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JUNE.

June 16.—County Down : Club Monthly Handicap.
 Worlington : Monthly Medal.
 Minchinhampton : Medal Competition.
 West Middlesex : Medal Competition.
 Rochdale : Mr. Ben Schofield's Prize ; Captain's Cup.
 Gullane : Summer Meeting.
 Mid-Surrey (Gentlemen) : First and Second Class Senior Medal ; Monthly Medal.
 Rochdale Ladies : Monthly Medal.
 Rochester : Monthly Medal.
 Cinque Ports : A Professional Competition.
 Woodford : Quarterly Medal.
 Fleetwood : Monthly Medal.
 Preston : The Galloway Cup.
 North-West Club (Londonderry) : Ladies and Juveniles' Monthly Medal.
 Headingley : Monthly Medal.
 King's Norton : "Bogey" Competition for Captain's Prize.
 Royal Dublin : Monthly Medal.
 Wakefield : Monthly Medal.
 Glamorganshire : Club Cup.
 Southport : Captain's Prize and Summer Meeting.
 Sidcup : Monthly Medal (Second Class).
 Eltham : Monthly Medal.
 Beckenham : Monthly Medal.
 Ilkley : Christmas Cup.
 Seaton Carew : Club Cup.
 Disley : Mr. H. D. Tonge's Prize.
 Harrogate : Monthly Medal.
 Seaforth : Monthly Medal.
 Wimbledon Ladies : Monthly Medal.
 Sheffield and District : Captain's Cup.
 Sutton Coldfield : Monthly Medal.
 Cheadle v. Bowdon.

June 16.—Northwood : Monthly "Bogey" Competition.
 Formby : Monthly Subscription Prize.
 Southend-on-Sea : Monthly Medals.
 West Herts : Monthly Medal Handicaps (Final Meeting.)
 June 16 and following days.—Portrush : M'Calmont Cup ; Open Medal Competition, &c.
 June 18, 19 & 20.—Cinque Ports : Borough of Deal Challenge Cup.
 June 20.—Churston : Cup Competition.
 June 22 and 23.—Chester : Open Meeting.
 June 23.—Mortonhall : Summer Meeting.
 Morecambe and Heysham : Monthly Prize.
 Holmes Chapel v. Heaton Moor.
 Willesden : Monthly Medal.
 Kettering v. Loughborough.
 Rochester : Midsummer Challenge Medal.
 Falkirk Tryst : Monthly Competition.
 Redhill and Reigate : Midsummer Medal.
 June 21 & 22.—Littlehampton : Monthly Competition.
 June 23.—Preston : Six Medals.
 Headingley : Challenge Cup.
 Royal Dublin : Scratch Medal.
 Brighton and Hove : De Worms Challenge Cup.
 Buxton and High Peak : Midsummer Cup.
 Ilkley : Silver Putter.
 Edinburgh University : Club Medal and Prize (North Berwick).
 Sheffield and District : Single v. Married.
 Cheadle v. Disley.
 Tooting : Professional Match : Rolland, Taylor, H. Kirkaldy, and Sayers.
 June 26.—Warminster : Monthly Medal.
 Rochdale Ladies v. Eltham.
 Luffness : Club Handicap Medal.
 June 26 to 28.—West Herts : Amateur Open Competition
 June 27.—Falkirk Tryst : Monthly Competition.
 West Lancashire : Monthly Competition.
 June 28.—Royal Guernsey : Monthly Medal.
 Bentley Green : Monthly Handicap.
 Royal Norwich : Scratch and Handicap Gold Medals.
 June 30.—Ventnor : Saltarn Badge.
 Knutsford : Monthly Competition.
 Rochdale Ladies : Final in Tournament.
 Rochester v. Redhill and Reigate.
 Cinque Ports : Monthly Competition.
 Royal Cromer : Club Monthly Medal.
 Woodford : Roberts' Challenge Cup (Final).
 Royal West Norfolk : Monthly Medal.
 West Lancashire : Monthly Competition (Class 2).
 Warwickshire : Monthly Cup.

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Note.—Tuesday, *Red*; Friday, *Green*.

THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

SUGGESTED RECONSTRUCTION.

IN the course of the late Amateur Championship, one heard a great many criticisms on the unequal fortune which is dealt out by the hazard of the draw. One cannot help this inequality of fortune; it is an inequality which occurs in every competition, whether of Golf, of coursing, or of lawn-tennis, in which the plan of play by tournament is adopted. Many proposals are in the air for substituting some other method of deciding who shall be Amateur Champion of the year. A competition by strokes, to preface the tournament by holes, has been suggested, the idea being that thirty-six holes should be played on the scoring plan, and that the eight lowest scorers should then be drawn against each other to fight out the battle to its bitter end in the present manner. There is much to be said in favour of the proposal. It is unlikely that any player who is really qualified, on his merits, to be Amateur Champion, would be so low down as ninth in the stroke competition. Moreover, even if he were so low, that very fact might be taken in itself as proof that he would not deservedly wear the palm. The stroke competition would thus be not only a means of weeding out the unworthy, but also a positive test of the merit of the worthy.

The present system, further, requires that if two players halve the round, they shall forthwith start out again and play on until one or the other wins a hole. It is objected, and with reason, that after two players have shown themselves so well matched as to halve a round of eighteen holes, it is leaving the decision between them too much to chance to refer it to the arbitrament of a single hole. It would not do to let both of a pair who have halved their match go on into the next heat, because this would disturb the whole arrangement of the numbers in the draw, which are carefully made into some power of two by the device of putting in blanks, so that all the byes shall fall in the first round.

A further suggestion is that the final shall be played when both players are fresh; that is to say, that a day shall be specially set apart for it. Hitherto, three days have sufficed for the playing off of the Amateur Championship. This year the number of entries was sixty-four. Had but one more player entered, it would have been necessary, if the system of having all the byes in the first round was to be adhered to, to have had four days' play; presuming a day's play to be two rounds of the links. Next year it is only too probable that the entries will number more than sixty-four; one sees no limit to their number; and if the proposal be adopted of playing the final on a day set apart, we may find the competition extending itself over five days or so; and no man who has succeeded in living through

three days of such strenuous matches will speak with any confidence of the power of the human nerve to exist through five days of the stress.

In the *Field* of May 12th there is a letter from one who is evidently an old golfer, and who dates his letter from St. Andrew's, protesting in the strongest terms against any innovation which should substitute score play for play by holes. His remarks are full of justice, for it is indisputably true that score play is only a device for bringing a number of players together in a competition which can be fought out by all against all at one time—in the course of one round, if need be. It is also true that match play is by far the more interesting to watch; and the spectator has a right to make his voice heard. Possibly, however, even the writer of that strong protest might not object to the proposed introduction of an element of play by score as a preliminary, for he would then be more sure than he can be under the present system, of seeing good men and true in the final rounds. There would be none of that Kilkenny-cat work in the earlier stages of the competition which now, by the annihilation of good players, robs the later stages of some of the interest which should belong to them. The cats would be occupied on the first day with killing off the mice, by the scoring method. Then, on the second day, the cats would begin on each other. The morning round of the second day would reduce their number from eight to four; the afternoon round would reduce the four to two. Then, on the third day, a thirty-six hole match might be played for the final, and the champion cat would survive. Thus the competition would occupy no longer time than it does at present; no heavier strain would be put on the nerve, and a deal of trouble and worry would be saved to cats who have now to expend their energies on playing many cat-and-mouse games with foes that are not worthy of them.

There is "another way"—there always is. It is a way that will never be adopted, but that does not make it the less excellent. And that way is to substitute a "Bogey" competition for the competition by score. We doubt whether this style of play is regarded by the writer of the letter to the *Field* with any more favour than score play itself. "Bogey" is a gentleman of English extraction, and the Scottish golfer of the old school has always looked with some reasonable suspicion on the many inventions of the English golfer. Moreover, what a name it is, "Bogey"! He who said that a rose by any other name would smell equally sweet, was a poet. The man who said that if you had given a dog a bad name, you had already as good as hanged him, was a man of stern prosaic sense. But that is what they have done to our excellent friend, "Bogey." The Englishman who invented that best of all ways of bringing together into one brief competition a number of golfers, deserves a medal for his invention; but for the foolish name which he hanged like a mill-stone round the neck of his creature, he deserves to spend his time in the bunker on the way to the Long Hole at St. Andrews. Who can suppose that a creature with such a name as "Bogey" could be endured in the society of those who are used to such titles as the "Royal and Ancient," the "Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers," and the rest of it? The notion is intolerable.

And, yet, if the golfer of the old school could lay aside his prejudices, forget that "Bogey" is a Sassenach invention and forget the odious, silly name, if he would consider the matter merely as a means of convenient scoring, he must find it to have less considerations unfavourable to it than any other. It has not the drawbacks of play by score, for it is not score play, it is hole play. It has not the drawback of competition by holes, ordinarily so called,

for it brings all the players into mutual contest in a single round. Could we not invent a new name for him—canonise him, perhaps, by the name of St. Andrew? He is well deserving of it.

The idea of the preliminary competition suggests a fairer means than the present one for deciding a halved round in the later stages. If two of the chosen eight tie, why should not he be deemed the winner whose score was the better in the preliminary stage? Surely this would reward merit more justly than the present plan of playing additional holes until one or other player gets 1 up. Of course, it might so happen that the two who halved their round had been equal also in the preliminary contest; but the double tie would occur very seldom, and the expedient of playing odd holes might then be adopted as a last resource.

These suggestions, which do not originate with the writer, are but tentatively offered in the hope of eliciting further, and greatly amended, proposals for the solution of a difficulty which many feel, but none quite see their way to putting right.

H. G. HUTCHINSON.

GOLF IN INDIA.

We are not infrequently asked by our readers leaving this country for India whether we can give them any particulars as to Golf in different parts of India; but as several of the Indian Golf Clubs have not sent in details of their clubs, we are unable to oblige our readers beyond informing them on the authority of the "Golfing Annual" at what stations in India Golf Clubs exist. We are indebted to a member of the Barrackpore Golf Club, who is now in this country, visiting all the noted links before proceeding to Scotland, the headquarters of the Golfing world, for the following short account of the Barrackpore Golf Club, and we should be glad if other Golf Clubs in India, or, for that matter, other parts of the world where Golf is played, would send us particulars of their clubs for the benefit of golfers generally.

Barrackpore is a military cantonment situated about sixteen miles north of Calcutta, and is reached by road, rail, or river, the links being situated in the picturesque park of the Viceroy and Governor-General of India, on the banks of river Hooghly. The links are about two-and-a-half miles long, and contain eighteen holes, of lengths varying from 180 to 500 yards; there are several natural hazards and bunkers of water, trees, and ditches, and the undulating nature of the ground renders it particularly fitted for Golf.

The putting greens are laid with fine "doop" grass, and are in excellent condition all the year round; some are on level ground, and some on slopes, which gives a charming variety to the niceties of putting.

Monthly handicaps are held, and at the end of the season matches are played for the club cup, and medal presented by the Calcutta Golf Club. Ladies' matches are also played on the nine holes nearest the famous "Banyon" tree.

The subscription to the club is twenty-four rupees per annum with a small entrance fee, and the committee of five generally consists of three military officers and two civilians, with a captain and hon. secretary.

Members of all recognised Golf Clubs are considered *ex officio* members of the Barrackpore Golf Club, and as such are allowed to make use of the links and club-house whenever they visit Barrackpore. Parties of eight or ten golfers frequently take advantage of the run into the country, and go up by river on Saturday afternoons and holidays, and enjoy the trip and a good game of Golf.

Lord Elgin, the present Viceroy and Governor-General of India, who is a well-known golfer, is the Patron of the Club, and as he generally spends Saturday to Monday at Government-house in the Barrackpore Park, he takes advantage of the opportunity to spend a leisure hour occasionally on the links.

THE OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

VICTORY OF J. H. TAYLOR.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

For the first time in the history of the game, the Open Golf Championship has this year been competed for on this side of the Border. During the years which preceded the boom in Golf, the game may be said to have been exclusively Scotch, for although it was played at a few places in England, it was little known south of the Tweed till within the last ten or dozen years. From the spread of the game and the opening of greens in all parts of England, and the consequent development of English players, it was bound to follow that a great event such as this must necessarily be extended in its character, and two years ago, when the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers acquired a green of their own at Muirfield and transferred the Championship to that green, thus raising a considerable amount of opposition on the part of the Musselburgh townspeople, on whose historic links the play had taken place alternately with St. Andrews and Prestwick, a radical change was made, involving an extension of the competition on a basis more commensurate with its importance than had previously existed. It was resolved to include Hoylake and Sandwich along with the three Scotch greens, and it was decreed that the Championship should be played for at Sandwich in 1894. There can be no doubt that the success which has attended this first meeting on an English links must be gratifying not only to those who have promoted the change in the order of things, but also to all who have the interests of the game at heart. The number of entries on this occasion has far exceeded the number in any previous year, notwithstanding the fact that many—especially professionals—must have travelled long journeys for the sole purpose of being present. The entries embraced forty-seven couples, and the name of every player of note is to be found in the list, with few exceptions. Professional players are well represented, and with the exception of Willie Campbell, who has recently gone to America to keep a green there, the field embraces every player of note. On the amateur side, the only names wanting to complete the list are those of Mr. J. E. Laidlay, Mr. Leslie M. Balfour-Melville, and Mr. Blackwell, all of whom were unable to be present. The arrangements were entirely in the hands of the committee of the St. George's Golf Club, and Mr. Rutherford, the hon. secretary had done everything that was possible to provide for the comfort of the players, and of the members of the club and their friends. The green presented quite an animated appearance, and several ladies graced the meeting with their presence, and were not the least interested spectators of the play. Near the last hole, tents had been erected for the accommodation of the players and for dispensing refreshments. Ramsay Hunter had with his usual care got the links into the best possible condition, and the extended "Championship tees," from which the players drove, required long and accurate driving, well calculated to test the capabilities of competitors. The conditions were that the play should extend over two days, thirty-six holes, or two rounds of the course, being played each day, and the value of the prizes awarded amounted to £100, the first prize being £40, of which £10 must be expended upon a medal, and there were eleven other money prizes of various amounts, from £20 down to £1, for professional players. In the event of an amateur gaining the first prize, he receives plate to the value of the amount.

FIRST DAY.

The competition opened on Monday, 11th inst., at a quarter to ten o'clock. The players left the tee every five minutes, and the wisdom of allowing this interval was proved by there being little or no waiting through the green. The day was not very favourable to low scoring, as, in the early part, the wind was blowing rather freshly from the south-west, and one or two pretty smart showers of rain fell; towards the afternoon, however, the wind abated considerably, and the players, who were fortunate enough to start late, had rather the best of the weather. To those who have been accustomed to see the crowds of thousands usually to be found on Scotch greens, the attendance of spectators would have seemed small, but it is to be remembered that Sandwich is not so accessible as Musselburgh or St. Andrews, and what the crowd lacked in numbers it made up for by its eager critical interest in the play.

