greens would be detrimental to the best interests of Golf in Montrose.

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11,464. Improvements in Golf balls.—W. A. Taylor, 4, Clayton Square, Liverpool.

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11,973. A new or improved Golf scorer.—J. J. Bald, 43, Torrington Road, Seven Sisters Road, Holloway.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C. W. F.—We believe there is a club at Argeles. Of course you can also go to Pau, St. Jean de Luz, Biarritz, and Arcachon. So far as we know, there is no course at Bagnères de Bigorre in the Pyrenees.

PUTTER.—You are permitted to place your putter in front of the ball. It is not prohibited by the rules.





SHOULD THE STIMIE TO BE ABOLISHED?

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—“H. L. F.” proposes that the ball nearest the hole should have “the option of playing first.” But in case of a stimie, who would use such an option?

I would submit that nothing could be more just and more simple than such a rule as this: “On the putting-green the player who lays his opponent a stimie shall play first.”

1st, This would overcome all difficulty about lifting the balls; and, 2nd, a man who laid himself a stimie would require to play it.

I am, Sir, etc,  
KILRYMONT.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Mr. Hilton, like other distinguished players, is “in favour of the abolition of stimies, particularly in important matches.” May I suggest, with all respect, that it would be better to abolish the important matches. Championships, tournaments, professional competitions, are good in their way, but they are a comparatively small and unimportant part of Golf, and are not worth taking into account in any consideration with regard to an alteration in the rules. Golf is primarily for the recreation of the thousands who play it, and not merely a means for the correct tabulation of a few of the leading players. The idea seems to be spreading that the man who plays best ought invariably to win. I venture to say that no game could long survive such a state of things, and that the elimination of chance would eliminate interest too. How deplorable, too, if those of us who are constantly suffering defeat are to be deprived of our choicest explanatory item. No; the abolition of the stimie would be a dreadfully prosaic proceeding. Golf is not a competitive examination; it is a game.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
A. N. MONKHOUSE.

Disley, July 6th.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—If it is decided to abolish “stimies” then I submit that the Rules of Golf should be alike for match and medal play.

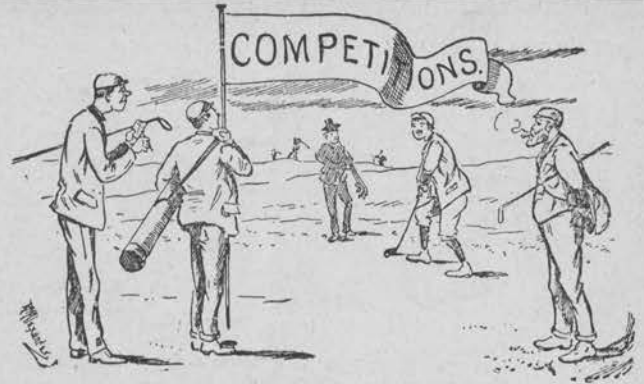
I am, Sir, &c.,  
W. E. R. D.

THE GOLFING ARM.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I should be grateful if you or any of the readers of your excellent paper could tell me the best remedy for what, I suppose, may be called a golfing arm—the feeling being that of a bruise on the elbow bone.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
SUFFERER.



ARDEN GOLF CLUB.

The monthly cup competition of the above club took place on Saturday, July 7th. Mr. A. E. Wilson-Brown's score of 85 is the best that has been handed in for the cup; he did the first round in 38, made up as follows:—4 5 4 5 4 5 5 3 3=38. This score is also the lowest the nine holes have been holed in for the monthly cup. The long grass at this time of the year makes low scoring rather difficult. The scores returned were as under:—Mr. A. E. Wilson-Browne, 85, less 3=82; Dr. Ballance, 92, less 9=83; Dr. Simon, 98, less 14=84; Hon. and Rev. R. C. Moncrieff, 91, less 3=88; Mr. W. J. Burman, 101, less 10=91; Mr. O. Airy, 99, less 4=95. Seven other members made no returns.

BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB.

The tenth medal competition took place on the Birkdale links on Saturday, July 7th. Except for a slight shower early in the afternoon the weather was splendid. Mr. G. D. S. Crowther put in a win for the first class medal, with 89, plus 5=94; and Mr. W. D. Crowther was the winner in the second class with 100, less 18=82.

BOURNEMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, July 7th:—Mr. E. W. Charlton, 99, less 15=84; Mr. H. Sladen, 99, less 14=85; Mr. A. H. Cooper, 102, less 14=88. No return from others.

BOWDON GOLF CLUB.

The first of the preliminary competitions for the monthly medal was played on the links of the above club at Dunham Village, on Saturday, July 7th, in glorious summer weather. Twenty-eight members competed, and the winner proved to be Mr. H. Holden, whose gross score of 83 equals Mr. Cummins' record score in a club competition over the present medal course. Mr. Holden also took first prize in the optional sweepstakes, the second being divided between Messrs. Chas. Hopkinson and W. M. Neild. The following had scores of under 100 net:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. H. Holden ...	83	1 82	Mr. E. Withington.	98	6 92
Mr. C. Hopkinson .	103	16 87	Mr. M. Withington.	96	3 93
Mr. W. M. Neild ...	107	20 87	Rev. T. Pym Wil-		
Mr. F. C. Morgan...	88	scr. 88	liamson ...	100	6 94
Mr. W. R. Craig ...	97	7 90	Mr. S. Smelt ...	105	8 97
Mr. C. H. Occleston	96	5 91	Mr. R. D. Mac-		
Mr. G. Shorland Ball	99	8 91	Laren ...	113	14 99
Mr. F. Platt-Higgins	107	16 91			

The bi-monthly “Bogey” competition, which ended on June 30th last, was won by Mr. F. C. Morgan (scratch), who was 3 up on “Bogey.”

BEARSDEN CLUB.—The competition for Captain Howle's gold medal took place on Saturday, when a considerable number of members entered. The putting-greens were in very good order, but the long grass on the course interfered greatly with the play. The medal was won by Mr. James Wilson with a score of 96, less 11=15. The next best scores were:—Mr. E. C. Prosser, 100, less 12=88; Mr. J. A. M'Farlane, 93, less 4=89; Mr. James Marr, 110, less 20=90. For the junior medal, the gift of Mr. A. Hunter, no returns were made.

## BULLWOOD (RAYLEIGH) v. MALDON.

Match played on the 7th inst at Bullwood, Rayleigh. Bullwood won by 11 holes.

