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RAYNES PARK GOLF CLUB.

This club, one of the recent ventures in the Metropolitan district, has what is conventionally described as "a future" before it. Started last January, the pace at which progress has been made is almost amazing; but it reflects the outcome of the fears, shown elsewhere, that play would be, by-and-bye, circumscribed on existing "common" inland links. That may account to some extent for the quickness with which a private course was secured, and, following upon that, the large membership which ensued. The great desire to have a private course whereon play shall be unfettered by the outside public using the ground in common for recreative purposes probably induced the pioneers of the Raynes Park Club to found their present organisation. Barring a right of way, not largely used, the club has a course that practically is private. The bulk of the locally well-known farm of "Raynes Park" was secured. The course covers upwards of 110 acres of fine, open, undulating land, and it has been laid out with all the skill which that accomplished golfing engineer, Tom Dunn, the Tooting Bec professional, could display. In some parts, notably the first half, he had natural difficulties enough to hand, in the shape of hedges, ditches, and running water, in placing the greens; and as to the rest, he has erected a formidable series of artificial bunkers, facing both the tee and the green, these being capped by an almost unlimited supply of "pot" bunkers and "grips," while at two points small ponds intervene. Everywhere careful play is necessary if a fair score is to be made, but while strong driving is an essential, good iron play is a *sine qua non*, especially for approaching, either short or long. Generally, it may be said that a topped ball is penalised, and all through a clear eye and a steady hand are required.

Considering that the club was only formed at the end of 1893, or perhaps, to speak strictly, at the beginning of 1894, the progress made is phenomenal, even when confronted with any part of the record of the spread of Golf in the neighbourhood of London. Of course its situation has had much in it to recommend it to the attention of metropolitan golfers, and no doubt its membership has been largely augmented by players of the clubs on Wimbledon Common, and upon other recently opened courses in North Surrey. At any rate, six months after the opening of the Club, the membership list now shows a total of about 400. The rules, in the meantime, limit the number of members to 450, and it is likely enough that before long that figure will be reached. The entrance fee at present is five guineas, and the subscription is three guineas. Mr. Cosmo Bonsor, the Member for the Wimbledon Division of Surrey, is the president, and Mr. Ernest Field, an enthusiastic golfer, is the captain for the year. At present the club has only a monthly medal competition, but it is practically a certainty that very soon there will be other trophies to struggle for. For the

organisation of the club, and the present fine condition of the course, the bulk of the credit must go to Mr. Frederick W. Baker, the hon. secretary, who has, however, had the assistance of a very competent committee of management. Mr. Baker, seems to be a born organiser, and curiously enough he has like a good many Englishmen, picked up the game in an almost incredibly short space of time. He first handled clubs at Swanage in a chance way, about twelve months ago. Catching the fever, he went in for Golf with the ardour of an enthusiast, and now there are not many amateurs who could outstrip him in respect of clean, long driving, neat approaching play, or putting on the green.

The course is one which naturally involved a large expenditure of money to put it in the order it now is. Drainage was the biggest item, a considerable proportion of the green being on the flat, and the land pasture. Altogether this enterprising club has expended about £2,000 upon the course, and with straight play there is hardly a bad lie upon it. The club-house, in the meantime, is one of the villas recently erected on the estate; but a more commodious building close by is being negotiated for. Clubs are temporarily stored in one of the lofts of the old farmstead, under what seems to be a very convenient arrangement.

Before giving some indication of the features of the different holes, it may be as well to present the "Bogey" score of the course. It is as follows —

Out.		In.	
1	4	10	5
2	4	11	5
3	4	12	3
4	5	13	6
5	4	14	4
6	5	15	5
7	5	16	5
8	4	17	4
9	5	18	5
	40		42

Total, 82.

The amateur record for the green is, however, 81, that score having been achieved by Mr. Mure Fergusson.

The length of the course is 3 miles, 100 yards. The first tee is near the old farm buildings, and the distance to the green is 317 yards. A good drive is requisite to clear a midway bunker on a slightly uphill course, but the green can be reached easily enough in 2, over a second bunker. The line from the second tee is across the top of the slope, the distance being about 210 yards, with one bunker intervening. The third green has a distance of 290 yards, slightly down the slope, requiring a clear, straight drive, which otherwise will be punished with a bad lie. Going to the fourth a very careful shot from the tee is required, as a sliced ball may probably land on the railway which bounds the course at this point. Before getting to the green there is a brook ten feet wide to be negotiated, requiring very accurate approach play, the green being upon a narrow "strath," bounded by the brook and railway on two sides, and hazardous hedges on the other two. The drive to the fifth must be a clear one in order to overcome the immediate obstacles of a ditch and hedge. An artificial bunker has further to be negotiated in approaching, the distance being 295 yards. The sixth hole is a long one, being about 410 yards, and is very sporting, especially on approaching the green. Two bunkers have to be negotiated in the drive and intermediate play, and then the public pathway and the Beverley Brook intervene, the approach requiring very nice play. The course to the seventh green is a restricted one. A long drive is necessary in order to clear the fence, but the ball must be a straight one in order to avoid the brook and belt of trees on the left, or the railway boundary hedge on the right. Approaching also must be accurate, as, the green being in an angle bounded with hazards, too strong play is fatal. Going to the eighth, a topped ball may as well mean a lost hole, provided the opponent gets well away from the tee. Ditches and an awkward hedge face the tee, and the green, 290 yards off, is guarded by a considerable bunker. With a good drive, however, the green can easily be reached in 2.

The drive to the ninth must be got well off in order to clear the bunker facing the tee, and afterwards there are very considerable difficulties in negotiating the green, which lies at a distance from the tee of 340 yards, in a very awkward corner guarded on every hand by hedges and ditches. The course to the tenth green is obliquely over a hedge, which, once cleared by a good drive well to the left, leaves a large bunker facing the green to be cleared in 2, though a long approach is rather risky. The distance is 390 yards. The course to the eleventh is, relatively speaking, open; but still a straight drive is indispensable, in order to make a respectable figure. The hole is a long one, being 410 yards from tee to green. The twelfth is a short hole, 190 yards, but requires very careful play. The green is guarded by a bunker on the approach side, and backed by a ditch and hedge. The fourteenth is 475 yards, the longest on the course. The line is straight up the slope. There are two formidable bunkers in the way, and several grips and pot bunkers. A well-hit ball from the tee, however, is rewarded by a good lie, and with a good second, leaves a fairly easy third for the green, though it is guarded by one of the mountainous bunkers alluded to. Here, if the golfer happen to be sentimental, he will on a clear day, have as fine a view of the surrounding country, as he could well wish for. The course to the fourteenth pursues a line across the top of the slope. The distance is 310 yards, and two bunkers have to be taken. The green ought, however, to be reached in 2. For the fifteenth, there is a downhill course. Of equal distance with the previous hole, it has the same intervening artificial difficulties, and requires the same careful play. The sixteenth is a slightly longer hole—346 yards—the course being on a level, with, in addition to the usual big bunker, a small pond highly banked, in the line of play just in front of the green. The "right of way" path also intervenes here, but can hardly be regarded as a hazard. The seventeenth green is away up in a corner near the present club-house, and the distance to it from the tee is 317 yards. The teeing-ground is between trees, with a "grip" waiting for a topped ball; a big bunker yawns half-way up, and two "pot" bunkers front the green. Nevertheless, with careful play, the green can easily be reached in 2. The final hole is perhaps the trickiest of the course. The distance from tee to green is 370 yards, and the course is back down the slope. The first part of the play is easy enough, but it is when approaching the green, as some of those in the first half, that discriminate iron play is required. The green is placed in a narrow "strath," between a dry ditch and hedge on the approach side, and the Beverley Brook, with all its attendant boundaries, on the other. Too cautious play is penalised on the hither side; too strong, on the farther. The negotiation of the green is irritating, but still, as in the case of a good many of the others, it is interesting, and stimulates nicety of play.

It may be mentioned that a ladies' links is being formed on a part of the course, and will in all probability be opened in the autumn.

GOLF NOVELTIES.

A new ball-cleaner is being issued by the North British Rubber Company, Edinburgh, called Moxon and Brand's Patent. It consists in form of an ordinary square, red india-rubber tobacco pouch. The inside leaf, however, has a piece of spongio-pyline attached to it; and as the rubber covering serves the double purpose of keeping the ball cleaner damp, and the pocket of the player dry, golfers will at once see that a handy, indispensable little novelty for the pocket is put within their reach. No one can play a creditable game to himself, or to his partner, with a dirty, black ball.

Messrs. Fry and Sons, the well-known cocoa and chocolate manufacturers, are turning their attention to the needs of golfers in the shape of sweetmeats. They are sending out dainty boxes of assorted chocolate creams, packed in a handsome box, the outer lid showing a party of ladies and gentlemen enjoying a rest near the green, and passing round the chocolate creams. Now that ladies have taken so largely to Golf, any male golfer wishful to pay his fair friends a delicate compliment ought to include one of these boxes in the luncheon basket when a foursome is made up for a day on the links.

UGHT MEDAL HANDICAPS TO BE REDUCED FOR MATCH PLAY?

Golfers are somewhat like boys in their adoption of habits and customs. A new custom, even though it be far from trenching on the sacred Rules, is looked upon with distrust almost amounting to abhorrence, and is adopted with difficulty, however excellent it may be in theory; and once adopted, it becomes an old custom with tremendous rapidity. It is amusing to go back to a school which one has left but a few years ago, and on inquiring about the date when some innovation was introduced, to be gravely told that "it was always so." And similarly there are many golfers who would have the impulse to defend the practice of taking three-quarters of a medal handicap for match-play in precisely these words. As a matter of fact it has been "always so" for those (and they are many) who have learnt Golf in the last few years, though it scarcely requires a golfing career of a decade to remember the difficulties which members of the older clubs found in understanding the "new plan" of performing this little bit of arithmetic.

I am sorry to say I have not had the opportunity of getting up the history of the fraction "three-quarters," though I believe it to be somewhat as follows:—The idea of having permanent handicaps for medal play was naturally followed by an endeavour to utilise them in making matches, and it was taken for granted (rather too hastily, as I hope to show in the sequel) that they should not be taken as they stand, for the reason that a poor player often threw away several strokes on a bad hole, which would only lose him the hole in match play, but several strokes in medal play; therefore, it was concluded, he required more strokes in medal than in match play, or rather (as it came to in practice) less strokes in match than in medal play. More or less as an experiment, it was decided to take two-thirds of the medal handicap for match play. Experience proved, however, that with this plan the receivers of odds were at a disadvantage, and the fraction was increased to the three-quarters, which is generally adopted at the present time. I hesitate to mention names (though that of Dr. Laidlaw Purves should undoubtedly be mentioned in connection with this, as with most other modern developments of the game), because of my above-mentioned ignorance of the exact course of events.

Now, I should like seriously to raise the question as to whether this practice is well founded. I could write at some length on the matter, but this is probably far from advisable in the first instance. I propose here to state very briefly the main considerations which have led me to my present opinion.

1. Though not a first-class golfer, it has fallen to my lot to play a larger number of matches, giving considerable odds, than would usually be the case; and I have been able to compare the general results with those of medal play. It gradually forced itself on my attention that the large difference of 6 strokes between the 24 assigned to a player for medal, and 18 for match play was not justified in my experience.
2. On comparing notes with other golfers who were in the habit of playing at considerable odds, I found them inclined to agree with me.
3. It seems clear in view of the fact that most golfers try to get as level a match as possible, that there is every opportunity for the establishment of an erroneous principle of connecting the two handicaps, and very little opportunity for forcing its viciousness upon the attention of the golfing world. For two players differing by anything up to 5 strokes, the advantage gained by the giver of odds is only 1 stroke; and it takes a great many matches to render conspicuous such a small error in handicapping as that of 1 stroke.
4. Even if the odds between players are large, it is never matter for surprise when the giver of odds wins the match; and if (as I contend) he is profiting to the extent of a few strokes in giving the poor player only (say) 18 instead of 24,

all that happens is that he wins a few more matches than he should rightly win, which does not excite remark.

5. On occasions when the experiment has been tried of giving more than three-quarters of the medal handicap, the result has proved (in my experience at least) that the scratch players were well able to give the increased odds. A tournament (singles) was tried some time ago at Blackheath, giving seven-eighths of the medal handicap instead of three-quarters. Quite recently, a (foursome) tournament has been played giving the full odds instead of taking any fraction at all (except, of course, that involved in adding the handicaps of any given couple and dividing by 2). The handicaps of the winning couple were plus 1 and scratch; and of the nineteen matches played, twelve were won by the givers of odds.