The following was the order of the draw for the first day:—

James Keddie and Rev. A. H. Cochran; James Braid, Elie, and Jack Burns, Wolverhampton; Mr. P. M. Lucas, Cromer, and D. Herd; Mr. John Ball, jun., Royal Liverpool, and Mr. W. E. Dunsford, Royal North Devon; R. Kirk, Wallasey, and Mr. F. S. Ireland, Royal Blackheath; Peter Paxton, Norwood, and George Pearson, Rochester; Jack Morris, Hoylake, and Mr. J. Low, Royal Perth; J. Longhurst and W. Marks, Neasden; J. Lloyd, Pau, and Rowland Jones, Littlehampton; J. Dalglish, Nairn, and D. McEvan, Formby; J. Rowe, Ashdown Forest, and Mr. Alex. Stuart, The Honourable

Company of Edinburgh Golfers; Mr. W. O. S. Pell, Royal Blackheath, and Mr. C. Hutchings, Royal Liverpool; A. Simpson, Carnoustie, and J. Ross, Seaford; John Cuthbert, Stanmore, and D. Rolland, Limsfield; L. G. Ross, Sutton Coldfield, and Mr. F. G. Tait, Royal and Ancient; R. Tait, Musselburgh, and John Hughes; W. Averston, Cromer, and K. Kelly, Norwich; The Hon. Stormont Finch Hatton, Felixstowe, and Chas. Gibson, Westward Ho; Captain Cowper Coles, Neasden, and W. Auchterlonie, St. Andrews; The Hon. Harold Finch Hatton, Chorleywood, and Jas. Kay, Seaton Carew; Tom Chisholm, Chorleywood, and Captain Austin, St. George's; H. Harris, Sandwich, and Mr. Horace Hutchinson, Royal North Devon; Mr. Percy Henderson and A. Alexander, Littlestone; Mr. A. D. Blyth, St. George's, and J. H. Taylor, Winchester; George Pulford, Hoylake, and Charles Smith; Andrew Kirkaldy, St. Andrews, and Frank Park, Musselburgh; A. Jackson, Raynes Park, and Mr. Garden Smith, Royal Musselburgh; John Milne and C. Thom; Mr. E. Lehman, Royal and Ancient, and W. Tucker, Redhill; Hugh Kirkaldy, Oxford, and T. Butel, Jersey; R. Munro and Gourlay Dunn, Mitcham; Mr. Foulis, Ranfiry Castle, and T. Vardon, Ilkley; Mr. H. H. Hilton, Formby, and J. Boyd; Mungo Park, Musselburgh, and J. Simpson, Edinburgh; Mr. H. L. Forbes, Guilford, and Dr. Bruce Goff, Royal and Ancient; W. D. More, Chester, and Mr. C. E. Hambro, St. George's; Jack White, North Berwick, and David Brown, Malvern; Willie Park, Musselburgh, and A. Toogood, Eltham; Peter Fernie, Wimbledon, and H. Vardon, Bury; Mr. C. E. Dick, Royal Liverpool, and George Lowe, St. Anne's; David Pinkerton, Guildford, and A. Tingey, Brancaster; B. Sayers, North Berwick, and Mr. S. Mure Fergusson, St. George's; Mr. A. Schacht, Royal Blackheath, and Mr. H. C. Blyth, St. George's; Mr. L. Stuart Anderson, Aberdeen, and Mr. H. C. Stobart, Royal North Devon; A. Lumsden, Bristol, and David Grant, North Berwick; A. Herd, Huddersfield, and W. Fernie, Troon; and Tom Morris, St. Andrews, and Captain Tattersall.

Jack Morris did not come forward to play, nor did Frank Park, Andrew Kirkaldy, therefore, was paired with Mr. Low, and in like manner James Kay played with Charles Gibson, the respective partners of these professionals having also failed to put in an appearance.

One of the first players to leave the tee was Mr. John Ball. He started somewhat inauspiciously, as his drive was too much to the right, and lay heavy amid long grass; taking his cleek, his second would have been on the green had it been in line; it was, however, to the right, and he had to play a short approach, which he did in great style, giving himself a possible putt for 4. The hole cost him 5, as the putt did not go down. At the second hole he was strong with his approach, and took 5 to hole out. After that he settled down and played steady Golf. At the fourth hole he should have saved a stroke, as he was on the green in 2, but required 3 more to hole out. Next two holes were perfect 3's. At the Maiden he lay in sand to the right, but laid the ball dead. The seventh hole cost him a stroke too many; topping his drive, he lay short of the bunker, and recovered well, but, attempting too much with his third, the ball just failed to carry the bunker before the green, and fell back into the hazard; 3 more were required to hole out, making the score a 6. Playing the second round, Mr. Ball's game fell off slightly; he missed several short putts, which seemed quite easy. As a result, this round was "a third" worse than his first. Douglas Rolland had a good following; his long game was brilliant, as usual, all through, although his putting during the first round might have been better. He had the misfortune to break his driver, but this did not seem to put him off his game, as his second round was 79—splendid Golf for the day. This performance of 79 was however equalled by Andrew Kirkaldy, who had a similar figure also for his second round. Andrew's first round was 86, and this included a penalty, equivalent to 2 strokes, for a lost ball at the sixteenth hole. J. A. Taylor proved himself to be deserving of the attention he attracted. His score of 84 for the first round was only excelled by one other competitor, and, along with his second round of 80, placed him for the first day at the head of all other competitors by 1 stroke. He might easily have saved a stroke on the home green during his second round, as he missed a comparatively easy putt. Bernard Sayers, the North Berwick representative, played well. His 85 and 81 secured him the fourth place in the first day's play, and his aggregate of 166 is only 2 strokes worse than that of the leading man, Taylor. A. Herd and W. Fernie were drawn together, and were the last couple who started, except Old Tom and his partner. It was a pleasure to see the steady, accurate play of this couple, and to hear Fernie's genial remarks to his partner as the play proceeded. Herd's play was specially noticeable for the long cleek shots he laid within a few feet of the hole. His score should have been better, but in his second round he got into difficulties at the seventh hole, and again at the eighteenth, where he put his second into the bunker before the green. Willie Park did not seem at all to be in his game; his driving was loose, and although at times he putted well, he did not play in his usual style. A. Toogood, a young player, who comes from Eltham, secured a good place on the list with 84 and 85, and Harry Vardon, another English professional, stood next to him, 3 strokes

worse. Mr. F. G. Tait seemed rather off colour for the first round, but he recovered himself during the second round, when he had a good 83. Auchterlonie seemed rather to have lost himself for the first round, but pulled up with the second, when he did 81. Hugh Kirkaldy appeared to be much the same, as a score of 93 for a round is not his usual form. Mr. Ball certainly does not spare himself, as, after he had completed his two rounds of play, he went out and marked part of a round for a couple who were late in starting.

The following are the details of the best scores:—

- J. H. Taylor, Winchester.—First round, 5 4 4 5 4 4 5 4 5 4 6 5 5 5 3 5 6, total: 84; second round, 5 5 4 4 4 2 6 4 4 5 4 5 5 4 5 5 4 5, total 80; total for thirty-six holes, 164.
- A. Kirkaldy, St. Andrews.—First round, 4 5 4 6 4 5 6 4 4 4 5 5 5 5 6 5 4, total 86; second round, 5 4 4 6 3 4 5 3 4 5 4 4 5 6 5 5 4 3, total, 79; grand total, 165.
- D. Rolland, Limsfield.—First round.—4 4 4 5 4 4 7 5 5 3 5 4 6 7 4 4 6 5, total, 86; second round, 3 5 4 5 4 3 5 4 4 4 4 5 5 5 5 5 4, total, 79; grand total, 165.
- B. Sayers, North Berwick.—First round, 5 6 4 4 4 4 5 3 5 4 4 6 6 6 5 4 6 4, total 85; second round, 4 5 3 6 5 4 5 4 5 5 4 4 5 5 5 5 3 4, total 81; grand total, 166.
- A. Herd, Huddersfield.—First round, 5 5 3 4 4 4 6 4 6 4 5 5 5 5 4 4 5 5, total, 83; second round, 5 4 4 5 4 4 7 4 4 5 4 5 5 5 5 4 5 6, total 85; grand total, 168.
- W. Fernie, Troon.—First round, 4 4 5 4 3 5 6 4 6 4 4 5 7 6 5 3 5 4, total, 84; second round, 6 5 4 6 3 4 5 4 4 0 5 5 6 4 4 5 5—total, 84; grand total, 168.
- A. Toogood, Eltham.—First round, 5 5 3 5 4 3 6 4 5 4 5 5 4 6 5 4 6 5, total 84; second round, 5 4 4 5 3 4 6 3 5 5 5 5 6 5 4 5 6 5, total 85; grand total, 169.
- H. Vardon, Bury.—First round, 5 4 5 6 4 3 4 5 5 4 4 5 5 8 5 4 5 5, total 86; second round, 6 5 3 5 4 3 6 4 5 4 4 5 5 7 5 4 6 5, total 86; grand total, 172.
- Mr. John Ball, jun., Royal Liverpool.—First round, 5 5 4 5 3 3 6 4 7 5 5 4 6 5 5 4 4 4, 82; second round, 5 5 5 6 4 5 6 4 5 6 5 6 6 5 5 4 3 4, total, 89; grand total, 173.
- Mr. F. G. Tait, Royal and Ancient.—First round, 4 6 4 4 4 4 6 4 5 5 5 6 6 7 5 5 5 5, total, 90; second round, 4 4 4 5 3 4 6 3 6 4 4 5 5 6 6 4 5 5, total, 83; grand total, 173.

	1st R'nd.	2nd R'nd.	T'tl.		1st R'nd.	2nd R'nd.	T'tl.
Willie Park	88	86	174	Jas. Kay	98	89	187
Mr. C. E. Dick	85	89	174	Charles Smith	98	89	187
James Braid	91	84	175	Chas. Gibson	92	96	188
Mr. A. D. Blyth	91	84	175	Geo. Pulford	100	88	188
Hugh Kirkaldy	90	85	175	Gourlay Dunn	92	96	188
T. Vardon	87	88	175	Mr. E. Lehmann	91	98	189
Jack White	86	89	175	W. D. More	93	96	189
Mr. S. Mure Fergusson	87	88	175	Jack Burns	93	97	190
David Grant	91	84	175	George Pearson	94	96	190
J. Lloyd	95	81	176	L. G. Ross	92	98	190
A. Simpson	90	86	176	Tom Chisholm	96	94	190
David Brown	93	83	176	Dr. Bruce Goff	98	92	190
Rowland Jones	89	88	177	Peter Paxton	97	94	191
W. Auchterlonie	96	81	177	Mr. J. Low	93	98	191
Mr. L. Stuart Anderson	90	87	177	A. Alexander	97	95	192
D. McEwan	86	92	178	Mr. Garden Smith	98	94	192
Mr. C. Hutchings	93	85	178	John Cuthbert	97	96	193
Mr. Horace Hutchinson	88	91	179	H. Harris	98	95	193
J. Rowe	90	90	180	Mr. Percy Henderson	93	100	193
A. Tingey	90	91	181	Mr. H. C. Blyth	95	98	193
Mr. Alex. Stuart	88	95	183	Mr. St. C. Stobart	96	98	194
J. Simpson	94	89	183	Mr. W. E. Dunsford	96	97	194
A. Lumsden	90	93	183	Mr. P. M. Lucas	94	101	195
J. Longhurst	91	93	184	R. Kirk	98	97	195
J. Ross	93	91	184	J. Dalgleish	96	99	195
R. Kelly	99	85	184	Captain Austin	101	94	195
D. Herd	92	93	185	John Milne	105	91	196
T. Butel	91	94	185	Mr. Foulis	104	93	197
Geo. Lowe	93	92	185	R. Tait	100	98	198
Mr. A. Schacht	89	96	185	C. Thorn	97	102	199
Mr. F. S. Ireland	99	87	186	J. Boyd	103	96	199
W. Averston	98	88	186	R. Munro	101	99	200
P. Fernie	93	93	186	Capt. Cowper Coles	107	97	204
W. Tucker	92	94	186	A. Jackson	102	107	209
Mr. C. E. Hambro	96	90	186	W. Marks	103	108	211
				Mr. W. O. S. Pell	108	103	211
				Mungo Park	105	117	222
				John Hughes	114	130	244

Mr. H. H. Hilton, 91, D. Pinkerton, 96, Tom Morris, 99, Rev. A. H. Cochran, 100, Jas. Keddie, 101, Mr. H. L. Forbes, and Capt. Tattersall retired.

SECOND DAY'S PLAY.

Tuesday was much more favourable as regards weather than was the preceding day. There was a wind blowing across the course, but it was light, and did not prove a serious difficulty to the players. Towards the afternoon the sky became overcast, and the wind freshened, but it again died away, and, on the whole, a more favourable day for low scoring could not have been got. The greens were again in good condition, although one or two of them were a trifle hard. As was to be expected, there was a larger turn-out of spectators than on the previous day.

A fresh draw for the order of play was made, and the following shows the result, viz. :—

W. Aveston, Cromer, and Andrew Kirkaldy, St. Andrews; George Lowe, Blundell Sands, and Gourlay Dunn, Mitcham; W. Fernie, Troon, and B. Sayers, North Berwick; John Milne and J. Lloyd, Pau; Mr. Foulis, Ranfurly Castle, and D. Rolland, Limsfield; J. Simpson, Edinburgh, and J. Boyd; Peter Paxton, Norwood, and A. Lumsden, Bristol; Rowland Jones, Littlehampton, and John Cuthbert, Stanmore; A. Alexander, Littlestone, and J. Dalgleish, Nairn; David Grant, North Berwick, and Mr. H. C. Blyth, St. George's; Dr. Bruce Goff, Brighton and Hove, and Mr. J. Low, Royal Perth; Mr. E. Lehmann, Royal and Ancient, and D. McEwan, Formby; Jas. Kay, Seaton Carew, and R. Kelly, Norwich; Willie Park, Musselburgh, and Mr. C. E. Dick, Royal Liverpool; James Braid, Elie, and W. Tucker, Redhill; Mr. Horace Hutchinson, Royal North Devon, and Mr. C. Hutchings, Royal Liverpool; T. Varden, Ilkley, and J. Longhurst; R. Tait, Musselburgh, and W. Auchterlonie, St. Andrews; Mr. S. Stuart Anderson, Aberdeen, and Mr. A. D. Blyth, St. George's; Mr. Alexander Stuart, The Honourable Company, Edinburgh, and David Brown, Malvern; George Pulford, Hoyleake, and Mr. Percy Henderson; W. Marks, Neasden, and Mr. S. Mure Fergusson, St. George's; George Pearson, Rochester, and J. H. Taylor, Winchester; Tom Chisholm, Chorleywood, and Chas. Gibson, Westward Ho! A. Tingay, Brancaster, and A. Simpson, Carnoustie; Hugh Kirkaldy, Oxford, and L. J. Ross, Sutton Coldfield; Mr. F. S. Ireland, Royal Blackheath, and Mr. F. G. Tait, Royal and Ancient; Charles Smith and A. Herd, Huddersfield; H. Varden, Barry, and A. Toogood, Eltham; Mr. C. E. Hambro, St. George's, and Mr. Garden Smith, Neasden; T. Butel, Jersey, and D. Herd; Peter Fernie, Wimbledon, and W. D. More, Chester; Mr. John Ball, jun., Royal Liverpool, and J. Rowe, Ash-down Forest; Jack White, North Berwick, and Jack Burns, Wolverhampton; R. Kirk, Wallasey, and C. Thom; Capt. Cowper Coles, Neasden, and Mr. A. Schacht, Royal Blackheath; J. Ross, Seaford, and Tom Morris, St. Andrews.