BULLWOOD.		MALDON.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. H. M. Grimshaw...	0	Mr. W. Walker ...	5
Mr. H. H. Williams ...	1	Mr. E. E. Bentall ...	0
Mr. C. O. Sillbanks ...	7	Mr. W. Gray ...	0
Mr. H. Harding Brown ...	8	Mr. H. Solly ...	0
	16		5

## CALLANDER GOLF CLUB.

The annual competition for the challenge cup took place on the Callander Golf course on Saturday. The putting greens were in excellent order. There was a good turn-out of the club. Several heavy showers of rain prevented anything like accurate play early in the afternoon, and scoring as a result, was considerably above par. On the cards having been handed in, it was found that the winner of the cup was Mr. Donald M'Laren, jun., whose score for two rounds was 106, less 3=103. The next best scores were:—Mr. R. Fulton, jun. (scratch), 106; Mr. C. Bentley (scratch), 111; Mr. J. Lister, 123, less 12=111.

## CLEVELAND GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the club tankard took place on Friday and Saturday over the links at Coatham, the weather being very hot, and the greens were in good order. A heavy thunder storm on the Saturday, however, prevented a good many from sending in their cards. The winner was Mr. A. H. Arden, who, however, had the advantage of an evidently too liberal allowance, the scores being:—

	Out.	Home.	Total.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. A. H. Arden ...	47	56	103	24	79
Mr. W. Huddart ...	51	52	103	18	85
Mr. H. Roberts... ..	43	51	94	5	89
Mr. C. E. Scott ...	45	50	95	6	89
Mr. J. Roddam... ..	51	57	108	18	90
Mr. J. Wethey ...	47	53	100	10	90

On the Wednesday preceding the ladies competed for their prize, the winner being Miss Ridley, with a score of 71.

## CHESTERFORD PARK GOLF CLUB.

Third competition for the Ashford challenge cup, July 9th:—

Gentlemen.—Mr. A. Wentworth-Stanley, 112, less 21=91 (winner of the monthly medal and holder of the Ashford cup); Mr. Pickersgill-Cunliffe, 117, less 24=93; Rev. E. E. Edgerley, 129, less 34=95; Mr. W. N. Cobbold, 113, less 12=101. Messrs. Waterhouse, S. W. Edgerley, and Marshall Taylor made no return.

Second competition for the Charterhouse challenge cup:—

Ladies.—Mrs. Waterhouse, 111, less 21=90 (winner of the ladies' brooch and holder of the Charterhouse challenge cup); Mrs. Pickersgill-Cunliffe, 101, less 7=94; Miss E. Tuke, 139, less 36=103; Mrs. Williams, 135, less 30=105; Miss Burrell, 122, less 12=110. Miss Feilberg, Miss Burgess, and Mrs. Bellingham made no return.

WATSONIAN CLUB, EDINBURGH.—This club held its annual summer competition at Gullane on Saturday, July 7th. There was a good turn-out of members, over thirty taking part in the competition. As usual, the captain's prize was played for, in addition to which there were a committee and five club prizes. Mr. W. Stephen, with the score of 87, less 8=79, won the captain's prize (a beautiful oak tea-caddy), while Mr. A. T. Glegg won the committee prize with the scratch score of 80. Messrs. G. W. S. Paterson (scratch), 81 and A. C. Paterson, 90, less 9=81, tied for first and second club prizes. Third club prize, Mr. F. H. Lightbody, 95, less 13=82. Tie for fourth and fifth club prizes, Messrs. T. T. Gray (scratch), 83, and J. J. Morrison, 87, less 4=83. Other scores were:—Mr. W. G. Buist, 96, less 11=85; Mr. W. Jenkins, 89, less 4=85; Mr. T. J. Elgin, 96, less 11=85; and Mr. John Henderson, 85, plus 1=86. Mr. A. T. Glegg finished the last half in the fine score of 35. His score is as follows:—4 3 4 2 4 4 5 4 4=35.

## DISLEY GOLF CLUB.

The summer meeting of the above club was held on Saturday, July 7th, when the Disley challenge vase was competed for under handicap limited to 15 strokes, two rounds having to be played. The Rev. E. J. Satterthwaite won the vase and also took the first sweepstakes, the second falling to Mr. S. Thackeray, and the third being divided between the Rev. T. N. Carter and Mr. T. G. Yates. The following were the best returns:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Rev. E. J. Satterthwaite ...	175 16 159	Mr. T. C. Norris ...	197 20 177
Mr. S. Thackeray...	192 30 162	Mr. E. Redfern ...	207 30 177
Mr. T. G. Yates ...	175 4 171	Mr. G. C. Liebert...	184 6 178
Rev. T. N. Carter...	195 24 171	Mr. G. F. Schofield	209 30 179
Mr. G. C. Greenwell	178 6 172	Mr. P. Campbell ...	205 20 180
Mr. H. D. Tonge...	184 12 172	Mr. A. H. Dixon ...	203 22 181
Mr. R. W. Hutton	173 scr. 173	Mr. R. C. Hutton...	186 4 182
Mr. H. Liebert ...	183 8 175	Mr. E. G. Hutton...	190 6 184
Mr. C. G. Satterthwaite ..	191 14 177	Mr. A. B. Scholfield	188 2 186
		Mr. C. H. Roth ...	217 30 187

Thirteen others made no returns.

## EAST LOTHIAN CLUB.

The summer meeting of this old-established club was held over the private links at Archerfield on Saturday, when there was a good muster of members. The match was Town v. Country, and resulted in a tie, each side gaining ten holes. A handicap prize was awarded by the club for the best score (stimies not being counted), and for this there was a tie:—Rev. John Kerr, 86, less 1=85; Mr. Frank Howden, 103, less 18=85. On playing off the tie Rev. John Kerr won. The members played foursomes in the afternoon, and thereafter dined together in the Castle Inn.

## FLEETWOOD GOLF CLUB.

A competition for a box of Golf balls—a prize generally eagerly striven for by golfers—attracted a considerable number of players to the links of this club on Saturday last. A strong breeze from the west made straight driving somewhat difficult. Mr. E. Barlow secured the prize, with a net score of 82, Dr. Penman being second, with the excellent scratch score of 97. The best cards returned are:—Mr. E. Barlow, 117, less 35=82; Dr. Penman (scratch), 97; Mr. J. C. Gibson, 123, less 25=98; Dr. Grimshaw, 120, less 20=100; Mr. R. F. Addie, 128, less 27=101; Mr. M. Barlow, 128, less 25=103; Dr. Robinson, 143, less 35=108. Several made no returns.

## FORFARSHIRE.

The final match in the special handicap competition among the members of the Montrose Victoria Club for the large oil painting, presented by Mr. D. L. Watt, art master, was played on Saturday evening in fine weather between Mr. Walter Reid (scratch) and Mr. Arthur Oliphant (2.) Going out Mr. Reid played a splendid game, and at the turn was 3 holes up after deducting the handicap, and had the score of 37. By winning the long hole with a well played 5, Mr. Reid won the match by 6 up and 5 to play. Mr. Oliphant was not playing his usually good game, while Mr. Reid was in capital form, his score for the round being the fine one of 79, which included three 5's, eight 4's, five 5's, a 6, and a 7.