6. Finally (and I hope my figures will not frighten good golfers), I have tested the matter very carefully by the comparison of a considerable number of medal cards. The calculations are really very simple, and I will endeavour to explain them; but first let me give the results, for the benefit of those who do not wish to read further. I have played a large number of hypothetical matches, by the help of medal cards, on two links of very different character, as those who know them will admit, viz., Sandwich and Blackheath. For simplicity I have arranged the matches so that the medal odds between the opponents should be just a stroke a hole, viz., 18 at Sandwich and 21 at Blackheath, and I have then found what the odds should be for match play. The results were 17·2 strokes at Sandwich and 20·1 strokes at Blackheath; so that, though there is *something* to be said for the theory that a larger handicap is required for medal play, the allowance is *not* $4\frac{1}{2}$ strokes in 18, but *less than 1 stroke*. In fact, I think the difference is too small to take any notice of.

I would beg for consideration of these remarks by all those who wish to see handicapping put on a proper footing while yet in its early years. It will surely not be difficult to reconsider this question now, though every year increases the difficulty.

In conclusion, I will briefly explain the principle of the calculations mentioned in No. 6. If two players, A and B, play a level match, and A holes out in 5 at a given hole, then, if B holes in 4, 5, or 6, the scores by match play and medal play go together; if B holes in 3, he wins still only 1 hole from A, match, but 2 strokes, medal, and thus a discrepancy of 1 point arises between the two scores. If B holes in 7, he loses the hole, match, but 2 strokes, medal, and a discrepancy of 1 point arises in the opposite direction. Now let us suppose that A holes *every* hole in 5. This is a suggestion so improbable as to shock a golfer; but, by a slight alteration of the terms, perhaps it may be made to look a little less absurd. We may, by a very simple process, *reduce* A's score to 5 at each hole. For instance, if he holes in 8 and B in 7, it will not affect the differences of their scores in any way if we replace these figures by A 5, B 4. Or, if A holes in 10 and B in 13, we may substitute A 5, B 8, without hurting anybody. Let us, then, take their two cards, and alter each hole in both by the same amount, so as to make A 5 at each hole. Then, whenever B's card shows a 4, 5, or 6, we know that match and medal scores go together, and we need not further notice these holes. Whenever B holes in 3 we know that he has *gained* a point in medal as against match play: whenever he holes in 7 he has similarly lost a point: when he holes in 2 he has gained 2 points: when he holes in 8 he has lost 2 points, and so on. Thus, we can quickly count how many points B has gained, and how many he has lost in medal play as opposed to match play; and if the two totals agree, medal and match scores will be the same; if they do not agree the scores will be different. We are familiar with the case when two players play a level match, "strokes and holes," and the two go opposite ways.

Now, let us suppose A gives B a stroke a hole; and let us alter both cards as before, so that A's card consists of 5's throughout. Then, we must now remember that on B's card a 5 wins the hole, a 6 halves it, and a 7 loses it; in other words, the 5, 6, 7 correspond to the 4, 5, 6 in the previous case. Similarly, a 4 and an 8 behave like a 3 and a 7 in the previous case, viz., with a 4 B gains 1 point in medal

over match play, and with an 8 loses a point; with a 3 he gains 2 points, and with a 9 loses two points, and so on. It is again quite easy to count up the total difference, in points, between match and medal play. This is substantially what I have done, and reported in remark No. 6. I may add that the number of matches virtually played at Sandwich and at Blackheath was 250 in each case.

H. H. TURNER

LAHINCH GOLF LINKS.

This course was discovered about two years ago, and through the enterprise of the Lahinch Golf Club, it has been in the receipt of a visit from the veteran, Tom Morris, who pronounces it to be one of the finest Golf links in the United Kingdom. Tom, with his daughter and little grand-daughter, arrived in Lahinch on the afternoon of May 29th. He at once proceeded to investigate the links and went over them very carefully, offering some suggestions as to the lengthening of several of the holes, but on the whole making no radical changes in the course, which was originally projected by the captain, Mr. A. W. Shaw, and the club professional, James McKenna. Tom Morris played a round in order to see how the alterations proposed by him could best be carried out. The veteran showed wonderful form for a man of his time of life, and spoke very highly of the play of his opponent, McKenna. The following morning Tom Morris went over the whole course again with the captain and the professional, to make sure that when it was altered as he directed as much as possible would be made out of it. A three-ball game was played in the afternoon by the veteran, Mr. Montifort Gavin (one of the best players in the club), and McKenna. Next day a foresome was played, in which Tom Morris was partnered with Mr. Montifort Gavin, and McKenna with the captain, Mr. Shaw. The former won by two holes by steady play. McKenna played magnificently, but for the first two or three holes was somewhat hampered by the nervousness of his companion.

The Lahinch Links, having now received the blessing, if we may so call it, of such an expert as Tom Morris, must take a position enjoyed by few links, for he distinctly states the course possesses natural advantages equal to those of four or five of the best Golf courses in the kingdom.

Lahinch is on the West coast of Clare County, in the southwest of Ireland, beautifully situated on the Bay of Liscannor, where the broad Atlantic thunders in on its broad sandy beach more than a mile long. The air is gloriously pure and invigorating, as the saying goes, the next parish being New York. The links consist of eighteen holes without a single cross, and abound in natural sand hazards; the lies are excellent, the turf being the genuine golfing quality. In many respects Lahinch resembles Westward Ho! There is any amount of room, as the links are very large, and the club small. A hearty welcome is given to strangers by the West of Ireland golfers. Lahinch can be reached from Dublin by rail, the morning express from North Wall and Kingsbridge connecting at Limerick Junction and Limerick with a train which lands the golfer at Lahinch a little before two o'clock in the afternoon. There is also an afternoon service. Special cheap tickets, available for two months, can be had, as also week-end tickets lasting Friday to Monday, or Saturday to Tuesday. Golfers looking for a really good course, free from crowds, and with grand fresh air, and sea-bathing in the Atlantic, should face Lahinch.

BLACKFORD GOLF CLUB.—The above club held its summer competition over Leven on Saturday, June 23rd, in rather disagreeable weather, with the following results:—Scratch charm, Mr. James Saunderson, 89; handicap charm, Mr. D. N. Hurry, 94, less 7=87. Club prizes:—1st, Mr. D. N. Hurry, 94, less 7=87; 2nd, Mr. C. C. Scott, 94, less 6=88; 3rd, Mr. James Saunderson (scratch), 89; 4th, Mr. J. Cruickshank, jun., 96, less 6=90; 5th, Mr. George A. Ross (scratch), 91; 6th, Mr. John T. Maxwell (scratch), 93; 7th, Mr. J. Jack, 98, less 4=94.

STYLES OF PLAY

In a valuable article contributed to this journal some time ago under the above heading (GOLF, Vol. V., page 153), Mr. Laidlaw Purves showed, as the result of observation among professionals at the Musselburgh and Muirfield tournaments, that there was so much diversity of style, stance, and general position in play as to be altogether at variance with the precepts of the text books. Mr. Purves now intends to carry his observations farther, and with the object of arriving at a general analysis of the best professional and amateur styles of play he has prepared the subjoined card. Golfers everywhere are invited to co-operate in making notes of professional or the best amateur play. Cards will be supplied on application to Mr. Laidlaw Purves, 20, Stratford Place, Oxford Street, W., to whom, when filled up, they should be returned. If properly and thoroughly carried out, the investigation ought to prove of great value and interest to all players:—

I.—STANCE—

- 1. Ball opposite left foot
- 2. " nearer left foot than fork
- 3. " nearer fork than left foot
- 4. " opposite fork
- 5. " nearer fork than right foot
- 6. " nearer right foot than fork
- 7. " opposite right foot

II.—GRIP—

- 1. At top of leather
- 2. At middle of leather
- 3. At lower part of leather
- 4. Below leather

III.—POSITION of Feet to intended line of flight of ball—

- 1. Right foot advanced towards
- 2. Neither foot in advance
- 3. Left foot advanced

IV.—POSITION of Legs and Body—

- 1. Knees bent and easy
- 2. Legs extended and fixed
- 3. Body erect
- 4. Body stooping
- 5. Right shoulder

V.—SWING—

- 1. Head of Club not so high as right shoulder
- 2. " " as high as right shoulder
- 3. " " as far as middle of the back
- 4. " " as far as the left shoulder
- 5. " " beyond the left shoulder
- 6. Right elbow rises half-way to shoulder
- To shoulder
- Or above shoulder
- 7. Swift or slow

VI.—PUTTING—

- 1. Uses Wood
- 2. " Cleek
- 3. " Iron

VII.—FORCE employed in Driving from the Tee—

- Full
- Easy

VIII.—Any peculiarity

N.B.—For driving with Wood mark "W," with Cleek mark "C," with Iron mark "I." For putting mark "P." Accentuate any position by underlining the letter, e.g., body stooping greatly while driving with Iron, "I."

CAN GOLF BE IMPROVED?

Golfers of a speculative turn of mind must frequently have asked themselves the question, can Golf be improved, or has it reached that summit of perfection which renders advance impossible? The more pretentious works on the subject give us accounts of the evolution of the game—some of them highly imaginative—but none of them suggest improvement. It is because the authors of these books deem progress impossible, or because they are unwilling to tamper with what is Royal and Ancient. In these democratic days nothing is sacred, and if it were possible to make any real improvement on the game, it would certainly be welcomed by all true golfers. It is well known that changes have taken place, slight changes certainly, not making any material alterations in the conditions of play, chiefly changes in rules. It is also undeniable that most other games have undergone, and are still undergoing considerable change, and why should Golf be the exception?

Now, it may be premised that all parts of the game should be so balanced that none may have undue preference, and that to excel must require all-round ability or superiority. Unlike other games, there is in Golf no regulation as to the implements to be used, or the length of the holes. The clubs and balls used are left to the choice of the respective players, and the length of the holes to the party who lays out the green, and who must cut his cap according to his cloth. The only matter of this nature that is regulated is the size of the hole. Under the old Rules (i.e., those in force up to September 29th, 1891), the size of the hole was not the subject of regulation, and varied from 4 to 4½ inches. But half an inch makes a considerable difference. It means that a putt which just lips a 4-inch hole will go down when the extra size is allowed; and how often do putts just hang on the lip of, or shave the hole. By the new Rules, which were adopted by the Royal and Ancient Club on the above-mentioned date, it is enacted, "The hole shall be 4¼ inches in diameter;" but it is believed that even with this the holes vary slightly in size, depending on whether the measurement is taken from the inside of the iron casing, as it ought to be, or before the casing is put in, as it ought not to be, but sometimes is. The question comes to be, is 4¼ inches the fairest size of hole, or, if not, what is?

One of our best professional players has made the remark that the man who can putt is a match for anybody, and experience has shown the truth of this remark. A stroke more on the putting-green is eighteen strokes on the round, and this is an immense handicap, and represents far more than the difference between the best and the worst players who have any claim to Championship honours. In fact, it is the largest handicap allowed in many clubs, and is the supposed difference between their best and their worst players. Two to putt is the proper allowance for perfect play, taking an average all over, and allowing for a pretty approach being holed out in the one more, and allowing an additional stroke on the green when the approach is a little wide, as must sometimes happen even with the best players. Now, given two players, both good, the one strong in driving and playing through the green and in approaching, but just a trifle loose in putting, and the other somewhat weak in driving, playing through the green, and in approaching, but strong in putting. Suppose a match between them, what are the chances of success of each? The consensus of opinion would certainly favour the man who was the better putter. Is this fair? In the case supposed, the man stronger in two parts of the game—driving and approaching—is beaten by a man weak in two parts of the game and whose only really strong point is his putting. Those critics, the professional players, may be heard teaching their disciples that "an inch is as guid as twa hunder yairds." Precisely, both equally count a stroke. But why should putting comprise the game of Golf? Should the hole not be of such a size as to give all good players a fairly good chance of going down if the ball be at all "played on the hole?" The thing might be reduced to an absurdity. It is quite possible to imagine a player who always required one more than his opponent to reach the green, but who could hole out with great regularity phenomenally long putts whenever he got near the hole, and so beat his opponent. In fact, it might pay to practise this one stroke. Readers will

please to remember that this is only theoretical and with the view of supporting the argument. Would this be Golf? Decidedly not. Golf must always consist of all-round play, and the size of the hole should be such that the all-round player has an equally good chance of holing out in the same number of strokes as any man who does nothing but practise putts. The smaller the hole the more uncertain does holing out become, and the more room does it leave for the efficiency in one single part of the play affecting the whole game. It appears to the writer that the present size of the hole is on the small side, and that it should be $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches at the very least. There is a limit to all things, but whether the $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches could be further increased can only be proved by experience. It would be dangerous to express an affirmative view without having seen the matter actually tested.