It will be seen that no fewer than ten couples retired, and this considerably relieved the green and allowed the day's play to be got through in plenty of time.

The first to start was Andrew Kirkaldy, and although he played steady Golf, and finished with 83 and 84, making a gross total of 332, it was never for a moment supposed that he would occupy the first place. He played for first place, and risked everything to obtain it. His score did not long remain unchallenged. Douglas Rolland went off with the fifth couple, and, occupying as he did a good place yesterday, a good following gave their attention to him. Rolland, as usual, drove in great style. At the third hole he was past the flag. Going to the fourth hole, he played his second heavily, and as a result he was short at the foot of the bank to the left of the green; he recovered well, but the mistake cost him a stroke. At the next hole he topped his drive, but although he reached the green with his second, he required 3 on the green, taking 5 to the hole. Notwithstanding the occasional mistakes, he completed his rounds in 84 and 82, his gross total being 331, and it proved sufficient to secure to him second place.

W. Fernie, of Troon, and Ben Sayers were drawn together and played neck and neck all the way round. It seemed at first as if Sayers were to have the best of it, but the Troon representative came away with a splendid performance of 80 for his second round, which placed him on equal terms with Sayers, each of them having an aggregate of 334. Notwithstanding the improvement in the day, Fernie's score of 80 for one round was not beaten, while on Monday there was more than one 79. Willie Park had an 82 for his first round, and it seemed as if he were going to pull himself together, but he fell off in his second round, taking 87. Toogood, who played well on the previous day, maintained his form and performance of 82, and 82 gave him an aggregate of 333, securing fourth place. The player who attracted most attention was naturally J. H. Taylor, whose score of 164 on the first day had placed him above all his fellows, and pointed him out as probable Champion. His supporters were not disappointed, for playing a strong game, he completed his first round in 81. Good as was this score, it might have been much better if Taylor had got down a few comparatively short putts which he missed. It soon became pretty certain that unless something unexpected happened, the first Open Championship meeting in England would have an Englishman for the Champion. As Taylor proceeded with his

second round any doubt that might have existed on the subject became more and more dispelled as hole after hole was played in faultless style, and when he returned with a second 81 on his card, giving him a gross total of 326, he was greeted with loud applause and acclamation as the Champion. The number of spectators who followed Taylor must have amounted to several hundreds, and each and everyone of them appeared anxious that he should win. The only man who had the least chance of upsetting Taylor's position was A. Herd, who was 4 strokes behind on the first day's play. Herd did not improve on his previous day's performance, 82 for his first round; he required to be well under 80 in order to beat Taylor, and it was recognised that this was hardly within the bounds of possibility. As matters turned out he required 88 for his second round, giving a gross total of 338. Mr. F. G. Tait showed better form the second day, his 83 and 84 making, with his first day's play, an aggregate of 340, gave him first place among the amateurs, although Mr. A. D. Blyth, who was only 1 stroke worse, ran him pretty hard. Mr. John Ball, jun., did not play so well as on the previous day. His 87 and 84 showed steadiness, but not the brilliancy that one is accustomed to associate with his name. Archie Simpson had the seventh hole in 3, where he holed a full shot, the ball lofting to the right and rolling in fair and square.

The following are the scores for the two days' play, viz. :—

J. H. Taylor (championship medal and £80).—Monday's score, 164; third round—4 4 5 4 6 4 5 5 4 5 5 5 4 4 4—total 81; fourth round—5 4 3 4 4 3 6 3 5 4 5 5 7 5 5 4 4 5—total, 81; grand total, 326.

D. Rolland (£20).—Monday's score, 165; third round—5 5 3 5 5 3 6 3 5 5 5 6 6 5 4 5 4 4—total, 84; fourth round—5 5 4 4 3 4 6 5 4 4 5 4 6 5 5 4 5 4—total, 82; grand total, 331.

A. Kirkaldy (£10).—Monday's score, 165; third round, 5 5 4 4 4 3 6 4 4 4 5 5 6 5 4 5 5—total, 83; fourth round—4 4 4 4 3 3 6 4 4 4 5 6 5 7 6 5 5 5—total, 84; grand total, 332.

A. Toogood (£7).—Monday's score, 163; third round—5 4 4 4 5 3 6 4 4 4 4 6 5 6 5 4 4 4, total 82; fourth round, 4 4 4 7 3 3 6 4 4 4 6 5 5 5 4 5 5, total 82; grand total 333.

W. Fernie (£4).—Monday's score, 163; third round, 4 4 4 5 5 3 6 4 5 4 5 6 7 5 5 4 5 5, total 86; fourth round, 5 4 4 6 5 3 6 3 4 4 4 5 5 4 5 3 5 5, total 80; grand total 334.

B. Sayers (£4).—Monday's score, 166; third round, 4 5 4 4 4 4 6 4 6 5 5 4 6 5 5 4 5 4, total 84; fourth round, 5 5 4 5 4 4 6 3 4 6 5 6 5 4 3 4, total 84; grand total 334.

H. Vardon (£4).—Monday's score, 172; third round, 6 5 4 5 3 4 5 4 7 4 4 4 5 5 6 3 4 4, total 82; fourth round, 4 5 3 5 4 4 5 4 5 5 5 5 5 4 4 4 4, total 80; grand total 334.

A. Herd (£3).—Monday's score, 168; third round, 4 4 4 6 5 4 5 3 4 5 5 4 5 5 4 5 5, total 82; fourth round, 5 5 4 5 3 3 9 3 5 5 5 6 5 5 5 4 4 7, total 88; grand total 338.

	Monday's Scores.	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Total.
Mr. F. G. Tait	173	83	84	340
J. Braid	175	82	84	341
Mr. A. D. Blyth	175	84	82	341
W. Park	174	82	87	343
D. Brown	176	81	87	344
A. Simpson	176	86	82	344
H. Kirkaldy	175	80	89	344
Mr. John Ball, jun.	173	87	84	344
J. Lloyd	176	86	83	345
Mr. S. Mure Fergusson	175	84	87	340
T. Vardon	175	82	91	348
D. Grant	175	87	91	353
Mr. C. E. Dick	174	88	91	353
D. Herd	185	84	84	353
W. Auchterlonie	177	93	85	355
Mr. C. E. Hambro	186	82	87	355
J. Rowe	180	84	91	355
Mr. C. Hutchings	178	88	90	356
Mr. S. Stuart Anderson	177	91	88	356
C. Gibson	188	87	84	357
R. Jones	177	93	88	358
A. Lumsden	183	87	89	359
D. McEwan	178	91	92	361
A. Tingay	181	90	90	361
W. Aveston	186	88	89	363
Mr. F. S. Ireland	186	92	86	364
Mr. Alexander Stuart	183	96	86	365
W. Tucker	186	91	89	366
G. Pearson	190	88	88	366
J. Simpson	183	94	90	367
J. Longhurst	184	62	91	367
J. Kay	187	90	91	368
C. Smith	187	89	92	368
T. Butel	185	92	91	368
Mr. J. Low	191	89	91	371

	Monday's Scores.	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Total.
J. Cuthbert	193	88	92	373
J. Burns	190	90	95	375
L. J. Ross	190	90	96	376
Dr. Bruce Goff	190	88	99	377
J. Milne	196	91	90	377
Mr. E. Lehmann	189	94	99	382
R. Kirk	195	94	93	382
J. Boyd	199	95	90	384
C. Thom	199	99	90	388
P. Fernie	186	91	Retired.	
W. D. More	189	94	—	—
Mr. A. Schacht	185	91	—	—
J. Ross	184	84	—	—
Tom Morris	196	100	—	—
Jack White	175	89	—	—
T. Chisholm	190	89	—	—
A. Alexander... ..	192	88	—	—
W. Marks	211	101	—	—
G. Lowe	185	—	—	—
G. Dunn	188	—	—	—
Mr. Foulis	197	—	—	—
P. Paxton	191	—	—	—
J. Dalgleish	195	—	—	—
Mr. H. C. Blyth	193	—	—	—
R. Kelly	184	—	—	—
Mr. Horace Hutchinson	179	—	—	—
R. Tait	198	—	—	—
Mr. Garden Smith	192	—	—	—
Capt. Cowper Coles... ..	204	—	—	—

All the other players retired after the first day's play.

The following is a list of the previous winners of the Golf Championship. Winners of the Championship belt:—

- 1860.—W. Park, Musselburgh.
- 1861.—Tom Morris, sen., Prestwick.
- 1862.—Tom Morris, sen., Prestwick.
- 1863.—W. Park, Musselburgh.
- 1864.—Tom Morris, sen., Prestwick.
- 1865.—A. Strath, St. Andrews.
- 1866.—W. Park, Musselburgh.
- 1867.—Tom Morris, sen., St. Andrews.
- 1868.—Tom Morris, jun., St. Andrews.
- 1869.—Tom Morris, jun., St. Andrews.
- 1870.—Tom Morris, jun., St. Andrews.

The belt was played for over Prestwick green. Young Tom Morris having won it three times successively, in 1870 it became his own property. For a year there was no Championship meeting, but in 1872 the cup presently competed for was instituted by the Hon. Company of Edinburgh Golfers, the Prestwick Golf Club, and the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St. Andrews, and it was played for successively over the greens of those clubs until this year, when, for the first time in its history, the play took place in England.

The following are the winners of the Cup, viz.:—

- 1872.—Tom Morris, jun., St. Andrews, at Prestwick.
- 1873.—Tom Kidd, St. Andrews, at St. Andrews.
- 1874.—Mungo Park, Musselburgh, at Musselburgh.
- 1875.—Willie Park, Musselburgh, at Prestwick.
- 1876.—Bob Martin, St. Andrews, at St. Andrews.
- 1877.—Jamie Anderson, St. Andrews, at Musselburgh.
- 1878.—Jamie Anderson, St. Andrews, at Prestwick.
- 1879.—Jamie Anderson, St. Andrews, at St. Andrews.
- 1880.—Bob Fergusson, Musselburgh, at Musselburgh.
- 1881.—Bob Fergusson, Musselburgh, at Prestwick.
- 1882.—Bob Fergusson, Musselburgh, at St. Andrews.
- 1883.—W. Fernie, Troon, at Musselburgh.
- 1884.—Jacob Simpson, Carnoustie, at Prestwick.
- 1885.—Bob Martin, St. Andrews, at St. Andrews.
- 1886.—D. Brown, Malvern, at Musselburgh.
- 1887.—Willie Park, jun., Musselburgh, at Prestwick.
- 1888.—Jack Burns, Warwick, at St. Andrews.
- 1889.—Willie Park, jun., Musselburgh, at Musselburgh.
- 1890.—Mr. John Ball, jun., Royal Liverpool Golf Club, at Prestwick.
- 1891.—Hugh Kirkaldy, St. Andrews, at St. Andrews.
- 1892.—H. H. Hilton, Liverpool, at Muirfield.
- 1893.—W. Auchterlonie, St. Andrews, at Prestwick.

Next year the Championship will be held at St. Andrews.

There can be no doubt that Taylor's victory will be extremely popular, both in England and Scotland. He is quite a young fellow, but has played Golf all his life, and has already made a name for him-

self as a golfer. Quite recently he beat Douglas Rolland in a match played with him, and last year at Prestwick he had the lowest score for a single round. His style of Golf is very neat and effective, although he has not the long St. Andrews "swing" in driving; but the prettiest part of his game is the marvellous way in which he plays iron shots up to the hole, laying them invariably within a few feet. He is at present professional to the Winchester Golf Club.

TANTALLON SUMMER MEETING.

The members of the Tantallon Club were favoured with pleasant weather on the occasion of their annual summer meeting on Thursday, June 7th, over the North Berwick Links. Some seventy players mustered, including a fair proportion of the cracks of the club. The awards comprised the Chambers cup (the blue ribbon of the competition), along with which went a valuable prize presented by the captain, Mr. G. Dalziel, the Croall handicap medal, and several handsome prizes in kind. These consisted of:—first, a set of drinking cups; second, claret jug; third, sandwich case; fourth, drinking flask; and fifth, a cigarette case. The best scratch scores were as appended:—Mr. Andrew Wallace (winner of the Chambers' cup and captain's prize), 80; Mr. A. M. Ross, 81; Mr. D. M. Jackson, 81; Mr. G. F. Dalziel, 82. The following were the principal returns in handicap order:—Mr. D. N. Cotton (winner of Croall medal and first handicap prize), 91, less 16=75; Mr. C. J. Currie, 91, less 12=79; Mr. G. F. Dalziel, 82, less 2=80; Mr. R. Kay, 92, less 12=80; Mr. G. M. Jackson (scratch), 81; Rev. J. Kerr, 92, less 10=82; Mr. C. H. Turnbull, 92, less 10=82; Mr. A. M. Ross, 81, plus 2=83; Mr. H. Craigie, 93, less 10=83; Mr. R. M. Shirreff, 91, less 6=85; Mr. J. Turner, 91, less 6=85; Mr. W. M. Miller, 104, less 18=86; Mr. W. H. Brodie, 91, less 4=87; Mr. A. Robson, 95, less 8=87; Mr. W. Croall, 99, less 12=87; Mr. A. C. Robertson, 103, less 16=87; Mr. C. Thomson, 94, less 6=88; Mr. L. T. Campbell, 91, less 2=89; Mr. J. Brown, 93, less 4=89; Mr. J. Kirkhope, 104, less 15=89; Mr. W. Webber, 107, less 18=89; Mr. J. Taylor, (scratch), 90; Mr. A. Hogg, 94, less 4=90; Mr. J. Stark, 108, less 18=90; Mr. T. D. Thomson, 107, less 16=91; Mr. C. Alexander, 101, less 9=92; Mr. Bryce, 104, less 12=92; Mr. W. Pennycook, 106, less 14=92; Mr. E. Millidge, 110, less 18=92; Mr. J. Cochrane, 110, less 18=92; Mr. R. J. Bryce (scratch), 93; Mr. J. Ballantine, 106, less 12=94; Mr. J. Watson, 108, less 14=94; Mr. J. Dickson, (scratch), 95; Mr. A. D. Smith, 109, less 14=95; Mr. J. Wilson, 110, less 14=96; Mr. A. Davidson, 114, less 18=96.

LONG DRIVING CONTEST AT MONIFIETH.—The members of the Monifieth Club engaged in their annual long driving competition on Saturday afternoon. There was a large number of entries. The conditions were that the "carry" of the ball only was to count. Mr. D. L. Low, with a swipe which carried 190 yards from the tee, won the medal and first sweepstake, the second sweepstake winner being Mr. George Fox, 188½ yards; third, Mr. William Hutcheson, 185. Second Class—1st, Mr. Edward Shield, 162 yards; 2nd, Mr. R. D. Smith, 157½. Third Class—Mr. Godfrey Anderson, 135 yards.

R. AND R. CLARK CLUB.—A prize competition of this club took place over the Braids course on Saturday, June 9th. The following were the successful competitors, with net scores:—1st, Mr. W. Sime, 77; 2nd, Mr. R. S. Chrystal, 83; 3rd, Mr. R. Grant and Mr. J. G. Mills, 85 (tie).

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EDINBURGH INSURANCE GOLF CLUB.