The fifth heat of the competition of the Carnoustie and Taymouth Club for the Dalhousie Jubilee cup has just been concluded. The following is the result:—Mr. R. Myles (10) beat Mr. J. Ogilvie (4), 2 holes; Mr. G. Davidson (10) beat Mr. George Trickett (9), by 5 and 3 to play; Mr. J. Simpson (scratch) beat Mr. G. Ogilvie (11) by 4 and 3 to play; Mr. T. Smith (12) beat Mr. A. Simpson (2) by 2 and 1 to play. The sixth heat will be played off on or before Saturday, the 14th inst., the players being partnered as follows:—Mr. R. Myles (10) v. Mr. G. Davidson (10); Mr. J. Simpson (scratch) v. Mr. T. Smith (12.) The monthly competition in connection with the above club also took place on Saturday. The Neilson medal was gained by Mr. W. Smith, with a score of 82, and the same player also gained the Caledonia Jubilee kettle with the lowest aggregate of three scores—242 strokes. Mr. James Fox

gained the Stirling cross, with 89 (5 below.) The following were the money prize-winners:—1st, Mr. James Fox, 89 (5 below); 2nd, Mr. James Saddler, 96 (4 below); 3rd, Mr. Joseph Wood, 92 (3 below); 4th and 5th, tied for by Mr. David Ramsay, sen., 90, and Mr. William Yool, 95 (each 2 below).

On Thursday night, while playing with Mr. Alexander Still, Mr. James Johnston, a young player, went round in the remarkably low score of 77, made up as follows:—Out—5 4 4 3 4 3 4 4 4=35; in—7 3 4 6 5 4 5 4 4=42; total, 77. Mr. Still's score was 82.

On Monday evening, July 9th, one of the largest crowds ever seen at a Golf match on Montrose Links assembled to see the contest in the semi-final round for the Boothby-Campbell challenge shield, which carries with it the championship of Montrose and district. The players were Mr. Alex. Keillor, of the Mercantile Club, the present Champion, and also the winner of the shield on the first occasion of its being played for four years ago, and Mr. Walter Reid, of the Victoria Club, last year's finalist for the shield, who was defeated by the Champion by one hole. It was generally recognised that the match practically settled the Championship, so far, at least, as the transferring it from the Mercantile to the Victoria Club was concerned, the other finalist, Mr. James Thow, being also a member of the Victoria Club. Mr. Reid began well, secured the first two holes, and, after a couple of halves, obtained the fifth in 3 by a magnificent approach. Mr. Keillor won the next, and at the turn had squared the match, the scores of each in going out being 38. Mr. Reid secured the Mid Road hole, and then some splendid play was shown, both the Powder hole and Gate hole being halved in 3 each. Mr. Keillor winning the Long hole in 5 to Mr. Reid's 6, squared the match, and at the Skating Pond hole got 1 up. At the Lineside hole the match was once more square. By a fine putt Mr. Reid secured the last of the field holes, and was 1 up with 2 to play. At the next hole Mr. Reid holed his third shot from near the edge of the green. There was a suppressed murmur that the match was over; but not so. Mr. Keillor's almost equally long putt went dead for the hole, rested for a second on the lip, and then dropped in, the excitement of the crowd, which now numbered about 1,000 persons, finding vent in a loud cheer. There was great excitement in going to the last hole, Mr. Reid being now dorny 1. The Champion had a splendid approach with his fourth, while Mr. Reid was strong, and with his next ran past the hole. Mr. Keillor had a chance of squaring the match with his fifth, but the hole was halved in 5, and Mr. Reid won the match by 1 hole. The scores were exceptionally good—Mr. Reid, 77; and Mr. Keillor, 78.

FOXROCK GOLF CLUB, COUNTY DUBLIN.

This club is rapidly growing in popularity. Easily reached from Dublin by the Wicklow railway, enthusiasts who have only the afternoons at their disposal, can enjoy the invigorating airs which sweep down from the hills, over leagues of golden gorse, and the musical clash of the cleek. Last Saturday the winners of the monthly medals during the year, met to compete for the annual prize. Frequent showers and a baffling cross-wind made low scoring difficult. The greens are in excellent condition, and the ground-man is to be congratulated.

Mr. Crofton Townshend easily achieved the victory with a capital gross of 93, his partner, Mr. Harman Orr, totalling 96. Mr. Standish O'Grady, who wields the cleek with a facility only equalled by his prowess with the pen, ran the winner very close indeed, and but for an unfortunate collapse at the last few holes, had the victory well in hand. The following is the score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. Crofton Townshend ...	93	10 83	Mr. A. Rutherford	105	9 96
Mr. Standish O'Grady	106	18 88	Mr. J. P. Barrington	110	12 98
Mr. Ernest Manders	108	17 91	Mr. C. Ross Todd	115	18 97
Mr. Harman Orr ...	96	3 93	Mr. R. C. Orpen	113	8 105
			Mr. Frank Perry	119	12 107

GRANTOWN.—The first competition for Mr. Grant's prize took place on Friday, when the result was:—First, Mr. Robert Winchester, scratch, 79; second, Mr. Thomas Mackintosh, 99, less 9=90; third, Mr. D. Winchester, 91, less 2=89.

GREAT YARMOUTH GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, July 5th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. C. Hope ...	94	4 90	Rev. H. H. Lucas...	109	12 97
†Mr. P. R. Pinkerton	89	+3 92	Major-Gen. Dixon	112	12 100
Capt. Du Cane, R.N.	109	16 93	Mr. F. J. Hope ...	101	1 100
Mr. E. M. Hansell...	94	scr. 94	†Rev. R. Stevens ...	110	10 100

\* Winner of medal and sweepstakes.

† Visitors.

HADDINGTON GOLF CLUB.

The members of this club competed on Saturday at Garleton for the Wilkinson trophy. There was a fair attendance. The trophy is a handicap award, and has hitherto been competed for over Luffness. Play on the Garleton course until this year has been restricted to the winter months. Much has already been done to improve the course, which is exceedingly sporting and altogether a capital inland green. The trophy was won by Captain David Kinloch, younger of Gilmerton, with the remarkably fine scratch score of 74. This forms the record for two rounds of the course, which is one of nine holes. The details of the card were:—First round, 4 5 4 4 5 3 6 5 3 =39; second round, 4 4 5 4 3 3 4 4 4=35. The next best scores were:—Rev. W. Proudfoot (scratch), 80; Mr. T. M. Henry, 88, less 8=80; Mr. W. Merrilees (scratch), 83.

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARD'S GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, played July 4th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. A. R. Inskipp...	117	20 97	Mr. S. Spicer ...	138	30 108
Mr. H. R. Mansell .	126	25 101	Mr. C. Christopher-		
Mr. H. Savery ...	127	25 102	son ...	139	30 109
Mr. J. H. Lansdell	132	25 107	Mr. W. M. Simpson	134	25 109
Mr. W. G. Carpenter	138	30 108	Mr. H. H. Arnold...	146	30 116

ILFRACOMBE GOLF CLUB.