J. A.

OPENING OF LINKS AT KILCHEARAN, LISMORE, ARGYLLSHIRE.

Several years ago the Golf wave invaded Oban, the Charing Cross of the Highlands. As in Oban, so in the neighbouring villages of Taynuilt and Dalmally; and the latest inauguration to be recorded in this district is that at Kilchearan, which took place on June 23rd, when the owner of Kilchearan House, Mr. Thomas Sopwith, invited a team from the Oban Club for that purpose. The course has been beautifully laid out, and it rather astonished the visitors to know that it had been done by the owner himself, although a mere novice at the game. The weather in the forenoon was rather wet and boisterous, but about three p.m., when play commenced, rain had given place to sunshine, and the four couples who started had a thoroughly enjoyable game. Several of the greens were newly cut, and the strong stumps of the grass made putting upon them uncertain; but in the estimation of the visitors the principal attraction of the course lay in the unusual length of the holes, coupled with a plentiful supply of natural hazards, several of which were thoroughly dangerous to all but the most careful player. In several of the fields the grass was rather long, which accounted for the scores being somewhat high. A sweepstake had been arranged, with the view of giving additional zest to the games, and the following proved the winners, viz.:—1, Mr. Archibald Campbell (captain), 103; 2, Mr. W. L. Menzies, 112, less 5=107; 3, Mr. Duncan Macintyre, 112, less 4=108. The other members of the team were Mr. John Macpherson (ex-captain), Mr. Duncan Campbell, Mr. Hugh McDonald, Mr. Henry Berrell, and Mr. W. Bruswitz. After having been most hospitably entertained by Mr. Sopwith, who had accompanied the first couple round the course, the visitors returned to Oban by his yacht *Bessie*, three cheers being given to Mr. Sopwith and his family as the yacht steamed out of the bay.

Although the links are private, the owner will be delighted to allow golfers who may be in the neighbourhood the privilege of a game, the enjoyment of which will be greatly enhanced by the charming nature of the surrounding scenery of mountain, rock, and sea, which may be fitly described as grandly picturesque.

The island also possesses several interesting relics of antiquity, among them being Auchindown Castle, which, anterior to the Reformation, formed the residence of the Bishops of Argyll.

AULD FRIENDS AND NEW FACES.

A GOLFIN' RHYME.

Yestreen I wander'd o'er the links
Close by an "Auld Grey Howff,"
Where aince I ran a course o' Greek,
And wan a prize at Gowff!
The players "cleekit" owre the green
Frae "teeing groun" to sea—
And 'twere na that I was alane
"A' as it use' to be."

"Fore!"—and the baw whizz'd i' my lug,
And takin' to my shins,
Doon drappit "dead," oot on a knowe
In "half a roond" o' whins.
Then mark'd the drivers, cleeks, and spoons;
Fine "fellows," guid and true—
Though I hae play'd wi' a' the "set,"
The "faces" a' were new!

"Lang Driver," first—a gowffer born,
The young precocious loon,
Nae sooner is he "aff the tee"
Than he plays wi' a spoon!
Swipes, wi' full swing, a fancied stroke,
To gie his nerve a turn,
Then drives awa', baith "far and sure,"
And fa's into the burn!

A well-known "scratch," wi' polish'd head,
A sharp sort o' a "sole,"
The famous Cleek, wi' Driver "squares"
The roond" in the last hole—
Then "Lang Spoon," loftin' "owre the globe,"
Gangs whizzin' wi' a whiss—
A fellow does feel foolish
When he drives aff wi' a miss!

Syne, pressin' keenly wi' his next,
He hits clean "aff the nose,"
And wi' "one more" cuts "aff the heel"
To right, and on it goes!
Wee "Niblick" wi' a "grand address,"
"Mines" and the baw lies dead,
A fittin' emblem in his "grasp,"
A stick wi' "half a head!"

Fair "mashy" plays to win "Short Spoon"
As far as the "high hole,"
And there he "putts," "Like as we lie,"
Wi' success in his "sole."
She saw the "tide was at the flood,"
And "Eden" within reach,
And wi' a "gobble" squared the "match,"
Then spooned hame by the beach!

Next, guid Professor "Drivin' Iron,"
Great help in time o' need—
To play Golf, his sly caddie says,
"It taks ane wi' a heid,"
And *his* "the honour" and his club
Fit waggles; syne the swing,
And lo, the vet'ran tops his baw
"And damns like onything!"

"Wee Peter" "Putt" Pernickitie,
A thravn "stimmie" creatur',
An "upright fellow" to play wi',
But stiff in every featur'.
Nae bird daur cheep on Peter's green,
Grim silence roond aboot,
The very shadows bide awa'
When Peter's puttin' oot!

"Wee Driver," last, wi' braw' new club
Bought at his ain expense,
Denied himsel' o' weekly sweets
Till saved, the needed pence.
"Now see me swipe," the laddie cries,
Wi' features beamin' a'.
Swish, goes the Club, and whir-r, the head
Gangs fleein' wi' the baw!

The laddie died lang syne,
But in the man lives yet,
The only player o' them a',
The last o' a' the "set."

A. Q. R. C.



That we had not been wrong in our last number in our interpretation of the feelings of some of the Musselburgh caddies has since been amply proved, and on Saturday half-a-dozen of them had to appear at the Police Court before the same Bailie as presided at the Caddie Licensing Court to answer for breach of the bye-laws prohibiting the carrying of clubs on the links without a license. One was fined two shillings and sixpence with the option of three days' imprisonment, and the other five were dismissed with an admonition. Another caddie, James Brown, showed more fight, maintaining that the magistrates had no power to make such charges, and that he would resist them. He was fined three half-crowns, and said he would appeal to the Sheriff. Bailie Sharp said it must be understood that the badge issued to the licensed caddies must be worn on the right arm and not kept in the pocket. Many, especially of the older men, resent this, and when it is rememoered that the bye-laws prohibit swearing, and enact that the caddies must always "be decently clothed," it is not surprising that the caddies' lot at Fisherrow is considered by many not to be a happy one, and that they meditate leaving the links altogether for freer ground.

The Royston Golf Club has now completed arrangements with the Great Northern Railway Company to allow return tickets from King's Cross and all intermediate stations to all members travelling for the purpose of playing Golf on these links on producing their cards of membership at the booking office for a fare and a quarter.

The foursome match of thirty-six holes over Mitcham, on Thursday, between Captain Molesworth with the Champion (J. H. Taylor) against Mr. J. R. Hutchison and Captain Kinloch, resolved itself into a match between Captain Molesworth and Taylor on the one side, and Mr. Hutchison on the other, Captain Kinloch being too ill to attend. Mr. Hutchison played his own ball. Scores for first round:—Captain Molesworth and Taylor, 93; Mr. Hutchison, 95. Mr. Hutchison afterwards won the match by a short putt at the thirty-sixth hole, after a most exciting game. Scores for second round:—Mr. Hutchison, out 45, home 40; Captain Molesworth and Taylor, out 46, home 39.

"Scotchman" would have been all the better had he taken counsel of the homely piece of caution "never to prophesy unless you know." He has rushed into print in order to tell golfers that Lady Margaret Scott is not the champion lady golfer, but only the best English lady golfer; and that he knows two sisters in Scotland who are stronger players than Lady Margaret Scott. He was answered in a very temperate and sensible manner by "A. G. R.," a fellow-countryman, who showed that it was this very tone of aloofness on the part of Scottish golfers of both sexes which made it so difficult and embarrassing to make any real progress with reforms in the government of the game. In addition to that he has been flatly contradicted by the two professionals, upon whom he chose to rely for making the statement that Lady Margaret Scott was not the best lady golfer.

In his letter this week "Scotchman" again makes the statement that there are stronger players than Lady Margaret Scott in Scotland. How does he know, since no test has ever been made? Has he ever paused to inquire why it was the Scottish Ladies' Golf Clubs did not join the Ladies' Golf Union, or why it was the two sisters of whom he speaks, as well as other ladies from Scotland, did not compete in the first Ladies' Championship last year at Lytham and St. Anne's—a mere step across the Border? Does he know that the ladies in Scotland have held aloof from the Union? Does he expect in these circumstances that, having been looked askance at, the Union is go out of its way to facilitate the two sisters in a display of their powers by fixing the Championship at North Berwick or St. Andrews?

"Scotchman" ought to be generous enough to admit that English players of both sexes have more than overtaken the Scottish players—they have surpassed them. Useless carping and querulous depreciation of a good English lady player do not in the least alter the cogency of a fact "that, winna' ding," that Lady Margaret Scott has survived two heavy Championship tournaments open to all comers. "Scotchman's" pride may not like to recognise the unwelcome fact that Taylor, the Open Champion, is an Englishman, that Mr. John Ball, the Amateur Champion, is an Englishman, and that Lady Margaret Scott also hails from "the predominant partner" of these realms; but no amount of grudging reservation, quibbling, or depreciation will alter the fact.

We think we could indicate the two sisters of whom "Scotchman" is the self-appointed champion. If we mistake not, they are pretty well known in East Lothian; and, having seen them play, we are not disposed to follow the injudicious example of "Scotchman" and endeavour to depreciate the excellence of their game. Far from it. But let the Scottish ladies show their interest in the game by either joining the Union or, if they will not do that, by following the example of the English and Irish ladies, and constitute a Union of their own. In this respect Ireland and England are ahead of Scotland, for the unregenerate male golfer is anxiously waiting to see whether the countrymen of "Scotchman" are really intent upon taking some practical step to lead the Golf movement, and not to ignore its growth.

The Glasgow Golf Club met on Thursday evening to consider the new regulations of the Coporation for play on Alexandra Park. It had been proposed by the Corporation that the Club pay £100 yearly for the upkeep of the green, but by a majority the meeting decided to pay 1d. for each round played by their members, that being the charge fixed for the public.

The Bass Rock Club (East Lothian cup-holders) mean to make a stout effort to retain possession of the coveted Wemyss challenge cup, the annual tournament for which takes place over Luffness course this month (July). The committee of the club has already chosen four representatives, viz., Messrs. James Henderson, D. M. Jackson, James Mitchell, and Andrew Wallace—all strong players. Of the quartette, three successfully represented the Bass Rock in last season's contest, the only change in the team being the substitution of Mr. Wallace for Mr. John Forrest, the latter of whom has now joined the professional ranks. As shown in a recent issue of GOLF, Mr. Henderson has quite a unique county record for the past season, and is a strong, steady player. Mr. Jackson is also a well-known crack, and can invariably be depended on to play a good consistent game, his scores in trophy competition over the North Berwick course showing little variation. Mr. Mitchell, the youngest member of the team, is a dashing golfer, and can play an effective short game, being particularly deadly in the use of the mashie. Although not in the team last year, Mr. Andrew Wallace is by no means new to the county tournament, having had a good share in former years in establishing the prestige of the Bass Rock Club at Luffness. Mr. Wallace, who carried off the scratch medal of the Tantallon Club at the recent summer meeting of that club, is a fine all-round player, a feature of his

game being his accurate running up. As a reserve team, Messrs. A. Thorburn, J. Glass, D. Horsburgh, and J. D. Rattray have been selected. It will thus be seen that the cup-holders will this season be quite as strongly represented as on the last occasion.

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Not a little interest is being manifested as to what form the tournament, for Mr. Haldane's cup should take. At present there are two county competitions annually in East Lothian—one in foursome hole play, and the other in singles, and under stroke conditions. The former is limited to four from each club, whilst the latter is open to any member of any club in the county. An expression of opinion having been invited by the Dirleton Castle Club from the various clubs in the county, the Bass Rock Club decided to make the suggestion that the trophy be played for by holes and under scratch, as in the Amateur Championship meeting, and be open to all members of County Clubs. This proposal was made with the view of ensuring that the tournament be run on different lines from those of the other competitions.