The outstanding event in Edinburgh golfing circles, came off last Thursday night, in the Imperial Hotel, when, under the auspices of the Edinburgh United Insurance Golf Club, the first annual smoking concert was held for the purpose of presenting the Trophy and Badges to the North British and Mercantile team, who carried off the honours at the recent tournament. The gathering was a grand success, the rank and file of the Insurance fraternity coming out in strong force, while the presence of numerous managers and secretaries enhanced the attractiveness of the meeting. Mr. J. Turnbull Smith, manager of the Life Association of Scotland, presided.

Mr. C. M. Henderson, vice-president of the United Club, in speaking on the institution of the club, which had been highly favoured at headquarters, said the recent tournament competitions had been very successful. As representing the North British Club, he was proud that their team should have carried off the honour. Such a trophy was sure to engender a spirit of friendly rivalry, and the more they came in contact, the more would they understand one another, and no better way of doing this could, in his opinion, be found than meeting occasionally on the Golf links. The game would make them healthier and better men. One object of the club was that—if ever a chance presented itself—of getting a private course, which was very desirable. If ever they saw their way to enter upon such an undertaking, they would get plenty of backing.

The Chairman, after remarking on the services rendered to the club by Mr. Sanderson, the secretary, went on to speak on the healthy nature of Golf. Those who were not golfers, he said, seemed to imagine that the whole world had gone mad after Golf; but he always felt that if they had gone mad, they had done so in a very good and healthy cause. All who were interested in life assurance should do everything they could to encourage the game, because, if they did so, in the course of time the mortality experience would show considerably better. Concluding, he handed over the trophy to the custody of Mr. Philip R. D. MacLagan, honorary president of the winning club, and in so doing remarked that everyone felt without the slightest hesitation that the best team won the trophy.

Mr. MacLagan, who on rising was enthusiastically received, accepted in the name of the club the guardianship of the trophy for the year to come. He would he said, amidst much laughter, say nothing of the future. He only hoped that such another good display of Golf would be repeated next year. His team won through their good Golf, and not through the bad Golf of their opponents. He hoped the competitions, which were so conducive to health and good feeling, would go on year after year as successfully as they had begun.

The Chairman then presented the members of the winning team Messrs. Whigham, Tod, Borthwick, and Martin, with the gold badges. In handing over the silver badges to the Scottish Life representatives—Messrs. Williamson, Longden, Cook, and Moir—he intimated that, while the honours had gone to the North British and Mercantile, he thought it right to mention that, although the Scottish Life was not one of the largest offices, it was highly creditable to its representatives that they should have been the runners-up. A splendid programme, chiefly impromptu, of songs and instrumental music, was rendered during the evening.

THE PARLIAMENTARY GOLF MATCH.

This annual handicap, which was begun at the opening of April, was concluded on Saturday, June 9th, by the victory of the Leader of Her Majesty's Opposition, Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P. Throughout the handicap Mr. Balfour has been playing very much below his handicap, and as a whole he has won his matches rather easily. The right hon. gentleman suffers, of course, from want of steady and consistent practice, his exacting Parliamentary duties and late hours being far from conducive to the maintenance of the best form. But, handicapped by these drawbacks as he has been, he has played throughout strongly and well, his play off the tee being particularly good.

First round.—Mr. H. Shepherd Cross, M.P. (16) beat Mr. G. A. Whitelaw, M.P. (3) by 2; Mr. Donkin, M.P. (22) beat Mr. Hayes Fisher, M.P. (15) by 3 and 1; Mr. H. Tollemache, M.P. (7) beat Mr. R. G. Webster, M.P. (22) by 8 and 6; Mr. Gerald Balfour, M.P. (13) beat Captain Naylor Leyland, M.P. (14) by 6 and 5; Mr. G. Newnes, M.P. (13) beat Mr. E. W. Beckett, M.P. (18) by 5 and 4; Mr. A. J. Robertson, *Times* (5) walked over; Captain McCalmont, M.P. (18), scratched; Mr. J. Bell, *Times* (14) beat Mr. J. G. Baird, M.P. (16) by 1; Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P. (scratch) beat Mr. H. G. B. Lopes, M.P. (16) by 5 and 4; Mr. E. C. Howe Browne, clerk, House of Commons (8) beat Mr. E. W. Hulse, M.P. (18) by 7 and 6; Mr. J.

Penn, M.P. (scratch) walked over; Mr. A. Liddell, secretary to Lord Chancellor (16), scratched; Mr. A. Mackintosh, *Aberdeen Free Press* (18) beat Mr. Brunner, M.P. (22) by 7 and 6; Mr. P. A. Bull, clerk, House of Commons (14) beat Mr. W. Jeans, *Dundee Advertiser* (16) by 1; Sir W. Pearce, M.P. (18) walked over; Mr. St. John Brodrick, M.P. (18), scratched; Captain Sinclair, M.P. (13), walked over; Sir H. Meysey-Thompson, M.P. (22), scratched; Mr. A. W. Nicholson, clerk House of Commons (8), beat Mr. Graham Murray, M.P. (3), by 4 and 3; Hon. T. H. Cochrane, M.P. (16) beat Lord Balfour, of Burleigh (16) by 3 and 2; Mr. C. J. Hamilton, secretary to Lord Chancellor (4), walked over, Marquis of Granby, M.P. (18), scratched; Mr. H. P. St. John, clerk House of Lords (9) beat Hon. H. C. Plunkett, M.P. (18), by 4 and 3; Mr. J. Moore, Press Agency (9), beat Mr. J. Mains, M.P. (22), by 4 up; Mr. H. Seton-Karr, M.P. (7), beat Mr. D. P. Barton, M.P. (18), by 3 and 1; Hon. T. W. Legh, M.P. (6), beat Lord George Hamilton, M.P. (18), by 5 and 4; Mr. C. W. Campion, examiner House of Lords (12), walked over; Mr. K. Mackenzie, secretary to Lord Chancellor (16), scratched; Mr. T. J. Melville, *Scotsman* (18), beat Mr. A. A. Brodrick, *Times* (22), by 7 and 5; Sir Herbert Maxwell, M.P. (13), beat Mr. J. Cumming Macdonald, M.P. (12), by 3 and 2; Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P. (13), beat Mr. H. T. Anstruther, M.P. (14), by 6 and 4; Mr. J. Bigwood, M.P. (20) beat Mr. J. P. Croal, *Scotsman* (6), by 3 and 2; Mr. J. Seymour Keay, M.P. (13) beat Viscount Newark, M.P. (18), by 4 and 2; Mr. C. L. Anstruther, clerk House of Lords (7) beat Mr. S. H. Whitbread, M.P. (14), by 5 and 4; Mr. W. Bromley Davenport, M.P. (16) beat Mr. T. Lough, M.P. (16), by 5 and 4; Mr. D. Crawford, M.P. (18), walked over, Sir W. Houldsworth, M.P. (18), scratched; Mr. J. F. Symons Jeune, clerk House of Lords (16), beat Mr. W. Austen Leigh, clerk House of Lords (12), by 3 and 2; Mr. J. S. Robb, *Glasgow Herald* (12), beat Mr. Felix Skene, clerk House of Lords (4), by 5 and 4.

Second round.—Mr. R. S. Donkin, M.P., beat Mr. H. Shepherd Cross by 1; Mr. G. W. Balfour beat Mr. H. Tollemache, M.P.; Mr. A. J. Robertson, *Times*, beat Mr. G. Newnes, M.P., by 5 and 3; Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., beat Mr. J. Bell, *Times*, by 1; Mr. J. Penn, M.P., beat Mr. E. C. Howe Browne by 3 and 1; Mr. A. Mackintosh beat Mr. P. A. Bull by 7 and 5; Sir W. Pearce walked over, Captain J. Sinclair, scratched; Mr. A. W. Nicholson beat Hon. T. H. Cochrane, M.P., by 8 and 6; Mr. C. J. Hamilton beat Mr. H. P. St. John by 6 and 5; Mr. H. Seton-Karr, M.P., beat Mr. J. Moore by 6 and 5; Hon. T. W. Legh, M.P., beat Mr. C. W. Campion by 4 and 2; Sir Herbert Maxwell, M.P., beat Mr. T. Melville, *Scotsman*, by 3 and 2; Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P., beat Mr. J. Bigwood, M.P., by 3 and 2; Mr. C. L. Anstruther beat Mr. T. Seymour Keay, M.P., by 5 and 4; Mr. W. B. Davenport, M.P., beat Mr. D. Crawford, M.P., by 10 and 8; Mr. J. S. Robb, *Glasgow Herald*, beat Mr. Jas. Symons Jeune by 6 and 4.

Third round.—Mr. G. W. Balfour, M.P., walked over, Mr. R. S. Donkin, M.P. scratched; Mr. A. J. Robertson, *Times*, beat Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., by 6 and 5; Mr. J. Penn, M.P., beat Mr. A. Mackintosh by 5 and 4; Mr. A. W. Nicholson beat Sir W. Pearce, M.P., by 7 and 6; Mr. C. J. Hamilton beat Mr. H. Seton-Karr, M.P.; Hon. T. W. Legh, M.P., beat Sir Herbert Maxwell, M.P., by 5 and 4; Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P., beat Mr. C. L. Anstruther by 5 and 4; Mr. J. S. Robb beat Mr. W. B. Davenport, M.P., by 5 and 4.

Fourth round.—Mr. G. W. Balfour, M.P., beat Mr. A. J. Robertson, *Times*, by 3 and 1; Mr. A. W. Nicholson beat Mr. J. Penn, M.P., by 2; Mr. C. J. Hamilton beat Hon. T. W. Legh, M.P., by 2; Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P., beat Mr. J. S. Robb, *Glasgow Herald*, by 2.

Semi-final.—Mr. A. W. Nicholson, beat Mr. G. W. Balfour, M.P., by 4 and 3; Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P., beat Mr. C. J. Hamilton, by 8 and 7.

Final.—Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P., beat Mr. A. W. Nicholson by 5 and 4. Mr. Balfour was allowed 4 strokes in the round by his opponent; but as a matter of fact it would have been hard for the latter to win on even terms. The Conservative leader came out at once in excellent form. After a fairly good half in 6, he won the second, where Mr. Nicholson pulled his drive and got into difficulties; and the third fell to him by steady play, while the other failed through the green, so he went off with a lead of 2. Two halves followed. The sixth Mr. Balfour placed to his credit by perfect play, Mr. Nicholson's second being in the pond, and the seventh went the same way, Mr. Balfour driving beyond the hole, and his opponent getting into bad country to the left, where he was so severely punished that he gave up the hole. After a half at the eighth, Mr. Nicholson had a chance at the next, where he was on the green in fine play in 2 against the other's 3. He failed, however, in his putting, and at the turn Mr. Balfour consequently stood 4 up. For a moment it seemed as if Mr. Nicholson were to play a steadier game, and he won the tenth, but he failed in his approach at the eleventh, and Mr. Balfour again stood 4 up. After this the match was more even, Mr. Nicholson being beaten by 5 and 4. Mr. Balfour's strokes told at the eighth and the thirteenth holes, but not at the others. When he returned to the club-house he was rewarded with a well-deserved cheer.

PROPOSED NORFOLK CHAMPIONSHIP.

On Saturday afternoon, 2nd inst., under the chairmanship of Mr. J. J. Colman, M.P., president of the Royal Norwich Golf Club, a conference of delegates from the various Norfolk clubs was held in one of the committee-rooms in the Norwich Guildhall, in order to discuss the basis on which a County Championship competition might be established. The Norwich club was represented by Colonel Dawson and Mr. J. J. W. Deuchar; Yarmouth, by Mr. E. M. Hansell and Mr. Hope; Cromer, by Dr. Fenner; Yarmouth Working-men's Club, by Mr. Thaine and Mr. Blogg; Fakenham, by Sir Lawrence Jones; Blickling, by Mr. Dewhurst and the Rev. Mr. Pease; and Sheringham, by the Rev. A. H. Upcher.

Mr. Deuchar briefly reviewed the course taken by the Norwich Club from the time when the movement for providing a Norfolk challenge cup competition was inaugurated down to the date of the present conference. He said the Norwich Club had started under the most favourable auspices; they had an excellent eighteen-hole course situated at a very convenient distance from the city. Their members had expressed a unanimous desire to do something to add to the interest of the game in the county. The chairman had given expression to the general feeling by suggesting that their own club should offer a county challenge cup. The committee of the Norwich Club adopted this idea with enthusiasm, and on the 3rd of January a circular letter was sent to the Norfolk clubs stating that the club proposed to offer a challenge cup, and asking for the assistance of the other county clubs to carry out the arrangements. Along with the circular the committee had sent suggested conditions to regulate the competition. This was done largely with a view of eliciting the opinions of the different clubs on the subject. The idea was favourably received by some, and criticised by others. It was generally thought that a meeting of representatives from the different clubs should be called to discuss the matter. At Easter the question was a good deal talked about, and more than one club started negotiations for county championship meetings. On the 13th of April, the committee of the Norwich Club sent out another circular letter, in which the committee, while expressing themselves as being still perfectly willing to carry out Mr. Colman's suggestion (namely, to provide a handsome cup for the proposed competition), stated that they were quite ready to subordinate their scheme to any general scheme which, after due consideration, the Norfolk clubs as a body might prefer to adopt. The circular suggested a date for the present meeting of delegates, and invited each club to formulate in advance any scheme it chose for establishing the competition. The committee had received no suggestions from any club, but he hoped the delegates would, in turn, express their views to the meeting. He wished to say that the chief idea of the Norwich Club had been to stimulate Golf in Norfolk, and, moreover, it was felt that sooner or later we should have county Golf running on the same lines as county cricket and county football, and no doubt in time there would be a national Golf cup, so that the Norwich Club were simply endeavouring to develop a movement that was now generally going on. That view was confirmed by what Golf clubs in Hampshire, Yorkshire, and, he believed, in other counties, were now doing. (Hear, hear.)

The Chairman said he was very glad to join in any movement for increasing the interest in Golf in this county. The excellent course so near Norwich he was sure was giving a great amount of satisfaction and pleasure to many people. He was present at the conference simply to hear an expression of opinion with respect to the circular issued by the Norwich Club.

Colonel Dawson observed that there seemed to have been some little misunderstanding as to the reasons which had led the Norwich Club to take the initiatory steps in the matter. He repeated what Mr. Deuchar had said, namely, that the object of the Norwich Club was to encourage the game of Golf in the county.

The Chairman said it seemed to him there were two points the meeting should discuss. Did the clubs desire the challenge cup? And where, and under what conditions should it be played for?

Mr. Deuchar thought the place of meeting a mere detail. Of course the competition would not be continuously played at Norwich. He reminded the conference that the Norwich Club had already formulated a scheme. He would be glad to hear the opinion of the delegates on that point. The Norwich Club, he might say, had a strong feeling that the competition should be governed by a local qualification, and that it should proceed largely on the lines of the Championship. But, as their meetings could not take a first-class rank, the idea of the Norwich Club was that a medal round (scratch) should be played in the first instance, so that the number of competitors might be so quickly reduced that the fixture would not last longer than two days or two days and a half.

Mr. Upcher: Would all members of local clubs be recognised as local members?

Mr. Deuchar replied that that was a natural criticism which had already been made by the Brancaster Club. A good many of the best men in that club were not local men, and according to the condition drawn up by the Norwich Club they would be excluded from the competition. Then perhaps they would fall back upon members who were also members of other local clubs, and another difficulty might arise in that way. But for his own part he thought the importance of strictly confining the championship to the county outweighed those considerations.