A handicap took place on June 29th by the gentlemen members for three prizes given by the lady members. First prize anything to be chosen by the one who gained first prize to the amount of £1, second twelve Golf balls, and third consolation prize. Score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. Court ...	114	10 104	Mr. Boatfield ...	115	scr. 115
Dr. Toller ...	137	30 107	Mr. H. Dickinson...	137	10 127
Mr. Bertram ...	128	20 108	Mr. Guilding ...	147	20 127
Mr. Crathorne ...	129	20 109	Mr. Wilkinson ...	164	20 144
Mr. C. Stabb ...	114	scr. 114			

Out of twenty-three entries only nine returned. Score, 18 holes. Weather very fine.

KING'S NORTON GOLF CLUB.

Monthly cup, played July 7th.—Scores:—Mr. W. H. Tolkien, 105, less 16=89 (winner third time); Mr. S. Baldwin, 102, less 8=94; Mr. C. J. Hart, 123, less 27=96. No return from several other competitors.

Ladies' prize, played July 4th.—Scores:—Miss Clarke, 149, 15=134 (winner); Miss M. Wolseley (scratch), 146; Mrs. H. Symonds (scratch), 149.

The "Bogey" medal for June was won by Mr. A. H. Wolseley, after a tie with Mr. W. G. Goode.

LIMPSFIELD CHART GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medals.—Ladies, July 3rd.—Miss M. Watney, 98, less 16=82; Miss A. Lee, 105, less 18=88.

Gentlemen, July 7th.—Mr. A. W. Nicholson, 90, less 11=79; Mr. E. C. Howe Browne, 97, less 16=81; Mr. C. T. Parsons, 100, less 12=88.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

The third competition for the Hermon prize (a handsome silver cup) took place on the links of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club on Saturday, July 7th. The day was very fine, but the attendance of members was not by any means so large as usual, owing probably to the cricket season keeping many in other quarters, and many members being away from

home. The best gross scores were:—Mr. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's, 92; Mr. J. Jones, Manchester, 92; Mr. F. H. Smith, Bolton, 94; Mr. W. Newbigging, St. Anne's, 95; and the net scores under 100 were:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. F. H. Smith, Bolton	94	8	86
Mr. A. Ramm, Ashton-on-Mersey	101	15	86
Mr. J. Jones, Manchester	92	4	88
Mr. P. Musgrave, Bolton	98	9	89
Mr. H. Bowman, St. Anne's	104	15	89
Mr. C. H. Atkinson, Singleton	105	16	89
Mr. R. S. Boddington, Manchester	103	13	90
Mr. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's	92	scr.	92
Mr. W. Newbigging, St. Anne's	95	3	92
Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft, St. Anne's	98	6	92
Mr. T. H. Miller, Singleton Park	101	9	92
Mr. H. T. Parke, Withnell	102	9	93
Mr. A. Entwisle, Bolton	105	11	94
Mr. S. A. Hermon, St. Anne's	97	2	95
Mr. L. Pilkington, Pendleton	108	13	95
Mr. C. A. Schunck, Manchester	109	10	99
Mr. F. Topp, Bolton	112	13	99

The result was a tie between Messrs. F. H. Smith and A. Ramm. This tie will have to be played off. The previous winners were:—On May 13th, Mr. E. Redfern, St. Anne's, after a tie of 91 each, with Mr. F. W. Walker, Bury; and on June 9th, Mr. T. S. Turnbull, Manchester, with 92, less 7=85. The first and second optional sweepstakes on Saturday were divided by Messrs. F. H. Smith and A. Ramm; and the third was taken by Mr. J. Jones.

The third monthly competition for the prize presented by Mrs. William Cross, of St. Anne's, to the lady subscribers of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club, took place on Wednesday afternoon and evening, July 4th, over the ladies' links at St. Anne's, twice round. The day was very fine, and the great heat was tempered by a pleasant westerly breeze. The best net scores were:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Miss M. Terry, St. Anne's	107	18	89
Mrs. F. W. Catterall, St. Anne's	105	11	94
Mrs. Miller, Singleton Park	109	9	100
Mrs. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's	99	+2	101
Miss A. H. Thompson, St. Anne's	107	3	104
Miss M. Salt, Lytham	126	17	109
Miss Hargreaves, St. Anne's	146	22	124

Several ladies did not send in any returns. Miss M. Terry therefore made the win. At the previous competitions, on May 23rd, Mrs. Ernest Catterall, St. Anne's, made the best score, 93, plus 4=97; and on June 13th, Miss Ada Turabull, Manchester, with 93, less 6=87. There will be three more competitions, and the prize will be played off for by the six winners at the ladies' autumn meeting.

NAIRN v. MORAY.

The return match between the Moray and Nairn Golf Clubs took place at Nairn on Saturday, July 7th, and resulted in a win for the Nairn by 77 holes. The following are the scores:—

NAIRN.		Holes.	MORAY.		Holes.
Mr. J. J. Annan	...	1	Mr. J. M'Isaac	...	0
Mr. A. F. Steele	...	0	Mr. D. Cameron	...	5
Mr. D. Young	...	7	Mr. J. Hunter	...	0
Mr. J. Birnie	...	9	Col. Underwood	...	0
Mr. M. Murray	...	8	Rev. D. M. Ross	...	0
Mr. W. Laing	...	10	Mr. F. Davie	...	0
Mr. A. M'Hardy	...	0	Mr. F. W. Gibb	...	2
Mr. W. A. Inglis	...	6	Mr. John Sim	...	0
Dr. Adam	...	7	Mr. D. Matheson	...	0
Mr. F. R. S. Walker	...	2	Mr. J. Falconer	...	0
Mr. A. M. Simpson	...	0	Capt. Swan	...	1
Mr. K. Macrae	...	2	Mr. H. W. Fraser	...	0
Mr. L. Macrae	...	5	Mr. A. Fleming	...	0
Mr. H. Brown	...	5	Mr. A. Peterkin	...	0
Mr. E. E. Simpson	...	3	Mr. J. M. Forbes	...	0
Rev. J. M. Moss	...	4	Mr. W. Christie	...	0
Mr. J. Mill	...	3	Dr. G. H. Mackay	...	0
Mr. G. Bain	...	1	Mr. A. S. Stoddart	...	0
Dr. Cruickshank	...	5	Mr. J. Cowie	...	0
Mr. J. Finlayson	...	7	Mr. J. B. Mair	...	0
		85			8

NORTH-WEST GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly medal competition took place on Saturday, on the Lisfannon Links. There was a good turnout of competitors, but the weather interfered considerably with the play, and only a limited number returned cards. The medal was secured by Mr. D. Callender Osborne, he having the lowest score among those who had not already won in a monthly competition. The following are the best scores under 100 net:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. C. R. Tillie	101	20	81	Mr. R. Norman	112	22	90
Mr. D. Callender	...	...	...	Dr. T. W. Patterson	112	22	90
Osborne	97	14	83	Rev. E. Lombard	113	22	91
Professor Leebody	105	22	83	Major Batt	118	25	93
Dr. J. Patterson	99	15	84	Rev. W. A. Dickson	120	27	93
Mr. J. Gillies	108	22	86				

PRESTWICK.