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The July number of the *English Illustrated Magazine* is as attractive as any of its predecessors. Mr. Max Pemberton narrates one of his mysterious, dramatic jewel stories; Mr. Quiller Couch has a light, chatty article (illustrated) on some quaint characteristics of the Duchy of Cornwall and its inhabitants; Phil. May illustrates with his usual piquant humour "The Whirligig of Time"; Mr. Robert Hunter has a good deal that is interesting to say of Lincoln's Inn Fields, which in the Restoration period was the haunt of thieves, cut-throats, and beggars. Lady Jeune writes on "Conversation in Society," illustrated by Phil. May. Mr. Phil. Robinson makes us pay another sympathetic visit to the inhabitants of the Zoo., and Mr. Alan Cole has a great deal to say that is of interest about ancient tapestry. The number is lightened and enlivened by short pieces of fiction from the skilled pens of Mr. E. F. Benson, Mr. Robert Barr ("Luke Sharp"), Mr. Anthony Hope, and Mr. Bouchier Sanford.

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The annual Town *v.* Country match of the East Lothian Club takes place on Saturday, July 7th, over the Archerfield private course. A round is played in which the country members are pitted against those hailing from the town, but the stymie is eliminated, and scores are kept so as to decide a handicap prize given from the funds of the club, which is not a bad invention to give additional interest to a match of the kind.

CLIFTON BANK SCHOOL (ST. ANDREWS) SUMMER MEDALS.—The play for the senior and junior medals was completed on the 26th, when Mr. T. Longmuir, for the first time, carried off the gold medal by really careful play. From the first round of the competition he has played a thoroughly sound game, and has the making of a first-rate golfer. Mr. Fred Ballingall somewhat unexpectedly beat his opponent, and becomes the winner of the silver medal for the juniors. Both medals were presented by Mr. W. Todd. First round.—Mr. T. Longmuir (8) beat Mr. R. Primrose (16), Mr. G. Todd (8) beat Mr. J. Struthers (18), Mr. A. Henderson (6) beat Mr. R. Callander (10), Mr. H. Henderson (scratch) beat Mr. T. Key (12), Mr. D. C. Scrymgeour (14) beat Mr. W. Thomson (10), Mr. W. Honeyman (12) beat Mr. F. Ballingall (12). Second round.—Mr. T. Longmuir beat Mr. A. L. Millar (18), Mr. A. Henderson beat Mr. G. Todd, Mr. H. Henderson beat Mr. D. Scrymgeour, Mr. W. Honeyman beat Mr. J. A. M'Creath (10). Third round.—Mr. T. Longmuir beat Mr. A. Henderson, Mr. W. Honeyman beat Mr. H. Henderson. Final.—Mr. T. Longmuir beat Mr. W. Honeyman. Junior medal:—First round.—Mr. A. Henderson (scratch) beat Mr. D. Thomson (16), Mr. W. Thomson (6) beat Mr. J. Matheson (12), Mr. A. L. Millar (12) beat Mr. W. Honeyman (8), Mr. F. Ballingall (8) beat Mr. J. Longmuir (18). Second round.—Mr. A. Henderson beat Mr. W. Thomson, Mr. F. Ballingall beat Mr. A. L. Millar. Final.—Mr. F. Ballingall beat Mr. A. Henderson.



IMPRESSIONS OF SANDWICH.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In the hope that they may be of interest to some of your readers, I propose to give some of the impressions left on the mind of an outsider by a visit to Sandwich during the recent Championship meeting.

Arrived at London Bridge Railway Station, and inquiring for a golfer's return ticket for this new Mecca of Golf, one was struck by the fact that, though prominence had been given to the existence of such tickets at reduced rates, the other side had not been so clearly stated. One found that it was necessary first to apply to the secretary of the St. George's Club for a certificate in order to secure this privilege, and as precious time was wanting to observe this formality, one, of necessity, travelled as an ordinary passenger, and had time, while rushing through the garden-like scenery of beautiful Kent, to wonder why a matter so important to golfers had been kept so carefully out of sight, and to evolve the suggestion that you, Mr. Editor, who so unremittingly watch over our interests, should, on the recurrence of similar meetings, give an outline of the best method of tackling the main difficulties of the journey, &c. I am sure such would be greatly appreciated.

When Minster was reached, Golf began to tinge the landscape in the shape of sheaves of clubs and knickered devotees with bronzed faces, and when one's ears were saluted with the sound of the Doric in all directions in such phrases as, "Man, I'm gled tae see ye!" "Eh! man, here's Wullie. Hoo's a' wi' ye Wullie?" one almost felt as if Auld Reekie or St. Andrews should be visible on the horizon somewhere.

Sandwich itself is old-fashioned enough to provide a suitable soil in which to plant the game which we pride ourselves in calling "Ancient," and there seems a peculiar fitness in the awakening of a town which has been asleep since the Middle Ages at the call of a pastime which has been enjoying an equally long period of comparatively slumberous existence.

It was with a feeling of surprise that one came upon the "Bell" Ho'e!, a fine new building, in which the St. George's Club has accommodation of its own, supplemental to that provided by the pavilion on the links. It certainly is in great contrast to the crooked streets, low roofs, and jutting gables by which it is surrounded—almost as great a contrast as the evening dress, which is *de rigueur* at the table d'hôte, is to the homespun knicker suit worn by the partakers during the day.

It soon became apparent that one idea alone possessed the visitors, and but one topic of conversation was to be heard at table, in the hall, or in the streets, for the Golf spirit was abroad in all her might—and what a tyrant she is!

The links are at Sandwich, but not at Sandwich, for it is a fair walk for the ordinary mortal from the town; and if any other place were nearer, it would change its name.

The scene at the approach to the links was a stirring and animated one, with its stream of pedestrians and carriages constantly arriving, its tents, with gay bunting, and active figures in red coats, and the excitement was almost visible in the air. As each player drove from the first tee there was a breathless anxiety on every face, which indicated, in some degree, to the onlooker the tension of nerve a player in such competitions

must be able to sustain for a long period, ere he can hope to acquire a premier place.

Following one or other of the noted players, one could not help being impressed with one or two characteristics of the green. First, the magnificence of the hazards; second, the length of the carries required to successfully negotiate these, and the proper loss sustained by any one who is not sporting enough to attempt them; third, the admirably chosen positions of the putting-greens, and the sporting undulations on most of them; and, lastly, the unusual length of the course.

Of the efforts of the green committee to have the course in perfect order, it is almost unnecessary to speak. It must have cost much money and still more thought and care, exercised with a success which speaks for itself. On the other hand, looking at the nature of the soil and class of turf on many parts of the links, it is equally apparent that only by a large expenditure could it be maintained in such good order—larger than any but a very wealthy club could afford.

The turf on many of the greens, too, is not of the class one most desires to see, and one was inclined to believe that there was some truth in the complaint made by many of the professionals that it was not all want of skill or excess of nervousness which caused holing out to be difficult. Of course, in the case of the "Maiden" green, the cause was to be found in the recent laying, which caused it to be spongy and uneven, but even here a feeling of surprise was experienced that turf of the class used had been selected, full as it was of clover, which, however beautiful to look at, is notorious for wearing badly and for changing its texture with the alternations of dry or moist weather.

Returning from the round one found the luncheon tent with its hot and cold viands and cooler beer the most desirable place in the world, for the moment, and having satisfied an abnormal appetite, the first tee and the "draw" again assert their claims, and it becomes a question of the first moment which of the bewildering array of "cracks" one should follow. While waiting there, one's impressions were still receiving additions, and though not anxious to be critical, one or two things presented themselves which deserve remark. An impression felt most palpably on the sole was the absence of any seats (except in the tents where one must purchase something, and having consumed, must make way for others), and though the ground may appear enticing there are other dangers besides snakes in the grass when it is damp.

To speak of the "draw" comes naturally too, for one's eyes were frequently turned there to find the name of some unknown player. In numerous instances these names were wrongly spelled, or wrong Christian names given, while one man was quite unknown to any of the others hailing from the address given. Again, one heard on all sides complaints from the professionals as to the quality and price of the food and drink supplied to them. This was distressing, for no one would for a moment suspect the club of desiring to make a profit there, whatever might be the case with members and friends. Certainly in the latter case the price charged must have yielded them a handsome profit, to which they may be fairly entitled; but with the contestants it was a different matter, and as custodians of their welfare, for the time, the powers that be should have seen that they were properly cared for.

Of the play it is not the writer's province to speak; and have not you, sir, already said what there is to say on that subject? but the general impression left on the mind was, that play is now of so high an order, that to secure a first place, or even a tenth or twentieth place, requires an accuracy and a staying power which look so simple and are so difficult as to bring one to the verge of despair.

I am, Sir, &c.,

A MIDDLIN' THIRD-RATE PLAYER.

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 OUGHT THE STIMIE TO BE ABOLISHED?

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In reply to yours of June 15th, anent stimies, I beg to state that I have always been in favour of stimies being abolished. I think a modification could easily be made. A

motion was proposed by Capt. Burn, at a meeting of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, that a rule as follows should be made:—"A player may, on the putting-green, remove his opponent's ball, but such act of removal shall be equivalent to the opponent having played his stroke, and holed it." This would do for one; but, of course, the Royal and Ancient would have many suggestions brought before them if the subject was put to them by other clubs.

I am, Sir, &c.,

St. Andrews, N.B.

TOM MORRIS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In reply to your questions, I have always been strongly opposed to the stimie in Championship matches, and I think it should be abolished. My opinion on the subject is stronger than ever since the Tait and Rolland match at Sandwich. Being referee on that occasion, I was in a particularly advantageous position to see everything, and I have no hesitation in saying that the turn of the luck, so far as stimies were concerned, gave Rolland the match. My further objection to them is that (as at the seventeenth hole at Sandwich) a stimie is very frequently the result of a weak, feebly-played putt, which deserves no such turn of luck. A very good suggestion is, I think, the modification that the player styming himself should suffer the penalty, but being stymied by his opponent, should have the ball lifted. Of course, this involves the moving of the ball, which is to be deprecated as much as possible, but to my mind, is infinitely less objectionable than the existing rule.

I can call to mind a number of important matches which have been won and lost by an *impossible* stimie, and I have always maintained that they should be eliminated from all important matches.

I am, Sir, &c.,

CHAS. HUTCHINGS.

Frodsham, Cheshire, June 26th.

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 THE LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I must again trespass on your courtesy in order to reply to the letter, signed "A. G. R.," in your issue of Tuesday. I regret exceedingly that a meaning very different indeed from that which I intended to convey, has been taken from my letter by two of your correspondents. I certainly never intended to disparage Lady Margaret Scott's powers as a golfer—far otherwise I think any country ought to be proud of her as their representative. What I did say was that there were stronger players than she in Scotland. I cannot see how such a statement in any way reflects on Lady Margaret Scott's golfing abilities. I pointed out that the best player at the late meeting of the Ladies' Golfing Union could hardly be regarded as the *Open* Champion when the best Scotch lady players did not take part in the meeting. It is not to be expected that many ladies would care to travel from Scotland to such a remote place as Littlestone, and I think many persons must have been much astonished that Scotland, which is so closely associated with the game of Golf, should have been passed over, when the *locale* of the Union's meetings was decided upon, and for two years in succession. In order to give the Scotch ladies an opportunity of showing their abilities, a meeting must be held in Scotland. Of course, I quite admit there cannot be an *absolute* proof as to the merits of different players until they meet in contest; but one can judge approximately by reference to scores made on well-known links. I believe no lady-golfer has ever equalled the score of 88 on Machrihanish (the ordinary course), which has been done by one of the sisters I referred to. Very few men players, amateur or professional, did so low a score at the recent meeting there. The scores of these ladies for the ordinary medal round at St. Andrews are, I believe, lower than any other lady-player has yet accomplished there.

"A. G. R." asks if anyone will dispute the following facts—I would rather call them propositions:—

1. That Golf has taken firm root in England.
2. That it is much the larger nursery of the two.
3. That England has now, and is laying out, ladies' links which would astonish most St. Andrews' ladies.

In answer to the first two, I would refer him to the excellent article which appeared some little time ago in reply to the Hon. A. Lyttleton's paper, "Is Golf a first-class game?" and also to the well-written article by Dr. J. G. McPherson in your issue of Tuesday. "A. G. R.'s" use of the word nursery is, I think, somewhat unfortunate. In reply to the third, I would merely say that ladies, who play on the ordinary course at St. Andrews (as many do), and get round in considerably fewer than 100 strokes (as several have done), are not likely to be astonished by any links that England can produce. The Royal and Ancient medal course is now, as it always has been, the premier one in the world. With regard to your editorial note, I regret I should have given Ben Sayers and Hugh Kirkaldy credit for expressing an opinion which they repudiate. I made no quotation; I gave the substance of what a friend of mine told me these players had said to him when at Machrihanish last year. In conclusion, I would like to say I did not intend to set up one country against another. I am a member of both Scotch and English clubs, and I think both countries ought to go hand in hand in keeping up the prestige of the "Royal and Ancient" game. Apologising for trespassing on your valuable space.