Mr. Hansell said that a full meeting of the Yarmouth Club at Whiteside had discussed the question. They had authorised him to say that they most fully appreciated the energy of the Norwich Club in promoting a county championship, which now had such an excellent chance of coming to a successful conclusion. His committee were unanimously of the opinion that only those who were resident or born in the county should be qualified to compete. The committee thought it would be preferable to have the championship decided by match play, but as that would occupy a considerable time, they were of the opinion that thirty-six holes of medal play would be an equally good test. (Hear, hear.) He hoped the competition would be made as simple as possible, and that it would be as far as possible conducted exactly on the Championship system. Mr. Hansell proceeded to discuss matters of detail such as the place of meeting and the local management of the competition. The last point on which the Yarmouth Club desired to express an opinion concerned the championship cup. They did not consider a cup necessary or desirable, but suggested that a medal should be subscribed for by all the Norfolk clubs.

Mr. Hope, the other Yarmouth delegate, endorsed Mr. Hansell's sentiments.

Dr. Fenner said the Cromer Club were thoroughly in favour of a county championship, confined to local players, and conducted according to medal play rules. He thought the qualification which applied to members of the County Cricket Club should apply to local golfers. The Cromer Club were in favour of competing for a subscription gold medal as a first prize, a silver medal for the second, and two bronze medals for the third and fourth. Cromer golfers were indebted to the Norwich club for initiating the movement.

In reply to a question of a Yarmouth delegate, the feeling was generally expressed that working men's clubs would not be debarred by reason of any subscription from entering.

Sir Lawrence Jones said he represented a club which enjoyed a perennial deficit. (Laughter.) The amount necessary to provide a gold medal might make it impossible for his club to contribute, though they might be glad to send a player or two to compete. (Laughter.) They would be glad to accept a challenge cup—(renewed laughter)—but if this idea was to be amended in the form of a levy on all clubs, his club would not be justified in competing.

Mr. Hansell suggested that the Championship might be decided between individual players rather than between different clubs.

Mr. Upcher agreed with what had fallen from the Yarmouth and Cromer delegates. Personally he hoped the competition would be decided by match play, for the match game was more sporting than medal play.

The Rev. Mr. Pease expressed himself in favour of match play and of no handicap being allowed.

Colonel Dawson said such details might be left to a sub-committee.

Mr. Deuchar thought the meeting ought to distinguish between essentials and details.

Mr. Thaine said the initiatory stages might be decided by medal play and the final by match play.

Mr. Deuchar said that was precisely what the Norwich Club had proposed.

The Chairman suggested that the meeting might resolve that a Championship competition was desirable. Then a sub-committee might be summoned to arrange details, and that committee in due course would submit their recommendations to the general meeting.

Mr. Hansell thereupon moved the following resolution:—"That it is desirable that a county championship (with a residence or birth qualification) be instituted for Norfolk, and that details of the competition be considered by a committee consisting of one representative of each Norfolk Golf club, or as many as are willing to send representatives, and that such committee report at a later date to a full meeting of the representatives of the Golf clubs."

This was seconded by Mr. Deuchar, and carried.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Colman for presiding was proposed by Colonel Dawson, and seconded by Dr. Fenner. This the Chairman humbly acknowledged, and the conference was brought to a close.

We understand that at an informal meeting held later in the day, at which most of the above delegates were present, a unanimous understanding was arrived at as to the main features of the championship competitions.



The result of the Open Championship will, no doubt, come as a surprise to many golfers, but not to those who have marked the steady progress of the winner to maturity, in the brilliancy of his form and the general soundness of his play. The prediction of Rolland, made to the writer in February, when playing his match with Tom Dunn, that either Taylor, Herd, or himself would win the Championship, has been amply justified. No one has had more intimate opportunities than Rolland of gauging the form of the new Champion, for the two have been pitted together very frequently in recent big matches on Southern greens; and no later than a fortnight ago Taylor gave his formidable runner-up a pretty severe drubbing over Mitcham.

If one analyses the various rounds of the Champion over such a severe course as Sandwich, with its long and dangerous carries, and especially during such weather as the competition has been played in, it is impossible not to be struck with the high average of the play, and the unvarying steadiness of its excellence, high wind and rain notwithstanding. When at half-past five o'clock Rolland handed in his complete card, and it showed that he had beaten Andrew Kirkaldy by 1 stroke, being thereby a certain second, if not a probable winner, excitement ruled high. Attention was diverted to the progress homewards of Taylor, who was just on the turn, and had to do 86 in order to win. But, as everyone knows, bad luck is proverbial in the game, and a badly-bunkered shot would "quite undo" him, and relegate him to an inferior position. But the English player kept steadily on, and was able to come home within the margin of his allotted allowance.

This is the second time that the Championship has gone to an English player, the first time to Mr. John Ball, jun. Taylor is a product of purely English Golf, having learnt his game as a caddie at Westward Ho! and he is now attached to the Winchester Golf Club. He is quite a young man of twenty-two or twenty-three. He drives a neat, straight ball, without any of the tremendous power of Rolland or Kirkaldy behind it; but, better than power, he has certainty. He picks up his ball clean with the brassie for his second shots, and affects the use of this club more than the cleek. His approaching with the iron is very fine and deadly, and he putts with the same decision and rapidity seen in the method with which he walks up to his ball and smites it. In putting out he uses a patent cleek, with a curve at the neck backwards instead of towards the ball, as in Willie Park's cleek. With this club he holes incredibly long putts.

The competition has been noteworthy also for the disaster which has overtaken the amateurs. Mr. Hilton retired early. This fine player has been suffering for some weeks back from a sprained left wrist, and while in London last week he went to consult a specialist on the injury. It was at one time doubtful whether he would even attempt to play. Mr. Ball, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Mure Fergusson, were all low down on the list; and latterly it was seen that the contest

practically lay between Rolland, A. Kirkaldy, and Taylor. Warm congratulations were given to Taylor on his well-earned victory.

Golf is spreading in South Africa, as in other corners of the world. We hear that the game is very popular at Johannesburg, in the Transvaal, and that the Rand Club of that town has already eighty golfers.

The members of the Royal Dublin Golf Club were very pleased to hear that old Tom Morris had arrived in Dublin, on Tuesday, the 5th inst. They gave him a warm welcome as he came to Dollymount, brisk and hale, from Labinch, in the county of Clare (where he has just laid out a capital links of eighteen holes), and from Killarney Lakes, which, with his daughter and little grandchild, he visited last week. Playing on the evening of his arrival at Dollymount with Brown, the professional, Tom went round in 88. An excellent score, and one that with knowledge of the links might easily have been under 80. On Wednesday, the veteran golfer and Mr. Gilroy (captain of the club) played Brown and Mr. Petrie. The match was halved; and on Thursday, a return match was played, which ended in a win for our captain and visitor by 1 hole up. Is there need to add that all the members of the club gave a hearty greeting to the grand old champion, that we look forward to another visit from him soon, and that he departed with our good wishes for his success at Sandwich during the Championship meeting?

On Friday, the 8th inst., five portions of ground on Montrose links belonging to the burgh were exposed to feu by public roup in the Municipal Buildings, in the presence of a large attendance. A piece of ground in the South Links, near the Royal Albert Golf Club-house, extending to 1,333 square yards, was feued to the Montrose Ladies' Golf Club, on which to erect a club-house, and another piece of 444 square yards was feued to the Royal Albert Club for extension of their accommodation—both at ½d. per square yard. There was keen competition for 1,000 square yards of ground near the old Royal Albert Club-house, where the Victoria Club proposed to erect a new club-house; but ultimately, Mr. Philip, solicitor, Brechin, feued the ground for a client at ¾d. per square yard. The other two portions, extending to over half an acre, were feued to Mr. W. J. Sandford-Thompson, Balmanno House, at ½d. and 1d. per square yard respectively.

The opening of the Prince's Ladies' Golf Club, at Mitcham Junction, will take place to-morrow. The committee are Lady Abercromby, Miss Astley, Lady Gertrude Astley Cubitt, Mrs. G. Banbury, Lady Florence Bourke, Mrs. Fisher, Miss Halford, Mrs. J. R. Hutchison, Miss Langley, Mrs. Bertie Roberts, Hon. Mrs. Rowley, Lady Sandhurst, Miss Thorold, Lady E. Wickham, and Mrs. Wilson. A course of nine holes has been laid out on a portion of Mitcham Common adjoining Prince's Golf Club. The ground is picturesque and secluded, lying between two lines of railway. The hazards are numerous and "sporting," the turf excellent, and the soil suitable. A comfortable club-house has been built on private ground overlooking the links, and close to Mitcham Junction Station. Subscription, £3 3s. a year. No entrance-fee will be charged to the first two hundred original members. Members of Prince's Golf Club, Prince's Raquet and Tennis Club, and Prince's (Brighton) Tennis Club, are entitled to propose original members. Ladies residing in Mitcham are eligible for election, without the use of the club-house, at a subscription of £1 1s. a year.

A professional match will take place over the Furzedown course of the Tooting Bec Golf Club, on Saturday, the 23rd inst. Rolland, Hugh Kirkaldy, Sayers, and Taylor, will be the players. In the morning there will be a thirty-six hole single match, Rolland playing Kirkaldy, and Sayers playing Taylor; and in the afternoon, a foursome between Rolland and Sayers against Kirkaldy and Taylor.



THE RULE AS TO STARTING TIME.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Please spare me a small portion of your valuable space for a personal explanation with respect to the opening statements contained in the letter signed "Brancastrian," in GOLF of the 8th instant.

The first of those occasions was in August, 1892. I was about to play, very nearly my first, if not quite my first medal round, and having read the St. Andrews Rules, which then applied to Brancaster, on my way over from Hunstanton, I asked a member of the committee what was the penalty for grounding a club in a bunker in a medal round. I was at once told "loss of a stroke," but when I pointed out that the only rule was that a club may not be grounded in a bunker under the penalty of the loss of the hole, which could not apply to a medal round, I was told by the same authority, "disqualification." It was in consequence of these two inconsistent statements that I wrote a letter to GOLF which will be found at page 410 of 1892, signed "G. E. S. F." In that letter Brancaster is not even referred to, neither is the member of the committee referred to; but I only referred to what took place when the professional was called up by the aforesaid member of the committee to give his opinion. This, Sir, is the letter out of which "Brancastrian," knowing that everyone will have forgotten what was in it, does not hesitate to try and raise some prejudice against me. I may here mention that it was in consequence of this very letter that a special rule was passed by the Brancaster committee, as follows:—"The loss of one stroke shall follow any infringement of Rule XIV. of the St. Andrew's Rules as above altered."

The second occasion is one which I am surprised "Brancastrian" is not ashamed to refer to. Towards the end of September last year, I drove three friends over from Hunstanton to play at Brancaster; it was not a medal day, nor a prize meeting of any kind, and there were not twenty people playing on the green, and yet I was made to pay 15s. for my three friends, one day's play, on the ground that although they had only played there one day before, the *free* days must be consecutive; now, Sir, this was another case of a rule having been altered without my knowledge, and I urged that as I had broken the rule quite innocently and had not caused any inconvenience to anyone, I thought the payment of the 15s. might well be dispensed with; but no, it was insisted on, and I paid the 15s. out of my own pocket, for, as I said at the time, I was ashamed to ask my friends to pay any portion of it. With regard to the "very plain language" referred to by "Brancastrian" I can only submit that whatever I said was fully justified by being told, "You know your remedy; if you do not like it, you can leave the club." In order that it may not be supposed that I was always taking over a party of strangers to play for nothing, I may mention that, although I am an original member of the club, I have not introduced a dozen players to play free, and I may also mention that the occasion when I was disqualified was only in the second prize meeting that I have ever played in at Brancaster.

The particulars of the third occasion are contained in my letter to GOLF of the 1st instant, and I will only add with regard to it that before I began the round I told a member of the committee that I had come down from London that morning expressly to play, and that I thought that the matter should be laid before the committee to see if under the circumstances the rule could not be extended—as, indeed, I am told it was extended on one occasion for a local man—but instead of this being done, I found on my return from playing the round that the prize list had been made out and placed on the notice-board, and as there was not a soul in the club to whom I could "hand in" my score, I pinned it "ostentatiously," if it pleases "Brancastrian" to think so, on the notice-board just above the prize list, which, I submit, was the proper place for it.

The silly reasons given by "Brancastrian" for fixing the starting hour at 2.30 in midsummer, I leave to you, Sir, to deal with, as they are addressed to you, if indeed you think they are worth taking any notice of. Neither will I take any notice of the personal attack which "Brancastrian" has thought fit to make upon me, for I will not condescend to bandy words with a man who seems to think that abuse is argument, and who also seems to think it not inconsistent with the conduct of a gentleman to make a personal attack on another anonymously, and who is either afraid or ashamed to sign his name.

I am, Sir, &c.,

G. E. S. FRYER.

THE LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—It seems to be taken for granted by those who have written articles on the recent Ladies' Golf Championship, that, because Scotland did not furnish any competitors, she is unable to produce players of the calibre of Lady Margaret Scott. Without discussing the question as to whether the recent Championship was really an *open* one, and not merely an English contest, it may be of interest to your readers to know that Scotland possesses several lady-golfers who are stronger players than the present Champion. There are two sisters, well-known on St. Andrews, North Berwick, and Macrihanish links, with whom, in the opinion of such authorities as Hugh Kirkaldy and Ben Sayers, Lady Margaret Scott would not have a look-in. No doubt there are other Scotch players who, if pitted against the latter lady, would give a good account of themselves. In the face of such facts, surely it is ridiculous to call the present Lady-Champion any other title than Champion of *England*.

It should be clearly understood that this Union, which promotes these Championships, only includes a very few of the existing Golf clubs of the country.

I am, Sir, &c.,

SCOTCHMAN.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. S. D.—Three fourths of the handicap difference in singles, and three-eighths in foursomes.

IN addition to the stimie measure sent out by Messrs. A. Teen and Co., Golf-club makers, Blackheath, and noticed in this column the other day, the same firm have added another useful accessory to the golfer's equipment in the shape of a small file for roughening the face of the wooden clubs. A player, of course, cannot be expected to carry with him the tools of the club-maker, but certain well-known contingencies are always happening to clubs in the course of play, when the aid of the club-maker is not always available or handy. This file, with a rough and smooth surface, carried at the bottom of the bag, or in the player's box when travelling from home, will always be within reach in case of a chipped face, or a too smooth and glossy one, which fails to grip the ball, and is liable either to drive it high in the air or to slice.



ABERDEEN.