The Ladies' St. Nicholas Golf Club was formally opened for the season on Saturday, when, with favourable weather, there was a large muster of the members. At the business meeting Mrs. Larke was appointed captain, Miss Wilson vice-captain, and Miss Allison secretary. The club has been formed under the auspices of the St. Nicholas Club, and already has a membership of 105, and with the numerous visitors for July the season list of members has been largely added to. The course is one of nine holes, and that over which the St. Nicholas played for many years, and is finely suited for a ladies' links. A competition took place after the business meeting, ten couples starting on the round of nine holes, with the following result:—Miss A. M. Griffin, 68, less 16=52; Miss Kate Gilfillan, 56, less 4=52; Miss J. A. Griffin, 69, less 16=53; Miss Lamb (scratch), 54; Mrs. Mouat, 58, less 4=54; Miss Kate Rodger, 69, less 14=55; Miss Wilson, 64, less 8=56. The prizes were presented to the winners at the close of the competition by Captain Larke.

RICHMOND GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medals, played July 7th.—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Dr. Gardiner	85	6	79	Mr. L. Renault	94	9	85
Mr. H. Knight	85	5	80	Mr. H. M. Davidson	92	6	86
Mr. F. E. Badham	87	7	80	Mr. J. B. Chamberlain	...	...	...
Dr. Williamson	84	scr.	84	Mr. P. R. Read	97	11	86
Mr. E. F. W. Foley	93	9	84	Mr. P. R. Read	97	11	86

The Junior medal (for players with a handicap allowance of over 12) was won by Mr. R. H. Woodhouse, 90, less 15=75.

Annual Prize.—Competed for by the winners of the monthly medal of the past twelve months:—Senior—Mr. F. E. Badham, 87, less 7=80. Junior—Dr. Coles, 97, less 16=81.

ROCHESTER LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On July 7th a match was played at Higham between the ladies of the above club, and the Mid-Surrey ladies, resulting in a win by 1 hole for the latter.

ROCHESTER.		Holes.	MID-SURREY.		Holes.
Miss Lizzie Winch	...	0	Miss Languish	...	5
Mrs. Lake	...	0	Mrs. Craven	...	1
Miss Pound	...	0	Mrs. Taunton-Collins	...	0
Mrs. Budden	...	0	Miss A. Roberts	...	1
Miss Pochin	...	3	Miss E. Ravenshaw	...	0
Mrs. Anderson	...	5	Mrs. Holmwood	...	0
Miss F. E. Cobb	...	0	Miss F. Ravenshaw	...	2
		8			9

ROYAL EASTBOURNE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal of this club was played for on Tuesday, July 10th. Result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Miss M. C. Reid	74	3	71	Miss Dowker	86	5	81
Mrs. Jeffery	90	16	74	Miss Routledge	90	8	82
Mrs. Franks	84	6	78	Miss G. Mills	93	8	85
Mrs. R. Richardson	84	5	79				

No returns from the remainder.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

The fourth competition for the monthly medal and optional subscription prizes, all under handicap, took place at Hoylake, last Saturday, when the day was fine but somewhat boisterous. Thirty-eight couples competed, and it was found that Mr. W. C. A. Milligan had won the medal with his score of 100, less 14 = 86, Messrs. J. H. Knight and J. K. Housden tieing for a win in for the first optional subscription prize with their respective net scores of 87, Mr. W. C. A. Milligan not having entered. Mr. R. W. Wenneer, with a score of 109, less 22 = 87, gained a win in for the second class optional subscription prize. The first and second sweepstakes were divided between Messrs. J. K. Housden, and J. H. Knight, and the third was divided between Messrs. J. B. Hunter, Chas. Phillips, and John Royston. The result of the play was as follows:—

First class optional subscription prize (limited to fourteen in the handicap):—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. W. C. A. Milligan ...	100	14	86	Mr. H. H. Hilton ...	84 +9 93
Mr. J. H. Knight ...	92	5	87	Mr. J. E. Pearson ...	96 2 94
Mr. J. K. Housden ...	97	10	87	Mr. Gershom Stewart ...	102 8 94
Mr. C. Phillips ...	99	11	88	Mr. John Graham ...	102 8 94
Mr. J. B. Hunter ...	100	12	88	Mr. W. C. Aspinall ...	108 14 94
Mr. Herb. Keef ...	103	14	89	Mr. J. R. Wells ...	104 10 94
Mr. T. W. Crowther ...	89	+1	90	Mr. Jas. Fairclough ...	97 2 95
Mr. L. S. Munro ...	93	3	90	Mr. John Bushby ...	101 5 96
Mr. H. E. B. Harrison ...	104	14	90	Mr. M. Rollo ...	104 8 96
Mr. A. G. Rankine ...	96	5	91	Mr. W. W. Sandbrook ...	110 14 96
Mr. G. F. Pearson ...	98	7	91	Mr. D. C. Scott ...	110 14 96
Mr. E. V. Crooks ...	98	6	92	Mr. H. Stewart Brown ...	110 14 96
Mr. Reginald Haigh ...	105	13	92	Mr. John Farrar ...	107 9 98
				Mr. R. H. Blain ...	109 11 98

Twenty-one competitors made no returns.

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

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.		
Mr. R. W. Wenneer ...	109	22	87	Mr. W. H. Legge ...	111 16 95
Mr. John Royston ...	104	16	88	Mr. W. Lowndes ...	113 18 95
Mr. W. H. Alexander ...	107	17	90	Mr. Theo. Turpin ...	129 25 104
Mr. J. G. Rodger ...	109	16	93	Mr. G. F. Milligan ...	113 } Not
Mr. St. Clare Byrne ...	109	15	94	Mr. J. T. Nisbet ...	105 } hcpd.
Mr. J. C. Clarke ...	124	30	94		

Sixteen competitors made no returns.

STAINES GOLF CLUB.

A very well contested match was played on Saturday last at Staines between members of this club and the Civil Service Golf Club—eight on each side. The result was a win for Staines by 1 hole. The following are the particulars:—

STAINES GOLF CLUB.		CIVIL SERVICE GOLF CLUB.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. M. W. Mossop ...	0	Mr. Franklin Ross ...	5
Mr. G. J. Hunter ...	2	Mr. A. J. Eames ...	0
Mr. Geo. Struthers ...	3	Major Ruck, R.E. ...	0
Mr. J. J. Ward ...	7	Mr. M. W. W. Whitmore ...	0
Captain Warren ...	0	Mr. W. F. Beauford ...	0
Mr. A. Macpherson ...	0	Mr. W. Austin Leigh ...	5
Mr. Gay Hannaford ...	2	Mr. W. Tatham Hughes ...	0
Mr. F. Barrett ...	0	Mr. H. H. Batten ...	3
	14		13

TROON GOLF CLUB.