I am, Sir, &c.,
SCOTCHMAN.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I do not think that "Golfers" of either sex "over the Border" will thank a "Scotchman" for his letter in your issue of the 15th inst., especially after seeing your editorial note. I think we are justified in calling Lady Margaret Scott the "Champion Lady Golfer," and not the "English" Champion, as the cup was subscribed for by ladies' clubs in England, Scotland, and Ireland; St. Andrews having sent one of the handsomest donations. Representatives from this club were also sent to all the preliminary meetings of the Union, but they finally decided to "delay joining on account of the unsettled tenure of their green," but Mr. H. S. C. Everard accepted the office of vice-president. The secretaries of North Berwick and Leven have both sent courteous letters asking for particulars and expressing hopes of joining, and no doubt, when one of the leading clubs becomes associated, others will follow. No one doubts that Scotland possesses many lady Golfers of the first class, who may be assured of a hearty welcome when they do enter for the Championship.

I am, Sir, &c.,
ISSETTE PEARSON,
Hon. Sec. Ladies' Golf Union.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. C.—(1.) It is usually a question of the most convenient arrangement, but ordinarily, the captain is the best authority to select teams. (2.) Teams should keep their appointment at all hazards, unless an understanding has been previously arrived at, or communication can be made by telegraph on the day of the competition. It does not necessarily follow, even in our climate, that rain is falling simultaneously at two distant places. (3.) Yes.

IRVINE.—The final tie in the foursome handicap competition, under the auspices of the Irvine Golf Club, was played off on Saturday, June 23rd. The competitors left to play the final tie, out of a total of thirty-six in the first round, were Messrs. David Baird and William Connor against Messrs. James Black and D. A. Gilmore. Messrs. Black and Gilmore won by 5 up and 4 to play.



BLACKHEATH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

A match was played at Blackheath against the Ashdown Forest Ladies on June 25th. The result was a win for the home team by 19 holes and 19 points:—

BLACKHEATH.		ASHDOWN.	
	Holes. Points.		Holes. Points.
Mrs. Mackern ...	8 + 2	Miss Birch ...	0
Mrs. Penrose ...	0	Miss Andrews ...	6 + 2
Mrs. Stubbs ...	0	Mrs. Stewart ...	3 + 2
Miss Wray ...	0	Mrs. E. Richardson ...	4 + 2
Miss Laird ...	12 + 2	Miss Parsons ...	0
Miss Farnall ...	3 + 2	Miss Richardson ...	0
Miss Loveless ...	0	Mrs. Russell ...	1 + 2
Mrs. Gibson ...	10 + 2	Mrs. J. Fisher... ..	0
	33 + 8		14 + 8

BRIGHTON AND HOVE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Three interesting contests have just taken place over the Dyke links of the Brighton and Hove Ladies' Club. On Saturday, 23rd inst., Mrs. Ryder Richardson brought over a team from Eastbourne. The following were the returns made:—

BRIGHTON AND HOVE.		MRS. RICHARDSON'S TEAM.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss Kenyon Stow ...	0	Miss Starkie Bence ...	0
Mrs. Sanderson ...	7	Miss M. C. Reid ...	0
Miss F. Kenyon Stow ...	1	Mrs. Ryder Richardson ...	0
Mrs. Barry ...	5	Miss Routledge ...	0
Miss Farnall ...	0	Miss Board ...	0
Mrs. Baker ...	2	Miss A. Routledge ...	0
Mrs. Shiffner ...	2	Miss Lambert ...	0
Mrs. Gordon Dill ...	3	Miss Rivett Carnac ...	0
	20		0

Foursomes:—

Miss Kenyon Stow and Mrs. Sanderson ...	0	Miss Starkie Bence and Miss M. C. Reid ...	1
Miss F. Kenyon Stow and Mrs. Barry ...	0	Mrs. Ryder Richardson and Miss Routledge ...	5
Miss Farnall and Mrs. Baker ...	0	Miss Board and Miss Routledge ...	0
Mrs. Shiffner and Mrs. Gordon Dill ...	4	Miss Lambert and Miss Rivett Carnac ...	0
	4		6

The Challenge Bowl.—Scoring was on the whole good in the quarterly competition of the ladies' club for the silver challenge bowl. Mrs. Ryder Richardson and Mrs. Barry tied with the score of 78, but the former was afterwards successful in winning the tie. The returns were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mrs. Ryder Richardson ...	85 7 78	Miss Starkie Bence ...	84 + 3 87
Mrs. Barry ...	92 14 78	Miss Kenyon Stow ...	88 scr. 83
Mrs. Gordon Dill ...	97 18 79	Mrs. Jennings ...	116 28 88
Mrs. Sanderson ...	85 5 80	Miss Walker ...	105 16 89
Miss M. Dowie ...	111 30 81	Miss Sanders ...	115 25 90
Miss Warner ...	108 22 86	Miss F. Kenyon Stow ...	99 5 94
Miss Hooper ...	115 28 87		

Nine Hole Competition.—The play for the bowl was followed by a nine hole competition for a prize presented by Mrs.

Creagh Osborne, the conditions being that the players were to use one club only. This also resulted in a tie, Mrs. Gordon Dill and Mrs. Baker both having returns of 37. This was played off, with the result that Mrs. Baker won by 1 stroke. About twenty played in the two competitions. Returns:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mrs. Baker...	45	8	37	Miss Warner ...	54	11	43
Mrs. Gordon Dill ...	46	9	37	Mr. Ryder Richard-			
Mrs. Barry ...	47	7	40	son ...	47	3½	43½
Mrs. Jennings ...	54	14	40	Mrs. Sanderson ...	46	2½	43½
Miss Kenyon Stow	42	scr.	42	Miss Walker ...	52	8	44
Miss F. Kenyon				Miss Starkie Bence	45+1½		46½
Stow ...	45	2½	42½				

CHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The open meeting as held on Friday and Saturday, June 22nd and 23rd. There was a fair muster of players on both days. The principal winners were Mr. G. H. Reynolds, whose defeat of the "Colonel" by 2 holes was a very good performance, as was also the score of 77 by Mr. John Ball, jun., on the second day.

First day, "Bogey" competition.—Mr. G. H. Reynolds (1), 2 up (won first prize and sweepstake); Mr. R. W. Shand (10), 2 down (won second prize and sweepstake); Rev. F. B. Pinhorn, (5), 3 down (won third prize and sweepstake); Mr. Horace Mayhew (3), 3 down; Capt. Chamier (3), 4 down; Mr. Holden (1), 4 down; Dr. Archer (4), 5 down; Capt. Sketton (12), 6 down; Mr. Swetenham (10), 7 down; Mr. N. Norris (11) 7 down; Mr. R. Wilkinson (8), 10 down; Mr. J. W. Ffoulkes (14), 10 down.

On Tuesday, the 26th, Mr. Hobday kindly offered a pair of silver-topped scent bottles to be played for by the Ladies of the club. It was a glorious day, and some very good scores were made. Mrs. Ould's score of 83, is the "record" of the ladies' course. The following returns were handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Miss May Rowley	85	12	73	Miss A. Rowley ...	99	15	84
†Mrs. Ould...	83	9	74	Miss C. Greenall ...	105	20	85
‡Miss K. Combe ...	85	6	79	Mrs. Archer ...	111	24	87
‡Mrs. Kendall ...	103	24	79	Miss Frost...	110	16	94
Mrs. Chambres ...	91	11	80	Mrs. James Frost ...	109	9	100
Miss F. Shand ...	100	18	82	Mrs. H. Jolliffe ...	126	24	102
Mrs. Swetenham ...	99	16	83				

* Won prize. † Won first sweepstake.
‡ Divided second sweepstake.

Several ladies failed to return their cards.

Second day:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			
*Rev. F. B. Pinhorn (Chester) ...	92	8	84
†Mr. R. T. Richardson (Chester) ...	93	7	86
‡Mr. John Ball, jun. (Chester) ...	77+10		87
§Mr. D. Ball (Chester) ...	85	+3	88
Mr. C. H. Wolf (Bowdon) ...	96	8	88
Mr. F. A. Peckworth (Wallasey) ...	94	4	90
Mr. H. Holden (Bowdon) ...	92	1	91
Mr. G. H. Langley (Wilmslow) ...	99	7	92
Captain Chamier (West Lancashire) ...	97	4	93
Rev. G. E. King (Chester) ...	103	10	93
Mr. E. C. Kendall (Chester) ...	103	10	93
Captain Drury (Chester) ...	118	25	93
Dr. Archer (Chester) ...	100	6	94
Colonel Hutton (Chester) ...	113	18	95
Mr. Horace Mayhew (Chester) ...	99	3	96
Mr. James G. Frost (Chester) ...	106	9	97
Mr. J. W. Ffoulkes (Chester) ...	119	21	98
Mr. C. H. Smith (Chester) ...	109	8	101
Mr. J. S. Moreton (Eddisbury) ...	136	8	128

* First prize and sweepstake. † Second prize and sweepstake.
‡ Scratch gold medal and third sweepstake.
§ Second scratch silver medal.

Several players made no returns.

COPTHORNE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medals, played for on June 14th and 16th. Result:—Mr. Stanley Russell, 117, less 27=90 (winner of second medal); Mr. C. W. Nix, 100, less 9=91 (wins first medal and sweepstake); Mr. C. L. Reade, 97, less 5=92; Mr. J. F. Gordon, 105, less 10=95; Mr. H. G. Bateson, 109, less 14=

95; Mr. M. Drummond, 105, less 9=96; Mr. H. A. Hallett, 118, less 20=98.

Ladies' competitions.—For the medal three players tied with scores of 98 net. Mrs. Russell withdrew, and the medal was won by Miss M. C. Nix. Scores:—Miss M. C. Nix, 107, less 9=98; Mrs. Russell, 118, less 20=98; Mrs. Cole-Hamilton, 143, less 45=98; Mrs. Burnand, 139, less 40=99; Miss L. H. Nix, 123, less 12=111.

Brooch competition.—Played on June 7th:—Mrs. Burnand, 134, less 45=89; Mrs. Gordon, 132, less 40=92; Miss M. C. Nix, 108, less 9=99; Miss E. S. Reade, 126, less 25=101; Miss Reade, 111, less 9=102; Mrs. Russell, 123, less 20=103; Miss L. H. Nix, 122, less 12=110; Miss K. Laprimdaye, 137, less 20=117.

CHEADLE II. v. DISLEY II.

The return match was played over the Cheadle links on Saturday, 23rd June, with the following result:—

CHEADLE.		DISLEY.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. G. G. Campion ...	8	Mr. G. N. M. Cameron ...	0
Mr. G. E. Lund ...	0	Mr. H. Latham ...	4
Mr. C. Hopkinson ...	0	Mr. G. Hicks ...	1
Mr. T. Mellor ...	4	Mr. S. Thackeray ...	0
Rev. J. W. Paull ...	0	Mr. P. Read ...	5
Mr. F. Beech ...	7	Dr. Murray ...	0
Mr. J. J. Brickhill ...	8	Mr. E. H. Fuller ...	0
Mr. H. Davies ...	0	Mr. G. F. Schofield ...	6
	27		16

DURHAM v. CLEVELAND.

Played at Durham, Friday, June 21st.

DURHAM.		CLEVELAND.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Dr. Treadwell ...	4	Mr. S. Cradock ...	0
Dr. Robson ...	0	Mr. J. F. W. Nitwell ...	0
Dr. Hill ...	0	Mr. H. Roberts ...	0
Mr. J. Duncanson ...	2	Dr. Mackinlay ...	0
Mr. Alan Hutchinson ...	0	Mr. C. D. Mackenzie ...	1
Dr. Barron ...	0	Mr. A. McKinlay ...	4
Mr. G. F. Charlton ...	10	Mr. F. J. March ...	0
Rev. A. Robertson ...	5	Mr. R. Robson ...	0
Rev. E. Adams ...	4	Mr. H. Smurthwaite ...	0
Mr. F. W. Cluff ...	10	Mr. J. W. Kyle ...	0
	35		5

Majority for Durham, 30 holes.

ELTHAM LADIES v. ROCHESTER.