VICTORIA CLUB.—The members of this club held their second quarterly prize competition for the season on Wednesday and Saturday of last week over the usual Links course. The weather was all that could be desired on both days, and there was a large turn-out of competitors, over forty couples in all starting. Competitors were unavoidably interfered with on Wednesday evening owing to the volunteers practising volley-firing, and several players were unable to complete their rounds owing to this cause. The ground, too, especially at the Alps and valley holes, was also much cut up, owing to the alterations in progress for the coming Wapinschaw, and low scoring was in consequence difficult. The prizes, which numbered twenty in all, were equally divided between first and second class players, and consisted of golfing material, clubs, balls, &c. Ties were decided by the lowest handicaps. On comparing the cards handed in the following were found to be the winners:—First class players—1st, Mr. G. Barron, 83, less 5=78; 2nd, Mr. D. B. Leslie, 82, less 2=80; 3rd, Mr. A. Cooper, 82, less 1=81; 4th, Mr. A. Mitchell, scratch, 82; 5th, Mr. J. Russell, 87, less 5=82; 6th, Mr. J. Esson, 98, less 16=82; 7th, Mr. J. B. Bank, 87, less 4=83; 8th, Mr. J. A. Ross, 90, less 7=83; 9th, Mr. G. Souter, 93, less 10=83; 10th, Mr. R. Anderson, 85, less 1=84. Second class players—1st, Mr. J. Watson, 93, less 2=91; 2nd, Mr. W. Scott Hall, 94, less 3=91; 3rd, Mr. J. Buchanan, 110, less 18=92; 4th, Mr. W. M'Hattie, 99, less 6=93; 5th, Mr. A. Souter, 108, less 15=93; 6th, Mr. W. Anderson, 92, plus 2=94; 7th, Mr. N. Shaw, 100, less 6=94; 8th, Mr. A. Lamont, 100, less 5=95; 9th, Mr. H. Peterkin, jun., 107, less 12=95; 10th, Mr. J. W. Henderson, 108, less 12=96. Among the remaining cards the following had the lowest figures, viz.:—Mr. A. M. M. Dunn, 88; Mr. J. Hazelwood, 91; Mr. W. H. Reid, 92; Mr. J. Stewart and Mr. T. Crichton, 93; Mr. G. Anderson (2), 94; Mr. A. M. Scott, 95; Mr. A. D. Leiper and Mr. C. F. Reid, 96; Mr. R. Dunn, 97; Mr. J. Law, 98; and Mr. W. R. Stalker and Mr. J. Burness, 99.

BULWELL FOREST MERCANTILE GOLF CLUB.

A match was played on Bulwell Forest, on Saturday, June 9th, between Bulwell v. Alfreton. The greens were in good condition. There was a large number of spectators on the ground. The match was played in dull weather. Bulwell won by 45 holes.

BULWELL.		ALFRETON.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. G. L. White	0	Rev. A. Harvey	2
Mr. S. Austin	0	Mr. J. W. Compton	2
Mr. S. Smith	0	Mr. L. S. Stroyan	0
Mr. T. Parker	1	Rev. S. C. Hayward	0
Mr. J. Leatherland	12	Mr. I. Oaks	0
Mr. S. Anthony	0	Mr. V. Maltby	0
Mr. T. Maund	11	Mr. Taylor	0
Mr. W. Hallam	12	Mr. Willenson	0
Mr. G. Taylor	13	Mr. Wade	0
	49		4

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CITY OF NEWCASTLE GOLF CLUB.

June 9th, 1894. First day of third monthly competition.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. Fred. Smith	92	11	81	Mr. J. W. Robson	108	12	96
Mr. Geo. T. Glover	99	16	83	Mr. C. A. Harrison	117	19	98
Mr. N. S. Green	104	18	86	Mr. John Lockie	117	19	98
Mr. T. H. Leathart	105	14	91	Rev. W. H. Ainger	105	6	99
Mr. H. P. Bailey	110	19	91	Mr. A. Hedley	106	7	99
Mr. W. Cross	112	19	93	Mr. J. R. Bolton	107	8	99
Mr. H. Simms	116	22	94	Lieut. Willis	134	30	104
Mr. T. W. Sharp	111	16	95	Mr. A. Muir	129	25	104

Messrs. J. G. Leathart and W. D. Robb retired.

CHEADLE v. MACCLESFIELD.

This match was played on the Cheadle Links on Saturday in wet weather. Both clubs were weakly represented, and the match ended in a decisive victory for the home team by 43 holes. Scores:—

CHEADLE.		MACCLESFIELD.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. John Merry	10	Mr. F. Tylecote	0
Mr. W. Scowcroft	7	Mr. A. Ramm	0
Mr. J. M. Eaton	0	Mr. A. G. Gray	0
Mr. J. H. Milne	3	Mr. J. M. Leake	0
Mr. F. J. Milne	7	Rev. L. T. Wilcockson	0
Mr. C. D. Milne	9	Mr. F. Edmonson	0
Mr. G. G. Campion	8	Mr. W. H. L. Cameron	0
Mr. H. Davies	0	Mr. J. R. Bell	1
	44		1

CHESTER GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, the 9th inst., the fourth monthly competition took place. Out of fifteen competitors two cards were returned. Mr. Barnes did not enter for the competition, but for the sweepstakes only:—Mr. E. K. Barnes, 104, less 14=90 (won sweepstake); Mr. G. H. Reynolds, 93, less 2=91 (win-in for the final); Mr. F. Hayes, 95, less 3=93.

DISLEY v. BOWDON.

Home-and-home matches between the above clubs were played on Saturday, June 9th, with the following result:—First teams, at Disley.

DISLEY.		BOWDON.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. R. W. Hutton	0	Mr. F. C. Morgan	5
Mr. A. B. Scholfield	4	Mr. H. Holden	0
Mr. W. Bell	0	Mr. W. G. Clegg	0
Mr. R. C. Hutton	2	Mr. S. W. Gillett	0
Mr. G. C. Greenwell	0	Mr. A. G. Hogg	0
Mr. G. C. Liebert	1	Mr. T. Muirhead	0
Mr. E. G. Hutton	4	Rev. T. Pym Williamson	0
Mr. H. Liebert	1	Mr. E. Withington	0
Mr. H. D. Tonge	6	Mr. C. H. Wolff	0
Mr. J. A. Hutton	0	Mr. C. H. Occleston	4
	22		9

Disley won by 13 holes.

Second teams, at Bowdon.

DISLEY.		BOWDON.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. E. Hutton	7	Mr. S. Smelt	0
Mr. H. C. Garrett	0	Mr. G. S. Ball	0
Mr. A. N. Monkhouse	0	Mr. W. Cowie	3
Rev. E. J. Satterthwaite	0	Mr. H. F. Ransome	3
Mr. J. D. Milne	0	Mr. W. Mowatt	2
Mr. J. C. Norris	0	Mr. G. Worthington	0
Mr. G. N. M. Cameron	1	Mr. F. Merriman	0
Mr. T. C. Midwood	6	Mr. D. MacIver	0
Mr. G. Hicks	4	Mr. H. Staffurth	0
Mr. G. Norris	0	Mr. F. V. Williams	3
	18		11

Disley won by 7 holes.

A tournament has recently been held for a prize presented by Mr. J. D. Milne, in 1892, which resulted as follows:—First round.—Mr. T. C. Norris (7) beat Mr. E. Hutton (5); Mr. G. N. Cameron (7) beat Mr. G. Hicks (9).

Second round.—Mr. H. Liebert (3) beat Mr. E. Talbot (17); Mr. P. Campbell (5) beat Mr. E. G. Hutton (2); Mr. T. C. Midwood (8) beat Mr. G. C. Greenwell (2); Mr. R. W. Hutton (1) beat Mr. R. E. Branthwaite (15); Mr. T. G. Yates (1) beat Mr. H. C. Garrett (4); Mr. J. E. Mills (9) beat Mr. G. F. Schofield (15); Mr. A. W. Fuller

(17) beat Rev. T. N. Carter (8); Mr. R. C. Hutton (1) beat Mr. T. C. Norris; Mr. E. H. Fuller (13) beat Mr. G. N. Cameron; Mr. H. D. Tonge (4) beat Mr. H. Latham (12); Mr. W. Bell (1) beat Mr. G. H. Norris (11); Mr. G. C. Liebert (2) beat Mr. J. H. Milne (7); Mr. A. B. Scholfield (1) beat Mr. S. Bles (11); Mr. J. H. Mills (8) beat Mr. J. Murray (17); Mr. J. A. Hutton (5) beat Mr. A. H. Dixon (7); Mr. T. S. Turnbull (5) beat Mr. H. L. Behrens (7).

Third round.—Mr. H. Liebert beat Mr. P. Campbell; Mr. R. W. Hutton beat Mr. T. C. Midwood; Mr. T. G. Yates beat Mr. J. E. Mills; Mr. R. C. Hutton beat A. W. Fuller; Mr. E. H. Fuller beat Mr. H. D. Tonge; Mr. W. Bell beat Mr. G. C. Liebert; Mr. A. B. Scholfield beat Mr. T. H. Mills; Mr. T. S. Turnbull beat Mr. J. A. Hutton.

Fourth round.—Mr. H. Liebert beat Mr. R. W. Hutton; Mr. T. G. Yates beat Mr. R. C. Hutton; Mr. W. Bell beat Mr. E. H. Fuller; Mr. T. S. Turnbull beat Mr. A. B. Scholfield.

Fifth round.—Mr. T. G. Yates beat Mr. H. Liebert; Mr. W. Bell beat Mr. T. S. Turnbull.

Final.—Mr. W. Bell beat Mr. T. G. Yates. This being the second year recorded by Mr. W. Bell the prize becomes his absolute possession.

The four winners of the competition held in May for the prize presented by the president of the club, Lord Newton of Lyme, have since played off under match rules with the following result:—Mr. G. C. Liebert beat Mr. R. W. Hutton; Mr. E. Hutton beat Mr. T. C. Norris; Mr. E. Hutton beat Mr. G. C. Liebert. Mr. E. Hutton won this prize last year, and has consequently now won it outright.

ELTHAM LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The prize of a handsome silver inkstand, kindly presented by Mrs. Robert Whyte, was competed for by the winners of the monthly medal during the past year. Mrs. Lord proved the winner by beating Mrs. Mackern in the final heat. The heats worked out as follows:—

First round.—Miss M. Richardson (3) beat Mrs. Schacht (14), 6 up and 4 to play. Byes:—Mrs. Lord (9); Mrs. Poland (5); Miss Richardson (6); Mrs. Mackern (scratch); Mrs. Archie Keen (5); Miss Fraser (16); Mrs. Stokes (4).

Second round.—Mrs. Lord beat Miss M. Richardson, 2 up and 1 to play; Mrs. Poland beat Miss Richardson, 1 up; Mrs. Mackern beat Mrs. Archie Keen, 5 up and 4 to play; Miss Fraser beat Mrs. Stokes, 6 up and 5 to play.

Third round.—Mrs. Lord beat Mrs. Poland, 3 up and 2 to play; Mrs. Mackern beat Miss Fraser, 3 up and 1 to play.

Final round.—Mrs. Lord beat Mrs. Mackern, 5 up and 3 to play.

EPPING v. NAZEING.

A capital match on the Nazeing Links on Saturday, June 9th, resulted in a win for the visitors by 1 hole. On the last occasion when these two teams met on the Nazeing Links, over two years ago (by-the-by, Nazeing won by 2 holes, Mr. McDonnell secured 15 holes), Mr. G. Sewell was only 1 down to Dr. Hawkins. The doctor has either come on very fast or Mr. Sewell has gone off. The return match on Epping Links will decide. Mr. A. Kemp played a very strong game for Epping, putting in some startling drives, and Mr. Oldham a deadly sure one.

EPPING.		NAZEING.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. A. C. O'dham	5	Mr. C. F. Cheston	0
Mr. G. Sewell	0	Dr. H. Hawkins	11
Mr. A. Kemp	8	Mr. A. W. McDonnell	0
Mr. R. C. Lyall	0	Mr. G. L. P. Cheston	1
Mr. O. S. Lee	0	Mr. T. Cunnington	3
Mr. W. R. Dent	2	Mr. T. L. Harrison	0
Mr. H. B. Verburg	1	Mr. R. M. Cuthbert	0
	16		15

FORFARSHIRE.

On Saturday the final round for the Gilroy cup (which also carries with it the honour of champion of the club for the year) was played on Monifieth links. There was a very large company of spectators present to witness the match. Mr. John Hendry officiated as referee, but his services were seldom called into requisition. The players were Messrs. David Dargie and George Wright. The last named played a strong game, and won the cup by 4 and 3 to play. Mr. Dargie was suffering from a severe cold, but he played up pluckily after all interest in the tie seemed gone.

The members of the Monifieth Club engaged on Saturday in their annual long driving competition for the handsome silver medal presented by Mr. David Anderson, The Grange. There was a large number of entries, but only between forty and fifty drove off. A part of the links westward from the Wilderness hole was selected for the drive, so as not to interfere with players going round the course. The weather conditions were good, there being little or no wind. At the

close of the contest it was found that Mr. David L. Low was winner of the medal and first sweepstake with a drive which carried 190 yards. Mr. George Fox won second place with 188½; and Mr. William Hutcheson was third with 185 yards. In the second class the first sweepstake was won by Mr. Edward Shield with 162 yards; second, Mr. R. D. Smith, 157½ yards. Third class—Mr. Godfrey Anderson, 135 yards.

GOLF AT THE CAPE.

The opening game of the Cape Golf Club for the season was played at the links, Rondebosch, the other Saturday. The muster of members was less than was expected, probably owing to the warm, sultry afternoon. The hero of the afternoon was the deservedly popular captain, Mr. P. C. Grant, late of Edinburgh, who went round in the really fine score of 87 (the record so far on the links). Over and over again he landed within ten yards of the next hole from his drive. The following is his score for the two rounds of nine holes:—Out, 6 6 4 4 4 3 7 5 5=44; in, 6 6 4 4 3 3 5 6 6=43. The following were among the other scores handed in to the secretary:—Mr. G. B. Muir, 106, less 6=100; Mr. W. H. Finlay, 112, less 8=104; Mr. R. Littlejohn, 118, less 14=104; Hon. J. W. Sauer, 120, less 16=104; Mr. B. Bayly, 115, less 10=105; Captain H. Massy, R.E., 116, less 10=106; Mr. E. Stapleton, 121, less 15=106; Mr. G. A. Wright, 127, less 21=106.

GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, June 9th:—Mr. E. W. Sargeant (8), 2 up; Mr. C. W. Dent (18), 2 up; Mr. J. A. Ross (2), all square; Mr. H. Davenport (5), 3 down; Mr. J. H. Buxill (7), 4 down; Mr. G. H. Trollope (14), 5 down; Mr. W. F. Richmond (7), 6 down; Mr. R. Walters (14), 6 down; Mr. A. H. Mathison (6), 7 down; Mr. A. P. Doulton (11), 7 down; Mr. F. Muir (6), 8 down; Colonel W. Pitt (6), 8 down; Colonel W. H. Sykes (11), 11 down.

HIARTLEY WINTNEY GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, played on June 4th. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. Bourdillon	99 17 82	Mr. C. R. Seymour	103 14 89
Mr. P. F. Morton	97 12 85	Mr. E. W. M. Lloyd	106 16 90
Mr. H. Hollings	101 15 86	Mr. E. Wilkins	110 18 92
Rev. W. Claxton	102 16 86	Capt. Burton	135 38 97

Ladies' prize competition, played on June 7th.—Miss Sharpe, 114, less 20=94; Miss Maturin, 112, less 5=107; Miss M. Sharpe, 128, less 12=116.

ILFRACOMBE GOLF CLUB.