HILLHOUSE CUP COMPETITION.

The Hillhouse cup, presented by Major McKerrell, of Hillhouse, to the golfers of Ayrshire for annual competition, was played for at Troon on Saturday. The cup is played for annually over Troon links, and the competition for its possession was originally open to members of Ayrshire clubs exclusively, but since the Glasgow Golf Club have been playing at Gailes, the members of that club have also been considered qualified to take part in the contest. Though the competition always takes place over Troon links, the trophy is held for the year by the club to whom the winner belongs, and the latter is presented with a gold badge as a memento of his victory. The

turn-out on Saturday was about an average. Twenty couples entered, and of these eighteen couples went the round of eighteen holes. The weather was fine, but there was a considerable breeze, which was probably responsible for the scoring being higher than was anticipated. The following were the players, though the order of despatch was not adhered to:—

- Mr. Jas. A. Shaw, Troon, and Mr. R. Andrew, Prestwick St. Nicholas.
- Mr. Jas. Goldie, Troon, and Mr. John Doleman, Glasgow.
- Mr. Jas. Robertson, Troon, and Mr. W. S. Wilson, Prestwick.
- Rev. I. Anderson, Troon, and Mr. A. Boun, St. Nicholas.
- Mr. T. H. Walker, Troon, and Mr. W. Fleming, Ardeer.
- Mr. A. C. Robertson, Troon, and Mr. W. Doleman, Glasgow.
- Mr. T. Anderson, Prestwick, and Mr. J. Howat, St. Nicholas.
- Mr. W. Laidlaw, Troon, and Mr. W. Hunter (3), St. Nicholas.
- Mr. T. B. A. Macmichael, Troon, and Mr. Jas. Andrew, St. Nicholas.
- Mr. J. M. Gray, Troon, and Mr. D. Baird, Irvine.
- Mr. E. D. Prothero, St. Nicholas, and Mr. Robert Adam, Ardeer.
- Mr. J. S. Alston, Prestwick, and Mr. M. Smith, St. Nicholas.
- Mr. R. Brownlee, Troon, and Mr. John McMorland, Ayr.
- Mr. Jas. Mack, Glasgow, and Mr. C. H. Herbertson, Troon.
- Mr. Jas. Blair, Glasgow, and Mr. W. Macfarlane, jun., St. Nicholas.
- Mr. J. Thomson, Ayr, and Mr. J. Macfarlane, St. Nicholas.
- Mr. John Shaw, Troon, and Mr. Jas. Irvine, Troon.
- Mr. D. Dundas, Troon, and Mr. George Drummond, Troon.

There was a large attendance to witness the start, but none of the players attracted any following. Of the field, there were three ex-holders of the cup—Mr. R. Adam, who won it ten years ago; Mr. J. A. Shaw, who won it in 1891; and Mr. E. D. Prothero, who won it last year. These three were looked upon as probable winners, but there were three others, Mr. T. Anderson, and the veteran, Mr. W. Doleman, and Mr. W. S. Wilson, who would have to be reckoned with. Of the more prominent players to finish early was Mr. J. A. Shaw, and though he was out in 39, the only one who succeeded in turning home with so low a figure, he handed in an 84, which contained two 7's. Mr. Prothero was early out of the running, and took half a stroke a hole more than his average for half-a-dozen rounds of the links during the week. His partner, Mr. Adam, played a much more successful game, but still not nearly up to his usual form. With a 4 to the long tenth, but with two badly-played holes to the twelfth and thirteenth, he was 79 for the seventeen holes. A bit of luck at the home hole enabled him, however, to hole in one stroke under par, he laid his ball dead with the iron in 2, and holed in 3, and to finish in 82. Mr. Anderson had a 7 to the sixth hole, a short one, where he pulled his drive, and was subsequently bunkered. He was out in 41 nevertheless, and had 4 to the home hole to finish in 80. A splendid drive, however, landed him at the foot of one of the pailing posts at the green, and as he failed to get over in 2, he had to be content with a 6 to conclude with. As it was, he tied with Mr. Adams at 82, and as neither Mr. Wilson nor Mr. Doleman did any good, the tie stood. An unusually large number of cards were torn up, and the following are the best of those that were handed in:—

Mr. R. Adam:—	
Out ... ..	5 5 5 5 4 5 4 4 5 = 42
In ... ..	4 4 6 5 6 4 4 4 3 = 40
Mr. T. Anderson:—	
Out ... ..	4 4 4 5 4 7 4 4 5 = 41
In ... ..	4 5 5 4 6 3 5 3 6 = 41
Mr. J. Thomson ... ..	83
Mr. W. Hunter (3) ... ..	84
Mr. J. A. Shaw ... ..	84
Mr. J. M. Gray ... ..	84
Mr. W. Doleman ... ..	86
Mr. Jas. Andrew ... ..	87
Mr. D. Baird ... ..	87
Mr. W. Macfarlane ... ..	87
Mr. E. D. Prothero ... ..	88
Mr. J. Shaw ... ..	88

It was agreed to proceed to play off the tie at once, a round of eighteen holes being necessary to decide the event. The players were attended by a large company of spectators. Neither player obtained any advantage to the first two holes. A good approach enabled the Ardeer representative to establish a lead of one stroke at the third, but though his opponent

was bunkered at the long hole, he threw away his advantage by indifferent approaching. At the eight hole the Prestwick representative led by 2, but Mr. Adam gained a stroke at each of the next two holes partly on account of his opponent's deficiencies. At the eleventh hole Mr. Adam fozzled his approaching and took 6 to Mr. Anderson's 4. The latter dropped a stroke at the twelfth in a rather unexpected way. He was on the green in 2, and Mr. Adam failed to get on with the odd, but for all that he took one stroke less. He holed his iron shot and had a 4, whereas Mr. Anderson taking 3 on the green had a 5. Both played the succeeding hole indifferently, but Mr. Adam fozzling it he took 2 above par, Mr. Anderson taking 1. The long hole was perfectly halved in 5. The play to the fifteenth enabled Mr. Anderson to practically put his opponent *hors de combat*. He holed a dead putt off the iron in 3, and through his weakness on the green Mr. Adam took 5. The sixteenth hole was a curiosity in Golf. Mr. Adam, playing his approach with the iron, struck the pin with a force that would have carried his ball beyond the green. As it was he laid his ball stone dead. Not to be outdone, however, Mr. Anderson holed his iron shot, and thus secured the hole in 3 to his opponent's 4. The Prestwick representative was now accordingly leading by 5 strokes, and nothing short of a calamity could now prevent him from winning. The calamity did not took altogether impossible at the seventeenth hole. Mr. Anderson sliced his ball into the corn-field, and as he had to lift and drop, he played 3 and fozzled. Mr. Adam, who was on the edge of the green, played one of two, but he failed to get his ball near enough the hole to make the putt a certainty for 3, and as matter of fact he took 4. Mr. Anderson took 6, which thus left him 3 strokes to the good with 1 hole to play. At this hole, which he played for a perfect 4, he gained 1 stroke, and thus won the trophy by 4 strokes. Mr. Anderson 81, Mr. Adam 85. The details of Mr. Anderson's score were:—