A match was played at Eltham, on June 27th, between the above clubs, which resulted in a win for the home team. The matches were as follows:—

Singles.—

ELTHAM.		ROCHESTER.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss Hamilton ...	6	Miss L. Winch ...	0
Mrs. Keen ...	4	Mrs. Sealy ...	0
Mrs. Laird ...	11	Mrs. Budden ...	0
Mrs. Hedderwick ...	6	Miss Pound ...	0
Miss Richardson ...	0	Mrs. Anderson ...	1
Miss Hunter ...	2	Mrs. F. Knight ...	0
Mrs. Fraser ...	8	Miss F. E. Cobb ...	0
	37		1

Foursomes.—

ELTHAM.		ROCHESTER.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss Hamilton and Mrs. Keen	0	Miss L. Winch and Mrs. Sealy	0
Mrs. Laird and Mrs. Hedderwick...	2	Mrs. Budden and Mrs. Anderson ...	0
Miss Richardson and Miss Hunter ...	2	Miss Pound and Mrs. F. Knight ...	0
	4		0

FORFARSHIRE.

The monthly medal and prizes competition of the Scotsraig Club was held on Wednesday. The medal and first prize were won by Dr. Orr, with a score of 87, less 4=83. The second and third prizes were tied for by Mr. A. S. Melville, 88, less 4=84; and Mr. W. Hogg, 86, less 2=84. The next best cards handed in were:—Mr. A. S. Thomson (scratch), 85; Mr. James Matthew, 99, less 14=85; Mr. James Robertson, 98, less 12=86; Mr. Alexander Jack, 89, less 2=87; Mr. Arthur Mills, 105, less 18=87; Mr. J. Inch, 102, less 12=90; Mr. R. L. Baxter, 103, less 12=91; Mr. James Keddie, 105, less 14=91; Mr. David White, 112, less 18=94; Mr. John Ireland, 115, less 18=97; Mr. Thomas Waldrim, 114, less 16=98; Mr. George Scrymgeour, 114, less 16=98; Mr. James Smith, 112, less 13=99.

The monthly competition for the medals and bangle in connection with the Montrose Ladies' Club, was held on the ladies' links on Thursday afternoon, in fine weather. There was a large attendance of competitors and visitors. The gold medal was tied for by Miss Watson and Miss Anna Woodward, with 117 for the two rounds, and the bangle for the lowest single round score was also tied for by Miss Watson and Mrs. Smyth. On playing a single round to decide the ties, Miss A. Woodward won the gold medal, with the score of 60, and Miss Watson the silver medal with 61, while Mrs. Smyth, having 58, won the bangle. The next best scores for the double round were:—Miss G. More-Gordon, 119; Miss M. Smith, 120; Mrs. Smith, 121; Mrs. Muir, 123; Miss Burness, 124; Miss L. Burness, 126; and Miss Jessie Smith, 128. During the afternoon, the band of the Forfar and Kincardine Militia Artillery played selections of instrumental music in front of the tea tent. Considerable progress has been made with the ladies' clubhouse on the links, and it is expected that it will be ready for occupancy before the three days' annual tournament in August.

The play in the competition for the silver cup presented by the Dalhousie Golf Club to the Carnoustie and Taymouth, on the attainment of the jubilee of the latter club, which has been in progress for some time, is drawing to a close.

First Round.—Mr. A. E. Gray (12) scratched to Mr. William Smith (2); Mr. James Murray (13) beat Mr. John Walker (10) by 7 and 6 to play; Mr. David Ramsay, sen. (9), beat Mr. Tom Jamieson (2) by 3 and 2 to play; Mr. George Fox, sen. (9), scratched to Mr. Tom Smith (12); Mr. Andrew Simpson (2) beat Mr. William Simpson (10) by 7 and 6 to play; Mr. Alexander Boyle (5) scratched to Mr. Robert Myles (10); Mr. A. T. Low (18) scratched to Mr. Alex. Nairn (8); Dr. H. Thomson (2) scratched to Mr. Alex. Smith (4); Mr. James Boyle (4) scratched to Mr. David Bell (4); Mr. W. H. Bryce (2) scratched to Mr. John Butchart (4); Mr. George Trickett (9) beat Mr. David Kidd (7) by 5 and 4 to play; Mr. James Hogg (2) beat Mr. James Stewart (5) by 2.

Second Round.—Mr. James Ogilvy (4) beat Mr. Andrew Ramsay (16) by 1; Mr. R. G. Bryce (4) scratched to Mr. A. Cant (2); Mr. Charles Thomson (6) scratched to Mr. John M'Andrew (2); Mr. Joseph Wood (9) beat Mr. John Butchart (4) by 2; Mr. Robert Rutherford (9) beat Mr. William White (6) by 3, after a tie; Mr. D. Robb (9) beat Mr. John Fox (3) by 4 and 3 to play; Mr. George Fox, jun. (3), scratched to Mr. Robert Myles (10); Mr. D. Ramsay, jun. (3), beat Mr. William Myles (9) by 3 and 1 to play; Mr. James Webster (16) beat Mr. George Whitton (11) by 2 and 1 to play; Mr. George Davidson (10) beat Mr. Archie Rae (4) by 1; Mr. G. A. Low (2) beat Mr. Alexander Nairn (8) by 1; Mr. William Hogg (12) beat Mr. John Ramsay (4) by 6 and 5 to play; Mr. David Winter (2) beat Mr. Alex. Hogg (9) by 2; Mr. D. Smith (2) scratched to Mr. George Trickett (9); Mr. John Lamb (4) scratched to Mr. D. B. Hampton (18); Mr. Robert Scott (scratch) beat Mr. John F. Kidd (9) by 2 and 1 to play; Mr. William Yool (13) beat Mr. Charles Kydd (2) by 6 and 4 to play; Mr. D. Sellars (18) scratched to Mr. George Ogilvie (11); Mr. D. Ramsay, sen. (9), beat Mr. D. Shepherd (scratch) by 5 and 4 to play; Mr. John Fyffe (2) beat Mr. James Saddler (13) by 4 and 3 to play; Mr. John Boyle (9) beat Mr. George White (6) by 2; Mr. Tom Mill (14) beat Mr. James Kydd

(scratch) by 1; Mr. John Dewars (11) scratched to Mr. James Simpson (scratch); Mr. D. Scott (9) scratched to Mr. James Hogg (2); Mr. Tom Smith (12) beat Mr. R. Ferrier (scratch) by 2 and 1 to play; Mr. John Ogilvie (16) beat Mr. David Boyle (8) by 2; Mr. William Harris (6) scratched to Mr. Tom Japp (4); Mr. William Laing (11) beat Mr. William Ramsay (10) by 5 and 4 to play; Mr. C. Butchart (5) scratched to Mr. Alexander Smith (4); Lieutenant Macfarlane (scratch) scratched to Mr. D. Bell (4); Mr. James Murray (13) beat Mr. W. Smith (2) by 3 and 2 to play; Mr. A. Simpson (2) beat Mr. James Ne-s (7) by 5 and 4 to play.

Third Round.—Mr. James Ogilvie (4) beat Mr. A. Cant (2) by 1; Mr. J. M'Andrew (2) scratched to Mr. Joseph Wood (9); Mr. D. Robb (9) beat Mr. R. Rutherford (9) by 1; Mr. Robert Myles (10) beat Mr. D. Ramsay, jun. (3), by 7 and 5 to play; Mr. George Davidson (10) beat Mr. James Webster (16) by 3; Mr. William Hogg (12) beat Mr. G. A. Low (2) by 5 and 4 to play; Mr. George Trickett (9) beat Mr. D. Winter (2) by 1; Mr. D. B. Hampton (18) scratched to Mr. Robert Scott (scratch); Mr. G. Ogilvie (11) beat Mr. William Yool (13) by 1; Mr. D. Ramsay, sen. (9), beat Mr. John Fyffe (2) by 7 and 6 to play; Mr. Thomas Mill (14) beat Mr. John Boyle (9) by 1; Mr. James Simpson (scratch) beat Mr. James Hogg (2) by 7 and 6 to play; Mr. Thomas Smith (12) beat Mr. J. Ogilvie (16) by 4 and 3 to play; Mr. William Laing (11) beat Mr. Thomas Japp (4) by 5 and 4 to play; Mr. A. Smith (4) beat Mr. D. Bell (4) by 3 and 2 to play; Mr. A. Simpson (2) beat Mr. James Murray (13) by 6 and 5 to play.

A competition by foursomes in the three classes of the Monifieth Club, for prizes presented by Mr. David Anderson, the captain, is in progress.

The first heat resulted:—First class, Messrs. W. Hutcheson and John Pearson beat Messrs. J. R. Fairweather and Alex. Hutcheson; Messrs. George Pearson and Alex. Moir beat Messrs. Wm. Lorimer and Robert Steven; Mr. D. L. Low and Capt. Hunter beat Messrs. David Dempster and John Ireland; Messrs. James Young and David Hutcheson beat Messrs. Wm. Young and Charles Duncan; Messrs. John Hendry and Wm. Drimmie beat Messrs. J. C. Burns and Wm. Donaldson. Second class, Messrs. George Fairweather and S. Wybrants beat Messrs. T. E. Suttie and Wm. Wilson; Messrs. Douglas Fox and D. K. Drimmie beat Messrs. Andrew Walker and David Hanton; Messrs. David Pearson and David Whyte beat Messrs. W. K. Lorimer and Alex. Bowman; Messrs. Alex. Johnston and Walter Livie beat Messrs. Wm. Fox and Edward Brown; Messrs. David Anderson and Robert Christie beat Messrs. R. D. Smith and Harry Brown. Third class, Messrs. David Scott and George J. Tarbet beat Messrs. D. Donaldson and Wm. Chalmers.

Second Heat.—First class, Messrs. T. Brimer and A. Osler beat Messrs. G. Wright and H. Christie; Messrs. W. Hutcheson and J. Pearson beat Messrs. G. Pearson and A. Moir; Messrs. D. L. Low and W. Hunter beat Messrs. F. A. Begg and D. Anderson; Messrs. J. Hendry and W. Drimmie beat Messrs. J. Young and D. Hutcheson. Second class, Messrs. G. Davidson and R. Grossart *v.* Messrs. W. T. Baillie and W. Malcolm to play; Messrs. G. Fairweather and S. Wybrants beat Messrs. A. Miller and W. Lownie; Messrs. D. Fox and D. K. Drimmie beat Messrs. D. Pearson and D. White; Messrs. D. Anderson (Dundee) and R. Christie scratched to Messrs. A. Johnston and W. Livie. Third class, Messrs. J. Watson and C. A. Gittings beat Messrs. J. M. Low and G. Anderson; Messrs. J. Ross and T. Sturrock beat Messrs. T. Douglas and W. Angus; Messrs. R. Locke and W. Adie beat Messrs. A. Bell and J. B. Briggs; Messrs. D. Scott and G. J. Tarbet beat Messrs. C. C. Gittings and W. Gray.

Semi-Final.—First class, Messrs. Hendry and Drimmie beat Messrs. Low and Hunter by 2; Messrs. Hutcheson and Pearson beat Messrs. Brimer and Osler by 1 at the twenty-first hole.

A match between teams representing the Fettercairn and Brechin clubs was played on the picturesquely-situated green of the former club on Wednesday afternoon. The weather was

fine, and the match resulted in a victory for Brechin by 8 holes. The following is the detailed score:—

FETTERCAIRN.		BRECHIN.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. Thow ...	2	Mr. Wilson ...	0
Mr. James Murray ...	3	Mr. J. Chalmers ...	0
Lieut. Gairdner ...	6	Mr. P. H. Gordon ...	0
Lieut. Gammell ...	0	Mr. J. Duke ...	7
Captain Hughes ...	0	Mr. C. Scroggie ...	5
Mr. A. Middleton ...	0	Mr. Laird ...	2
Mr. R. Murray ...	0	Provost Vallentine ...	1
Mr. J. J. Murray ...	0	Mr. J. Murray ...	9
Rev. A. Belcher ...	5	Mr. J. Cleft ...	0
Rev. Mr. M'Millan ...	0	Mr. J. Mackie, jun. ...	1
Mr. C. R. Murray ...	1	Mr. J. M'Donald ...	0
	17		26

HUDDERSFIELD GOLF CLUB.

Ladies' monthly medal. This medal was played for on Wednesday last, when seven entered, and the following returns were made:—Miss E. G. Walker, 90, less 10=80; Miss F. M. Kenyon, 94, less 14=80; Mrs. T. E. Hirst, 102, less 18=84; Mrs. C. B. Knight, 99, less 11=88.