On June 1st the ladies' handicap took place over the gentlemen's links (nine holes). The morning was fine, little wind, but in the middle of the day it got cloudy, looked like rain, but fortunately the rain kept off. The dark clouds kept numbers away, out of fifteen only six players turned up, all were beginners except one, all were anxious to gain a prize; a lace handkerchief first prize; six Golf balls second prize. Nos. 1 and 2 holes were easily done, but in driving from No. 2 tee you had to drive over a seven-foot wall and bank, with a hedge on top, about nine or ten feet high, and about sixty yards from the tee; if not done in 1, the ball falls amongst long grass, ferns and brackens, it then takes a good lofting shot to get over. In coming back, the same fence has to be got over, higher up, about one hundred and twenty yards from No. 3 tee; if not done in 2, the same difficulties take place, and if not driven straight, and you slice your ball, it goes over a stone wall into a cornfield, and is lost. The long grass, ferns, and bracken between the remainder of the holes caused great havoc, but will in time be killed down. It was wonderful the ladies did so well, with so very little practice, being so young a club. Scores:—Miss E. V. Bertram, 87, less 15=72; Miss Nairn, 109, less 20=89; Miss Simmons, 122, less 30=92; Miss B. Thorold, 133, less 30=103; Miss C. Dickinson, 139, less 30=109; Miss M. Bagshaw, 158, less 30=128.

LITTLESTONE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, June:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. A. Gibbings	108 18 90	Mr. W. E. Hughes	
Mr. H. G. Stringer	108 18 90	Hughes	116 20 96
Mr. H. A. Curteis	95 2 93	Mr. C. C. Blogg	121 24 97
Mr. A. J. Stanley	98 5 93	Mr. J. Bannon	107 9 98
Mr. H. G. Samson	101 7 94	Mr. J. H. Renton	115 15 100
Mr. D. Petrie	112 18 94		

* Winner of tie and medal.

Others over 100 net or no return.

LITTLESTONE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, June:—Miss C. M. South, 103, less 26=77; Mrs. H. C. Willock, 88, less 8=80; Miss Stringer, 99, less 8=82; Miss E. Cobb, 107, less 21=86; Miss South, 99, less 12=87; Miss E. Row-

landson, 116, less 27=89; Miss H. Stringer, 102, less 12=90; Miss M. Cobb, 110, less 16=94. Others no returns.

LIMPSFIELD CHART v. EASTBOURNE.

The return match between the ladies of the above clubs was played at Limpsfield on Friday, the 8th inst., and resulted in the victory of the home team, who won by 19 up on the singles, and 1 on the foursomes. Singles:—

LIMPSFIELD.		EASTBOURNE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss Lilian M. Bartlett	... 2	Miss Agnes Drake	... 0
Miss Thompson	... 0	Miss Starkie Beace	... 3
Mrs. Urmsion	... 1	Miss Drake	... 0
Mrs. Parsons	... 1	Mrs. Richardson	... 0
Miss Ethel E. Board	... 10	Miss Laurence	... 0
Miss Watney	... 1	Mrs. Whitfield	... 0
Miss Kate Watney	... 7	Misa Lambert	... 0
	22		3
Foursomes:—			
Mrs. Parsons and Miss Lilian Bartlett	... 2	Miss Agnes Drake and Miss Starkie Beace	... 0
Miss Thompson and Miss Ethel Board	... 0	Miss Drake and Mrs. Richardson	... 1
Mrs. Urmsion and Miss Watney	... 0	Miss Laurence and Mrs. Whitfield	... 0
	2		1

MACHRIHANISH GOLF CLUB.

On Friday and Saturday last the twelve winners in the monthly competitions for the Carsbey cross during last year engaged in a match for a combined clock and barometer. Although these monthly competitions had been decided by strokes under handicap, the final struggle was by holes, also under handicap. The following was the result:—

First Round.—Mr. J. A. Gardiner (13) beat Mr. C. C. Maxtone (10) by 3 up and 1; Mr. A. H. Gardiner (scratch) beat Mr. J. R. McInnes (16) by 5 and 3; Mr. W. Hunter (10) beat Mr. T. Macfadzean (10) by 7 and 6; Mr. A. Rae (3) beat Mr. James Greenlees (scratch) by 2 and 1.

Second Round.—Mr. T. Anderson (scratch), a bye, Mr. J. P. Brown (10) scratched; Mr. D. Cameron (2) beat Mr. A. H. Duncan (10) by 3 and 2; Mr. J. A. Gardiner (13) beat Mr. A. H. Gardiner (scratch) by 2 holes; Mr. A. Rae (3) beat Mr. W. Hunter (10) by 4 and 2.

Third Round.—Mr. T. Anderson beat Mr. D. Cameron by 7 and 5; Mr. J. A. Gardiner beat Mr. A. Rae by 3 and 1.

Fourth Round.—Mr. T. Anderson beat Mr. J. A. Gardiner by 7 and 5.

MINEHEAD AND WEST SOMERSET GOLF CLUB.

Match versus Glamorganshire, played at Minehead, Saturday, 9th inst., resulting in a win for home team by eighteen holes. Scores as follows:—

MINEHEAD.		GLAMORGANSHIRE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. Fowler	... 5	Mr. Stoddart	... 0
Mr. Sadler	... 11	Mr. Simpson	... 0
Mr. King	... 0	Mr. Barlow	... 0
Mr. Francis	... 1	Mr. Flint	... 0
Mr. Owen Brown	... 2	Mr. Mason	... 0
Rev. J. Utten Todd	... 4	Mr. Common	... 0
Mr. Hayward	... 0	Mr. Rickards	... 5
	23		5

NEEDLES GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the annual club prize (medal play) took place on Wednesday, June 6th. Only the winners of the monthly sweepstakes for the past twelve months were eligible to compete. The game was played in the pouring rain, with a strong east wind blowing. Major Walford made a brilliant start, leading easily for the first six holes; but his seventh hole was a bad one, in consequence of the ruts. Captain Inglis, playing a steady game, here secured the first place, and for ten holes maintained his position. On driving off for the eighteenth hole he met with misfortune, being stopped by the gorse. At the last hole Mr. Dover came to the front for the first time during the game, and won by 2 points. Score:—Mr. J. Dover, 106, less 22=84; Captain Inglis, 110, less 24=86; Major Walford, 121, less 25=96; Lieut. Pritchard, 124, less 27=97; Dr. Hands, 121, less 23=98. The rest were over 100 net.

RAND CLUB, JOHANNESBURG, TRANSVAAL.

The monthly handicap took place on Saturday, May 12th, when a fair number of members turned out. Some very good scores were returned, and, as will be seen below, could hardly have been much closer. Mr. Leeb, who has not been out much of late, proved the winner, but was run very close by Messrs. Purchas, Browne, and Watson, the latter's score of 43 for the second round being very good. Mr. H. E. O. Green, winner of the cup presented by Messrs. Myers Brothers, this time took the wooden spoon, and is no doubt satisfied with both achievements, as he is a hard worker at the game, and takes a keen interest in it. It is hoped shortly to arrange matches with the Pretoria Club (a newly-formed one), which ought to add zest to the game and continue to increase the interest already aroused in it here. There are at present in town several visitors from home and elsewhere who are followers of the game.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. L. Leeb	... 105 10 95	Mr. H. Becher	... 102 scr. 102
Mr. T. Purchas	... 113 16 97	Mr. W. Savage	... 121 18 103
Rev. Langford S. Browne	... 120 22 98	Mr. J. G. Currey	... 131 26 105
Mr. H. F. Watson	... 109 10 99	Mr. R. S. Egerton	... 121 14 107
Mr. W. Officer	... 112 12 100	Mr. D. Henderson	... 121 14 107
Mr. F. Emley	... 124 24 100	Hon. J. Tudhope	... 132 24 108
Mr. C. T. Thomson	... 117 16 101	Mr. H. E. O. Green	... 123 10 113

Several players made no returns.

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

Result of competition of summer medal, Singapore cup, and monthly medal, played on June 5th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. F. S. Ireland	... 112 scr. 112	Mr. F. P. Staples	... 149 26 123
Mr. W. O. S. Pell	... 114 2 112	Mr. H. Soames	... 138 15 123
Mr. H. Gillon	... 117 3 114	Mr. G. H. Frean	... 154 30 124
Mr. J. Le Lièvre	... 128 12 116	Mr. G. F. Sanders	... 138 14 124
Mr. M. H. Richardson	... 132 15 117	Mr. E. Pinkerton	... 136 11 125
Mr. J. H. W. Davies	... 144 25 119	Mr. H. E. Lawrence	... 138 13 125
Mr. C. B. Lindsay	... 137 18 119	Mr. E. G. Wilkinson	... 149 24 125
Mr. R. Winch	... 136 16 120	Mr. W. J. Dyer	... 143 18 125
Mr. G. W. Smyth	... 144 24 120	Mr. C. M. Baker	... 148 22 126
Mr. C. Young	... 126 6 120	Mr. C. Bell	... 144 18 126
Mr. G. Spurling	... 134 14 120	Mr. W. E. Hughes	... 134 8 126
Mr. C. Lethbridge	... 139 18 121	Mr. J. G. Gibson	... 127 scr. 127
Mr. A. Schacht	... 119 +2 121	Mr. W. Morris	... 143 14 129
Mr. H. C. Burton	... 139 17 122	(captain)	... 158 28 130
Mr. R. Whyte	... 124 2 122	Major Sill	... 158 25 133
Mr. F. J. Lawrence	... 147 25 122	Mr. D. Christopher-son	... 158 25 133

The summer medal was won by Mr. F. S. Ireland. For the Singapore cup and monthly medal there was a tie between Mr. F. S. Ireland and Mr. W. O. S. Pell with scores as above. Seven members made no return. Weather fine with a strong wind.

ROYAL DUBLIN GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, June 9th, there was a large turn-out of members to compete for the Coldstream Guards' cup, played for by strokes, under handicap limited to 18. Dr. R. McCausland was the winner with a good score of 88, less 15=73. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Dr. R. McCausland	... 88 15 73	Mr. J. Stevenson	... 103 18 85
Mr. G. C. May	... 89 11 78	Mr. T. Stewart	... 100 15 85
Mr. G. C. Green	... 90 12 78	Dr. Lumsden	... 96 10 86
Mr. D. F. Moore	... 94 16 78	Mr. D. M. Wilson	... 95 9 86
Mr. P. Watson	... 92 11 81	Mr. H. J. Daly	... 98 12 86
Mr. J. H. Barrington	... 99 16 83	Mr. R. F. Taylor	... 95 9 86
Capt. Hood	... 97 13 84	Mr. S. Moore	... 100 14 86
Mr. C. D. Barry	... 99 15 84	Capt. Poe	... 104 18 86
Mr. A. S. Hussey	... 99 15 84	Mr. H. Smart	... 104 18 86
Mr. E. O'Farrell	... 102 18 84	Dr. Traill	... 98 11 87

ROYAL ISLE OF WIGHT GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on the 9th inst. in a strong wind from the south-west, when Major Laurence Gordon and Major Lamont tied with a net score of 96. The scores were as follows:—Major Lamont, scratch, 96; Major Laurence Gordon, 110, less 14=96; Rev. C. Shilson, 106, less 8=98. The remainder were over 100 net, or did not hand in their cards. It may be added that as an arrangement could not be arrived at to play off the tie Major Lamont did not hand in his card, and thus Major Gordon became the winner of the medal.

SOUTHPORT GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition took place on the links at Churchtown, on Saturday, in dull and rather showery weather. Three players

returned a net score of 83, but Mr. G. F. Smith having previously scored a win for the medal, was disqualified, and Messrs. J. Morrison and C. J. Mulleneux tied, and will have to play off. The first and second sweepstakes were divided between Messrs. G. F. Smith and C. J. Mulleneux, Mr. E. Leese taking the third. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. G. F. Smith ...	80	+3	83	Mr. W. T. Rowley	97	7	90
Mr. J. Morrison ...	93	10	83	Mr. W. E. Bland ...	98	6	92
Mr. C. J. Mulleneux	87	13	83	Mr. S. A. Ashington	102	10	92
Mr. E. Leese ...	87	2	85	Mr. G. F. Pearson	101	5	96
Mr. W. G. Clinning	102	16	86	Mr. A. Smart ...	104	6	98
Mr. W. Thomson ...	108	22	86				

The final in the medal competition, will take place on the second Saturday in July.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA v. BULLWOOD.

Match played on the 9th inst. at Bullwood. Southend won by 10 holes:—

SOUTHEND.		BULLWOOD.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Captain Nicolls ...	1	Mr. Newham ...	0
Mr. Howard Williams	6	Mr. Harding-Browne	0
Mr. J. R. Priestley ...	0	Mr. Gillbanks ...	2
Dr. Hake ...	5	Mr. Williams ...	0
	12		2

SUTTON COLDFIELD GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal, played on Saturday, the 9th inst., brought out a field of twenty-one players, of whom eight only made returns, as follows:—Mr. F. Jennings (winner), 95, less 10=85; Mr. S. I. Porter, 108, less 20=88; Mr. C. Palmer, 102, less 13=89; Mr. E. E. Lamb, 95, less 6=90; Mr. T. G. Griffiths, 103, less 13=90; Mr. A. E. W. Browne, 95, less 3=92; Mr. A. L. Lloyd, 108, less 16=92; Mr. E. P. Wright, 102, less 8=94. The May "Bogie" competition was won by Mr. F. Jennings.

TOOTING BEC GOLF CLUB.

The match competition for the Marquis of Granby's cup, begun in April, was finished last week, Dr. H. Hetley being the winner.

First round.—Mr. W. F. Richmond (12) beat Mr. G. L. Denman (16) by 3 and 1; Mr. J. Bell (14) beat Mr. J. Russell (18) by 3 and 2; Mr. Reg. L. de Zoete (scratch) beat Mr. C. E. Walker (16) by 4 and 3; Mr. E. H. S. Nugent (18) beat Mr. F. W. W. Kingdon (14) by 1 up; Mr. E. Robinson (18) walked over, Mr. T. A. Shepherd (16), scratched; Mr. A. F. Leach (18) beat Mr. W. C. Grant (18) by 7 and 6; Mr. A. W. Nicholson (11) beat Mr. J. F. Symons-Jeune (18) by 6 and 5; Mr. G. F. Collyer (11) beat Mr. J. J. Verran (10) by 4 and 3; Mr. J. T. Steen (13) beat Mr. D. M. Mason (16) by 3 and 2; Rev. W. D. Morrison (12) beat Mr. Stanley Roberts (18) by 5 and 3; Mr. J. C. Hanbury (3) beat Mr. A. Emslie (15) by 5 and 3; Mr. J. Gould Smith (1) walked over, Dr. G. S. Woodhead (14), scratched; Mr. E. Walton Morrish (18) beat Mr. E. E. Colman (18); Mr. A. Hood (9) walked over, Mr. J. Gane (16), scratched; Mr. Cecil Bigwood (15) beat Mr. J. J. Cater (16) by 8 and 7; Mr. S. Payne Galloway (14) walked over, Sir George Prescott (14), scratched; Dr. Seymour Taylor (18) beat Mr. G. H. Gill (12) by 4 and 3; Mr. H. P. St. John (14) beat Mr. S. G. Warner (18); Mr. F. G. Hogg (16) beat Mr. H. E. Moojen (18) by 8 and 6.