Out,	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	5=41	}	81
In,	6	4	5	4	5	3	3	6	4=40		

#### WAKEFIELD GOLF CLUB.

A competition took place on Saturday, July 7th, at Heath, to determine the first winner of a trophy presented by Mr. W. Hurst, of Crofton Old Hall, the president of the club. The conditions were:—Match play over nine holes, handicap of strokes, and all the rounds were completed, fourteen competitors turning out. In the final, Mr. C. F. Badeley met Mr. A. J. C. Stanfield, and after a halved match was returned the winner by 3 up and 1 to play. The trophy is a very handsome silver statuette of Mr. Horace Hutchinson, on a pedestal, and becomes the property of the gentleman who wins it three times. Results:—

First round.—Dr. J. Murray (5) beat Mr. J. L. Lee (15), 1 up; Mr. R. Rowand (12) beat Mr. C. C. Roberts (11), 1 up; Mr. W. Creswick (8) beat Mr. J. F. Warrington (16), 4 up, 3 to play; Mr. A. J. Stanfield (8) beat Mr. A. Lee (15), 1 up, after a tie; Mr. C. F. Badeley (5) beat Mr. M. H. Peacock (9), 2 up, 1 to play; Dr. E. Lee (13) beat Mr. J. T. Hall (5), 2 up; Mr. F. Lee (19) beat Mr. B. Waterhouse (11), 4 up, 3 to play.

Second round.—Dr. Murray beat Mr. F. Lee, 1 up; Mr. Badeley beat Mr. Creswick, 1 up, after a tie; Mr. Rowand beat Dr. Lee, 4 up, 3 to play; Mr. Stanfield, a bye.

Third round.—Mr. Badeley beat Dr. Murray, 2 up, 1 to play; Mr. Stanfield beat Mr. Rowand, 2 up, 1 to play.

Final round.—Mr. Badeley beat Mr. Stanfield, 3 up, 1 to play, after a tie on 9 holes.

#### WEST DORSET GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, played July 5th.—Mr. J. Suthill, 116, less 28=88; Rev. Gordon Wickham, 116, less 26=90; Rev. J. L. Templer, 106, less 15=91; Mr. R. Tucker, 122, less 29=93; Mr. J. T. Stephens, 109, less 14=95; Mr. A. W. Temple, 121, less 23=98.

LEVEN.—The tie in the competition for the Gilmour jug between Messrs. W. J. Kinnell and J. T. Ireland came off on Thursday July 5th. The match was very close all through, and the last 7 holes were played exceedingly well. Mr. Kinnell won by 2 holes. There was a large turn-out of spectators.

#### WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.

The final meeting of the monthly "Bogey" competition was held last Saturday, two rounds of eighteen holes being played over the club course at Bushey.

Handicaps of 12 and under.—Mr. A. D. Walker, 4 down; Mr. C. L. M. Pearson, 5 down; Mr. B. M. Barton, 6 down.

Handicaps exceeding 12.—Mr. J. L. Clark, 7 down; Mr. W. R. Carter, 7 down; Mr. Albert Roberts, 8 down.

#### WEST MIDDLESEX GOLF CLUB.

Bogey competition, July 7th:—Mr. H. Ludlow (14), 3 up; Mr. S. Chick (6), 1 up; Mr. W. S. Hargreaves (8), even; Mr. J. Lewis (11), even; Mr. H. E. Pegg (13), 1 down; Mr. E. D. Moore (20), 2 down; Mr. J. R. Phillips (13), 4 down; Mr. H. Maule (13), 4 down; Mr. L. Faulkener (18), 4 down; Mr. E. M. Fletcher (22), 4 down; Mr. F. Carver (2), 5 down; Mr. E. Bird (13), 5 down; Mr. P. Barlow (13), 5 down; Mr. P. Jaques (12), 5 down; Mr. A. Hart (11), 5 down; Mr. J. D. Hart (24), 5 down; Mr. J. Turner (24), 7 down; Mr. W. F. Currey (12), 7 down; Mr. C. M. Bayfield (15), 8 down; Mr. J. Pritchard (15), 8 down; Mr. G. Hewitt (15), 9 down; Mr. F. B. Becker (10), 9 down; Mr. W. Jackson (7), 10 down. Others made no return.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly meeting was held on the 5th inst. The day was very hot and fine, the ground very hard, and the greens keen and difficult. Mr. Jones secured the senior medal, the monthly cup, and the monthly "Bogey" prize. Mr. Hookham won the junior medal. Scores sent in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. G. A. Jones ...	87	8	79	Mr. E. L. Horsburgh	102	15	87
Mr. W. Mylrea ...	98	12	86	Rev. H. M. Faber ..	92	4	88
Mr. F. Hookham ...	102	16	86	Mr. A. S. Chance...	103	15	88
Mr. W. Paterson ...	87	scr.	87	Col. Lorne Campbell	99	10	89

The final round between Mr. G. A. Jones and Mr. B. M. Smith in the Nevile tournament was played on the following day, when Mr. Jones was the victor. All through this tournament Mr. Jones had to fight hard for his laurels. Each round was one of thirty-six holes. In the first round he halved with his opponent, and the victory had to be settled by an eighteen-hole round; this he won on the last green. The next two rounds he also won on the last green. The fourth round he won 2 up and 1 to play. The final he won more easily, being 9 up and 7 to play.

NORTH BERWICK.—Davie medal. The following are the results in the second round of the annual tournament for the Davie medal of the North Berwick Club:—Mr. W. H. Brodie beat Mr. T. Bell; Mr. G. Bell beat Mr. A. Vass; Mr. D. M. Jackson beat Mr. W. Laing; Mr. R. Murray beat Mr. J. Glass; Mr. T. Robertson beat Mr. W. Clapperton; Councillor J. W. Hardie beat Mr. D. Wood; Mr. A. Stewart walked over against Mr. J. Bell; Mr. W. Watson beat Mr. D. W. Murray; Mr. J. Brodie beat Mr. J. Mathieson; Mr. J. Muirhead beat Mr. H. Macdonald; Mr. J. Black beat Mr. A. Mann; Mr. W. Parker walked over against Provost Whitecross; and Mr. P. Wilson beat Mr. J. Crawford. On Friday evening, in presence of a good following, the return match between Ben Sayers partnering Davie Grant, and Hugh Kirkaldy with Jack White, was played over North Berwick course. The latter couple started splendidly, running off with three holes successively; but at the turn Sayers and Grant were only 1 down. Sayers and Grant were "dormy" at Pointgarry, and ultimately won the match by 2—Sayers holing a splendid putt for 3 at the home green.