LUFFNESS GOLF CLUB.

The members of this club competed on the 26th at Luffness for the handicap medal and a number of handicap prizes. There was a fairly good muster of the club, and the weather was delightful. Much has recently been done to get the course into order, with the result that the green was in capital playing condition. Owing to the dry weather, putting was rather difficult, and the scores were higher than usual on this account. Mr. J. Lees, Edinburgh, and Mr. J. J. W. Lamb, Aberlady; Mr. J. Richardson, Musselburgh, and Mr. J. Wyber, Musselburgh; Mr. H. D. Alexander, Edinburgh, and Mr. C. Lamb, Cockenzie; Dr. Alexander, Edinburgh, and Rev. W. Proudfoot, Haddington; Mr. A. M. Miller, Edinburgh, and Mr. A. Stevens, Edinburgh; Mr. J. G. Croal, Haddington, and Dr. Gray, Musselburgh; Mr. M. M'Neill, Haddington, a bye. One round decided the competition, and the prize-winners were as under:—Mr. M. M'Neill, 91, less 14=77; Mr. C. Lamb, 97, less 18=79; Mr. H. D. Alexander, 94, less 14=80; Mr. J. G. Croal, 85, less 3=82; Mr. J. Richardson, 96, less 10=86; Mr. A. M. Miller, 97, less 8=89; Mr. A. Stevens, 95, less 5=90; Dr. Gray, 92, less 2=90. The afternoon was devoted to match playing.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

LADIES' TOURNAMENT.

A tournament by match play for a prize presented by the Misses Lythgoe, of St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, to the lady subscribers of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club, was completed on Saturday, June 23rd, on the ladies' links at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea. The handicap and play were as follows:—

First round.—Mrs. F. W. Catterall, St. Anne's (9), a bye; Mrs. Brown, St. Anne's (scratch), a bye; Miss Hargreaves, St. Anne's (18), a bye; Miss Smith, Bolton (16) beat Miss M. Salt, Lytham (13); Miss E. Terry, St. Anne's (3) beat Mrs. Eason, Lytham (4); Mrs. Miller, Singleton Park (7) beat Mrs. G. Parkinson, St. Anne's (13); Mrs. Stewart, Lancaster (10), scratched to Mrs. J. B. Parkinson, Cheadle, Manchester (18); Miss E. H. Salt, Lytham (15) beat Mrs. Harrison, St. Anne's (15).

Second round.—Mrs. Brown (scratch) beat Mrs. F. W. Catterall (9); Miss Smith (16) beat Miss Hargreaves (18); Miss E. Terry (3), scratched to Mrs. Miller (7); Miss E. H. Salt (15) scratched to Mrs. J. B. Parkinson (18).

Semi-final.—Miss Smith (16) beat Mrs. Brown (scratch); Mrs. Miller (7) beat Mrs. J. B. Parkinson (18).

Final.—Miss Smith (16) beat Mrs. Miller (7), and won.

Fine weather favoured the ladies each day of the tournament play.

MARPLE GOLF CLUB.

The Hill foursome challenge putters were again played for on these links last Thursday, when Messrs. G. Sherwin and A. Cresswell met the holders, Messrs. C. H. Roth and J. Tattersall, who, however, still retain the putters by winning the match, 4 holes up and 3 to play.

NEEDLES GOLF CLUB.

Monthly competition, June 27th. Lieut. Easton, 108, less 36=72; Mr. G. Pickering, 109, less 30=79; Dr. Hands, 104, less 23=81; Lieut. Musgrave, 113, less 30=83; Mr. J. Scully, 117, less 27=90; Mr. J. Dover, 114, less 22=92. The rest were over 100 net.

NORTH BERWICK GOLF CLUB.

Mr. J. E. Laidlay, who has been paying a brief visit to North Berwick, had a round on Wednesday forenoon with Mr. A. M. Ross. The latter started finely, securing Pointgarry in 4 to 5 by his opponent. After halving the next hole, Mr. Ross increased his initial lead to two at the Dyke. Subsequently the play ruled good and close, and at the turn Mr. Laidlay was level with his opponent. The Quarry-in fell to Mr. Ross, who again stood 1 up; but he lost this advantage at the Pit, where he struck the dyke in approaching. Two halves followed, and accordingly the game was now in the interesting position of all square and 4 to play. On proceeding to the Redan Mr. Laidlay bunkered from the tee to the left of the green, whilst Mr. Ross was on the table. The former made a splendid recovery, however, and all but secured a half of the hole, Mr. Ross getting down a fair putt for a faultless 3. Mr. Laidlay was now 1 down with 3 to play but he made the match again level at the Gate, where he had the finer approach, Mr. Ross being short of the green. On driving for Pointgarry-in Mr. Ross had the advantage, Mr. Laidlay having half-topped his tee shot. The second shot of the former was similarly faulty, however, and Mr. Laidlay ultimately won the hole and stood dormy. A half in 4 at the home hole finished the match in favour of Mr. Laidlay by a hole. The play on each side was very fine. On the previous night Mr. Laidlay had an interesting tussle with Ben Sayers. Ben assumed the lead early in the outward half, and was as many as 3 holes ahead at the Far Bent. This advantage Mr. Laidlay reduced to 1 at the end hole, and followed by winning the first two holes home. Ben, however, made the match all square at the High Bent. The succeeding two holes fell to his opponent, and at Pointgarry-in Mr. Laidlay stood dormy. The professional had the better approach at the home hole, and looked like halving the match at this point; but Mr. Laidlay proved equal to the occasion, holing a fairly long putt for a half, and winning the match by a hole.

NOTTS v. LINCOLN.

A match between these clubs was played on Bulwell Forest on the 21st ult., when Notts won by 57 holes.

NOTTS.		LINCOLN.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. J. Hall ...	6	Rev. W. N. Usher ...	0
Mr. J. C. Warren (captain) ...	8	Mr. H. N. Sutton (capt.) ...	0
Mr. J. McMeeking ...	5	Mr. W. T. Toynebee ...	0
Mr. A. N. Bronley ...	4	Mr. F. W. Hutton ...	0
Mr. J. Doleman ...	4	Mr. A. F. Fellowes ...	0
Mr. J. Bowes ...	5	Captain Harvey ...	0
Rev. A. C. Beckton ...	9	Mr. E. H. Edwardes ...	0
Mr. D. Crawford ...	8	Mr. C. Dolphin ...	0
Mr. C. S. Wardle ...	8	Mr. E. M. Cox ...	0
	57		0

PROFESSIONAL COMPETITION AT DIDSBURY.

On Saturday, June 23rd, a professional competition took place on the ground of the Didsbury Club. A good deal of interest attached to the meeting on account of its being the first large gathering of the kind in the neighbourhood of Manchester, and also as the invitations were restricted to professionals connected with greens in and around Manchester, thus showing the great strides which the game has made in this district. The Didsbury Golf Club deserves much credit for initiating such a meeting, and is to be congratulated on its complete success. Now that a start has been made, it is hoped that other clubs will, at reasonable intervals, follow the example. Prizes to the value of £10 were given, and the expenses of the unsuccessful competitors were also defrayed. The arrangements made by the committee were in every way admirable. Fortunately the weather proved very favourable,

with the exception of a little wind, which gave trouble in some of the drives. The game was thirty-six holes (four rounds of the green), and there were four prizes. H. Vardon, of Bury, won somewhat easily, his success, however, being greatly helped by a magnificent 34 for his first round; it was perfect Golf from beginning to end. The next best single round was returned by Peter Thomson, of Oldham, viz., 37. Vardon, owing to the excellent position which he achieved at the late Championship meeting at Sandwich, and at the subsequent meeting at Deal, attracted the most attention, and those who followed him were treated to a grand display of Golf. He plays in a beautiful, free, easy manner, and drives a remarkably straight ball. His cleek play on Saturday was particularly good, and the manner in which he got out of difficulties was an education in Golf. Robert Meiklejohn, of Heaton Moor, won the second prize, and seeing he is only nineteen years of age, and has, therefore, not had much experience in such matches, he is to be heartily congratulated on his success. He played a strong and, at times, brilliant game, and we would predict a successful future for him in his profession. The third place was secured by J. P'Anson, of Handforth, who played a sound, steady game; and the fourth prize, given for the lowest score for the second eighteen holes, was won by Peter Thomson, of Oldham. Undernoted is complete list of players and scores, and the names of clubs to which they are attached:—

	1st Rnd.	2nd Rnd.	3rd Rnd.	4th Rnd.	Tl.
H. Vardon, Bury	34	38	39	41	152
R. Meiklejohn, Heaton Moor	38	42	38	43	161
J. P'Anson, Handforth	41	43	38	42	164
P. Thomson, Oldham	42	46	40	37	165
G. Strath, N. Manchester	43	42	44	38	167
E. Cobbe, Rochdale	44	42	42	43	171
W. Kirk, Cheadle	46	42	42	43	173
T. Gourlay, Didsbury	41	42	42	48	173
F. K. Weir, Bowdon	46	45	43	40	174
J. Macgregor, Timperley	45	44	44	45	178
J. Rathbone, Wilmslow	49	48	41	43	181

Vardon's four rounds were—4 3 4 3 4 4 5 3=34
 5 5 3 4 3 5 5 3=38
 5 4 3 5 3 5 4 6 4=39
 5 4 4 5 4 4 7 4 4=41

Thomson's round of 37 was—4 4 4 4 4 5 4 5 3=37

RAYNES PARK CLUB.

The inaugural meeting of this club took place on Saturday, June 23rd, when a field of some 130 members turned out to do battle for a silver cleek, given by the club, a captain's prize, given by Mr. Ernest Field, and a "long handicap" prize, given by Mr. Robert Browne. The scores annexed show the winners and runners-up, and the veil of oblivion is mercifully drawn over the cards of the odd hundred or so who were not "on their game."

The committee have spared no trouble or expense to make this course undoubtedly one of the very best near town, and it is certainly one of the most accessible, only one station beyond Wimbledon, and five minutes from station to tee. The course is very sporting, and wonder of wonders for "park" Golf. There are no trees to be driven over, good, honest built-up bunkers being liberally sprinkled between brooks and ponds. The turf throughout is of excellent quality—indeed, so good that many of the competitors took large samples of it, presumably to excite the envy of members of other greens, or to frame as records of their prowess.

The winner of the captain's prize, Mr. Walter Carr, handed in the excellent score of 88, which might have been a stroke or two better but for the roughness of one or two of the greens, notably the tenth, eleventh, and fifteenth; but where so much has been done in so short a time it is almost hypercriticism to find fault.

Mr. H. Lawford, the well-known "six-rounds-a-day" player from Wimbledon, was round in 90—a most creditable performance, largely due to his deadly precision on the green, where he demonstrates the invincible qualities of his invention, the "pendulum putter."

One of the features of the day was the round played by the captain of the club, Mr. Ernest Field, and the Captain of the *Pinafore*, the latter being naturally rather "at sea" on shore, and only reaching port in 103, with perfect equanimity, the

score of his opponent not being put in owing to an occasional visit to a bunker (sailors know what bunkers are, and avoid them), where he proved himself a worthy shipmate for the captain by never—well, hardly ever—using a big, big D!

Altogether the meeting was a pronounced success, and this latest addition to the requirements of Golfing London is distinctly an acquisition. Any information as to the club can be obtained from the courteous secretary (registered phrase), Mr. F. W. Baker, The Club House, Raynes Park.

Opening day, 23rd June, 1894. Returns, first division:—

Gross. Hcp. Net			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. T. G. Harkness	95	12	83	Mr. Stanley Scott...	104	12	92
Mr. H. Lawford ...	90	4	86	Mr. R. Barrington			
Mr. W. Carr ...	88	1	87	Fleet ...	103	10	93
Mr. H. H. Playford	90	3	87	Mr. R. Thomson ...	98	4	94
Mr. G. F. Wallis				Mr. C. J. Blackburn	106	11	95
Adams ...	97	10	87	Mr. S. D. Tait ...	110	15	95
Mr. H. L. Foster ...	101	14	87	Mr. E. Field ...	100	4	96
Mr. E. Chetwynd				Mr. F. A. Lyall ...	117	18	99
Stapylton ...	103	15	88	Mr. E. G. Whitehead	115	16	99
Mr. R. Lawson ...	93	3	90	Mr. H. Jenkins ...	117	18	99
Mr. H. R. Morrison	100	10	90	Mr. Neville Camp-			
Mr. W. E. Oliver ...	94	4	90	bell ...	110	10	100
Mr. H. W. Horne...	99	8	91	Mr. W. A. Glanville	121	18	103

Winner of captain's prize, Mr. Walter Carr—best scratch score, 88.