Second Round.—Mr. W. F. Richmond beat Mr. J. Bell by 6 and 5; Mr. E. H. S. Nugent walked over, Mr. R. de Zoete scratched; Mr. A. F. Leach beat Mr. E. Robinson by 3 and 1; Mr. G. F. Collyer beat Mr. A. W. Nicholson by 5 and 4; Mr. J. T. Steen walked over, Rev. W. D. Morrison scratched; Mr. J. Gould Smith beat Mr. J. C. Hanbury by 3; Mr. E. W. Morrish beat Mr. A. Hood by 3 and 1; Mr. C. Bigwood beat Mr. S. Payne Galloway by 2 and 1; Mr. H. P. St. John beat Dr. Seymour Taylor by 2; Mr. F. G. Hogg beat Lord Balfour of Burleigh by 2; Mr. H. Seton-Karr, M.P. (7), beat Mr. C. E. Pearson (9) by 5 and 3; Mr. Neville Hicks (7) beat Col. Hon. C. G. Gathorne Hardy (18) by 4 and 3; Mr. H. W. Foster, M.P. (1) beat Major Morris (8) by 6 and 4; Dr. H. Hetley (12) beat Mr. J. C. Bayldon (16) by 6 (twenty-four holes played); Mr. E. F. de Zoete (18) beat Mr. A. Sapte (18) by 3 and 1; Mr. R. Stewart Bain (16) beat Mr. A. C. Johnson (18) by 5 and 4; Mr. T. R. Pinkerton (plus 3) beat Lieut.-Col. R. P. Hare (16) by 4 and 3; Mr. G. H. Tayleur (15) beat Mr. W. H. Warner (12); Mr. O. G. Langley (15) beat Mr. Charles Welby (15) by 2 and 1; Mr. N. C. Bailey (14) walked over, Mr. J. D. Charrington (6) scratched; Mr. H. Lugton (scratch) beat Mr. R. Fogg (18) by 4 and 3; Mr. J. Moore (8) beat Mr. E. Micholls (14) by 3 and 2; Mr. J. G. Maclean (7) walked over, Mr. G. B. Voules (18) scratched; Hon. Reg. Brougham (14) beat Rev. P. Bainbrigge (18) by 6 and 5; Mr. H. Butler (18) beat Mr. D. Russell (16) by 1; Mr. J. D. S. Sim (18) beat Mr. H. H. Lawless (16) by 7 and 6; Mr. W.

C. Warner (16) walked over, Mr. A. J. Knight (18) scratched; Mr. R. K. Harvey (16) beat Mr. E. J. Hunt (16) by 6 and 5; Mr. G. E. Tabor (8) beat Mr. W. Gordon Alexander (18) by 5 and 4; Mr. E. A. Walker (4) beat Mr. N. Dawson (10) by 3 and 1; Mr. S. T. Fisher (18) walked over, Major-General J. H. Maitland, C.B. (10) scratched; Mr. T. L. Corbett (16) beat Mr. W. Williams (9) by 2 and 1.

Third round.—Mr. W. F. Richmond beat Mr. E. H. S. Nugent by 5 and 3; Mr. A. F. Leach walked over, Mr. G. F. Collyer, scratched; Mr. J. T. Steen beat Mr. J. Gould-Smith by 2 and 1; Mr. C. Bigwood beat Mr. E. W. Morrish by 6 and 5; Mr. F. G. Hogg beat Mr. H. P. St. John by 2 and 1; Mr. N. Hicks beat Mr. H. Seton-Karr, M.P., by 2 and 1; Dr. H. Hetley beat Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., by 4 and 3; Mr. R. Stewart Bain beat Mr. E. F. de Zoete by 3 and 2; Mr. T. R. Pinkerton beat Mr. G. H. J. Tayleur by 2 and 1; Mr. O. G. Langley beat Mr. N. C. Bailey by 2 and 1; Mr. J. Moore, walked over, Mr. H. Lugton, scratched; Mr. J. G. Maclean beat Hon. Reg. Brougham by 5 and 3; Mr. J. D. S. Sim beat Mr. H. Butler by 3 and 2; Mr. W. C. Warner beat Mr. R. K. Harvey by 4 and 2; Mr. G. E. Tabor beat Mr. E. A. Walker by 1; Mr. S. T. Fisher beat Mr. T. L. Corbett by 2 and 1.

Fourth Round.—Mr. W. F. Richmond beat Mr. A. F. Leach, by 5 and 4; Mr. Cecil Bigwood beat Mr. J. T. Steen; and Mr. Neville Hicks beat Mr. F. G. Hogg by 5 and 4; Dr. H. Hetley beat Mr. R. Stewart Bain; Mr. O. G. Langley beat Mr. T. R. Pinkerton by 2 and 1; Mr. J. G. Maclean beat Mr. J. Moore by 8 and 6; Mr. J. D. S. Sim beat Mr. W. C. Warner by 1; Mr. S. T. Fisher beat Mr. G. E. Tabor by 2 and 1.

Fifth Round.—Mr. W. F. Richmond beat Mr. C. Bigwood by 6 and 5; Dr. H. Hetley beat Mr. N. Hicks by 6 and 5; Mr. O. G. Langley beat Mr. J. G. Maclean by 5 and 4; Mr. J. D. S. Sim beat Mr. S. T. Fisher by 3 and 2.

Semi-Final.—Dr. Hetley beat Mr. W. F. Richmond by 2 and 1; Mr. O. G. Langley walked over, Mr. J. D. S. Sim scratched.

Final.—Dr. Hetley beat Mr. Langley by 5 and 4.

TYNESIDE GOLF CLUB.

The Second bi-monthly competition for the summer handicap prize was played on Thursday, 7th June, over the club course at Ryton-on-Tyne, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. T. L. Temperley	102	18	84	Mr. G. F. Charlton	93	4	89
Mr. W. Jones ...	100	14	86	Mr. W. E. Stephenson	102	13	89
Mr. Jas. Tennant ...	89	2	87	Mr. M. Dodd ...	96	5	91
Mr. Jas. Hiddleston	95	8	87	Dr. J. Limont ...	96	5	91
Mr. J. T. Robb ...	102	15	87	Mr. J. B. Hutton ...	110	18	92
Mr. F. T. Ridley ...	88	scr.	88	Mr. T. A. Hutton ...	104	11	93
Mr. M. P. Ismay ...	92	4	88	Mr. J. E. Davidson	106	13	93

Several others made no returns.

WEST CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

The competition between the medal winners and second players in the monthly medals for the last six months was played off on Saturday, June 2nd, with the following result:—The tie on Saturday, June 9th.—Mr. Robert Fox, 111, less 16=95; Mr. R. F. Tyacke, 113, less 18=95; Major Mansel, 114, less 15=99; Mr. R. S. Read, 133, less 29=104; Mr. H. Mansel, 129, less 18=111. Tie.—Mr. R. F. Tyacke, 99, less 18=81; Mr. Robert Fox, 107, less 16=91.

WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal handicaps were played over the club course at Bushey on Saturday last.

Handicaps of 12 and under.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. R. S. Clouston	84	7	77	Mr. A. B. Chalmers	96	8	88
Mr. B. M. Barton ...	85	6	79	Mr. J. S. Crawford	100	12	88
Mr. F. W. W. Graham ...	87	5	82	Mr. O. W. F. Hill	98	8	90
Mr. R. Frank ...	94	8	86	Mr. E. F. Maitland	99	9	90
Mr. D. Scholes ...	98	12	86	Mr. A. G. Bradley ...	103	11	92

Handicaps exceeding 12.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.					
Mr. J. Somervail	...	96	21	75	Mr. P. B. Coombe	112	18	94
Clerk	99	16	83	Sir A. Kekewich ...	116	20	96
Mr. F. J. Burr	103	17	86	Col. Oddie ...	115	17	98
Mr. E. A. Ferry	107	17	90	Mr. R. Palmer ...	122	24	98
Mr. C. Davis	113	23	90	Mr. B. Schofield ...	114	15	99
Mr. J. H. Walker	111	18	93	Mr. John Jackson ...	115	15	100
Mr. W. R. Carter	111	18	93	Mr. C. H. Carlisle	119	19	100

ARDEER.—The monthly medal competition took place on Saturday. The weather was splendid. Mr. Andrew C. Steven won the Robertson medal with a score of 94, less 14=80.

WEST MIDDLESEX V. HARROW.

Played June 8th. Scores:—

WEST MIDDLESEX.			HARROW.		
	Holes.			Holes.	
Mr. C. Plummer	5	...	Mr. D. Stedien	0	...
Mr. F. Carver	6	...	Mr. D. Risk	0	...
Mr. A. Lawson	2	...	Mr. H. A. G. Stedien	0	...
Mr. R. H. Woodhouse	4	...	Mr. C. H. P. Mayo	0	...
Mr. J. Ryan	0	...	Mr. C. L. Buskell	7	...
Mr. J. Rogers	2	...	Rev. W. Dove Bushell	0	...
Mr. S. Chick	5	...	Mr. F. B. Pitcairn	0	...
Mr. W. S. Hargreaves	3	...	Mr. A. K. Carlyon	0	...
Mr. W. C. Prince	2	...	Mr. W. B. Rowse	0	...
	29			7	

WILMSLOW GOLF CLUB.

Ashford cup. Third qualifying competition on Saturday last, June 9th. Score:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. A. Tweedale	89	3 86	Mr. C. Hervey	102	10 92
Mr. H. G. Langley	94	7 87	Mr. R. G. Sidebottom	110	18 92
Mr. R. L. Crankshaw	103	16 87	Mr. W. W. Barlow	95	2 93
Mr. E. A. Parry	113	25 88	Mr. J. Kent Ford	101	8 93
Mr. R. K. Schofield	96	7 89	Mr. T. Tatham	113	20 93
Mr. W. H. Welsh	99	10 89	Mr. W. Wood	108	14 94
Mr. J. Bles	105	16 89	Mr. T. S. Beaumont	118	24 94
Mr. F. Haworth	103	13 90	Mr. A. Crewdson	120	22 98
Mr. A. N. Cumming	92	1 91	Mr. P. Swanwick	108	9 99
Mr. R. A. Bradley	96	4 92	Mr. J. W. Beaumont	124	25 99

Eight competitors were over 99 net, or did not return their cards. Mr. Tweedale having already qualified to play in the final competition for the Ashford challenge cup, the result was a tie between Messrs. Langley and Crankshaw, who will have to play off. Mr. Tweedale won the first sweepstake, and the second and third were divided between Messrs. Langley and Crankshaw.

WORCESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

At the monthly meeting on Thursday, the 7th inst., no less than four players tied for the monthly cup. The tie was played off on Saturday, when Mr. Jeakes was victorious, and, as this is the third occasion of his winning this cup, he becomes permanent possessor. He also won the senior medal, and Mr. A. S. Chance the junior medal. The monthly "Bogey" prize was secured by Mr. Mylrea with 1 up. Scores as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. W. Jeakes	95	12 83	Mr. H. D. Acland	96	6 90
Rev. C. Black	96	3 83	Col. Lorne Campbell	100	10 90
Mr. W. Mylrea	85	12 83	Mr. J. W. Wilson	104	12 92
Mr. A. S. Chance	101	18 83	Mr. D. C. Fraser	106	13 93
Mr. H. Kempson	98	14 84	Mr. R. Hansard	104	10 94
Mr. W. Paterson	86	scr. 86	Mr. H. Baldwin	107	12 95
Mr. A. S. Archdale	92	4 88	Mr. G. A. Jones	104	8 96
Mr. W. C. Perry	98	10 88			

CLEVELAND GOLF CLUB.—The third qualifying competition for the ladies' prize took place on Wednesday afternoon over the Coatham links, four holes out and five home. The winner was Mrs. Slingsby Cradock with 62, the scores being:—Mrs. S. Cradock, 27, 35=62; Miss Ridley, 36, 39=75; Miss E. Wood, 39, 38=77; Mrs. Bacon, 47, 43=90; Miss Wood, 48, 43=91;

BEARSDEN CLUB.—On Saturday the ladies of this club held their usual monthly handicap competition for the Stewart medal. The weather was fine, and the course in good condition. When the cards were examined, it was found that Mrs. Johnston had won the medal with a score of 62, less 2=60. The next best scores were:—Miss A. Armstrong, 77, less 15=62; Miss J. K. Smith, 74, less 10=64; Miss B. Smith, 73, less 6=67; Miss J. Bowie, 73, less 6=67.

WEST CUMBERLAND GOLF CLUB.—The adjourned competition for the monthly cup took place on Saturday, June 9th, at Siddick, and resulted in the victory of Mr. G. S. Wilson.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE CLUB.—The monthly medal competition of this club was played over North Berwick course on Saturday, when Mr. A. Latta won with a score of 105, less 15=90. There was a small turn-out.

CRAWFORD GOLF CLUB.—This club held its monthly meeting on Saturday. The greens were in good order, but the weather somewhat showery. Mr. W. M. Noble, with 96, less 10=86, won the medal. Mr. W. Grant, 114, less 25=89; Mr. Gibson, 115, less 25=90.

ELECTRIC GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal was played for on Friday, June 8th, over the Braids, the winner being Mr. T. Kearney, with a net score of 74. Messrs. A. Fraser, W. Lawrie, and A. W. Anderson tie for second place with 79 net.

ST. ANDREWS.—The Thistle Club held their annual competition for the cross, medals, and other prizes, over the links here on Thursday, June 7th. Showery weather militated against low scoring. The following was the result:—Mr. P. Young, 109, less 30=79 (cross and medal); Mr. W. J. Duncan, 88, less 6=82; Mr. William Wilson, 88, less 4=84; Mr. M. A. Provan, 89, less 4=85; Mr. R. White, 94, less 8=86; Mr. W. Wilkie, 95, less 9=86; Mr. A. C. Aikman (scratch), 88; Mr. M. Turpie, 98, less 9=89.

LEVEN.—The first competition in connection with the Wolfe medal was played off on Thursday night, June 7th. Mr. John Brown, Back Street, tied with Mr. Ballingall, and after a round of the green, Mr. Brown carried off the honours of the match.

TAIN.—The members of the St. Duthus Golf Club held their usual weekly competition on Saturday. The best scores were:—Mr. D. MacPhail, 88, plus 4=92; Mr. A. J. Dallas, 101, less 6=95; Mr. James Munro, 102, less 5=97; Dr. Mackenzie, 104, less 6=98.

NAIRN.—In deference to the wish for a larger proportion of long holes, additional ground has been thrown into the Nairn course, making it one of the longest in the kingdom. The new ground was opened on Saturday, and gives great satisfaction. It adds, however, at least five strokes to the round. Golfers who have visited the Nairn course will understand the change when it is explained that the end hole out has been extended to about double its former length, with a putting green near to the salmon bothy. A new hole of a sporting character is obtained in returning to the putting green of the old end hole, and the hole thus gained has allowed the two next holes to be thrown into one, making a very long hole. The course has been otherwise improved by additional hazards. The Pullar medal was competed for on the occasion of the opening of the extension, and was won by Mr. F. M'Ever, Inverness, with 89.

EDINBURGH C.A. GOLF CLUB.—This club held their summer meeting at Gullane on Saturday, June 9th. The competition was conducted on the "Colonel Bogey" system for the first time in the history of the club, and met with the general approval of the members. On the cards being compared, it was found that the winner of the Moncreiff medal (scratch) was Mr. G. Gordon Robertson, with an actual score of 85. The handicap prizes were won as follows:—1st, Mr. F. W. Martin, 7 up; 2nd, Mr. G. H. Carphin, 4 up; 3rd, Mr. A. W. Mosman, square; 4th, Mr. J. Stuart Gowans, 2 down; Messrs. J. A. Robertson, James Brown, and James Greig tied for the fifth place.

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