EDINBURGH TEACHERS' GOLF CLUB.—A quarterly competition for the gold medal (scratch), and charms and prizes (handicap), was held over Leven links on Saturday. For the gold medal, Messrs. T. Carmichael, E. King, and D. Ness tied with scores of 89. The handicap competition resulted as follows:—First division—1, Mr. J. M. Niven, 93, less 6=87; 2, Mr. T. Carmichael (scratch), 89; 3, Mr. D. Ness, 89, plus 3=92. Second division—1, Mr. P. J. M'Duff, 98, less 12=86; 2, Mr. A. M'Callum, 105, less 12=93; 3, Mr. W. H. Farquharson, 118, less 17=101.

**CRAWFORD CLUB.**—This club held its July meeting on Saturday, when there was a very good turn-out. The following is the prize list:—First scratch prize (one dozen balls) won by Mr. W. M. Shanks with the fine score of 78; second scratch prize (copy of Dalrymple's Golfer's Guide) won by Mr. Geoghegan with 93. Handicap prizes—first prize (handsome silver challenge cup, presented by Mr. Thomas Usher) won by Mr. A. W. Gifford with 89, less 10=79; second prize (cask of beer, also presented by Mr. Usher) won by Mr. D. Newlands with 97, less 14=83; third prize (celluloid driver, presented by the secretary) won by Dr. Usher with 99, less 15=84.

**DORNOCH.**—The aggregate competition was played on Saturday. The best scores were:—Mr. D. Mackenzie, 95, less 14=81; Mr. D. Ross, 87, less 5=82; Mr. A. Innes, 88, less 4=84; Mr. H. Munro, scratch, 85; Mr. M. Macdonald, 85, plus 1=86; Mr. W. Cameron, scratch, 87; Mr. D. Bruce, 95, less 8=87; Mr. W. Mackay, 91, less 2=89; Mr. J. Morrison, 93, less 4=89.

**"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.**—The fourth competition for the aggregate trophy was held over the Braids on Saturday. The best cards handed in were by Mr. D. Blair (scratch), 81; Mr. H. Neilson (scratch), 83; and Mr. J. Lawrie (scratch), 88.

**LARGS CLUB.**—On Saturday afternoon the monthly match for the ladies' gold medal was played. The competitors were fewer than usual owing to the season, and the scores were higher than before, owing to the luxuriant vegetation. Best cards:—Miss Olla Orr, 77; Miss Gregorson, 90; Miss M. Anderson, 106.

**IRVINE CLUB.**—On Saturday the members competed over their links at Bogside for ex-Bailie M'Gillvray's medal. Several good games were witnessed, and when the cards had been returned, Mr. David Baird was declared the winner of the medal with the low score of 82, less 3=79.

**HAWICK.**—The competition for the monthly medal took place on Saturday afternoon. Best scores:—Mr. Wm. P. Scott, 98, less 19=79; Mr. C. R. Ross, 99, less 12=87; Mr. James Paisley, 108, less 19=89; Mr. R. G. Laidlaw, 93, less 3=90; Mr. Tom Purdon, 95, less 5=90; Mr. James Purves, 93, less 2=91.

**WEST LOTHIAN.**—The monthly medal of the West Linton Club was played for on Saturday, and resulted in a tie between Mr. Alexander Turnbull and Mr. Thomas Allan with a net score of 98.

**MOFFAT.**—On Saturday a handicap competition took place for the silver medal presented by Mr. James R. MacGibbon, and two prizes given by Mr. James Salmond. The medal and the first prize were gained by Mr. James Macdonald, Hydro-pathic, with 96, less 2=94, and the second prize by Mr. Percy Walker, Warriston College, with 109, plus 3=112.

**CRIEFF.**—The monthly competition of the club took place on Saturday over Culcrieff course, Mr. A. C. Laing, 87, less 6=81, and Mr. C. E. Rice, 86, less 5=81, tied for first place. Other scores:—Mr. R. B. R. Mair, 82, plus 6=88; Mr. W. S. Anderson, 86, plus 4=90; Colonel Rice, 98, less 6=92.

**BLAIRGOWRIE.**—The monthly competition for the MacLaren cup was held on the Lansdowne course on Saturday in fine weather. The winner was Mr. James D. Sharp, Blairgowrie, with a score of 88, less 9=79. A "Colonel Bogey" competition also took place, Messrs. J. D. Sharp, Blairgowrie, and S. Honeyman, Coupar-Angus, tying with 4 up on the "Colonel's" score.

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### AMATEUR (HANDICAP) GOLF COMPETITION

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#### REGULATIONS FOR COMPETITION.

I. The Competition will be open to members of all recognised Golf Clubs.

II. Competitors must lodge their names with R. B. Gordon, Solicitor, Elgin, the Hon. Secretary of the Moray Golf Club, on or before Wednesday, 15th August, together with Entry Money, 2s. 6d., and note of their Club's Handicap, certified by the Secretary of their Club; also the Scratch Score of their Green.

III. Two Rounds of the Course to be played, and the Lowest Aggregate to win. In the event of a tie, the Competitors will play on until one has a lower score than the other.

IV. Prizes will be given of the following values:—£8 8s., £6 6s., £4 4s., £3 3s., £2 2s., £2 2s., £1 1s., £1 1s., £1 1s., 10s. 6d., 10s. 6d., 10s. 6d.

V. A Trophy, to be competed for annually (value £17 17s.), will be presented to the Competitor with the lowest aggregate Scratch Score, to be known as the Moray Golf Club Trophy. The winner will be entitled to the custody of same for one year, and it will become the absolute property of the first player winning it for the third time.

VI. Play to commence at 11.30 a.m.

VII. The handicapping will be under the control of the Committee, who will handicap according to a "Bogey" score.

VIII. The result of Ballot for Partners and Order of Starting will be advertised in the *Elgin Courant and Courier*, of 21st, and in the *Bulger* of 22nd August.

IX. The Competition will be played in accordance with the Rules of the Moray Golf Club (in which are incorporated the St. Andrews Rules).

X. Competitors and Secretaries of Clubs will be made Honorary Members of the Moray Golf Club (free) for the three days ending 25th August.

XI. The Committee of the Moray Golf Club in charge of the Competition reserve power to alter or amend any of the foregoing Rules or Conditions, and all disputes shall be finally decided by them.

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