Winner of club prize, Mr. T. G. Harkness—best net score, 95, less 12=83.

Second division:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. H. A. Perkin ...	110	30	80	Mr. G. Winslow ...	117	20	97
Mr. G. M. Burd ...	108	24	84	Mr. H. P. Winslow	122	25	97
Mr. G. E. Gush ...	110	24	86	Mr. H. R. Spens ...	122	20	102
Mr. G. E. Midgley-				Mr. G. M. Lawford	145	36	109
Taylor ...	112	20	92	Mr. G. McGregor			
Mr. J. W. Mullen...	119	26	93	Frame ...	143	24	119

Winner of Robert Browne's prize, Mr. H. A. Perkin, 110, less 30=80.

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.

The following cards were returned in the scratch competition at Earlswood on June 23rd for the midsummer medal:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. H. D. Tucker	91	17	74	Mr. F. C. Milford...	89	6	83
*Mr. E. L. Bal-				Mr. C. Wilkinson ...	101	18	83
combe ...	87	9	78	*Mr. J. F. Gordon	99	13	86
*Mr. C. G. Hall ...	97	18	79	*Mr. L. Horner ...	89	2	87
*Mr. C. L. Reade ...	86	4	82	Mr. E. S. McEuen	94	6	88

The cards marked * count in for the silver iron and aggregate handicap prize.

We also record the undermentioned results in recent competitions:—The president's badge (scratch) was tied for by Messrs. F. S. Ireland and C. L. Reade with 85 each, on May 27th, Mr. F. P. Browne on the same day handing in a score of 93, less 13=80, for the silver iron; the June club monthly medal was won by Mr. C. H. Trew, who was 3 down against "Bogey," another player, however, who through inadvertence omitted to return his card, finished all even.

ROYAL NAVAL GOLF CLUB, BERMUDA.

A golf club has been formed at the Naval Station, Ireland Island, Bermuda. The game has caught on amongst the officers of the establishment, and of the ships which come there in the course of their service on the North American and West Indian Stations.

The course lies over Moresby's Plain and Glacis towards the Signal Station. It consists of seven holes, and is about as bad a place as it is possible to play Golf over.

Rocks and stones abound, and not always merely where they would be useful as hazards. The hole-cutter has to be made toothed like a saw to cut its way through the coral formation immediately beneath the surface. But in spite of all this the game will be a success, and so many, both ladies and gentlemen, are joining, that great improvements will soon be seen, and decent golf, a pleasant surprise to all visitors.

To Commander Stuart, H.M.S. *Mohawk*, is due the credit of introducing and succeeding in establishing the game. He began in December last and laid off a course in this desolate waste, and by dogged perseverance, at last produced that

interest in others which has led to the formation of the Royal Naval Golf Club, and has earned the gratitude of all naval golfers on the station.

Commander Stuart as his name shows, is of Scottish descent though Portrush is his home links.

Dr. Thos. Browne, R.N., has been elected the first captain of the club.

ROYAL COUNTY GOLF CLUB, PORTRUSH.

The midsummer competitions at Portrush concluded on the 26th ult. In the previous week the final for the annual club cup was played, and the trophy was won by Mr. J. S. Exham. A series of events took place on Saturday, beginning with the monthly competition for the Northern Counties Railway Hotel cup, which is open to members of any recognised Golf club, and which was won (together with a handsome memento) by Mr. R. A. Richardson, with a score of 102, less 26=76. There were numerous entries for the annual open score competition for ladies, and the first prize was carried off by Mrs. J. M. Russell, with the remarkably fine score of 82 gross, the lowest made in any competition on the present arrangement of the holes. A most praiseworthy score was also returned by Miss E. Brownrigg, the winner of the second prize:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mrs. Russell	82	11	71	Miss Adair	96	14	82
Miss E. Brownrigg	84	12	72	Miss G. Brownrigg	100	16	84
Miss K. Martin	95	20	75	Mrs. Hamilton	103	18	85
Mrs. Hezlet	97	18	79	Miss Hezlet	99	14	85
Miss Exham	106	25	81	Miss Cox	92	5	87
Miss M. Massey	108	27	81	Miss M. Hezlet	103	16	87
Miss Merrick	97	16	81	Miss E. Carter	99	6	93
Miss Bolton	104	23	81	Miss M. Eachrin	112	15	97
Miss C. Adair	86	5	81	Miss Campbell	118	20	98

A putting competition between twelve ladies and an equal number of gentlemen, both picked teams, was held on the home green of the long course, the sterner sex being the winners by 7 up. For the first competition for the silver cup presented to the Ladies' Branch of the club by Mrs. Magill, twenty-seven players entered. The event was by holes, and the cup was secured by Miss Hezlet, Aghadowey, the runner-up being Miss G. Brownrigg, Portrush.

On Monday the winners in the ladies' monthly competitions for the last twelve months played for the final possession of the annual club prize. Miss Ella Hamilton, Belfast, returned a score of 88, less 12=76, and became the winner. The next best scores were those of Miss Cox, 83, less 5=78, and Mrs. Russell, 86, less 5=81.

On Saturday evening the usual general meeting of the Ladies' Branch was held in the ladies' club-house, Mrs. Magill, the outgoing captain, presiding. A report for the past year was read by Mrs. Mann, hon. secretary, showing the branch to be in an exceedingly flourishing position. Mrs. Magill nominated to the captaincy for the year 1894-95 Mrs. Adair, Glenavon, Cookstown, whose name was enthusiastically received. In the unavoidable absence of his wife, Mr. Hugh Adair, J.P., captain of the Royal County Golf Club, returned thanks to the ladies for the honour they had conferred on Mrs. Adair. The following committee of management was elected:—Mrs. Magill, Mrs. Adair, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Mann, Miss Patrick, Miss Cox, Miss A. Hamilton, Miss L. M'Keown, Miss Grimshaw, and Mrs. Hezlet, Mrs. Mann to act as secretary and Miss Cox as treasurer.

ST. ANDREW'S CLUB JUBILEE CUP.—The semi-final was finished on Wednesday night. The two matches were Messrs. P. C. Anderson v. James Anderson and Alexander Strath v. J. Davidson. In the former match Mr. James Anderson had the best of the play on the outward journey, but the ex-Champion played a strong game coming home, and won at the Corner of the Dyke by 3 up and 2 to play. In the second match Mr. Strath played a splendid game during the first half, and won five holes out of the first six from Mr. Davidson. His score out was 37, consisting of 3 5 3 4 5 4 5 4 4. Homeward, Mr. Davidson made all the running, and had his opponent's lead reduced to 1 at the Burn. The home hole was halved, Mr. Strath thus winning the match by 1. The final will be between Messrs. Strath and P. C. Anderson for the custody of the cup.

ST. GEORGE'S GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, June 22nd:—Sir B. Edwards, 97, less 16=81; Mr. R. F. Denniston, 94, less 9=85; Mr. W. Gay, 95, less 9=86; Mr. E. M. Protheroe, 103, less 10=93; Mr. G. A. Macmillan, 114, less 18=96; Mr. M. Tomson, 104, less 7=97. Other members made no return, or their scores were over 100.

WEST DORSET GOLF CLUB.

A very close match was played between the Clergy and Laity of this club on June 21st, the former winning by 1 hole only.

CLERGY.		Holes.	LAITY.		Holes.
Rev. F. W. Crick	...	0	Mr. J. T. Stephens	...	2
Rev. J. L. Templer	...	2	Mr. J. Gundry	...	0
Rev. St. J. Methuen	...	0	Mr. J. A. Stephens	...	1
Rev. Gordon Wickham	...	7	Mr. A. W. Temple	...	0
Rev. C. Ll. Sanctuary	...	0	Mr. R. Tucker	...	5
		9			8

The return match between the West Dorset and the Lyme Regis Clubs was played on the links at West Bay on June 27th, the former winning by 20 holes.

WEST DORSET.		Holes.	LYME REGIS.		Holes.
Rev. F. W. Crick	...	0	Mr. B. Harvey	...	7
Rev. J. L. Templer	...	3	Mr. A. Wauchope	...	0
Mr. J. T. Stephens	...	5	Mr. T. B. Blathwayt	...	0
Mr. J. Gundry	...	5	Mr. W. M. Wynch	...	0
Rev. St. J. Methuen	...	6	Rev. S. W. Thettlewell	...	0
Mr. F. B. Maunsell	...	8	Rev. P. A. C. Ellis	...	0
		27			7

WINDERMERE GOLF CLUB.

The third of the season's ladies' monthly competitions took place on Wednesday last in glorious weather. Course one round, eighteen holes. The competition was medal play, under handicap, and Miss Kate Dobson won the monthly memento, and also a place in the final competition, to be played in October, for a cup kindly presented by the captain, Mr. T. D. Lingard. The following are the scores of the six cards returned:—Miss Kate Dobson, 132, less 10=122; Miss Lucy Rigg, 145, less 20=125; Mrs. Bowler, 159, less 20=139; Miss Logan, 180, less 25=155; Miss S. Hamilton, 169, less 10=159; Miss Hamilton, 187, less 25=162.

EDINBURGH LICENSED VICTUALERS' GOLF CLUB.—This club held their summer competition at Gullane on June 26th, when over fifty started from the tee. The greens were in perfect condition, the only drawback being the extreme heat. The competition was for the Omand trophy and prizes presented by Captain M'Niven and Messrs. Morgan, Cruickshank, Doig, Caskey, and Fraser. On the cards being returned, the winner of the trophy was found to be Mr. A. Cruickshank, with a score of 98, less 10=88; the second, third, and fourth prizes were tied for by Messrs. J. Doig, with the excellent score of 80, plus 9=89; J. Young, 93, less 4=89; and R. Veitch, 97, less 8=89. Fifth prize, Mr. J. Brown, 88, plus 2=90.

HADDINGTON LADIES' CLUB.—A handicap competition of this club was held on the 26th at Clerkington. The first place was tied for by Mrs. Ferme, 73, and Miss C. Wannop, 77, less 4=73, and on the tie being played off the scores stood:—Miss C. Wannop, 78, less 4=74; and Mrs. Ferme (actual), 76. The best of the other scores were:—Miss M. Vetch, 78, less 4=74; Miss G. Main, 82, less 8=74; Miss E. Jeffrey, 89, less 10=79; Mrs. J. G. Croall (scratch), 87; Miss Wannop, 101, less 11=90; Miss J. Jeffrey, 97, less 7=90; Miss L. Vetch, 99, less 5=94; Miss Sheriff, 112, less 18=94; Miss Jeffrey, 100, less 3=97; Miss J. J. Howden, 116, less 11=105; Miss Cook, 136, less 16=120.

HAWICK.—There were twenty-two competitors at the Bombay medal competition, the best scores being:—Mr. Robert Thompson, 82, less 15=67; Mr. George P. Ross, 81, less 1=80; Mr. C. R. Ross, 94, less 12=82; Mr. Robert Hume, 99, less 17=82; Mr. J. Rennie, 94, less 10=84; Mr. Robert Stirling, 104, less 20=84; Mr. Peter Cruickshank, 85, plus 3=

88; Mr. J. S. Brown, 93, less 5=88; Mr. James Purves, 91, less 2=89; Mr. G. J. Smith, 109, less 19=90; Mr. John R. Purdom, 104, less 13=91; Mr. Tom Henderson, 99, less 7=92; Mr. R. Michie, 99, less 6=93; Mr. George M'Donald, 123, less 27=96; Mr. R. Pringle, 114, less 15=99; Mr. G. P. Ross's score is a record for the new course.

WIGTOWNSHIRE COUNTY CLUB.—The second of a series of monthly competitions in connection with this club took place on Wednesday on the links at Mains of Park, Glenluce. The weather was fine, but there was a smaller attendance of golfers than at the last monthly competition. The following were the scores handed in:—Mr. Andrew Wither (40), 98; Rev. J. B. Robertson, (scratch), 100; Rev. A. Duff-Watson (scratch), 105; Mr. Thomas Symington (27), 105; Sheriff Watson (30), 107; Mr. Alexander Storrar (7), 107; Dr. Cochrane (40), 126. Mr. Wither thus became the winner of the medal.

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